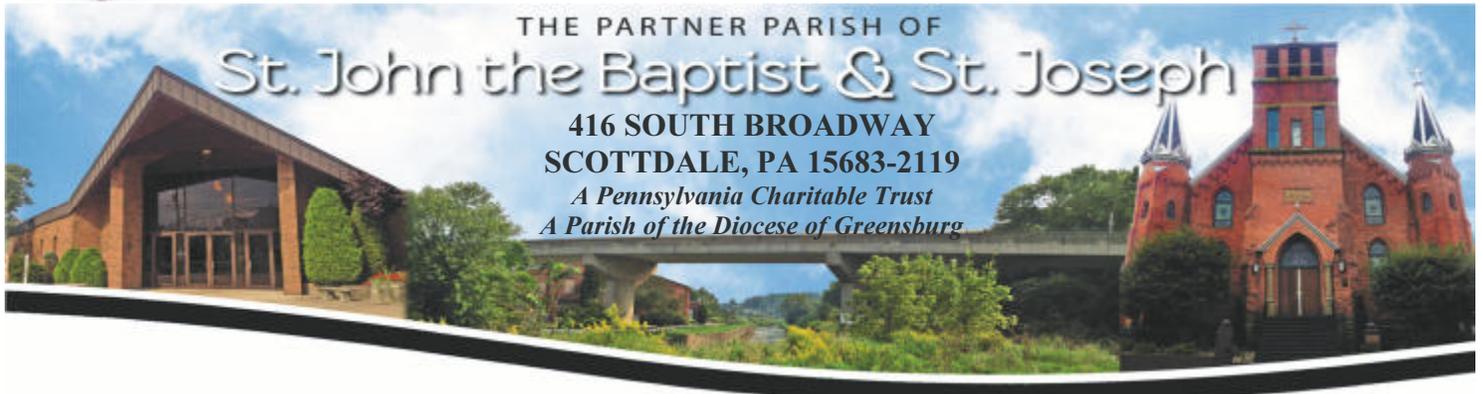




# The Diocese of Greensburg Welcomes you to.....



February 14, 2021 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## What's Happening in our Partner Parish.....

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday..... 8:30 AM (SJE)  
 Thursday, Friday..... 8:30 AM (SJBS)  
 Adoration after Tuesday Morning Mass

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:00 PM (SJBS)  
 Sunday..... 8:30 AM (SJE)  
 Sunday..... 10:30 AM (SJBS)

#### Holy Days of Obligation

Holy Day Vigil..... 6:00 PM (SJE)  
 Holy Day ..... 9:00 AM (SJBS)

### SACRAMENTS

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Daily before / after Mass BY APPT. ONLY  
 Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM (SJBS)  
 Sunday: 8:00-8:30 AM (SJE) BY APPT. ONLY

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:** All are welcome to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 AM Mass Tuesdays at St. Joseph until concluding at 10:00 AM with Benediction and also on First Friday's at 6pm at St. John

**Sacrament of Baptism:** To arrange a date and instructions for the Sacrament please call the Parish Office, 724-887-6321.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements can be made by calling the office at least one year in advance.

**RCIA/Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** Those interested in learning about becoming a member of the Catholic Faith contact Parish Office, 724-887-6321

**Sponsors** Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are required to provide a certificate of eligibility if they are not a member of our Partner Parish. To be a sponsor, you must be Baptized and Confirmed. Any parishioner needing a certificate of eligibility to be a sponsor for another parish is required to personally visit the Pastoral Center to obtain a certificate at our office during business hours.

### February

February 14th	9:30am	CCD
February 15th	Pastoral Office	Closed
	7pm	SJBS- Women's Group
February 17th	11-6pm	Fish Fry
	12pm	SJBS Mass
	7pm	SJE Mass
February 18th	6pm	Knots
		SJBS- Lectio Devino
February 19th	11-6pm	Fish Fry
	7pm	SJBS-Stations of the Cross
February 24th	7pm	Boy Scouts
		RCIA
February 25th	6pm	Knots
		SJBS- Lectio Devino
February 26th	11-6pm	Fish Fry
	7pm	SJE-Stations of the Cross

### March

March 3rd	7pm	Boy Scouts
		RCIA
March 4th	6pm	Knots
		SJBS- Lectio Devino
March 5th	11-6pm	Fish Fry
	6pm	SJBS- First Friday
	7pm	SJBS- Stations of the Cross





Partner Parish of  
St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph  
*Mission Statement*



The Living Faith Community of Saint John the Baptist, Scottsdale, PA and Saint Joseph, Everson, PA are bridged by our common Baptism, while maintaining our respective ethnic heritages. We are called by Jesus Christ to be a nurturing community through worship and service.

We are committed to preserve our Catholic Beliefs centered on the Eucharist as we become better disciples while continuing to develop strong lay leadership.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we share a vision for the future. We will become a vibrant Partner Parish where all feel loved and welcome.

