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Fr. James Power

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St Joseph Parish

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am

Daily: M, T, Th, F, 8:00 am

Wed. 12:10 pm

Confession: Saturday, 4:00-4:45 pm
or by appointment

Office Hours

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

Parish Staff

Director of Faith Formation /OCIA

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Mass Time

Sunday: 8:30 am

Confession: by appointment

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23rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY HIS
OWN *cross* AND COME AFTER ME
CANNOT BE *my disciple*."
LK 14:27

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The month of September is upon us. Traditionally, each of the months of the year is dedicated to a different aspect of our faith. The month of October, for instance, is dedicated to the Rosary - that's the one that most people know. The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. September has this particular dedication because the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is on September 15, smack dab in the middle of this month. Likewise, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows was placed on September 15 because it immediately follows September 14, which is the ancient feast of the Exaltation of the Cross - which itself celebrates the anniversary of the consecration of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in the year 335. You will recall that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre not only includes the site of Jesus' burial place, but also encompasses the hill of Golgatha, where he was crucified.

The image of Our Lady of Sorrows depicts the Blessed Mother with seven swords piercing her heart. This is a reference to the Gospel of Luke when, at the presentation of the Christ Child in the temple, the prophet Simeon foretells that "A sword of sorrow" will pierce the heart of Mary. The seven sorrows are: (1) the prophecy of Simeon, who took the child Jesus in his arms with joy to proclaim that he was to be the salvation of the world, but also that a

sword of sorrow would pierce the heart of Mary; (2) the flight into Egypt, when Joseph led his family away from their home into a foreign land for their safety; (3) the search for Jesus in Jerusalem, when Mary and Joseph thought they had lost their young son; (4) when Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary; (5) the crucifixion, with Mary standing at the foot of the cross when Jesus gives his mother to us believers as he says to Mary and St. John "Behold your Mother," and "Behold your son;" (6) Jesus being taken down from the cross and placed in the arms of his loving mother; and (7) the burial of Jesus, where we can imagine Mary gave her son one last kiss before the tomb was sealed.

These events in the life of the Blessed Mother are indeed very sorrowful. But by reflecting on these sorrows, we can realize that in our own sorrows we are not alone - rather, we are accompanied by Mary whose life, like ours, was not without difficulties. And greater still, these sorrows of Mary remind us of the confidence she had in God who has a plan to turn our sorrows into joy. I encourage all of us to take some time during this month to meditate on the Seven Sorrows - you can find many different resources on the internet. And hopefully, by praying with Mary in her moments of sadness, we can see that Christ's light shines even in the most bleak darkness.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.
Fr. Power

Scripture Readings

For the Week of Sept. 7, 2025

Sunday

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday

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

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17



Attention All Ladies:

St. Joseph's Women's Guild meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16 at 1:00 pm in the Guild Hall. All current members, please come join us. We invite all ladies of both parishes to join.

Funeral

ETERNAL LIGHT, REST & PEACE: We offer our parish sympathy to the family of Anka Zrile. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 8

† 8:00 am • **St. Joseph**

Deceased Members of the Lasche Family
(Dr. and Mrs. Robert Weiner Family)

Tuesday, September 9

† 8:00 am • **St. Joseph**

Rose Mohan
(Family)

Wednesday, September 10

† 12:10 pm • **St. Joseph**

Patricia Haines
(Rose Marie Haines)

Thursday, September 11

† 8:00 am • **St. Joseph**

Ed Gursky, Sr.
(Deacon Frank & Cathy Marino)

Friday, September 12

† 8:00 am • **St. Joseph**

Patrick Collins
(Dr. and Mrs. Robert Weiner Family)

Saturday, September 13

† 5:15 pm • **St. Joseph**

Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph and St. Anthony Parishes

Sunday, September 14

† 8:30 am • **St. Anthony**

Mitzi Pendel
(Mary Ann and Greg)

† 11:00 am • **St. Joseph**

Ed Gursky, Sr.
(2025 OCIA Class)

Weekly Reminders

For the Week of September 7

Sun., September 7 • St. Joseph
12:00 pm - Confirmation Meeting
7:00 pm - Holy Hour

Mon., September 8 • St. Joseph
6:30 pm - Liturgy Meeting

Altar Flowers

St. Joseph • Week of Sept. 7

Altar Flowers are donated in memory of Louise and Joe Aquino.

