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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

Melissa Joseph

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Financial Secretary Carol Koch

Maintenance John Spatara

Music Director Mary Messina

Youth Ministry Gabby Herndon

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Mass Time

Sunday: 8:30 am

Confession: by appointment

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**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2025**

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This column is the next installment in our series on the history of Catholicism in America. The last edition ended with the establishment of the Catholic colony of Maryland and the subsequent persecution of Catholics in that same colony. This installment will discuss the survival of Catholicism in 1700s America and its role in the American Revolution. But before we get to history, I have two parish items to mention.

1) Over the past two weeks I've been contacting various paving companies to get bids on repairing or repaving the lower parking lot at St. Anthony Church. I'll keep everyone updated on the process.

2) St. Joseph Parish is looking for new members for our pastoral council. The pastoral council is an integral part of the parish, and we are in need of people willing to give their time and energy to this ministry. One must be a member of St. Joseph Parish and the deadline to submit nominations is Monday, August 11. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Pray if this is for you, or if you know of someone who would be good.

Now, back to history. After Catholicism was officially banned in Maryland in 1689, many Catholics, out of a desire to remain respectable members of society, renounced their faith. Many more, however, continued to practice and pass on their Catholic faith discreetly. Catholic churches and Catholic schools were operated secretly out of private homes, normally in the countryside. Officially, it was not illegal to be Catholic, but Catholics were barred from many activities, such as voting, practicing law, or entering

politics. To some Catholics, these prohibitions turned out to be beneficial. The Carroll Family, for example, unable to engage in civic life, dedicated all of their energy to business, becoming the wealthiest family in the colonies. Two prominent members of this family were Charles Carroll, who became a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, and John Carroll, who became the first bishop in America.

During the American Revolution, attitudes toward Catholicism were mixed. On the one hand, anti-Catholicism was prevalent. For example, one of the primary grievances specified in the Declaration of Independence was King George III's permissiveness to Catholicism in the newly acquired colony of Quebec. On the other hand, toleration of Catholicism was essential to the success of the Revolution: the American revolutionaries knew that they would not succeed if they did not receive help from the Catholic nation of France.

Ultimately, the attitude of religious toleration prevailed. In 1791, the Constitution we had written was amended for the very first time so that religious liberty would be enshrined as a feature of our national identity. The faith which had been persecuted in the English-speaking world for 250 years now had a place where it could flourish.

The next installment in our series will discuss the establishment of the first American dioceses and the growth of Catholicism throughout the 1800s.

In Christ,
Fr. Power



Guest Speaker
Brother Barnabas Wilson, O.P.

Monday, August 4, at 5:30 pm in St. Joseph Guild Hall

Please join us for a talk given by Brother Barnabas Wilson. Brother Barnabas grew up in Sharon and joined the Order of Preachers (Dominican Order) in 2022. He will be giving a talk at 5:30 pm on Monday, August 4 in St. Joseph Guild Hall about Saint Dominic, the history of the Dominican Order, and his own discernment to become a Dominican.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 3, 2025

Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13, Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday

Nm 20: 1-13; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 16:13-23

Friday

Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Dt 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 4

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Ruth Roth
(Charlotte Roth)

Tuesday, August 5

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Ed Gursky, Sr.
(Keith & Marilyn Stafan)

Wednesday, August 6

† 12:10 pm • St. Joseph
Amanda Mohan
(Mom)

Thursday, August 7

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Mary Shmidt
(Sue McKernan & Cathy Dorfi)

Friday, August 8

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Santina Masters
(Dad)

Saturday, August 9

† 5:15 pm • St. Joseph
Clemencia Sierra
(Edgar & Maria Rodriguez Family)

Sunday, August 10

† 8:30 am • St. Anthony
Living Members of St. Anthony and
St. Joseph Parishes

† 11:00 am • St. Joseph
Barbara Burdick
(Ralph and Gloria Branca)

Weekly Reminders

For the Week of August 3

Wed., August 6 • St. Joseph
7:00 pm - OCIA Meet and Greet

Thur., August 7 • St. Joseph
6:00 pm - Adult Faith Formation
7:00 pm - Praise and Worship Holy
Hour

Altar Flowers

St. Joseph • Week of August 3

Altar Flowers are donated in
memory of Angelina LoScalzo from
Chris and Linda Lucas.

Candles

St. Anthony • Week of August 3

The Sanctuary Candle at Saint
Anthony Church is lit for the
anniversary of Glen & Ruth Pettey
from the family.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle at
Saint Anthony Church is lit for Vid
Kralj from the family.

The Sacred Heart Candle at Saint
Anthony Church is lit for Alex Torok
from daughter Kathy.

The St. Joseph Candle at Saint
Anthony Church is lit for Fr. Matt
Ruyechan from the Zappa family.

The St. Anthony Candle at Saint
Anthony Church is lit for Gazda from
Mary Ann.

Sanctuary Candle

New Devotional Candle at St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph is now offering, a weekly
devotion to the Sanctuary Lamp that
stands near the Tabernacle begin-
ning the weekend of August 10.
2025. This is not a Mass Intention,
it's a Devotion that will burn for the
week.

To reserve your week, please stop in
to the St. Joseph office between
9:00 am–Noon, M–Thur. The reser-
vation fee is \$10 and is due at the
time of scheduling.

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, and Roger
Clatterbuck, Jr.

St. Joseph Pastoral Council Nominations

Calling all St. Joseph parishioners! Do
you want to get involved in your parish
community as a member of the Parish
Pastoral Council? Do you have someone
in mind who might be a good fit for the
Parish Pastoral Council?

