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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.

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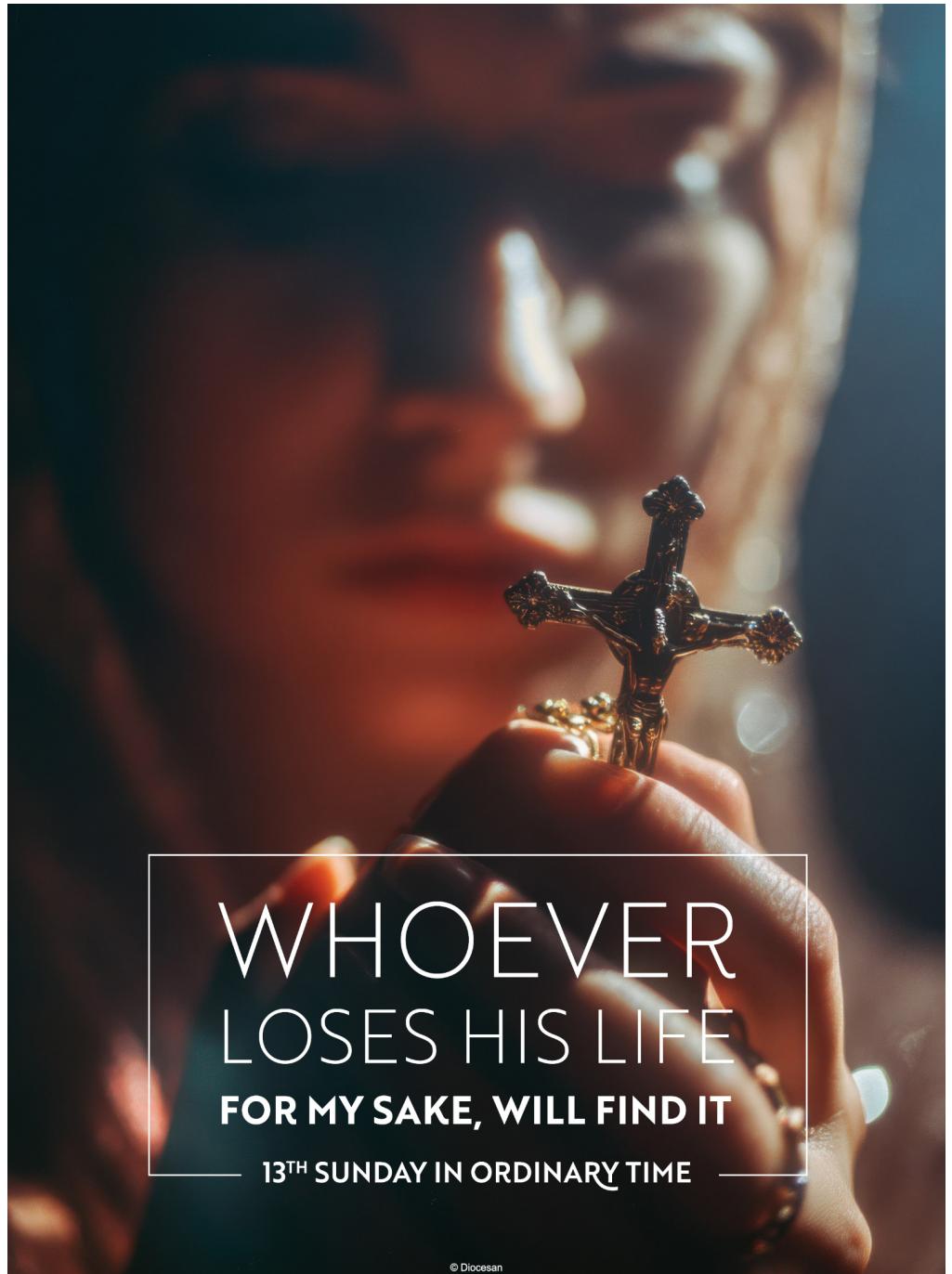
Sunday 8:30 am

