

St. Joseph the Worker Roman Catholic Parish

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Staff

Mrs. Ann McDermott *Secretary*

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Mr. Jim Foran *Director of Religious Education*

Ms. Makenzie Conner *Director of Youth Ministry*

Mr. Leonard Hazel *Maintenance*

Mrs. Molly Easley, *Director of Adult Formation*

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Masses

Holy Family Chapel in Fleming Center

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Thursday 12:10 p.m.

Saturday, 8:30 am in the Church

Confessions

Saturday 9:00-9:45 a.m.

Monday 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Or upon appointment

Baptism

Baptism for children six years or younger, Please contact the office to schedule.

RCIC & RCIA

Those who wish to join the Catholic Church after 7 years of age, please contact the office for more information

Marriage

Parishioners wishing to marry should contact the parish one year prior to the date of the intended wedding.

Priesthood & Religious Life

For more information on religious vocations, please contact the office or check out www.vocations.dioceseofscranton.org

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a member of your family is dangerously ill, contact the pastor at the office emergency line or through the office



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Pastor's Corner

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISH FAMILY! *Fr. Brian*

November 10, 2019

Religious Education NEWS



The BIG GIVE - FAMILY SERVICE DAY
Sunday, NOV. 18th after 10:30am Mass
this is Religious Education for the day!

We will be making apple pies for families in the Parish who had children baptized and families who have lost loved ones this year.

Accepting monetary donations to help defray cost of pies!

FAMILY PREPARATION FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday, NOV. 24th

9:15am Fleming center

This is a family event!

No Evening Religious Instruction!

We will be celebrating as a parish family
Thanksgiving, Christ the King, The Liturgical
Calendar & Advent!



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Dear Lord,
I pray that you give me the wisdom
to guide me on this
Faith Journey of Stewardship.
Help me to understand that
everything I have is a Gift from You!
Open my heart and my mind
so that I may use these marvelous gifts
to give back to you here on earth.
I pray dear Lord that you welcome me
into your kingdom at the end of my life
and that You are pleased
with what I have done
with all your Gifts.

Amen.



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Pre-School openings available for 3 and 4 year olds.

Ministry of Worship / Liturgy

We are called to gather in prayer and holy sacrifice to worship, contemplate, and respond to the Holy Sacrifice of the Cross through a robust, diverse and welcoming liturgy rooted in a rich Catholic tradition in order to deepen our faith, hope and love in God and to announce the Gospel through our words and deeds.

Liturgical Ministry

Altar Servers

For any boys and girls who have received their First Holy Communion until graduation from High School. They would be paired with a Mentor Server for the first couple months after several orientation practices. They would be welcome to serve whenever needed but would be scheduled for the Holy Mass of choice about once or twice a month.

Weekday Servers

For anyone who has received their First Holy Communion or older. They would be assigned one week a month for either the 8am or 12:10 Holy Mass. They would need to come 30 minutes prior to set up for the Holy Mass.

Funeral Altar Servers

For anyone who has received their First Holy Communion or older and is available from 9:30am to 11am for funerals. They would be scheduled only as available.

Proclaimer of God's Word (Lector)

For anyone who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation or older. They would need to practice the readings before the Holy Mass. They would then be scheduled at their Holy Mass of choice about once a month.

Weekday Proclaimer

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Funeral Proclaimer

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

For anyone 18 years of age or older who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation. They would need to participate in on going formation and can be present at Holy Mass or for those who are sick or homebound.

Ushers

For anyone who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation or older. They would be available for a particular Holy Mass as needed to take up the collection and help people find seating within the church along with assisting the pastor as needed.

Ministers of Hospitality / Greeters

For anyone who has received their First Holy Communion or older. They would welcome people to our parish, hand out bulletins, help with directions and be the first smiling face of welcome for our visitors.

Sacristan

For anyone who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation or older. They would need to be available 30 minutes prior to Holy Mass in order to set up. They would be scheduled once or twice a month along with Holy Days of Obligation and other special occasions.

Church Decorations

For anyone who would be interested in helping to decorate the church for the major feasts, water the plants, and remove the decorations as needed.

Washers of the Sacred Linens

For anyone who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation or older and can use an iron and washing machine. They would do the linens one month per year. Some training is required.

Music Ministry

Choir of Angels

For any boys or girls who have received their First Holy Communion until graduation from High School. Practice is once a week for an hour and half. They sing at Holy Mass around once a month.

