Rev. Charles R. O'Hara, Pastor & Rev. Donato P. Silveri, In Residence

May 14, 2023

Saint Joseph Church

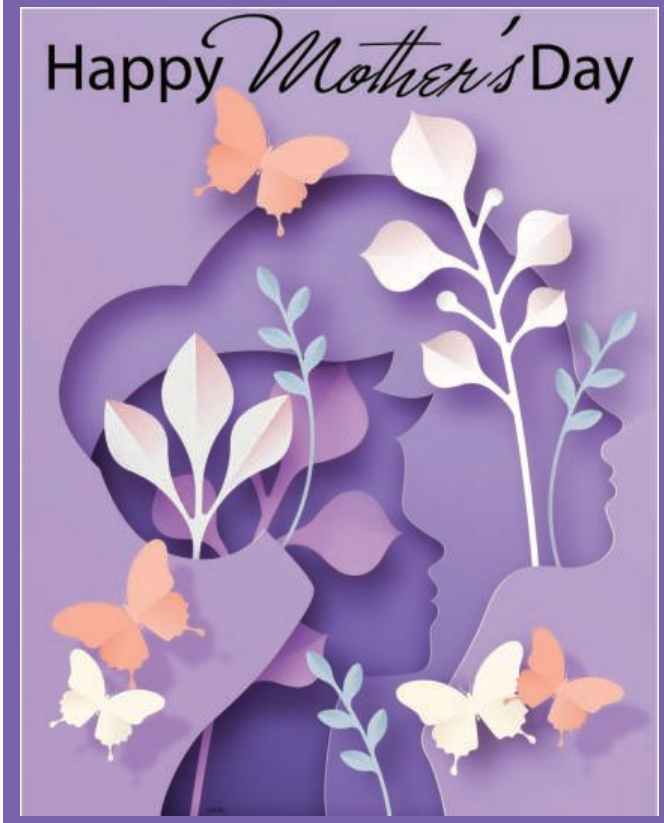
Masses

Daily Monday - Friday at 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM, Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Confession

Saturday, 3:00 - 4:00 PM



The readings for next Sunday are shared here to give you a chance to meditate on them in preparation for Mass.

1st Reading:
Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14
Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16
Gospel
John 17:1-11a

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

1st Saturday Devotion & Mass

7:20 AM Rosary followed by Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Daily from 8 AM until 7 PM

Baptisms

Sundays at 12:15 PM by appointment
Baptismal Prep by appointment

Ministry to the Sick

Those unable to attend Mass due to illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion.

Hospitalization

If a family member is hospitalized, please inform the Rectory so that we may remember them in our prayers.

Marriage

Couples contemplating marriage must contact the priest ***at least 6 months in advance*** to make an appointment to discuss marriage preparations.

Education

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Congratulations

To CGS student Althea Gonzalez who received her First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 22nd

The following CGS students received Solemn Communion on the same day:

Cecilia Elicker
Joanna Jeevan
Hannah Ryan
Lucy Ryan
Jerome Petr

Community YARD SALE

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Sign up in the Narthex
$10/SPOT OR $15/SPOT WITH A TABLE
Table Fee due at the Sale on May 20th.

THANK YOU! You have contributed $600 through the Redner's Save-A-Tape Shopper's Club! Please continue to bring your receipts in to St. Joseph! We receive a portion back from your purchases. If you are NOT a member of Redner's Save-A-Tape Shopper's Club, please consider joining - stop at their customer service desk for information.

MASS Intentions

Monday May 15	Gary Papa *Req. by Elizabeth Reilly*
Tuesday May 16	Millie Coburn *Req. by Ruth Coburn*
Wednesday May 17	Patsy Kalil *Req. by The Krasley Family*
Thursday May 18	THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
Friday May 19	Patricia Hand *Req. by Denise Wisneski*

Bulletin Submission Schedule*

Special Schedules

Bulletin Date	Date Due
May 28 - May 15	
June 4 - May 26	
June 11 - June 2	

*Our bulletin publisher is moving, necessitating earlier than normal deadlines for the upcoming bulletins. Please keep this in mind, as we will need to adhere strictly to these deadlines. Thank you!

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The WORD of GOD

Lector Schedule

May 13
4:30 - E Slanga
May 14
7:30 - A Jackowski
9:00 - J Michael
11:00 - M Benton

May 20
4:30 - C Narducci
May 21
7:30 - J Kelly
9:00 - B Keeley
11:00 - M Sinner

The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

May 13
4:30 - A Jackowski
May 14
7:30 - J Schival
9:00 - S Griste
11:00 - A Benton

May 20
4:30 - K Cabot
May 21
7:30 - M Frank
9:00 - S Prestia
11:00 - M Arnold

This weekly CGS Note is for all regarding our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd faith education program to give the parishioners of St. Joseph an insight to our CGS program. For more information about our CGS program, please go to www.stjosephspringcity.com/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd-cgs-iags-pre-k-gr-6/

Our program is growing and thus our need for trained catechists!
St. Maria Goretti in Hatfield, PA will be hosting a CGS Level One Adult Formation for adults working with children 3 to 6-years-old. Part 1 of this two-part formation will be held this summer, June 19-25. To register for this formation use the QR code provided or contact the host coordinator, Dottie Blanche dotbern@verizon.net / 215-290-1175. For more information, contact St. Joseph's CGS Coordinator, Anne Pulsifer cgsstjoseph@comcast.net / 484-431-5156