Sanctuary Candle

St. Joseph • Week of Sept. 7

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Joseph Church is lit for those who sit a lonely bedside vigil.

Candles

St. Anthony • Week of Sept. 7

The Sanctuary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Joyce Johnson from sister Kathy Zurko.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Mandy Dolosky from niece Mary Ann & nephew Greg.

The Sacred Heart Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for John R. Gaspavec from sister Dolores & family.

The St. Joseph Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Pam Gaspavec from sister-in-law Dolores & family.

The St. Anthony Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Phyllis Korab from daughter Janet & family.

ALL LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, Altar Servers, Greeters & Ushers

The upcoming 4th quarter weekend Mass schedule which runs from October 4 through January 4 is fast approaching. 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 12, 2025**. If you need assistance in blocking your dates, please call the church office at 724-981-3232, M-Th between 9:00 am and noon and we will walk you through the process.

Please Pray For

Ford Bartle, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacsi, William Haroldson, Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Lois Trimble, Adele Ontko, Delbert Ontko, Beth Bottenfield, Ed Doughty, Frances Rice, Marie Peterson, Ed Gursky Jr., Joe Biro, Chuck H., Lorraine Penhos, Walter Zuhosky, Loretta Krutsch, Lisa Dawson, Marcie Mondoc, Dennis Staul, Carol Thomas, Levi Bowser, Nancy Rehner, Joe Ference, Ken Smerek, Liam Rueberger, Dorothy Ogg, Roger Clatterbuck, Jr., and Mike Yazvac.



CONFIRMATION MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
12:15 P.M.
GUILD HALL ANNEX

Parents and their students in 9th grade, or those students in 10th - 12th grade who wish to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation, are asked to attend this meeting to learn more about the preparation process and requirements.

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Attention St. Joseph Eucharistic Ministers!

A brief refresher training for all current Eucharistic Ministers will be held on **September 13 and 14** immediately following the 5:15 and 11:00 Masses. **Please plan to attend one of these refresher meetings.**



Attention St. Joseph Lectors!

A brief refresher training for all current Lectors will be held on **September 20 and 21** immediately following the 5:15 and 11:00 Masses. **Please plan to attend one of these refresher meetings.**



St. Joseph News and Announcements



Featured Item: "Canned Fruit"

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

Upcoming Featured Items

Cereal * Peanut Butter * Canned Vegetables

For qualified individuals, Sept. Food Pantry distribution dates are **Friday, Sept. 5th & 19th** from 9:30-11:00 am.

ST. JOSEPH FALL RAFFLE

5 Top Prizes @ \$1000 Ea.

**DONATION
\$20
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OCTOBER 18,
2025**

To Purchase Raffle Tickets:

Scan QR Code



(Online sales available through October 13. Ticket stub will be mailed.)

Log on to www.SharonCatholic.org
or

Stop by the St. Joseph Church Office, Monday
through Thursday, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
79 Case Ave., Sharon, PA 16146

RAFFLE DINNER

October 18, 6:30 pm. in St. Joseph Guild Hall

RSVP IS REQUIRED by OCTOBER 13.

Cost: \$15-adult, \$10-youth (ages 4-10),
3 and under free.

To RSVP call: 724-981-3232

Christmas Shoebox Program 2025

Collection Boxes Aug 17 to Oct 26

Age Groups 2-4 5-9 10-14

For our Missions in South America

By Cross Catholic Outreach

St. Anthony News and Announcements



There was no winner
for the August 31st Pot O' Gold
Remember to enter your weekly envelope
to be eligible for the drawing.

