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SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

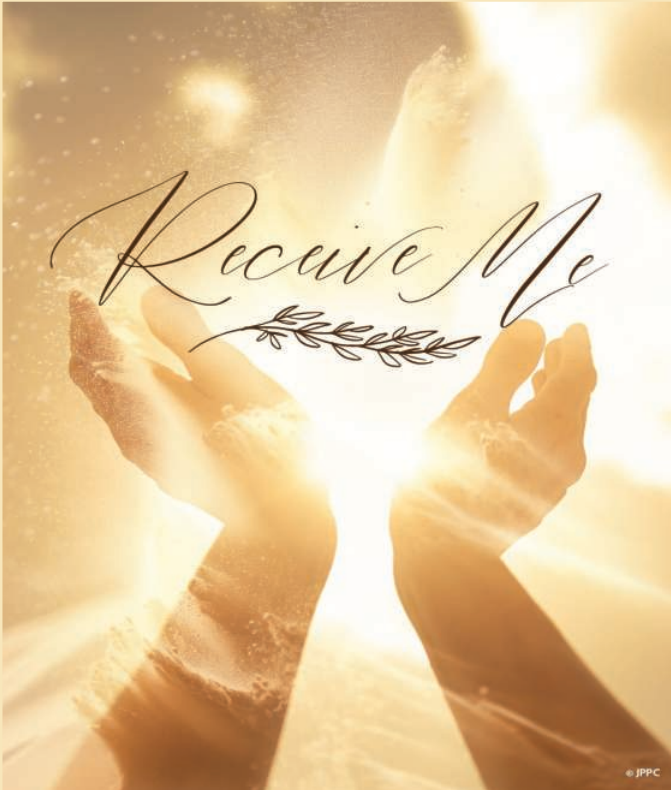
## MASSES

Daily Monday - Friday at 8:00 AM

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

## Confession

Saturday, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM



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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Numbers 11: 25-29

Psalm

19: 8, 10, 12-13, 14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

James 5: 1-6

Gospel:

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

## 1<sup>ST</sup> 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

### ***Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)***

Andrea Jackowski, Director

610-850-4228

stjosephprep@comcast.net

### ***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)***

Anne Pulsifer, Formation Leader

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# September 22, 2024 - 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Caring for the Poor in our Community

We will be accepting donations for both PACS (Phoenixville Area Community Services) and Project Outreach located in Spring City that help contribute the necessary items to struggling families in our area.

### The following donations are needed:

**Soups**

**Ready to Eat canned goods**

**Chef Boyardee goods**

**Cereals**

You may place the donated items in the large cabinet in the Narthex. We are very grateful to all of you for your support in the mission to Care for the Poor!



We have collected \$1700 so far in 2024. Please continue to bring your receipts in to St. Joseph and drop them in the container in the Narthex under the Television! We receive a portion back from all 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.

2024 Goal is \$2000

Bulletin Date	Date Due
October 6- September 26	
October 13- October 3	
October 20- October 10	

Bulletin Submission Schedule  
Please submit any items for the bulletin to [St.Joes@comcast.net](mailto:St.Joes@comcast.net)

## Eucharistic Minister Schedule

<u>September 21</u> 4:30- H Coggins	<u>September 28</u> 4:30- K Cabot
<u>September 22</u> 7:30 - P Power 9:00 - S Prestia 11:00 - T Duffy	<u>September 29</u> 7:30 - M Frank 9:00 - S Prestia 11:00 - C or G Reece



Monday September 23	Barbara Wynne <i>Req. by John &amp; Mary Beth Michael</i>
Tuesday September 24	Frances Ott <i>Req. by Juliann Ewing</i>
Wednesday September 25	Patricia LeChette Walsh <i>Req. by Diana Kelly</i>
Thursday September 26	Joseph Prestia <i>Req. by Maria Nasi</i>
Friday September 27	The George Yost Family <i>Req. by The Family</i>



## Lector Schedule

<u>September 21</u> 4:30 - K Martorana	<u>September 28</u> 4:30 - E Slanga
<u>September 22</u> 7:30 - J Kelly 9:00 - R Keeley 11:00 - M Benton	<u>September 29</u> 7:30 - A Jackowski 9:00 - J Michael 11:00 - M Arnold



Leslie	Mike
Megan	Caroline
Joe	Gianna
Jacob	Kathy
Rich	

# September 22, 2024 - 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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  
CGS Level III - 4:30 pm  
Holy Hour & Devotion - 6:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

Mass 8:00 am

### THURSDAY

Mass 8:00 am

### FRIDAY

Mass 8:00 am

### SATURDAY

Confession 2:30 - 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

### MONDAY, September 23

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting - Trailer 1

### TUESDAY, September 24

7:00 pm - Men's Spirituality Group Meeting - Trailer 1

7:00 pm - Women's Group Meeting - Narthex

### FRIDAY, October 4

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm - OctoberFest - Pavilion

### SATURDAY, October 5

7:30 am - First Saturday Devotion - Church

9:30 am to 10:00 am - Blessing of the Pets - Church Grounds

### SUNDAY, October 6

8:30 am to 12:00 pm - Donut Sunday (after today's Masses) - Narthex



Come Join Us

Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>  
After Sunday Masses in Narthex

Free Coffee, Juice and Donuts



Save the Date

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024\*

Please note correction to the Date

6 pm to 10 pm

In the Pavilion

Music, Fun, Food, Beer, and More!