Choir

Open to all ages but is mostly adults. Practice is once a week for an hour and half. They sing every 10:30am Holy Mass during the school year. They also sing for Holy Days and the Triduum along with special occasions.

Cantors

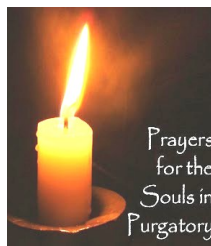
For anyone is has the ability to lead the people in song. They practice about an hour before their scheduled Holy Mass. They are scheduled for their Holy Mass of choice as often as available and needed.

Funeral Choir

This group gathers for funerals about 30 minutes prior to the funeral. Most of the music is very familiar. Funerals are typically around 10am. Participation is at your availability.

Instrumentalists

Any and all instruments are welcome for any of the groups. There would be some practice times involved but are on an as needed basis. Music will be provided well in advance of the Liturgical Celebration.



During the Month of November

Please pray for those who have gone before us marked with the Sign of Faith and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Ministry of Community / Welcoming

To welcome engage and empower active, inactive, or fallen away members of the Catholic Church in order to fully embrace their journey to be a disciple of Jesus Christ

Social Activities

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

This social activity began in 2018 with great success. Done on the Saturday closest to St. Patrick's Day in March. All are welcome to attend and help plan, market and celebrate this great man of Ireland.

Mardi Gras

This social activity began in 1986 and has been running every year. Done on the Saturday before Ash Wednesday. Run by a family of the parish they are always looking for donations and help during this great annual event.

Family Movie Nights

These happen at various times throughout the year. Making popcorn, choosing a movie, set up and clean up make this activity a fun way to come together either outside of in the Fleming Center with other families.

Trunk or Treat

A huge success and outreach to the local community, this event began in 2016. Celebrated the Sunday closest to All Hallow's Eve (or whenever it doesn't rain) this event welcomes children of all ages. We open and decorate trunks, provide games for the kids, along with some snacks and drinks.

Family Christmas Celebration

From Santa Breakfast to Polar Express Night to all areas of the Christmas story and season this event welcomes all children to an event which celebrates the Incarnation. Held during Advent this event will bring anyone into the Christmas Spirit.

Easter Egg Hunt

Held the Saturday before Easter in the afternoon this event brings children together to celebrate the search for the Risen Lord. Began in 2015 this event is open to our younger children and volunteers of any age.

Canoe and Kayak Trip

The beauty of our river valley is a great grace. This trip is a nice calm trip down the Susquehanna with a outdoor dinner to follow. A wonderful Sunday afternoon of prayer and fellowship.

St. Drogo Coffee House

St. Drogo, the patron saint of coffee, has truly blessed our fellowship every Sunday morning right after the 8am Holy Mass. Coffee and pastries are available for a small free will offering. Volunteers are always appreciated to help keep the coffee hot.

Women's Tea

A night of elegance and fellowship this night for women planned by women is a great event for women of all ages. Tea, finger sandwiches, desserts, and a great deal of laughter is a great way to spend an evening.

National Night Out

Beginning in August 2019, in collaboration with Love Unlimited, this nation-wide initiative is an annual community -building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live by building a sense of community. We provide free food, fun family activities and a bounce obstacle course bringing our community together.

Fundraising / Development

BINGO

Every Monday evening since 1978, this fundraising effort has been a staple for our parish. Volunteers are always needed to welcome our visitors and celebrate their winnings. Volunteers do not need to be available every Monday from 5:30pm until your schedule allows.

BINGO Kitchen

Open during the first half of BINGO the kitchen provides food and drink to participants. Volunteers are most welcome to help when available.

Fish Dinners

Served during the Season of Lent, these dinner are held on Ash Wednesday and alternate Fridays. Doors open around 4pm and close at 6:30pm. Volunteers are welcome at any time!

No-fish Fish Dinners

This new adventure is a spin on the popular Fish Dinners during Lent. Looking for new and inventive ways to not eat meat on Fridays. Ideas and volunteers are most welcome!

Little League Concessions

Every year hundreds of people flock the streets of Williamsport to celebrate Little League. This concession stand has all the food and drink that goes along with a great game of baseball. Help is always needed and volunteers are always appreciated.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Every year we collaborate with the Diocese of Scranton in order to care for those who are in need locally as well as throughout the Diocese. Help is needed to share the word and work toward our goal. Working together, we can spread the Gospel of Jesus to all in our small corner of the world.

