



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SHARON

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church
79 Case Ave. • Sharon, PA 16146

St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church
804 Idaho St. • Sharon, PA 16146

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PASTOR

Fr. James Power
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm
Closed Friday

Parish Staff

Director of
Faith Formation/OCIA..... Melissa Joseph
Parish Secretary Lori Vasconi
Parish Finance Theresa Suhar
Custodian Carla Flannery
Music Director Mary Messina
Youth Ministry Gabby Maak

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:15 pm
Sunday 11:00 am
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday 8:00 am
Wednesday 12:10 pm

Confession

Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Or by appointment.

ST. ANTHONY PARISH

TheMustardSeed3@yahoo.com

Parish Staff

Parish Secretary Lori Vasconi
Parish Finance Mary Ann Kleinfelder
Maintenance Jim Slanitz
Sacristan Karrie Kardos

Mass Times

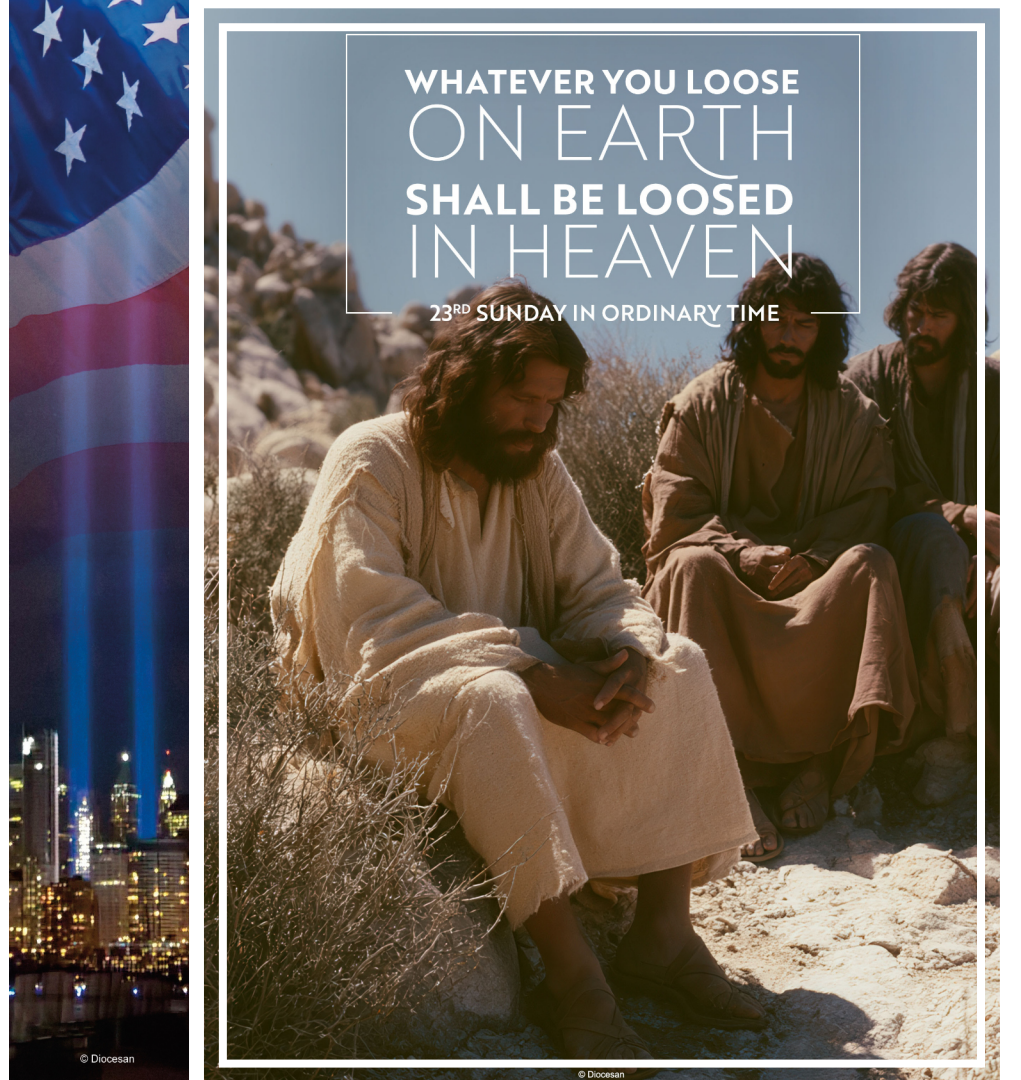
Sunday 8:30 am

Confession

By appointment.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday at 8:30 am - 14 days prior



