

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Beacon of Ambler—Where Faith and Family are One
Main and Poplar Sts. Ambler, PA 19002

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



Hearts
ON FIRE,
Feet On
THE MOVE

October 20, 2024

GENERAL

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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00 PM
 (Closed for lunch from 12:30PM-1:30PM)
 Friday 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

The Rectory office is closed on all holydays and holidays.

New Parishioners

We are always happy to welcome new parishioners!
 If you are interested in joining our wonderful Parish family, please register after any of the masses or: register online at stjoeambler@gmail.com visit our website at stjoeambler.org or contact the rectory office at 215-646-0494.

Prayer Requests for:

Jimmy Cowman	Anthony D'Acunto
Clare Di Donato	Emily Gudas
Kathleen Hart	Jean Stabilito



Please continue to pray all who are ill or in need of prayers. Names are removed monthly unless notified. It is so good to know that prayers are answered!



Mass Intentions

October 19-20

Saturday Vigil
 4:00 PM Rose Del Conte **Requested Family**

Sunday
 9:00 AM Edward Scheuermann **Crippen Family**
 11:00 AM Rev. Eugene M. Tully **Claire Di Donato**
 1:00 PM Mass in Spanish

Monday 6:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday
 6:30 AM Helen Brown **Carol Mendicino**

Wednesday
 6:30 AM Helen Brown **Ray Perry**

Thursday
 6:30 AM Eydie Marincola **Sue/John Hill**

Friday
 6:30 AM Marchellino Yun **Marianna Yun**

CANDLE MEMORIALS



Sanctuary	Mary	Joseph
Fr. Charles Mc Elroy	Fred/Alice Iovine	John Farrell

"Stay happy, holy and healthy!"



Mass book is open.

Masses and candles requested from January 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025.

Daily Masses are at 6:30 AM and weekends are Saturday vigil at 4:00 PM. Sundays 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Holyday Masses at 6:30AM and 12:05PM.

Candles: \$10 for the week **Mass stipend: \$15**

Sunday Readings

Reading I Is 53:10-11

The LORD was pleased
to crush him in infirmity.
If he gives his life as an offering for sin,
he shall see his descendants in a long life,
and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished
through him.
Because of his affliction
he shall see the light in fullness
of days;
through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,
and their guilt he shall bear.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



Reading II Heb 4:14-16

Brothers and sisters:
Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.
For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.
So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

Gospel Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him,

"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?"

They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

Jesus said to them,

"You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

They said to him, "We can."

Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John.

Jesus summoned them and said to them,

"You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you.

Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.

For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."



Applying this week's Gospel

Leadership is essentially influence. Leaders influence others. Since each one of us influences other people, we are all leaders in our own right. During his lifetime, Jesus constantly spoke about leadership because he knew that all people are leaders and have a profound influence on the lives of other people. He knew the importance of leadership and called his followers to a new type of leadership, a type of leadership that many people today call servant-leadership. As a follower of Jesus Christ, each one of us is called to exercise servant-leadership for those people that God has placed in our sphere of influence. This week, practice servant-leadership after the heart of Jesus Christ.

Father Jim

Scripture Readings

Sunday

Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or Mk 10:42-45

Monday Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday Memorial of Saint John Paul II, Pope

Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday Memorial of Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

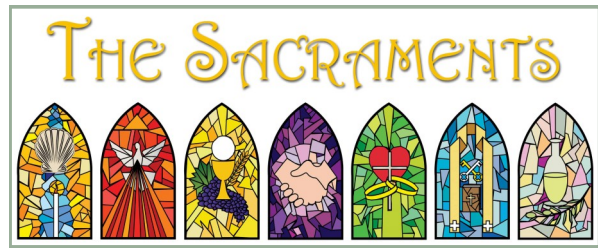
Saturday Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 13:1-9

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the eyes of many, the papacy is a peculiar institution. Still bedecked with some of the regalia of medieval princes, contemporary popes have worked to define their role in ways that give them influence over the world both within and outside the Church. The trappings of royalty, never really a good fit for the successors of Peter, could render a pope distant and irrelevant. On the other hand, the tendency of many to think of the pope as if he were the CEO of a modern corporation is also inaccurate.

St. Gregory the Great, himself a pope, first called the pope “the servant of the servants of God.” He is “first among equals” among other bishops, who by tradition exercise significant authority within their own dioceses, not depending on the pope’s authority. This arrangement often puzzles those accustomed to a top-to-bottom “chain of command.” History has seen popes of many styles, but most strive to live up to Gregory’s definition. Perhaps today’s Gospel puts it all into the best perspective: “Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.” Pray for the pope this week.

—Rev. James Field



Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation Role of Sponsors

A baptismal preparation class is mandatory for all parents who are requesting Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled with the Deacon. Please contact the rectory office for more information.

Godparent or Sponsor Requirement- You must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing, and attend mass regularly, (married validly if married), at least 16 years of age, and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Requested eligibility Certificates for another Parish- We cannot issue certificates of eligibility to any parish if a person is not regularly attending Sunday mass and/or isn't properly registered in St. Joseph Parish .