You can nominate yourself or
someone else for this year's election by
filling out the form below and placing it
in the collection basket or dropping it
off at the church. The deadline for
nominations is Monday, August 11.



St. Joseph Pastoral Council Nomination Form:

Nominee:

Phone #:

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Email:

St. Joseph News and Announcements



Featured Item: "Jelly"

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

Upcoming Featured Items

Toilet Tissue * Cereal * Mac and Cheese

For qualified individuals, August Food Pantry distribution dates are **Friday, Aug. 1st and 15th** from 9:30-11:00 am.

St. Anthony News and Announcements

Many Candle reservations at St. Anthony Church still remain throughout 2025. Candles are reserved on a first come-first served basis and the cost per candle is \$5. Please stop by St. Joseph Church office during office hours to reserve your candle or call 724-981-3232.



St. Joseph Parish and the Faith Formation Program invite you to a

PICNIC IN THE PARK

FAMILY FUN | GAMES | BOUNCE HOUSE

Sign-up Sheets are located at the church entrances.

The entree will be provided by St. Joseph Parish.

Side dishes and desserts will be pot-luck style according to the chart below.

A-G Pasta or Potato Dish
H-O Fruit or Vegetable Dish
P-Z Dessert

Scan QR Code to RSVP online



THE ST. JOSEPH PARISH PICNIC IS
COMING UP ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 24.

*Call for
Donations*

If you are willing to volunteer or make a donation for the picnic, please contact Melissa Joseph, at 724-981-3232 ext. 14.

**MONETARY DONATIONS AND/OR GIFT BASKETS
DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

Saint of the Week

**SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS
(EDITH STEIN) (1891-1942)**

August 9

"Come," Edith gently whispered, taking her sister Rosa's hand, "let us go for our people!" These were Edith Stein's last words as the Nazis, enraged at the Dutch bishops' condemnation of their genocide, took into custody all Catholic converts from Judaism. Born Jewish, but non-practicing from her teens, Edith's search for truth led to a doctorate in philosophy, a brilliant career as professor and author and, finally, to the *Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Avila*, which she read in one sitting, then declared, "*That is the Truth!*" Baptized on January 1, 1922, observed then as the feast of Jesus' initiation into the covenant of Abraham, confirmed on February 2, the feast of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelites in Cologne, transferring to a convent in Holland when she realized that, because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, her presence could imperil the safety of the other nuns. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz as a daughter of Israel and of the Church.

—Peter Scagnelli



*Saint Edith Stein, 1891-1942
Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel assures us that if we "ask," we will 'receive'—perhaps not what we wanted, but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us. The love we have for our children is but a fraction of the love God has for us. Just as our children trust us, we must trust "Our Father."

OCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Seekers and Inquirers Meet & Greet

Dates: August 6, August 27

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Joseph Choir Room

AN UPCOMING Second COLLECTION

There will be a second collection taken on August 17. Share your faith. Support the Collection for the **Church in Latin America**. A special envelope was included in your offertory packet you received in the mail and additional envelopes are available in the Gathering Space. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

PLEASE NOTE: This week's offertory numbers were not available at the time of this bulletin submission. This week's offertory numbers will show in the following week's bulletin.

Ministry Schedule – August 9/10

St. Joseph • Vigil 5:15 pm (Saturday)

Lector K. Bonomo

Extraordinary Ministers

of Communion D. Dach, S. Messina, K. Mueller

Altar Server D. Eller

Greeter B. Charles

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

St. Anthony • 8:30 am (Sunday)

Lector L. Kubyako

Extraordinary Ministers

of Communion C. Ziegler, K. Zurko

Altar Server M. Podolan

Offertory Counters Group 2

St. Joseph • 11:00 am (Sunday)

Lector S. Cleary

Extraordinary Ministers

of Communion P. Emery, M. B. Jones, J. McLaughlin

V. Mulligan, J. Sherbine

Altar Servers A. Haroldson, O. Haroldson

Greeters B. Anzevino

Ushers ... M. Smith, J. Stephenson, L. Schupp, S. Schupp

bulletin BLURBS

We wish to invite and welcome all church groups, organizations or fundraisers, from both parishes, to submit a bulletin blurb announcing their event. It is solely up to the group, organization or fundraising committee to submit a bulletin blurb.

The Following Rules Apply When Submitting a Blurb

1. Your blurb must be **submitted via email only**, 3 weeks before the week you wish to have it appear in the bulletin.
2. Blurb must be sent digitally by email to: StJosephChurchOffice@gmail.com, either as a JPEG or a PDF format with proper grammar and spelling. It is highly recommended to use the free version of [Canva.com](https://www.canva.com) to create all blurbs.
3. Blurb width may not exceed 3.75" and height may not exceed 4.75".
4. We do our best to post your blurb per your request. If space becomes limited, church information will always have precedence.

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.

St. Joseph



St. Anthony



Welcome to St. Joseph and St. Anthony Partnered Parishes.

We welcome you to join either parish by completing the pre-registration form below and placing it in the offertory basket at Mass.

I would like to become a member at:

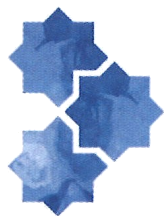
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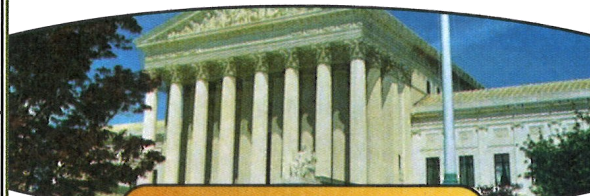
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