

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

Monday, February 19th

6:30AM James Elmer
8:30AM William Dooner

Tuesday, February 20th

6:30AM Nora O'Sullivan
8:30AM William Weatherly

Wednesday, February 21st

6:30AM Patricia & Donald Dillon
8:30AM David Schukraft

Thursday, February 22nd

6:30AM Gloria McFadden
8:30AM Joseph & Dolores Durante

Friday, February 23rd

6:30AM Jane Marth
8:30AM Sam R. & Doris A Sgro

Saturday, February 24th

8:30AM Colleen Betzal
5:00PM Saturday Evening Vigil

Sunday, February 25th

Sunday Masses: 6:30, 9:30 and 11:30AM

Saturday, February 24th & Sunday, February 25th

5:00PM	Msgr. Vogan
6:30AM	Msgr. Vogan
9:30AM	Fr. Pawelko Contemporary Group
11:30AM	Fr. Speziale



Please remember in your prayers all our sick:

Brian Allison, Anne Arner, Leon Arnold, Bob Belczyk, Kevin BeVier, Tom Boden, Jack Boyette, Dominic Branca, Theresa Bucella, Paul Bufano, Sophia Bufano, Virginia Burbage, Greyson Burke, Susan Crowley, Anne Davis, Neil Davis, Thomas Duggan, Greg Dulaney, Amanda Durkholder, Kelly Eberz, George Edelmann, Joseph Eichinger, Sharon Feist, Eugene Fisher, Laurie Frost, Kim Fry, Eleanor Galbraith, Daniel Garvin, Joe Glowacki, Karen Gormley, Anne Hagg, Helena Hart, Conall Harvey, Ilene Haschak, Charles Hee, Sylvester Jenifer, Rosemarie Johnson, Regina Johnson, Jennifer Kelly, Lizzy Kelly, Shyla Kelly, Robert Kester, Ralph King, Tim Lamanna, Danielle Lever, Audris Lichota, Thomas Luke, Debra Mallon, Bob Magolon, Brenda Magolon, Barbara Magozzi, Margaret Mahoney, Robert Malin, Ann Manco, Patricia Marconi, Tom Marley, Bob Marriotti, Thomas Marshall, Mary Mascioli, Cameron McCarthy, Nan McGroary, Dan McKenna, Joey McLaughlin, Leonard Middleton, Gina Miller, James Moran, Susan Mullen, Phyllis Myers, Julia Newell, Anthony Oswald, Louisa Pacubas, Richard Parker, Charles Piccara, Jr., Eileen Posner, Anne Powers, Claire Powers, Ann Pyne, Helen Raftovich, Mary Ellen Remaize, Loretta Ricciardi, Paul Riggs, Bob Robertson, Sharon Rowles, Christine Samuels, Candy Santos, Patricia Schmidt, Diane Shaefer, Kathy Shiels, John Smith, Rosemary Smith, Thomas Smith, Kathleen Stacklass, Patricia Starkey, Jerry Sullivan, Kayla Taylor, Robert Taylor, Jose Tavarez, Lauren Thomas, Virginia Tracy, John Tully, Diane Weverling, Cheryl Allison-Webber, Lynn Weber, Nancy Williams, Hana Yago, Michelle & Robert Yanuzzi, Angie Zuccarino

*Please pray for our beloved deceased especially:
George Spanfelner*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 19th

10:00AM - Marion Movement of Priests - Mary's Chapel
4:00PM - CYO Varsity Basketball - Hall

Tuesday, February 20th

9:00AM -5:00PM - Adoration - Mary's Chapel
10:00AM - Flame of Love - Mary's Chapel
1:00PM - Holy Hour of Reparation- Mary's Chapel
1:30PM - HFR School Confession - Mary's Chapel
6:00PM - CYO Varsity Basketball - Hall
6:30PM - Discovering Christ - Neumann Room

Wednesday, February 21st

2:30PM - HRF School Drama - Donnelly Hall
8:00PM - CYO Varsity Basketball - Hall

Thursday, February 22nd

1:00PM - Marion Movement of Priests - Mary's Chapel
1:30PM - HFR School Stations of the Cross - Church
4:00PM - Music Ministry - Church
6:30PM - Boy Scouts - Hall
7:00PM - Tea & Theology - Donnelly Hall