Baptism: A pre-baptism class is required before scheduling a baptism. Please call 724-981-3232 to schedule a class and your baptism date.

Matrimony: Please contact the pastor for marriage preparation at least one year in advance of the wedding.

Prayer Line: For intentions, please call 724-981-3232.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,



Last Sunday St. Joseph Parish held our summer picnic at Buhl Park. It was a fantastic afternoon! Lots of people mentioned that it was the best picnic we've ever had. The bouncy house was a hit with the kids, the cornhole tournament was a success, and the Rita's Italian Ice was a great addition. I would like to express my gratitude to all who made raffle baskets, brought food, donated money, and volunteered at this event. I would especially like to thank the Women's Guild, the St. Joseph Pastoral Council, and Melissa Joseph. Hopefully it will be even bigger next year.

St. Anthony Parish is gearing up for the annual Rummage Sale. It is only one month away. Not only is the Rummage Sale a chance to do a little shopping, but it is also an opportunity to get a bite to eat. The Antonium Kitchen will be open during the Rummage Sale and will be cooking up some tasty meals. Be sure to mark your calendars - the 2026 St. Anthony Parish Rummage Sale will be held September 30 - October 2.

On Thursday, September 17, St. Joseph Church is hosting the

regional speaker series called "Sipping with the Saints." This is the second year we are doing this series. It involves bringing a speaker in who will give a talk about a particular saint. This series is a collaboration between all of the Catholic parishes of the Shenango Valley. Throughout the series, each church will host a different installment. The first installment of the year is going to be at St. Joseph Church next Thursday, September 17. The doors will open at 6:30 PM. There are heavy hors d'oeuvres and live music. The speaker will be Fr. Charles Rooney, O.P., from St. Dominic Church in Youngstown. Fr. Charles is a 2016 graduate of Duke University where he ran on the varsity cross-country and track teams, wrote a column for the student newspaper, and was a student leader of the Duke Catholic Center. He entered the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) in 2017 and was ordained a priest in 2025. He will be speaking about St. John Paul II. I hope to see you there.

God Bless,
Fr. Power

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of September 6

Sunday

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary

Time Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

DID YOU MISS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PARISH DIRECTORY PHOTO?

For those of you who were unable to schedule your photo shoot for our Parish Directory, Universal Church Directory can accept a photo from you at the cost of \$15, made payable to St. Joseph. Please submit your photo to Melissa at mjoseph@dioceseoferie.org by Monday, September 14, 2026.



CONFIRMATION
SAVE THE DATE

CONFIRMATION MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
12:15 P.M.
GUILD HALL ANNEX

Parents and their students in 9th through 12th grade who wish to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation are asked to attend a mandatory meeting to learn more about the preparation process and requirements.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 7

Office Closed-Labor Day
†8:00 am • St. Joseph
Michael Kuzel
(Linda & Edward Nych)

Tuesday, September 8

†8:00 am • St. Joseph
Deceased Members of the Lasche
Family
(Dr. & Mrs. Robert Weiner)

Wednesday, September 9

†12:10 pm • St. Joseph
Rose Mohan
(Family)

Thursday, September 10

†8:00 am • St. Joseph
Frank Balawender
(Steve & Terri Braya)

Friday, September 11

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Melanie Giordano
(Mom & Dad)

Saturday, September 12

† 5:15 pm • St. Joseph
Paul Perfilio
(Family)

Sunday, September 13

† 8:30 am • St. Anthony
Living Members of St. Joseph and
St. Anthony Parishes
† 11:00 am • St. Joseph
Patrick Collins
(Dr. & Mrs. Robert Weiner)

SAINT PETER CLAVER (1581-1654) - September 9

Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed “that all men are created equal,” two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream”, and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become “the slave of the slaves,” and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: “We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures” (see *Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4*, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver’s enduring witness.

