

# The Diocese of Greensburg Welcomes you to The Partner Parishes of St. John the Baptist & St. Joseph



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

### 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 Parishes. 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 Office to obtain a certificate at our office during business hours.

#### April

April 13th	6:30pm	Pathways
April 14th	7:00pm	SJE- Confirmation
April 15th	6:30pm	SJBS-Lectio Divina
	7:00pm	SJE-Holy Name
April 16th	6:30pm	Knots Knitting
April 18th	12:30pm	SJBS- First Communion Mass
April 19th	7:00pm	Women's Group
April 20th	6:30pm	Pathways
April 22nd	6:30pm	SJBS-Lectio Divina
April 23rd	6:30pm	Knots Knitting
April 27th	6:30pm	Pathways
April 29th	6:30pm	SJBS-Lectio Divina
April 30th	6:30pm	Knots Knitting

#### May

May 4th	6:30pm	Pathways
May 6th	6:30pm	Lectio Divina
May 11th	6:30pm	Pathways
May 13th	6:30pm	Lectio Divina





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



**T**he 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.

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

**G**uided by the Holy Spirit, we share a vision for the future. We will become vibrant Partner Parishes where all feel loved and welcome.

### In Probing Mercy, We Still Find Peace

Although we Christians do not dismiss outright the truth claims of the Resurrection, it is not surprising if most of us take these claims for granted. After all, "He's God, isn't he? Surely he could raise himself up; nothing out of the ordinary here—moving on..." This taking God's power for granted prevents us in appreciating the radical, i.e., deeper relationship between Christ's triumph over sin and death, and the otherwise conventional greeting "Shalom!" ("Peace!") which the Resurrected One transforms into a commission.

The Creed that we profess proclaims that Christ descended into hell after he died to conquer the author of death and redeem the souls of the just who were waiting for his saving swoop. If he were some other version of the Messiah, he could have skipped returning to his disciples and gone straight to heaven instead, beaming down his revelations to his disciples from heaven. Or he could have returned, but only to wreak vengeance on those who tortured and abandoned him. But even after death, Jesus was revealing his Father's mercy. The Resurrection itself, the appearances thereafter—all these were acts of a mercy so heavenly it decisively overcomes the most justified of grudges and the most terrible of doubts.

Doors shut by fear were no obstacles to this Divine Mercy: not only would he relieve his disciples of their guilt and sorrow, but Jesus would also comfort them in their fear of the Jews. This resurrected Master does not appear as a ghost or as a Lazarus still clad in burial cloths; he appears to them in the flesh, albeit in heavenly glory. "Peace!" he tells them, and this peace is no longer a formality: it is both a gift and a command. The conqueror of bodily death wipes away the fear of death by showing the wounds that had killed him; the conqueror of sin shoos away the despair associated with the hopelessness of committing sins by sharing with his sinful friends the hitherto divine power to forgive sins. Mercy has revealed the Ten's destiny if they believe in him. What do they have to fear?

But Thomas is absent. It is not his absence, however, that is the wound that must be healed, but his disbelief in his peers' witness. Doubt does not arouse peace but a constant fear of the demonic, which forces the doubter to resort to alliances with characters who might later terrorize or victimize the doubter. But Christ, having died for us, will never turn against us; rather, he invites us, through Thomas, to probe the innards of mercy that we may find nothing but goodwill, feel nothing but peace—not by exhausting the mystery, but by participating in the same.

Only a peaceful heart can believe, can accept the truth. The invitation to peace, to explore peace, to be consumed by peace, is no less than God revealing his lordship in history: he allows death and sin, he allows himself to undergo suffering for our sake because, despite everything, he will emerge triumphantly. The search for the Prince of Peace is not the search for a tyrant who imposes peace, but rather the realization that calmness of the self, mastery of what we can control, and courage to face the insurmountable, are a matter of openness to him who has overcome human passions and subjected them to God. We head to confessionals not just to strip ourselves of pride but to accept the gift of heavenly peace, which no terror on earth can disrupt; we seek a just order not by overthrowing the powers that be, but by holding up the Prince of Peace as a model and as a mirror to a government in the hope that it too can bring peace by means of genuine mercy.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

Partner Parish Preschool 724-887-9550

Preschool Teacher– Evelyn Connors

Preschool Aide– Jenny Lash

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We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all that support our Preschool thru our many fundraisers! Without your support, our program would not be as amazing as it is. Due to your generosity, we were able to raise the following to have a "Fun Day" with our kids at the end of the year:

ColeBrook Candies: \$452.38

Gift Card/Cash Ticket: \$1500.00

Fish Fry Chinese Auction: \$1420.00

Fish Fry Tip Boards: \$175.00

**Charity Outreach:** Charity Outreach would like to thank everyone who donated to our Lenten project. We were able to give 30 bags of "spring cleaning" supplies to the needy in our community. We also gave out fish dinner vouchers to those who visited Charity Outreach in March.



Thank you again for all of your support!