Spaghetti Dinner

Celebrating our Italian Heritage in music and meals, our spaghetti dinner is authentic and delicious. Homemade sauce, meatballs, and a flavor of Italy which reminds you of Rome or the Amalfi Coast. Come learn how to cook like a real Italian (even if you only wish you were).

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry of Service / Social Justice

To welcome, love and journey with those suffering from oppression of any kind in order to alleviate their physical, emotional and spiritual needs so as to elevate all to the dignity of a child of God.

Outreach Ministries

Children's Clothing Closet

Opening our doors in 2014 this ministry provides clothing for little ones and support for the parents who bring them.

Every Tuesday through the year we can use help sorting and welcoming our guests in the Castellano Center for Community Outreach. Donations and volunteers are always appreciated!

Food Pantry

Open every Wednesday afternoon we welcome those who are in need to the basement of the Administration Building. Help is needed to gather our donations, bring them downstairs, sort and bag for our guests and, if needed, carry them up the stairs. All ages are welcome!

Family Promise

Two or three times a year we welcome families who are in need to the Castellano Center for Community Outreach. We need volunteers to help cook dinner and stay with our guests through the night.

First Friday Calls

Every First Friday our team of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visits our parish members who are homebound, in the hospitals, or in the nursing homes. If you just want to ride along and help hand out a bulletin and a smile, your presence would be greatly appreciated!

Hospital Ministry

Every Sunday a team of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion head to UPMC Susquehanna Hospital to bring Jesus to those who are sick. We also work with the hospital to train others to visit with the sick through the week.

Funeral Luncheons

Chicken Dinners during the week and Baked Ziti on Fridays are offered for the family in their time of grief. We serve the meals buffet style and clear the plates in order to help the families share time together. A wonderful ministry which shares the love of Christ.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Helps to address the financial needs of people who are in a difficult spot. Using financial consulting, this ministry helps to restore the dignity of the individual as it helps move them to a greater financial stability.

Prayer Warrior Ministry

No matter what you can't do - you can always pray! This ministry gathers together all the prayer needs of the parish and lifts them before our loving Father through intercessory prayer. You would be a member of a prayer chain to pray for all the needs of those who come to us for prayer.

St. Maria Goretti Prison Ministry

Every week we provide a Catholic Bible Study in the Lycoming County Prison. During this study we walk with those who have made some poor decisions in order to help them embrace the Sacrament of Reconciliation and come home!

Holiday Trees

Through the months of November to January, we collect needed items which help get people through the winter months. Hats, mittens, scarfs, gift cards, and food items are collected in a variety of events along with items for our military overseas. Help to distribute these items along with donations and collection of the items are greatly appreciated.

Facilities

Plumbers / Carpenters / Electricians / HVAC

Our facilities consist of five buildings. These buildings range from ancient to modern in their construction and design. We also have older members who are on a fixed income and are in need of help with their homes. If you are an individual who can help to advise and complete projects through the year we need your help. Many hands make light work. If you have been graced with the abilities to work with your hands, we can very much use your help.

Technology

Times they are changing and we need to keep up with the times in order to spread the Gospel. If you are versed in technology, web design, video, sound, phone systems, fire systems, security systems, or information technology, we can use your help to update our facilities and move forward in this technological age.

Gardeners / Landscapers

While we are looking at all that is technical we are also in need to help for the simpler things of life. God has graced us with some beautiful grounds. We are in need of people who like to tend the soil, trim, weed and work with God's grace around the buildings.

Church Cleaning

Every other Wednesday a group of people come together to clean the Lord's House. From sweeping to cleaning the pews and around the Holy Altar these men and women spend some time to make our church a very clean house of prayer.

Specialists

Always looking to where God is leading us we can use help from architects, designers, or any other specialist in order work with God's design for our future. If you have a special gift which is not listed on here please feel free to share so we can grow from your knowledge and understanding.

Ministry of Word / Life Long Learning

To develop, connect and foster an ongoing journey of faith which engages peoples of all ages and stages of faith through the exploration of relevant topics and various methods in order to lead all to a greater relationship with God rooted in the Catholic tradition.

Catechesis - Learning about the Faith

PreK through 6th Grade Classes

We offer Religious Education Classes on Sundays through the school year at 9:15am. They begin with a morning exercise of prayer and song which leads to a class focused on our Catholic Faith.