Beginning Wed., Sept. 3rd items for the Rummage Sale can be dropped off to the Antonium on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 am to Noon.

St. Anthony Rummage Sale



when?

wednesday, oct. 1st * 2-5pm
thursday, oct. 2nd & friday, oct. 3rd
9am-2pm
saturday, oct. 4th * 9am-12noon

where?

Fish Fry
Fri., Oct. 3rd
4-7pm
Take Out Only

located in the antonium
(sherman ave., sharon, pa)

what?

gently used clothing, shoes, toys,
dishes, holiday items, and much much
more!!!! lottery tree

Daily Specials
and
Food Cafe



OFFERTORY REMINDERS!

Offertory Checks:

* Please make sure your check has the correct date,
payable to St. Anthony, dollar amount and written
amount are the same and signed.

Envelopes:

* Please use the envelopes only for what they are
intended for. Although we work diligently trying to
catch all notes written on the envelopes and record
payments as intended, notes are easily overlooked.
* PLEASE USE THE PROPER ENVELOPE WHEN MAKING
A CONTRIBUTION.
Thank you!

Our Stewardship

Offertory for the Weekend of August 31

St. Anthony

Sunday Offertory	\$1,765
Energy.....	\$300
Maintenance	\$305
Attendance	N/A
Number of Envelopes Returned.....	52

St. Anthony CSA

CSA Goal	\$20,727
Pledged.....	\$21,130
Number of Pledges.....	67

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$8,500
Budgeted Offertory	\$7,769
Surplus.....	\$731
Number of Envelopes Returned.....	156
Latin America	\$60

St. Joseph CSA

CSA Goal	\$53,309
Pledged.....	\$80,917
Number of Pledges.....	160

Our gratitude to those who support our parishes.

Ministry Schedule – Sept. 13/14

St. Joseph • Vigil 5:15 pm (Saturday)

Lector..... J. Necastro

Extraordinary Ministers

of Communion C. Necastro, T. H. Cole, F. Smeraglia

Altar Server A. Jordan

Greeters B. Charles

Ushers J. Charles, B. Clarke, P. Dach, P. Messina

St. Anthony • 8:30 am (Sunday)

Lector..... M. Burns

Extraordinary Ministers

of Communion J. Gunesch, M. A. Kleinfelder

Altar Server D. Moats

Offertory Counters..... Group 3

St. Joseph • 11:00 am (Sunday)

Lector..... G. Beshero

Extraordinary Ministers

of Communion K. Bonomo, S. Cleary, G. Maffey
B. Maffey, J. Sherbine

Altar Servers..... C. McKnight, S. Pass

Greeter O. Pacsi

Ushers V. Donatelli, M. Smith, J. Stephenson, R. Warrender



There will be a second collection taken on September 21, *Catholic Education Collection*. A special envelope was included in your offertory packet you received in the mail. Fifty percent of this collection stays here in our parish for Faith Formation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

St. Joseph
Faith Formation

BACK TO CLASS
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

9:30–10:45 a.m.

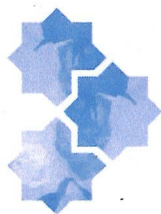
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6th – 8th Grade – St. Joseph Church Hall
9th Grade – St. Joseph Church Hall Annex

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✉ StJosephSharonFaithFormation@gmail.com
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Suzanne Kuester, MaryAnn Works & Bridget Gursky recently participated in our *Summer Seasons of Hope* Ministry. Look for details about our Fall Ministry at Masses on Sept. 20/21 and Sept. 27/28.



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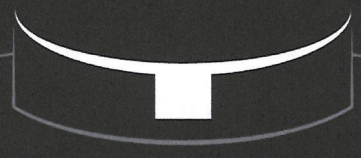
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