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

**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 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!

**Prayer Chain:** Please keep those who are most in need of extra prayers, in yours as you go thru your week: Connie D, Doris Smith, Alexandra Stynchula, Sol Garcia, Patrick, Carol & Eugene Petrarca, Corrine McKnight, Renae Zuzak, Garnet Garrity, Matt Burnsworth, Nicole Pruchnic, Chuck Blaser, Bill Bugosh, Our Parishioner who are unable to attend Mass & all of those who are affected by our current Pandemic.

**Lectio Divina:** will resume on Thursday, April 15th at St. John the Baptist at 6:30 pm



All of our children that will be making their Confirmation & First Holy Communion, this coming week.



Confirmation Class:

Sarah, Jason, Angela, Jimmy, Garrison, Ryan, & Claire



First Communion Class:

Kaylee, Bruce, Gino, Addison, Caleb, Bryson & Logan



**Fish Fry:** Thank you to all who supported by either donating their time or buying from our Partner Parishes Fish Fry, we were able to raise \$22, 237.27. We greatly appreciate all of the love & support that it took to have our Fish Fry this year!

2021 DLA Totals as of 4-6-2021

St John the Baptist:

Diocesan Goal: \$36,434.00

Parish Goal: \$10,000.00

Pledged to date: \$39,310.00

St. Joseph:

Diocesan Goal: \$24,982.00

Parish Goal: \$7,500.00

Pledged to date: \$24,445.00



4-11-21 to 4-25-21: In Memory of a Loving Mother & Grandmother, Verne Fedorek. With Love, Children & Grandchildren

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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 community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common.

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.

There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

R. (1) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:**

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God,

and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him.

In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.

And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ,

not by water alone, but by water and blood.

The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

**Gospel:**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them,

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,

and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,

and that through this belief you may have life in his name

**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

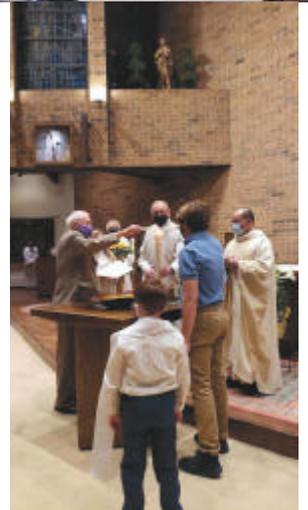
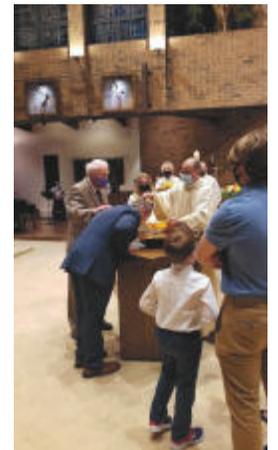
**Prayer of the Faithful:**

**R — God of Mercy, Listen to our prayer.**

**A huge Thank you to all who helped to make our Holy Triduum a special time.**

**We welcome Waylon & Caleb to our Faith Community!**

**Be sure to welcome them & keep them in your prayers!**



Readings & Mass Intentions for the Week of

Saturday, April 10th- Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

SJBS-4:00pm: Dan & Nancy Piasecky- *Dan Piasecky*

Sunday, April 11th- 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Readings: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

SJE- 8:30am: Marion Sandzimier- *Ron & Cheryl Lewandowski*

SJBS- 10:30am: Verne Fedorek- *Daughter, Patty & Robert Laskey*

Monday, April 12th-

Readings: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

SJE- 8:30am: Dorothy Pinsky Brayo & Mamie Pinsky- *Frank*

Tuesday, April 13th- St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Readings: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

SJE- 8:30am: Joseph Sofraniec- *Bill & Mary Ryckman*

Wednesday, April 14th-

Readings: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

SJE- 8:30am: For Our Confirmation Class

SJE- 7:00pm: Confirmation Mass

Thursday, April 15th- Tax Day

Readings: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

SJBS- 8:30am: Helen Pepe

Friday, April 16th-

Readings: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

SJBS- 8:30am: Janet Maciejewski- *Sister, Marlene Kramarski*

Saturday, April 17th-

Readings: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

SJBS-4:00pm: For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, April 18th- 3rd Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

SJE- 8:30am: Patty Chlebowski- *Husband, Albert*

SJBS- 10:30am: For Our First Communion Class

SJBS- 12:30pm: First Communion Mass

Week of March 29, 2021:

*St. John the Baptist*

Parishioners: \$3199.00

Loose: \$60.00

Candles: \$15.00

Cemetery: \$75.00

Diocesan: \$20.00

Building \$20.00

Accent \$

Holy Days: \$31.00

Easter: \$350.00

Easter Flowers: \$15.00

*St. Joseph*

Parishioners: \$3307.00

Loose: \$20.00

Candles: \$73.00

Cemetery: \$80.00

Diocesan: \$20.00

Building \$15.00

Accent \$20.00

Holy Days: \$55.00

Flowers \$45.00

Boiler \$153.00

Easter: \$375.00



WEEKEND	SJBS		SJBS		SJE
	4:00 PM		10:30 AM		8:30 AM
<b>April 17 &amp; 18</b>	READER		READER		READER
Open/Close: Mike Gallagher	Dana Newlin	Open/Close Gamons	Johnathan Gamon	Open/Close Mike Banaszak	Bill Ryckman
					AS: Mary Ryckman
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