## A Touch of Mercy

Upon arrival at the Iloilo Airport last September 2020, I was fetched by the LGU and brought into a quarantine facility in an elementary school as part of the isolation procedure due to the CoViD-19 pandemic.

The classroom, which had well-arranged chairs, a single folding bed, a stand fan, and a comfort room, was my "home" for six days. It was not so bad at all. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner were brought on time outside the door. I read books, slept, watched the news on my cell-phone at leisure. The isolation was a pleasant accommodation. After the swab test's negative result on the sixth day, I was brought home to finish the remaining eight days in my room and still in isolation with food brought outside my room at a designated time. I might have been isolated during those 14 days but not abandoned, quarantined but not forgotten, isolated but touched by love from those who took care of my needs.

On the contrary, isolation due to leprosy during Jesus' time was a painful experience. Their sickness quarantined lepers. They were isolated by their family members. They were avoided by society. Untouched, unloved the lepers were isolated from the community and even among themselves. They were doomed to live in isolation "outside the camp" due to their disease (Lv 13: 46). They could not work and earn their living. They could not be with their family. Begging and scavenging for food might, perhaps, be their only means to survive. The lepers were barely hanging on to life to survive. They were at the mercy of others, as reflected in the words of the leper to Jesus, "If you wish, you can make me clean" (Mk 1:40). "If you choose..."; "If you will..."; "If you want..."; a cry for help begging for sympathy from others. Jesus was moved with compassion, touched him, and healed him. The leper's painful isolation ended by that particular touch of healing love.

Isolation in our lives is not painful at all, even during the pandemic. It is abandonment that hurts more than the physical distance. Sickesses like leprosy, still roam around the globe. There must be a reason why God did not totally eradicate such illnesses in our lives: our 'touch of mercy' to others may also be tested as our means of redemption.

**Partner Parish Preschool** 724-887-9550

Preschool Teacher– Evelyn Connors

Preschool Aide– Jenny Lash

[www.facebook.com/stjohnbaptistpreschool](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnbaptistpreschool)

Preschool is currently looking for substitute teachers to be available in the event of personal or sick days, as needed. This is ideal for someone looking to make a little extra money or to just be out of the house. Must have current State & Diocesan clearances. Please contact Chris Whoric for more information.



Caleb, Waylon & Jason as they continue on their journey thru RCIA



**Charity Outreach:** Please see the insert for our Lenten Project! If you would like to assist our program, please contact Jill for more information, [jcolland@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:jcolland@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**Our Lady of Fatima Statue:** We are beyond blessed to announce that Mama Mary will be with our Parish for another year! If you are interested in hosting her in your house, please contact Kristin & Johnathan Gamon at 724-542-4449 or [gamon@zoominternet.net](mailto:gamon@zoominternet.net) or register using the following:  
<https://forms.gle/MNKNtPuD7bdW59HRA>

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Tuesday, following Morning Mass, at St. Joseph, until 10am. Every First Friday at 6pm at St. John the Baptist.

**Lectio Devino:** Would you like to learn the process of reading, reflecting, responding, and resting in a piece of Scripture? Do you want to better engage God in a conversation and listen to His words to you? Join us every Thursday during Lent from 6:30 to 7:30 in St. John's Church. We will look at verses of Scripture, dive into it, soak in each work, and listen to what God wants us to hear.

**Help Needed:** We are always in need of volunteers within our Parish! Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time & talent to help our Parish to become vibrant & ever growing. With our upcoming Fish Fries & various other events, we are always in need of Volunteers, in all of our Ministries. If you are interested, please contact Chris Whoric on how you can get started!

**St. Joseph Boiler Update:** We wanted to give you an update on the boiler at St Joseph. We still need some help as we have not received the grant from Fayette County or Columbia Gas. Unfortunately because the system was so old we had to spend an additional \$5600 to replace the traps. The total cost of the project was \$44,050 and we received donations of \$22,970 so at this point we are short by \$21,080. We want to thank all that have helped with this cause to date and thank any of you that are willing to help with our additional need.

**Fish Fry** is back!! Starting February 17th & then every Friday during Lent from February 19th thru March 26th, 11am to 6pm at St. John Social Hall!

Women's Group to start Monday, February 15th at 7pm at St. John Social Hall. ROOTED is a year-long study on seven topics of the Catechism of the Catholic Church by seven different authors. The topics are: the Virtues; Ways to Pray; God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the Seven Sacraments; the Ten Commandments; the Our Father; and the Beatitudes.

See the website below for more information on the study:  
<https://blessedishe.net/product/rooted-blessed-conversations/>

**Ash Wednesday Services:** February 17th

Noon at St. John the Baptist; 7pm at St. Joseph

The distribution of ashes will take place in a different fashion this year. Therefore a number of practical matters must be considered:

Sprinkling with ashes is messy. These ashes will not remain on your head. They will fall onto your face, onto clothing, onto the pews and floor.