Friday, February 23rd

5:30PM - Music Ministry - Church
6:00PM - Lenten Simple Supper - Donnelly Hall
7:00PM - Stations of the Cross - Neumann Room

Saturday, February 24th

10:00AM - 3:00PM - CYO Varsity Basketball - Hall
6:30-10:00PM - CYO Varsity Basketball - Hall

Sunday, February 25th

After 9:30AM Mass - Parish Registrations-Neumann Room
1:30PM - CYO Varsity Basketball - Hall
5:00PM - Adult Volleyball - Hall
5:00PM - Youth Group - Mary's Chapel
7:00PM - Ad Altare Dei - Neumann Room
7:00PM - Pope Pius XII - Neumann Room
7:00PM - CYO Varsity Basketball - Hall

SUNDAY COLLECTION

The collection for last Sunday, totaled: \$17,128.

Thank you for your generosity.



SOCK & UNDERWEAR DRIVE

NEXT WEEKEND

We will be collecting men's new socks and underwear next weekend in the lower church.

CLOSED

PRESIDENTS DAY

The rectory will be **CLOSED on Monday, February 19th** in observance of Presidents Day. No gift cards or mass card will be available this Monday.



INTERNATIONAL PARISH SURVEY

The Disciple Maker Index Survey

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

Go to www.disciplemakerindex.com to complete the survey. There will be opportunities to complete the survey after Mass and **you can obtain a paper copy at the rectory.**

The survey will only be **available until February 26, 2018** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what efforts the parish is doing to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Msgr. Vogan and our various ministries as we plan ahead and try to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. Thank you for helping with this important project!



Our Lent is also 40 days in length, beginning this past Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, and ending on Holy Thursday, at the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The three facets of our Lenten experience are traditionally prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This is to be a time of spiritual preparation for Easter for us. In the Gospel from St. Mark we hear, *"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for 40 days."* It is obvious where our 40 days of Lent come from. But 40 is a recurring theme in the Bible. In Noah's flood it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Israel was in the wilderness for 40 years. It was a time of "testing" for Jesus.

Lent is a time of testing for us. Everything we are called to do is to bring us the ideas of patience, sacrifice, self-discipline, commitment, and, as Peter implies in the second reading, *hope.*



Anyone requesting the transportation services of H.O.P.E. **Tuesday, February 19th through Friday, February 23rd** should call team captain: **Team 7: Jerry Wilkins 610-459-2058.**

This number is for **THIS WEEK ONLY.**

Please give 24-48 hours notice!

ONE ride per week .



FLU SEASON and

With Flu Epidemic so widespread in our area, many are concerned about the shaking of hands at the sign of peace. **The shaking of hands is not necessary – actually unhealthy.** Simply smiling and nodding at those around you will suffice at the Sign of Peace.



ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that **all persons who are fourteen years of age or older are bound to abstain from eating meat all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.** Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single meal on Good Friday, while the other two meals on that day are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended. All are encouraged to make some material sacrifices during Lent and give that money to the poor. Please use our poor boxes.



St. Joseph Stewardship Committee will be hosting the Lenten Simple Supper each Friday, beginning at **6pm** in Donnelly Hall. We thank all the following Parish Ministries for sponsoring the following meals during Lent.

February 16 th	Stewardship Committee	Pasta
February 23 rd	Fundraising	Soup
March 2 nd	CYO	Pizza
March 9 th	Christmas Bazaar	Mac & Cheese
March 16 th	Bereavement	Ziti
March 23 rd	Ladies Guild	Salad

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Adult Volleyball games 2/18, 2/25, 3/18, 3/25, 4/22 and 5/6 at 5:00PM in the hall. Anyone 18 or older are welcome. All skill levels welcome!



