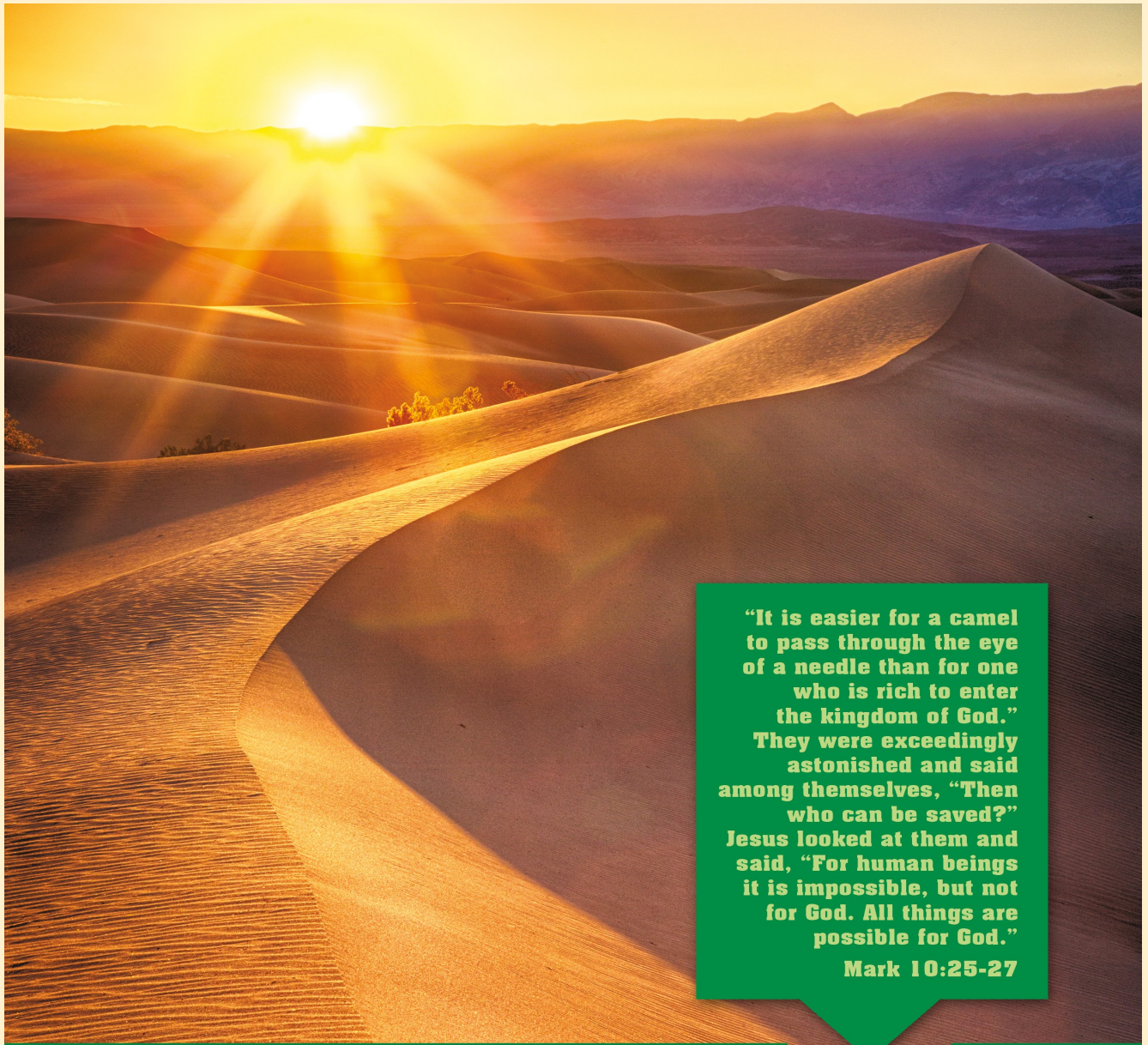


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Mark 10:25-27

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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 12-13

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Rena Palermo	Requested Maria/Fred Voss
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Sunday 9:00 AM Concetta Bretti 11:00 AM Anna/Albert Di Sandro 1:00 PM n/a	Sandra/Bill Hood Family
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Monday 6:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday 6:30 AM Tony/Marie Ciccarone	Roseanne/Charles Hofmann
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Wednesday 6:30 AM Marchellino Yun	Marianna Yun
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Thursday 6:30 AM Claire/Tony Moleski	Sue/John Hill
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Friday 6:30 AM Hale (Sonny) Peffall, Jr.	Mary Jane Koons
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CANDLE MEMORIALS



Sanctuary
In Thanksgiving

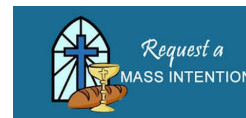


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Joseph
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"Stay happy, holy and healthy!"



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

[Wis 7:7-11](#)

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.

Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17](#)

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil.

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children; and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us!

Prosper the work of our hands!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!



Reading II

[Heb 4:12-13](#)

Brothers and sisters:

Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

Gospel

[Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27](#)

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him,

"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good?"

No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*"

He replied and said to him,

"Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth."

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him,

"You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,

"How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed at his words.

So Jesus again said to them in reply,

"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him,

"We have given up everything and followed you."

Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you,

there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel

who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

Applying this week's Gospel

One of the greatest things about Jesus was that he was always honest with people. He never promised that it would be easy to follow him, just that it would be great. You can see this type of honesty in the Gospel today. Jesus calls the rich man to greatness and eternal life, but he warns him that it will not be easy. Jesus informs the man that following him and acquiring eternal life will require a radical and total commitment. Jesus goes further and points out for the man the one thing that keeps him from achieving the greatness and eternal life he longs for. Jesus is alive today and if we have ears to hear he is probably telling each one of us the one thing we need to do in order to make a radical commitment to him and find the peace we are looking for. This week, identify the one thing that keeps you from a total commitment to Jesus Christ and take steps to give it up.

Father Jim

Scripture Readings For the Week

Sunday

Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or Mk 10:17-27

Monday Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Hedwig, Religious, and Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 11:47-54

Friday Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

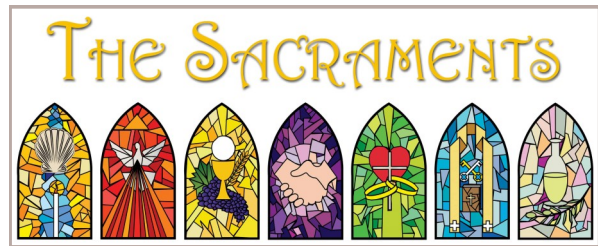
2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145; 10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Saturday Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12

HOLY PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD October 14

A feast of the Mother of God under this title is observed in the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches. It celebrates the protection afforded the faithful through the intercessions of the *Theotokos* ("God-bearer," Mother of God). Among the Slavic peoples, it is one of the most beloved feasts of the Orthodox calendar.



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.



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

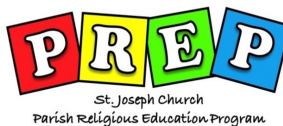
One day only-Tuesday, October 22, 2024 you can shop at Bosco's from 8AM to 11PM.

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.

ADULT

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.

The Punch Line

The first reading is supposed to remind us of Solomon, choosing wisdom over wealth or power. In the scriptures wisdom means doing God's will in all things. As Jesus tried to tell the man in the gospel, knowing and doing God's will is more precious than wealth, or even family!

So if wisdom is that good, why do so few seek it? Most of us have no problem doing God's will, as long as it is the same as ours. Or we do God's will if it is painless and convenient. Sometimes we are like that man in the gospel, desiring wisdom but not willing to pay for it.

Maybe our problem is that we don't trust God enough. The first reading, after praising wisdom more than health, wealth, and beauty, ends with a promise of "countless riches" while Jesus promises that the one who gives up everything will receive "a hundred times more." Because the rich man left in sorrow, he missed the punch line.

I can think of two ways to interpret that promise. One is that the more we give up for love of the Lord, the more we get back. The other is finding that what truly makes us happy is knowing we are loved by God and responding with love for others. Tom Schmidt

For your information:

We received word that Denise La Penna passed away on September 26th. Denise was a long term parishioner who cleaned the church weekly with her husband Joe, was in the music ministry and set up the Easter Egg hunt for the children for over 20+ years. We are so grateful for her presence and active participation in our church.

May she rest in peace.



Blessing of our Animals with Father Saban...



Our family pets kittens, dogs, turtle and even the family hen all came for their blessing! St. Francis watch over all of them even those who could not be present –our favorite Westies and our French poodle ☺



FINANCE

October 6th
Sunday Collection: \$ 4440.00
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

**SANTA PROTECCIÓN
DE LA MADRE DE DIOS
14 de octubre**

Una fiesta de la Madre de Dios bajo esta advocación es observada por las Iglesias Ortodoxa Oriental y Católica Oriental. Celebra la protección concedida a los fieles por las intercesiones de la *Theotokos* ("la que lleva a Dios", la Madre de Dios). Es entre los pueblos eslavos una de las fiestas más veneradas del calendario ortodoxo.

LITURGY AND MUSIC

October 19-20
Celebrants: (subject to change)
SATURDAY
4:00 PM Vigil Father Mc Guinn

SUNDAY
9:00 AM Father Mc Guinn
11:00 AM Father Mc Guinn
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 9:00 AM
Feast of All Souls Mass

Remembering all our loved ones who have passed. Light refreshments will be served following the mass in the Heritage Room.

Piano Dedication and Sing Along
St. Joseph Church
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

Beginning the weekend of September 15th, we began introducing a new mass part. It is called the Mass of Renewal. This melody will be used for the Holy, Holy, Holy 879, the Acclamation When We Eat this Bread 881, and the Amen 883. Sing along with us at mass and 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord'.

Moms and Tots Playgroup

St. Anthony of Padua Friendship Hall Meeting Room
Every 2nd & 4th Thursday 9:15-10:15am—Ages 1-5 – Infants welcome too! Based around play—a fun and easy way for you get your toddler moving and socializing with other tots. No need to register. Contact Maria at mariahenry10210@gmail.com with questions.

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 collection for World Mission Sunday will be taken on 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

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

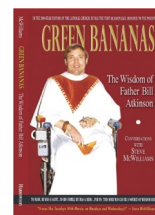
Monday, December 2 at 4:00 pm — Saturday, December 7 at 10:00 am Private Retreat \$475

Directed Retreat \$580 – limited to 10 participants

This retreat is for those who have experience making a silent, private retreat. Jesus invites us to “come apart . . . for awhile” so that we can hear his voice! Daily Mass will be offered and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The retreat begins before dinner on Monday and ends after morning Mass on Saturday. Information: visit www.VMbytheSea.com.

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

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 11:30 AM
North Penn VFW Post 676

2519 Jenkintown Rd. Glenside, PA

Lunch is available for purchase from the VFW.

Our program for October will be a talk by the Old York Road Historical Society President David Roland. It is amazing how many things about our local history have been forgotten, or never publicized!

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

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