Confession

By appointment.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday at 8:30 am - 14 days prior



WHOEVER
LOSES HIS LIFE
FOR MY SAKE, WILL FIND IT

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,



You may have seen in the bulletin that we are going to be doing a four-week study series on the new encyclical of Pope Leo XIV. An encyclical is a comprehensive letter from the pope to address some issue of importance. Pope Leo's encyclical, entitled *Magnifica Humanitas*, is an examination of technological advancements, particularly AI, through the lens of our faith. As Pope Leo puts it: "the Church, when faced with historical changes, exercises her right and duty to examine social realities, make pronouncements about them and indicate paths for finding just solutions. In this way, the perennial contents of the faith and ancient ecclesial wisdom find expression in a living doctrine that remains faithful to the Gospel while growing in response to the "new things" of every era." Pope Leo goes on to explain that "AI can be a valuable tool," yet "it calls for a measured and vigilant approach. In recent years, its private use has

expanded significantly, prompting growing reflection on both the opportunities it offers and the risks tied to its rapid spread." Our series on this papal encyclical will be held at St. Joseph Church on Fridays at 11:30 AM beginning on Friday, July 10. See the advertisement in this bulletin for information on how to sign-up.

On another note, please keep in prayer the children who are participating in Camp I Am this week. Also, I would like to note a small typo I had in last week's column. I said that the Saint Anthony Parish Festival is on Sunday, July 29... I meant to type that it is on **Sunday, July 19**. Be sure to get your food orders in early.

This week we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday. It was 250 years ago that our founding fathers severed the chains that held these 13 colonies bound to the English king on the other side of the ocean. We pray that God may continue to bless this land with peace and prosperity. In Christ,
Fr. Power

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of June 28

Sunday

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rm 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Monday

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Mass during the Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday

Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

Amos 7:10-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday

Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

Saturday

Amos 9:11-15; Ps 85:9 and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zech 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Smile!

St. Joseph
Parish



It's not too late to be included in our new church directory and get a complementary family portrait!

Schedule your Photography Session

In-person sign-ups each weekend after Masses or scan QR code or log on to:

ucdir.com and click the **Photograph Session Sign-up** button, and use:

Code: pa1274 &
Password: smile1274



Photo Days:

Tues., Aug. 4 - 2:00 - 8:30 PM

Wed., Aug. 5 - 2:00 - 8:30 PM

Thurs., Aug. 6 - 2:00 - 8:30 PM

Fri, Aug. 7 - 2:00 - 8:30 PM

Sat., Aug. 8 - 10:00 - 4:00 PM

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 and Bev Chalupka.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 29
 †8:00 am • St. Joseph
 No Mass

Tuesday, June 30
 †8:00 am • St. Joseph
 No Mass

Wednesday, July 1
 †12:10 pm • St. Joseph
 No Mass

Thursday, July 2
 †8:00 am • St. Joseph
 No Mass

Friday, July 3
 † 8:00 am • St. Joseph
 No Mass

Saturday, July 4
Independence Day
 † 5:15 pm • St. Joseph
 Living Members of St. Joseph
 and St. Anthony Parishes

Sunday, July 5
 † 8:30 am • St. Anthony
 Mary Morar
 (Daughter)
 † 11:00 am • St. Joseph
 Mary Porsch
 (Family)

ALTAR FLOWERS

St. Joseph • Week of June 28
 Altar Flowers are donated in
 memory of Bill Collins from Dr.
 and Mrs. Robert Weiner and
 family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

St. Joseph • Week of June 28
 The Sanctuary Candle at
 St. Joseph Church is lit for **Tom**
and Rosemary Dach from Diane
 and Peggy Dach.

ALTAR CANDLES

St. Anthony • Week of June 28
The Sanctuary Candle at Saint
 Anthony Church is lit for **John**
and Mitzi Pendel from children,
 Mary Ann and Greg.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle
 at Saint Anthony Church is lit for
Agnes Kvocak from niece Mary
 Ann and nephew Greg.