Sacrament of the Sick In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory or call the emergency number if after office hours.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners planning a wedding, contact the office to book an available date at least six months or more prior to that date. Arrange for Marriage Preparation Class by contacting www.philamarriageprep.com or call 610-873-2017. Saturday weddings cannot be scheduled any later than 2:00PM. Non-parishioner weddings are up to the Pastor’s discretion. If a couple is not a member of this parish, they should request a letter of permission from their ‘home’ parish.

LAST CHANCE FOR BOSCOV’S COUPONS!



We are happy to announce that St. Joseph is once again part of our Friends helping Friends Program with Boscov’s. This is our 5th year.

One day only-
Tuesday, October 22, 2024

you can shop at Boscov’s from 8AM to 11PM.

We offer a 25% off shopping pass with just a \$5 donation per pass. 100% of your donation benefits St. Joseph Church. The pass may be used in-store or online and not used with any other discounts.

Passes are available at St. Joseph Rectory Office during office hours.

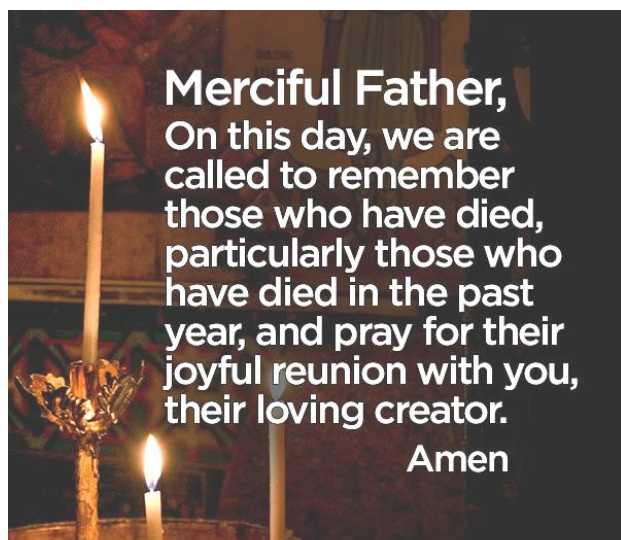
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Feast of All Souls November 2, 2024

On Saturday, November 2nd at 10:00 AM our Feast of All Souls Mass traditionally remembers all our loved ones who have gone before us. This Mass will include music and we honor their life with a lit candle and announcing their name to all present. After Mass you may take the one candle home with you in memory of your loved one. Feel the love and come celebrate with us. Light refreshments will be served following the mass in the Heritage Room.

To have your deceased loved one's name read and to light a vigil candle in their memory, RSVP to Lisa Gallagher at 215-646-0494, before Friday, November 1, 2024, during regular business hours (9:00 am to 4:00 pm).



FAMILY & YOUTH



PREP REGISTRATION

Live, in-person religious instruction will be offered for grades 1 to 7 on Sundays from September 15, 2024 through May 4, 2025 from

10:30 AM to 12 noon in the school. Please contact our DRE Mrs. Suzanne Kuhn if interested.

stjosephdre@gmail.com or 484-746-3414. Mrs. Kuhn is in the office on Thursdays.

Great Service

Though Mark's gospel does not have the washing of the disciples' feet found in the gospel of John, today's passage has a similar message. While James and John seem to be close friends of Jesus, they obviously have not learned what it means to follow him. Jesus doesn't make any promises of worldly glory, but he does promise a share in his suffering. Imagine their surprise when he told them that the greatest of them would be the ones who served the rest.

They probably did not know what Jesus meant about their being baptized in death as Jesus would. But then how many people today know that leadership is a form of service? Whether you are head of a family, or of a nation, you were given that authority by God. And God expects leaders to not only direct those under them, but inspire and encourage them to do better.

This connection of leadership and service is all inclusive. A manager is called to help his employees do their jobs better, not by badgering, but by giving the support they need. Military leaders must support their troops with respect as well as discipline. God calls Church leaders in a special way to service of their flock: to protect the weakest members, to give an example of Jesus' love to all, and to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in both clergy and laity. Anyone who lives a life of loving service can be "greatest" in the Kingdom of God.

Tom Schmidt

Living God's Word

Isaiah's servant sounds like the wise and wrinkled old one whose selfless devotion helped make his marriage work, one who knowingly and willingly bore the guilt of others. This is also our image of Jesus. Is our image of ourselves like it? Copyright © 2014, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

Living Stewardship Now

Make an effort to do something unexpected and generous for someone at least once a week—at church, at work, or in the community.

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FINANCE

October 13th
Sunday Collection: \$ 4449.00
Spanish Mass: n/a

We are blessed and so appreciative for all you continue to do for St. Joseph's.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Misa en español
primer y tercer domingo del mes 1:00pm



LITURGY AND MUSIC

October 26-27
Celebrants: (subject to change)
SATURDAY
4:00 PM Vigil Father Saban



SUNDAY
9:00 AM Father Saban
11:00 AM Father Saban
1:00 PM Mass in Spanish
We are looking to have 3 Eucharistic Ministers on for Mass, especially the Vigil and the 11. Please step up if you see the need.