Catechists (PreK through 6th Grade)

We are always in need of help to teach our students in the ways of faith. If you are interested in being a catechist or helper there is some training necessary. Mostly, we need a person with an open heart and willingness to grow with the students in their relationship with Christ.

Vacation Bible School

Every summer we offer a fun and exciting opportunity to grow in our faith. Using multimedia, song, snack, and fun games we come together to celebrate our faith for one week. A variety of volunteers are needed in order to make this week such a success.

Challenge & Conquest

Are 100%, service-based ministries for boys and girls **grades 3rd-6th** (with the potential of expanding (K-6th). The programs teach about virtues, saints, while also completing service projects. Meetings take place Thursday evenings in the Fleming Center from 5:30-7:30pm. Dinner and fun included! Adults needed as mentors and guides.

Confirmation Preparation

According to the guidelines of the Diocese of Scranton we offer a two year program for the formation of our students who are between 7th and 12th grade. They meet Sundays after the 5pm Holy Mass throughout the school year. These students work with their mentors and fellow students to grow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they approach this special Sacrament.

Confirmation Mentors

We are in need of adults who have received their Sacrament of Confirmation to be mentors for our students. You would walk with our students through their two year program and help with growing in their understanding of their faith and how to put their faith into practice. They would meet with the students every Sunday evening during the school year.

Youth Ministry (LifeTeen)

We continue to walk with our students in developing their understanding of their lived faith through LifeTeen. Taking relevant topics we look at the Scripture and Tradition of the Church and see how our faith still applies to our life today. They meet every Sunday through the school year after the 5pm Holy Mass.

Youth Ministry Mentors

We are always in need of chaperones and adults who have received their Sacrament of Confirmation to mentor our students through to their young adulthood. Must be willing to talk about your journey of faith and how that journey has brought you the faith, hope and love needed in our world today. They meet with the students every Sunday or as needed.

John Bower Basketball Church League

This is for **Pre-School to 12th grade** students November to February. Beginning in 1962 this is the longest running ecumenical church league in the country. With one practice and game a week we build fellowship and a healthy sense of competition. Coaches are always needed and appreciated.

Reflections

Reflections group is a gathering of senior adults at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Offered on a weekday, Reflections usually includes Mass together, followed by a meal, and then a prayer experience or social experience. Our SJW parish community bond grows as we help each other to grow in faith. It is so good to gather as God's family- come join us!

Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana)

This new ministry is for a married couple to walk with a couple who is approaching the Sacrament of Matrimony. This ministry is starting to take shape and more information will be forth coming.

Baptismal Preparation Classes

We have a group of families who are willing to work with young couples. These families walk with the young couples through the Sacrament of Baptism, Godparents, and offer advice on how to live the faith in our modern times. We offer sessions once a month or as needed and rotate monthly.

Adult Faith Formation

Deacon Smith offers a class every Thursday Evening and Sunday Morning during the school year. Along with this we are looking at growing book studies and small group experiences in order to spread the faith to all who are searching. Meeting the person where they are along their journey, it is our hope to help them grow in their relationship with Christ and His Church.

Young Adult Ministry

This relatively new ministry works in collaboration with Penn College of Technology in order to reach out to students from ages 18 to 35. This ministry hopes to help these young adults to grow stronger in their faith and embrace their vocation in our larger world.

New to the Faith and Don't Know Where to Start?

Welcoming Committee

This newly formed committee is looking for volunteers who are interested in welcoming all people to our parish family. From tours of our church, to welcoming strangers at Holy Mass, to welcoming new members of our community in Williamsport, to finding ways to welcoming people who are searching, this committee forms the heart of our parish.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

The RCIC is for children who have passed the age of reason (7) up to 18 years old and have not been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church. Welcoming them into the faith and helping them grow in their relationship with Christ and His Church.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The RCIA is for anyone older than 18 years of age who has not been baptized or who is not a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The team journeys with them, helping them grow in their understanding of Scripture and Tradition and welcomes them into communion with the Church on Easter Vigil. We also walk with them as they continue their journey to an adult faith and relationship with Christ.

Welcome Home

In a confusing world people sometimes drift away from their faith and find themselves away from the Church not knowing how to come home. This new initiative is to welcome those who have wandered from the fold. We are in need of welcoming hearts and willing spirits to leave the 99 and go searching for that one lost sheep. If you are interested in coming home to the Catholic Church, WELCOME HOME!