—Peter Scagnelli

SANCTUARY CANDLE

St. Joseph • Week of September 6

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Joseph Church is lit for **Ed Gursky** from Bridget.

ALTAR FLOWERS

St. Joseph • Week of September 6

Altar Flowers are donated in memory of **Jerry & Martha Pesek** from Candace Young.

ALTAR CANDLES

St. Anthony • Week of September 6

The Sanctuary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for **Lenna DeRosier** from Yvonne Ceslak.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for **Mary Lou Pettey** from Ruth & Glen Pettey.

The Sacred Heart Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for **Frank & Edna Yaksich** from Dennis, Michael & Nancy.

The St. Joseph Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for **John R. Gaspavec** from sister Dolores & family.

The St. Anthony Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for **Pam Gaspavec** from husband Steve & family.



We welcome anyone in prayerful need to add themselves or a loved one to our *Please Pray For* list, which is posted weekly in our bulletin. It is important to keep us updated on a monthly basis.

If you or your loved one has been listed for over six months, please contact us at 724-981-3232 x2 to remain on the list. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ford Bartle, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacsi, William Haroldson, Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Adele Ontko, Ed Doughty, Frances Rice, Joe Biro, Ed Gursky Jr., Chuck H., Walter Zuhosky, Lisa Dawson, Dennis Staul, Carol Thomas, Levi Bowser, Ken Smerek, Liam Rueberger, Mike Yazvac, Jerome Jurenovich, Joe Ference, Barbara LeMon, Justine Pacsi Deane, Gary Koch, Carla Flannery, Joann Sangregorio, Colin Pryts, Rosemary Ruhley, Rose Marie Haines, Alyce Acre and Bev Chalupka.



SAINT ANTHONY'S FORMER PASTOR, FR. JOE, WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE NOVITIATE OF THE NORBERTINE FATHERS OF SAINT MICHAEL'S ABBEY IN SILVERADO, CALIFORNIA.

FR. JOE HAS SELECTED THE RELIGIOUS NAME, BEDE. PICTURED ABOVE IS FR. JOE AFTER RECEIVING THE NORBERTINE HABIT, WITH HIS TWIN BROTHER, FR. JAMES, WHO WAS ABLE TO WITNESS THIS SPECIAL OCCASION.

CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS FOR YOUR PERIOD OF DISCERNMENT.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

Featured Item: "Paper Towels"

Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space or at the Clepper's entrance.

Upcoming Featured Items

Cereal * Canned Soups * Jelly

For qualified individuals, September Food Pantry distribution dates are September 4th & 18th from 9:30-11:00 AM.



SEPTEMBER 17

FR. CHARLES MARIA ROONEY, O.P.
AT ST. JOSEPH'S

SAINT: POPE JOHN PAUL II



St. Joseph Women's Guild News

St. Joseph Women's Guild will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 15, at 1:00 PM in the Guild Hall. All Guild members are encouraged to come. New members are always welcome!

St. Joseph site: Monday evenings from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM (October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9), held in the Choir Room.

Notre Dame Site: Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM (October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10) in the Multi-purpose Center.

For information and/or registration:**St. Joseph Site**

Fran Billen: 330-448-6236

Patty Dodd: pdodd1020@yahoo.com

Bob Clarke: 724-584-6847

Notre Dame Site

Kathy Higgins: 724-342-7858

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMORIAL GIFT:

Gary & Mary Ann Kleinfelder to St. Anthony Church in memory of Mitchell Svetina. Mary & Bob Hoagland to St. Anthony Building & Grounds in memory of Mitchell Svetina.