****SAVE THE DATES:**
Saturday, November 2nd at 10:00 AM
Feast of All Souls Mass

Piano Dedication and Sing Along
St. Joseph Church

Sing-Along Sunday, November 17th at 3:00 PM

Just a reminder-



When lighting the candles in church, please do not remove the red glass votives. They are reused for the next unlit votive.
Thank you!



Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place monthly after the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass. After the mass is ended, those who wish will be invited gather around the baptismal font. Please write your name on the sign up sheet after receiving the sacrament so it will be recorded in the book. The next one will be on Saturday, **November 9th.**

Saint Joseph Music Ministry Adult Choir

If you wish to join, please contact John Keglovits via email, JMKeglovits@icloud.com



Parish Cantors

Consider being a cantor for our weekend masses. Please contact John Keglovits for more information.

Mass of Renewal

Our new Mass part Mass of Renewal is being used in all of our masses. This melody will be used for the Holy, Holy, Holy 879, the Acclamation When We Eat this Bread 881, and the Amen 883. It has a beautiful moving melody so please sing along with us at mass and 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord'.

World Mission Sunday, 2024: This year's theme intrinsically links our Mission of evangelization to the invitation to the Eucharistic table where the Lord feeds us with His word, His Body and His Blood. It is the place that sustains us with the hope of eternal life, especially for the faithful in the Chitula parish in Malawi. In a makeshift tent, a beautiful Mass is celebrated by priests, whose ordinations were made possible by scholarships from the Mission Society. They come together inviting communities from about a 40-mile radius, as receiving the Eucharist is important but not frequent. As one Missionary said, "There are many well-built churches that are empty in other countries, but in the Missions, hundreds do not even have a simple building to celebrate Mass."

The Church, therefore, is missionary by her very nature. She continues the mission of the Son and the mission of the Holy Spirit by proclaiming to the ends of the earth the salvation Christ offers those who believe in him. We are faithful to the nature of the Church to the degree that we love and sincerely promote her missionary activity. As teachers and pastors we are responsible for keeping alive a vibrant Catholic missionary spirit in the United States.

The collection for World Mission Sunday will be taken up this Sunday, October 19-20th.



The Propaedeutic Year seminarians paid us a visit on Sunday, October 6, 2024, and Fr Frank Giuffre (their formator) celebrated the 11:00 AM Mass. It was a pleasure and a blessing to have them visit our Parish family.

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OUTSIDE NEWS

**Leadership Day- Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

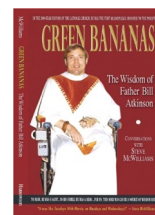
**Location: Epiphany of Our Lord Church
3050 Walton Rd. Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462**

Speakers: Rev. Stephen DeLacy - Main Celebrant and Maria Richardson - Emcee

Go to <https://archphilaccr.org/events/> for further information.

Father Bill Atkinson's Cause for Canonization:

Please continue to pray for his intercession.. For favors received or for more information, write Fr. Bill's Cause-Augustinian Provincial Offices PO Box 340- Villanova, PA 19085 610-527-3330 www.augustinian.org



As you know we continue to remember and pray for Father William Atkinson's 'call to Sainthood'. Father Atkinson has a beautiful story of his journey of faith and carrying his cross. Please continue to pray for Father Atkinson and all those whose lives were touched because of him.



Pray for our Nation

Our country, our military, police and first responders all need our prayers now! Please continue to pray for all in harms way who help protect us and our country. God bless and protect them all. Many have returned home and need both physical and emotional care. They cannot be forgotten. Pray for all those who have unselfishly given up their lives for our freedom. Jesus has said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend". May God give them strength and courage to continue to fight the battles they struggle with abroad and here at home!

The Over 50's Club at St Luke Church

The other highlight of this season will be our Christmas Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 12 noon at Sandy Run Country Club, 200 E Valley Green Road, Oreland PA. Tickets will be available from Eileen Marks at the October meeting, or at 215 -594-2111 or eileenm4@aol.com after October 8. Hope to see you soon! Please call Sheila Stieritz @ 267-468-5353 with any questions or concerns.

Lansdale Catholic High School Class of 1969, 55th Reunion

Come join us for a fun night of reminiscing, laughter and reconnecting!!

Saturday, November 2nd, 5:30-9:30pm, Smokehouse Tavern, 155 Pennbrook Parkway, Lansdale
Any questions or more information contact

Sally-
wynne4360@gmail.com or llwoods13@comcast.net

Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center, Stone Harbor, NJ

Monday, December 2 at 4:00 pm — Saturday, December 7 at 10:00 am Private Retreat \$475

Directed Retreat \$580 – limited to 10 participants
The retreat begins before dinner on Monday and ends after morning Mass on Saturday. Information: visit www.VMbytheSea.com.