Evangelization - Living the Faith

There are great ways to live your faith in fellowship with others your age and interests. Here are a few:

Steubenville Experience / Service Experience

Family Faith Formation

Pro-Life Society / Students for Life

Knights of Columbus (Men of the Worker)

Women of the Worker

Christian Women

Ancient Order of Hibernians

If you are interested in starting a fellowship opportunity or examining another means of sharing the Gospel please contact Fr. Brian or anyone from the staff. We would love to explore how the Holy Spirit is directing our parish family. Finally, if you are interested in exploring retreat opportunities please let us know.

Visit us at SJWPARISH.COM or on Facebook

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 11

Veteran's Day Remembrance

BINGO @ 5pm, Fleming Center

RCIA @ 6:30-8:15pm, Admin Bldg

Tuesday, November 12

Children's Clothing Closet @ 10am, Castellano

Choir of Angels @ 6pm, Admin Bldg

Annual Appeal @ 6:30pm, Admin Bldg

Wednesday, November 13

Church Cleaning @ 9am

Veteran's Luncheon @ 11:30am, SJNRA

Centering Prayer @ 1pm, Admin Bldg

Food Pantry @ 4pm, Admin Bldg

Diocesan DRE Meeting @ 6pm, Fleming

Rosary @ 6:30pm, Grotto

Choir Practice @ 7:00pm, Admin Bldg

Thursday, November 14

Challenge & Conquest @ 5:30pm, Fleming

Adult Bible Study @ 7pm, Admin Bldg

Youth Advisory @ 7pm, Admin Bldg

Friday, November 15

Men's Conference, Men's Retreat Begins

St. Gabriel's Monastery, Clarks Summit

Saturday, November 16

Men's Prayer Group @ 7am, Admin Bldg

WOW meeting @ 9:15am, Admin Bldg

Food Collection for Thanksgiving at all Weekend Masses

Sunday, November 17

Adult Bible Study @ 9:15am, Admin Bldg

Choir practice @ 9:45am, Admin Bldg

The Big Give @ 11:30am, Fleming

Christian Women @ 3pm, Fleming

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Our Weekly Collections

Weekly Budgeted Collections:	\$ 12,358.00
Weekly Collection:	\$ 12,808.00
Collection Budget Year to Date:	\$ 234,802.00
Collections Year to Date:	\$ 243,154.12
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 8,352.12
Diocesan Annual Appeal	\$ 60,375.38
Percent of Goal	75%
Percent of Participation	20%

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 11, St. Martin of Torres
8:00 am **Menotti Sammarco** (Wife, Giannina)
TUESDAY, November 12, St. Josaphat
12:10 pm **All Souls Remembrances**
WEDNESDAY, November 13, St. Frances Xavier
8:00 am **Grace Sheehan** (Frank & Larry Stetts)
THURSDAY, November 14
12:10 pm **Ken Heffner** (Judy Spotts)
FRIDAY, November 15, St. Albert the Great
8:00 am **Bette Lynagh** (Arts & Crafts Ladies)
SATURDAY, November 16,
St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertrude
8:30 am **Msgr. Francis J. Beeda**
5:00 pm **Duane Harvey** (Mary Ann & Dave Cipriani)
SUNDAY, November 17, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am **Rev. John K. Manno** (Jinny Borek)
10:30 am **Joseph & Florence McFadden** (Family)
5:00 pm **Living & Deceased Members & Benefactors of St Joseph the Worker**

Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday night @ 6:30pm



CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Orders due by NOV. 25
St Joseph the Worker Youth Ministry
Call Parish Office to order!

THANKSGIVING FOOD PROCESSION TO BENEFIT OUR FOOD PANTRY weekend of November 16 & 17



We would like to make up Holiday bags to give out to Food Pantry clients during the Christmas Season.

Our goal is 125 bags to give out between Thanksgiving & Christmas.

Instant Mashed Potatoes	Bag of Candy or Cookies
Canned Fruit	Fruit Snacks
Canned Vegetables	Hot Chocolate
Gravy	Grocery Gift Cards
Cranberry Sauce	

**All items are for NOVEMBER & DECEMBER
Food Pantry items.**

Thank you for your continued support!

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14

Psalm: Psalm 17

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5

Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38

Car Talk: As the great seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas approach, how do you share the story of your family's faith journey?