ST. ANTHONY RUMMAGE SALE



WED., SEPT. 30TH * 2-5PM
THURS., OCT. 1ST & FRI., OCT. 2ND * 9AM-2PM
SAT., OCT. 3RD * 9AM-NOON



Located in the Antonium; Sherman Ave., Sharon, PA

RUMMAGE SALE

DONATIONS

DROP OFF

St. Anthony is accepting items for their annual Rummage Sale!

Donations can be dropped off at the Antonium between 10:00 am and noon, each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. **DEADLINE TO DROP OFF DONATIONS IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH. NOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE. THANK YOU!**

NO TV'S OR COMPUTERS/MONITORS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

804 Idaho Street, Sharon, PA 16146

A Family Perspective THE KEY WORD IN TODAY'S GOSPEL IS "LISTEN." WE CANNOT CHANGE ANOTHER PERSON—NOT ALONE, NOT WITH OTHERS, AND NOT EVEN WITH A WHOLE CHURCH. ALL WE CAN DO IS STATE OUR POSITION, AND IF THEY LISTEN, THEY CAN TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO CHANGE THEMSELVES. CHANGE COMES FROM WITHIN.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Offertory for the Weekend of August 30

St. Anthony

Sunday Offertory \$1,764
of Envelopes Returned 45 of 149

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory \$6,468
Online Giving \$365
Budgeted Offertory \$7,300
Deficit \$467
of Envelopes Returned 160 of 602

ALL LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, Altar Servers,

Greeters & Ushers: The upcoming 4th quarter weekend Mass schedule which runs from October 3rd through January 3rd, 2027, is fast approaching. This schedule also includes the Christmas Masses which are: December 24, St. Joseph, 4:00 & 10:00 PM and St. Anthony, 6:00 PM and December 25, St. Anthony 8:30 and St. Joseph 11:00 AM. If you are unavailable to serve during the 4th quarter schedule, please visit your online profile at www.RotundaSoftware.com/ministry/StJosephChurchSharon and block off the dates you will not be available to serve by **Friday, September 11, 2026**. If you need assistance in blocking your dates, please call the church office at 724-981-3232, M-Th between 9:00 and noon and we will walk you through the process.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 12/13

St. Joseph • Vigil 5:15 pm (Saturday)

Lector D. Rubano
Extraordinary Ministers
of Communion P. Dach, C. Necastro, F. Smeraglia
Altar Server **Volunteer**
Greeter M. & E. Rodriguez
Ushers J. Charles, B. Clarke, P. Messina, **Volunteer**

St. Anthony • 8:30 am (Sunday)

Lector J. Moats
Extraordinary Ministers
of Communion M. A. Kleinfelder, C. Kordich
Altar Server D. Moats
Offertory Counters Group 3

St. Joseph • 11:00 am (Sunday)

Lector S. Swogger
Extraordinary Ministers
of Communion Dr. D'Amore, D. D'Amore, P. Emery
..... M. B. Jones, J. Sherbine
Altar Servers C. McKnight, S. Pass
Greeter B. Anzevino
Ushers V. Donatelli, M. Smith, J. Stephenson,
..... R. Warrender

OCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Seekers and Inquirers Meet & Greet

Date: Thursday, September 24

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Joseph Choir Room

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Or have you or someone you know been baptized (either Catholic or within another Christian tradition), but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation)?

Join us at a Meet & Greet to learn more about the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) process. Meet members of the team and talk to others who have gone through the OCIA process as you discern your next steps in your faith journey.

RSVP to Melissa Joseph 724-981-3232 X 3
mjoseph@dioceseoferie.org

FAITH FORMATION

SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER

13 SEPT 9:30 AM **K-5 AND EDGE FIRST DAY OF CLASS** ...
K-5 Case Avenue
EDGE Church Basement

13 SEPT 12:15 PM **CONFIRMATION PARENT/STUDENT MEETING** ...
Church Hall Annex

20 SEPT 11:00 AM **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY MASS** ...
St. Joseph Church

24 SEPT 7:00 PM **OCIA SEEKERS & INQUIRERS MEET & GREET** ...
Choir room

3 OCT 10:00-3:00 **CONFIRMATION RETREAT** ...
Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center
2067 Evergreen Rd., Villa Maria, PA 16155

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