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## WOMEN'S GROUP 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BASKET RAFFLE DONATION REQUEST ANNOUNCEMENT

The Women's Group will be hosting its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Basket Raffle. The event will take place on **October 13, 2024** at the Royersford Friendship Fire House 269 Green Street, Royersford, PA. Proceeds from previous year's events benefited the Veteran's Center, Project Outreach, St. Mary's Shelter, The Clinic in Phoenixville, Mom's House, St. Vincent De Paul, Bon Homie Adult Center and others. We hope to contribute to these organizations with this year's proceeds. We are asking for each family to donate a basket. You can use any type container, i.e., bucket, wash baskets, something that may go with the theme of your donation. List what is in your basket/container with family/families name and contents.. Contact Pat Herbert 610-764-1734 to make arrangements to pick up your basket.

**All donations must be submitted by October 6th.**

### INDIVIDUAL ITEM DONATIONS

For those who prefer to donate money toward a basket, please mail your payment to St. Joseph Church, **ATTN: Basket Raffle** or place in collection basket attention Basket Raffle. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Church. A basket will be made in your name. Gift cards to stores and or restaurants would be appreciated as well and can be mailed or placed in collection basket with your name and basket raffle. Additionally any **NEW** individual items you would like to donate towards many different theme baskets can be placed in the donation cabinet in the narthex.

Suggested donations: Baking or cooking items: pans, cake mixes, pot holders, dish towels cupcake liners, brownie mixes. Bar-B-Que rubs sauces pizza pans, cookie cutters.

Summer items: cooler, smores kit, beach towels, sand toys, beach games, kite, beach bag, snacks.

Sports: Your favorite team merchandise, football, basketballs,

Automotive basket: tire gauge, fix a flat, antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, ice scrapers etc. car wash items Craft items as well as toys.



Join Us

Saturday October 5, 2024

9:30 am-10:00 am Church Grounds

## The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### Atrium: The Prepared Environment

The "atrium" is the name given to the environment which is dedicated to the child's religious life, recalling that space in the ancient Christian basilicas which served as the anteroom of the church. It is a place where the child comes to know the great realities of his life in the Church. It is likened to a retreat house for the child. Contact Anne Pulsifer at 484-431-5156 or [cgsstjoseph@comcast.net](mailto:cgsstjoseph@comcast.net) to schedule a visit to our parish atrium.





## GET THE DOOR

Today, we begin a series of reflections on *How can we know the Way* to our true goal to “to make it Home”? This is more than the goal for the *end* of our earthly life. It is lifelong.

Here and now, we are to Be, to Become, a true HOME of God, and with God’s Grace, to make wherever we are, as much as we can, a Dwelling Place for God.

So where else to start searching for How to Become God’s Home, but right here, in this Sacred Space – our Church Home? Let’s see what is here, in this Place, that can form us, and all that surrounds us, into a Place of God’s Presence.



Let’s begin with “Doors”.

Imagine how many doors we’ve *opened, closed, gone through, were even hesitant to go near (maybe the Principal’s Office Door)?*

Our lives have encountered many physical doors, but we actually *live* with “other” doors — the “doors” of our mind, our heart, our relationships: sometimes they’re open and welcoming, sometimes closed and barred.



We’ve stepped through the “doors” of life, from childhood to wherever we are now on this Journey Home, our Journey to become a Home, to make a Home, to “Make it Home”.

### What do Church Doors say? What meaning do they Speak?

*Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?  
Who may stand in His Holy Place?*

*Lift up your heads, you gates, be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of Glory may come in.*

*Who is this King of Glory?  
The Lord Almighty – He is the King of Glory. Psalm 24: 3, 9-10*



In the time of Christ, when the pilgrims had

reached Jerusalem they went up to the Temple Mount on the Pilgrim Road. Singing, they made their way: *How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts. My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; .... Blessed are those who dwell in Thy House, ever singing Thy praise. Psalm 84*



Making our way from parking lot to Church, as we “get the door” for one another, may we be pilgrims. Let us *long* to *open those doors* and open our minds and hearts to the touch of His Presence.

Let us see those crosses - the vertical and horizontal wood and let the doors speak to us:  
*Enter, Here,*  
into the AWE of this HOME where Heaven and Earth meet.

*S. Mary Ann*

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