PLEASE WATCH OUR WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 YEAR

17th Annual Panther Pride Golf Tournament

Friday, May 26, 9:00 am
Kimberton Golf Club
Help raise money for our CYO Sports Programs
$125 registration fee includes greens fees, cart, gift, lunch, food & beverages.
4-Person Scramble & a Variety of Prizes
Register online at http://www.hfscyo.com

Retirement Celebration

for Father Newns
Sunday, June 4, 1:00 – 4:00
St. Michael's Grove and Pavilion, 203 Jacobs St., Mont Clare, PA 19453

FELLOWSHIP. FOOD & GAMES
Join us in a merry send-off party!
Reserve online: www.churchofsaintann.org/picnic-reservations

Happy Birthday, Father Silveri!
Tuesday, May 16

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WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY
- Masses 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am
- CGS Level I 8:45 am
- PREP every other Sunday 8:45 am
- PREP Confirmation Class 6:00 pm

MONDAY
- Mass 8:00 am

TUESDAY
- Mass 8:00 am
- CGS Level I 9:00 am
- CGS Level II 4:30 pm
- Holy Hour & Devotion - 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY
- Mass 8:00 am

THURSDAY
- Mass 8:00 am
- CGS Level III 4:30 pm

FRIDAY
- Mass 8:00 am

SATURDAY
- Confession 3:00 - 4:00 pm
- Vigil Mass 4:30 pm

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:
- Vigil Mass 7:00 pm
- Holy Day:
- 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, MAY 16
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER SILVERI!
- 7:00 pm - MOJO Meeting, Trailer 1
- 8:30 pm - Building Committee Meeting, Trailer 1

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
- 7:00 pm - Vigil Mass for the Ascension of the Lord

THURSDAY, MAY 18
- THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLY DAY
  - Masses at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm
- 7:00 pm - SVDP Meeting in the Pavilion

SATURDAY, MAY 20
- 8:00 am - Women's Group Community Yard & Bake Sale In the Parking Lot

MONDAY, MAY 22
- 7:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting in Trailer 3

TUESDAY, MAY 23
- 7:00 pm - Men's Spirituality Group in Trailer 1
- 7:00 pm - Women's Group in the Narthex

TUESDAY, MAY 30
- 7:00 pm - DMI Meeting in Trailer 3

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
- 7:30 am - First Saturday Devotion

SATURDAY, JUNE 10
- 11:00 am - Healing Service in Church

Holy Day - The Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 18

Masses

Wednesday, May 17th - 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 18th - 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Holy Family School Shadow Day

- ☼ Tuesday, May 16
- ☼ Students currently in grades 4 - 7
- ☼ Please contact Mrs. Mona Sabatino at advancement@myholyfamilyschool.org or 610.933.7562
- ☼ Students may attend for a half or full day.

☼ We look forward to meeting all of you!

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Wheat and Grapes

Our Lenten / Easter symbols will soon be put away. They have "spoken" powerfully to the Church for these past 2000 years. They speak to us now: Holding within themselves natural and supernatural truths, they invite us to enter into God's Gift of Eucharist: the fulfilling of our deepest desires, our deepest needs.

It's a Simple Presentation – Wheat gathered in a container, grapes, and a chalice. They are simple elements that have been pondered since the beginning of the Church, from the beginning of its roots in Judaism.

At the Eucharist - We first lift up these elements in much the same way as the Jewish people lifted up bread and wine as Thanksgiving Offerings. They brought to God not wild wheat or wild grapes. They brought what the Creator had created, fruit of the earth and vine, and what they had created from them. They lifted up *their* work – the work of human hands.

Our Work, Our Lives have meaning - The bread and wine speak of our great need to know that what we do has meaning; that our lives have meaning. God shows us in the Eucharist that our desire is His Desire. With the bread and wine, we bring what *we* have created *with* Him: our work, our labors, our families, our friends, our sorrows, even our failures, and unite them to His Son. We lift them up to His Healing, to His Love, and to their Eternal Meaning.

This Photo by

An Amazing Reality – Early Church writers put down in words what must have been an amazing realization. They realized the spiritual imagery of wheat and bread, grapes and wine. The many sheafs of wheat become one in bread; the many grapes become one in wine. In those first centuries of the Church, people who, before Christ, were scattered in different tribes, cultures, countries, were gathered as one in Christ: "gathered from the ends of the earth unto God's Kingdom." Quote from the Didache written around 90 AD.

We, who live in such a scattered, divided world, have such a need to be gathered into Christ, for only in Him can our world be One. As we receive Eucharist, may we so pray.

The Price of Bread. The Price of Wine. – *Truly I tell you,* Jesus said, *unless the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains but a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. John 12:24*

Grains are gathered, ground, put into the oven: the Price of Bread. Being crushed, grapes, too, pay the Price of Wine. Christ also paid a Price. Wheat, Grapes, remind us of this Price: those deaths that, all through our life, in Christ, leaven our bread, purify our wine.

May we, in the Eucharist, truly become the Lord's Bread,
the Lord's Wine, for one another.

This image titled *Christ in the Wine Press* – is one of many such images of the Late Middle Ages and early Renaissance.

~S. Mary Ann

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