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

In February 1999, the parish Bereavement Ministry was started. The ministry is an effort to comfort, visit, listen to and pray with those who have suffered the loss of someone they love. In the 19 years since its inception, nearly 50 dedicated individuals have ministered to more than 700 families. Each November, we celebrate a Mass of Remembrance. And a November "Coping with the Holidays" program and a spring lunch offer those who are mourning the opportunity to meet with professional grief counselors and to share their stories with others who are grieving. If you feel called to be a part of this ministry, we greatly welcome you. Perhaps you have come through a loss of your own and feel you have some consolation to share with others. Perhaps you're a sympathetic listener, have good people skills, or would enjoy helping at our annual events. Please consider joining us. For more information, call Marge at 610-485-8213.



LENT is here...

EASTER is not far behind!

We carry gift cards for all things EASTER

For Easter Gifts – Decorations – Candy and more!

Check out the full list of gift cards on the parish website:

www.stjosephaston.org.



EASTER DINNERS

We will be collecting money/gift cards to help defray the cost for Easter dinners provided by the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, please send your donation to the rectory in an envelope marked "Easter Dinner Drive", checks made payable to St. Joseph Church. **Please send your donation in by Wednesday, March 27th.**

Stop by the rectory and purchase your **Giant, Acme, or Shop Rite gift cards** and support your parish and help the Missionaries of Charity!

Aid For Friends



Please if you are able to make an extra portion of your evening meal for our shut-ins. Trays and soup containers are available in the lower church kitchen. If you have any questions, please call Ralph at 610-494-4428. **St. Joe's number is 42, please note on all meals.**



SPRING SPORTS

REGISTRATIONS FOR SPRING SPORTS

CYO Spring Sports is going on NOW!

All athletes must be a member of St. Joseph Parish and attend an Archdiocesan Regional school or have been attending PREP or the Youth Group program since September.

Girls Softball & Boys Baseball (Grades 5-8th)

Track & Field (Grades 4-8th)

Co-Ed High School Volleyball

Please send the following information: Student's Name, Sport, Student's Grade, Student's School, Student's Parish, Parent's Email, Parent's Home Phone #, Parent's Cell Phone to # to Mike Flaherty @ mflaherty20@verizon.net Craig Smith by at csmith1321@comcast.net

Please reach out to Craig if you are interested in coaching. Please print and complete all forms from CYO website - <http://www.stjosephaston.org/cyo> and give to your coach at first practice.

RECTORY OFFICE SUNDAY HOURS

The Rectory will close at 11:30AM on Sundays. No Giftcards will be sold after 11:30AM on Sundays.



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Library with Mrs. Connor

The students of Holy Family have been busy in the library exploring a variety of authors, genres, and series. After completing an author study of Kevin Henkes, the kindergarten classes are reading the works of Laura Numeroff. The first grade students have begun a new unit on the Caldecott Award winners of the past and present. The second grade students are thoroughly enjoying the works of Tomie DePaola while learning the traits of legends. The third grade students have been navigating Destiny Quest, the school library database, as a tool to find books that meet their interest and reading levels. Lastly, the fourth grade students have been applying their knowledge of the elements of fiction to create short stories complete with text and illustrations. All classes are anticipating the annual Scholastic Book Fair to be held this spring.



2018 SPRING PRE-CANA CLASS

Classes are on Monday nights:

April 9, 16, 23 and 30th 7:00PM-8:45PM.

(Couples must attend all four classes.)

Cost is \$75.00 per couple.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 9th

FOCCUS SURVEY

All couples must complete this survey on-line prior to Pre-Cana Classes. Contact the rectory if you are taking the Pre-Cana class at another location. If the Pre-Cana class you registered for does not include the FOCCUS survey you will have to make arrangements to take the survey when you register for Pre-Cana. Cost is \$15.00. **FOCCUS survey MUST be complete by March 9th.** Please contact the rectory to register: 610-497-3340 or email stjoseph256@comcast.net



ALTAR SERVER RECRUITS

Students who are finishing 5th grade and older are eligible to assist at Mass as Altar Servers. If you are willing to make the commitment to serve at God's altar, you must have parental authorization.

If you are interested in serving at the altar, please complete the form below and have your parent or guardian sign their consent. **You may return the completed form to the rectory office – no later than Sunday, February 25th.** Thank You!

Child's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____