The Sacred Heart Candle at
 Saint Anthony Church is lit for
Mitchell Svetina from Gary,
 Mary Ann & Greg.

The St. Joseph Candle at Saint
 Anthony Church is lit for
Anthony Pendel from niece
 Mary Ann and nephew Greg.

The St. Anthony Candle at Saint
 Anthony Church is lit for **Skip**
Houk from son Chris and family.

**Anointing
 of the Sick
 After All Masses**



**THIS WEEKEND—
 JUNE 27 & 28**

To make the Sacrament more
 accessible and as a way of
 planning ahead when a medical
 procedure is planned, we will
 offer the Sacrament of
 Anointing after all Masses this
 weekend of June 27/28.

If you wish to be anointed,
 please be seated at the front
 of the church after Mass.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON
 IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Join us as we read and discuss
 Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical.

FRIDAYS, JULY 10, 17, 24, 31
11:30 A.M.

St. Joseph Church Choir Room
Cost \$5

To register, please contact Melissa Joseph
 724-981-3232
 mjoseph@dioceseoferie.org

SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH PARISH

SUMMER Picnic

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
2:00 - 5:00 P.M.
BUHL PARK SHELTER #2
 WATCH THE BULLETIN
 FOR MORE DETAILS

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Teach Children to Protect Themselves at Home Keeping kids safe starts at home. Talk to your children about simple ways they can protect themselves: Know who's at the door – Never open it for strangers. Keep personal info private – Don't share your name, address, or phone number with anyone you don't know. Emergency contacts – Make sure your child knows how to reach you and call 911 if needed. Safe boundaries – teach them to say "no" to anything that makes them uncomfortable. Online safety – Remind them not to share personal details or passwords online. Open conversations build confidence and help kids make smart choices when you're not around. For more tips and resources, visit, www.eriecd.org/childprotection/.

ST. JOSEPH

FOOD PANTRY

Featured Item: "Canned Soup"

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

Upcoming Featured Items

Jelly * Toilet Tissue * Cereal

For qualified individuals, July Food Pantry distribution dates are July 3rd and 17th from 9:30-11:00 AM.

**Summer Season of Hope**

MONDAYS JULY 6 – AUGUST 10

Losing a loved one is never easy. If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you.

During the Summer, Seasons of Hope is offered only at our St. Joseph Site,

Monday evenings from 6:30 PM– 8:30 PM

For more information, please contact:

Bob Clarke: 724-584-6847

To Register

Fran Billen: fbillen56@gmail.com

Patty Dodd: pdodd1020@yahoo.com

Sessions will resume at our Notre Dame site on Tuesday, October 6, Tuesdays 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

TODAY'S GOSPEL CHALLENGES US TO RESIST THE INDIVIDUALISM OF OUR CULTURE. EVERYTHING WE ARE AND HAVE IS A PURE GIFT, MEANT TO BE SHARED, ESPECIALLY WITH THE "LOWLY ONES." WHAT HAS BEEN FREELY GIVEN MUST BE FREELY SHARED, WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

ST. ANTHONY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMORIAL GIFT: Donna DeBonis to St. Anthony Building and Grounds in memory of Marie Peterson and Fran Mikota to St. Anthony Church in memory of Fr. John Hindman.

ST. ANTHONY PARISH FESTIVAL

Bring your family and friends

Food Cafe Delicacies

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1/2 Chicken, Green Beans &
Croatian Potato Salad \$13
Whole Chicken \$10
Dine In or Take Out

Bake Sale

Chinese Raffle

JULY
19

11:30am–2:00pm
804 Idaho St., Sharon
(use the Sherman Ave.
entrance)

TO PLACE AN ORDER
CALL:
LINDA: 724-866-7488
OR
MARILYN: 724-813-5440

CHICKEN PRE-ORDERS ONLY
DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

ORDERS for BBQ Chicken Dinners or for a whole chicken can be placed by filling out the sheet that is in the vestibule of both parishes or by calling one of the names listed in the ad. DEADLINE TO PLACE AN ORDER IS SUNDAY, JULY 12TH.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to work for short periods on the day of the festival. If you are willing and able to help, a sign up sheet will be posted in the vestibule of the church. Thank you.

DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED BY BOTH PARISHES:

Donations are needed for gift baskets for the Chinese Raffle for St. Anthony Parish Festival. If you are willing to donate, you can drop your basket at the St. Joseph and St. Anthony office on Mondays from 9am to Noon, or at St. Anthony only, bring to the church and place in the vestibule. There will be a sign up sheet so that you may enter your name and basket type. Thank You.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING BASKET DONATIONS IS THURS., JULY 16TH. BASKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON SATURDAY PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL OR ON THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL. THIS IS A LABOR INTENSIVE PROJECT AND LAST MINUTE DONATIONS CAN'T BE HANDLED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Offertory for the Weekend of June 21

St. Anthony

Sunday Offertory	\$1,196
# of Envelopes Returned	45 of 149
CSA Goal	\$17,603
Pledged	\$15,654

St. Joseph

Week of: 6/14/26 / 6/21/26

Sunday Offertory	\$6,362 / \$8,434
Online Giving	\$110 / \$284
Budgeted Offertory	\$7,769
Deficit/Surplus.....	\$(1,297) / \$949
# of Envelopes Returned	126 / 170 of 601
CSA Goal	\$55,974
Pledged.....	\$77,650



Today's Second Collection

This weekend, our parish will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us globally with the charitable works of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. This collection allows the Pope to respond to the most urgent needs of our brothers and sisters around the world, providing emergency relief to victims of natural disasters, as well as supporting seminaries, orphanages, and medical facilities in developing nations. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help continue this vital mission of mercy.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – JULY 4/5

St. Joseph • Vigil 5:15 pm (Saturday)

Lector	M. Norman
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	P. Dach, D. Dach, M. Orchard
Altar Server	Volunteer
Greeter	B. Charles
Ushers	J. Charles, B. Clarke, P. Messina, Volunteer

St. Anthony • 8:30 am (Sunday)

Lector	J. Moats
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	K. Kardos, L. Kubyako
Altar Server	M. Podolan
Offertory Counters	Group 1

St. Joseph • 11:00 am (Sunday)

Lector	M. Joseph
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	P. Emery, G. Maffey, B. Maffey
.....	C. McKnight, J. Sherbine
Altar Servers	O. Haroldson, T. Joseph
Greeter	M. Rodriguez, E. Rodriguez
Ushers	V. Donatelli, M. Smith, J. Joseph
.....	R. Warrender

SHENANGO VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISHES CARE & CONCERN INITIATIVE

To better support our parishioners and strengthen the Shenango Valley, our local Catholic churches are launching a collaborative Care and Concern initiative. We are in the process of forming a dedicated committee, but we need your input first. Help us identify the current needs of our community so we can shape this initiative to provide meaningful support where it is needed most.

Please complete a Needs Assessment Survey at Masses July 11/12 or complete an electronic survey by July 12 by following the link on your parish website or scanning the QR code below.



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CREATE BIG CHANGE.
BE PART OF THE
DIFFERENCE.**



QUESTIONS? CONTACT JO FEENEY (724-699-3340) OR MELISSA JOSEPH (724-981-3232)

JOIN OUR FAITH FORMATION TEAM

We're inviting enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to join us for our upcoming Faith Formation catechetical year. You do not need to have teaching experience to share our faith with the children and youth of our parish. We offer training and support throughout the year to assist you in this vital ministry.

All volunteers are required to complete Safe Environment Screening for the protection of our children.

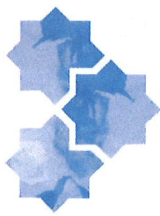
Please see Melissa Joseph, Director of Faith Formation, for more information.

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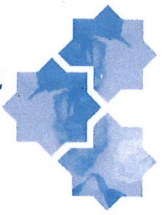


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