When receiving this ritual sprinkling you may wish to close your eyes. These fine particles, unfortunately, will serve as an irritant.

No extraordinary care is required when cleaning ashes from clothing, seating surfaces, etc. As a sacramental, these ashes remind us that everything God has fashioned is holy. However, they need not be treated with the same respect that we afford sacraments.

Please remember that the reception of ashes on Ash Wednesday is not required. Whether participating in this ritual or not, all the faithful are urged to undertake penitential practices during these Lenten days. Together with the whole Church throughout the world we journey with the one who will turn our sorrow to joy.

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**Gloria:**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

**First Reading:**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,  
"If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**R. (7) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

**Second Reading:**

Brothers and sisters,  
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.  
Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God,  
just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved.  
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

**Gospel:**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,  
"If you wish, you can make me clean."  
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,  
"I do will it. Be made clean."  
The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.  
Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."  
The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.  
He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.  
He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

**Nicene Creed:**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

**R — Lord of life, listen to our prayers**

Effective May 1, 2020 The Diocese is **MANDATING** that **ALL** Clerics, Employees, and Volunteers have up to date background clearances and required documents **PRIOR** to working or volunteering at any parish.

The following are **REQUIRED**:

PA Criminal History

PA Child Abuse History

Fingerprints (EMPLOYEES ONLY)

PA Mandated Reporter

VIRTUS (INITIAL TRAINING)

Code of Pastoral Conduct

Affidavit (VOLUNTEERS ONLY)

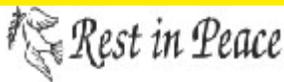
VIRTUS Re-Certification (EVERY 5 YEARS AFTER INITIAL VIRTUS TRAINING)

If you are **currently** volunteering for **ANY** Ministry or Fundraising Event, it is **IMPERITIVE** you contact the Pastoral Center to obtain the necessary clearances or to make sure you are current in your clearances.

If you wish to be declared **INACTIVE**, please contact us so we can remove you from our **CLEARANCE DATA BASE**.

We greatly appreciate each and every one of our volunteers as you each strengthen us as a parish. Please respond today!

Thank You!



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

*Paul Schuster- St. John the Baptist*

*Dianne Gaal- St. Joseph*

*John Begonia- St. John the Baptist*

*Please be sure to keep them & their families in your prayers*

*Amen*

**2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal**

# Be the Light

"Be the Light" for your community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Donate to the "Be the Light" campaign to support God's work being done in the Diocese of Greensburg. [DioceseofGreensburg.org/BeTheLight](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/BeTheLight)

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Readings & Mass Intentions for the Week of

Saturday, February 13th- BVM

Readings: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10  
 SJBS-4:00pm: Rose Aponte– *Son, Chris & Family*

Sunday, February 14th- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine’s Day

Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31–11:1/Mk 1:40-45

SJE– 8:30am: Anne Szczygiel– *Marlene Roncevich*  
 SJBS– 10:30am: For all living & deceased Parishioners

Monday, February 15th- Presidents’ Day

Readings: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

SJE– 8:30am: Dennis & Diane Figg 30th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, February 16th–

Readings: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

SJE– 8:30am: Joe Flora– *Miriam McMaster & Louise Newberry*

Wednesday, February 17th– Ash Wednesday

Readings: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20–6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**SJBS– 12:00pm: For our Parish Family**  
**SJE– 7:00pm: For our Parish Family**

Thursday, February 18th–

Readings: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25  
 SJBS– 8:30am: John & Sophia Patrick– *Irene Patrick*

Friday, February 19th–

Readings: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15  
 SJBS– 8:30am: Rita Ryckman– *Bill & Mary Ryckman*  
 SJBS– 7:00pm: *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, February 20th–

Readings: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32  
 SJBS-4:00pm: For all living & deceased parishioners

Sunday, February 21st- 1st Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

SJE– 8:30am: All living & deceased parishioners of St. Joseph Society  
 SJBS– 10:30am: Thomas Carson, Jr– *Brother, James*

**We currently have numerous dates open for Mass requests for the month of February & March. If you would like to submit an intention for one of the open days, please send your requests to the Pastoral Office, attention Caroline. We will get them into the book as soon as it is received.**



Mass Intention Request Forms for the 2021 Calendar year are available at the Pastoral Office. There are still many Mass Dates available for requests

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*St. Joseph*

Parishioners: \$2454.00  
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 Initial; \$10.00  
 Cemetery: \$260.00  
 Diocesan: \$  
 Building \$25.00  
 Accent \$15.00  
 Holy Days: \$  
 Flowers \$10.00



<u>WEEKEND</u>	<u>SJBS</u>	<u>SJBS</u>	<u>SJE</u>
	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>
<u>February</u>	READER	READER	READER
<u>20 &amp; 21</u>	Open/Close: Mike Gallagher	Open/Close Opalinski	Open/Close Mike Banazsak
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