



March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday–Friday:..... 9:00 AM–3:30 PM
Closed Daily..... Noon–1:00 PM
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**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PRE-K PROGRAM**

Early Childhood 3–4 years old
Bonnie Sandusky.....**Teacher**
Evelyn Connors.....**Teacher's Aide**
Pre-School Phone..... **724-887-9550**

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday 8:30 AM (SJE)
Wednesday, Friday 8:30 AM (SJBS)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 PM (SJBS)
Sunday 8:30 AM (SJE)
Sunday 10:30 AM (SJBS)

Holy Days of Obligation

Holy Day Vigil 6:00 PM (SJE)
Holy Day 6:00 PM (SJBS)

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Daily before / after Mass and by appt.
Saturday: 3:30–4:00 PM (SJBS)
Sunday: 8:00–8:30 AM (SJE)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

All are welcome to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 AM Mass Tuesdays at (SJE) until concluding at 10:00 AM with Benediction.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism is celebrated at Sunday Eucharist. To arrange a date and instructions for the Sacrament please call the Parish Office, 724-887-6321.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements can be made by calling the office at least one year in advance.

RCIA/Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

Those interested in learning about becoming a member of the Catholic Faith contact Parish Office, 724-887-6321

Sponsors for Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are required to provide a certificate of eligibility if they are not a member of our Partner Parish. To be a sponsor, you must be Baptized and Confirmed. Any parishioner needing a certificate of eligibility to be a sponsor for another parish is required to personally visit the Pastoral Center to obtain a certificate at our office during business hours.

NEW MEMBERS

If you wish to join the faith community of the Partner Parish of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph please contact the Pastoral Center.

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**Partner Parish of St. John the Baptist
and
St. Joseph**



MISSION STATEMENT



The Living Faith Community of Saint John the Baptist, Scottsdale, PA and Saint Joseph, Everson, PA are bridged by our common Baptism, while maintaining our respective ethnic heritages. We are called by Jesus Christ to be a nurturing community through worship and service.



We are committed to preserve our Catholic beliefs centered on the Eucharist as we become better disciples while continuing to develop strong lay leadership.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we share a vision for the future. We will become a vibrant Partner Parish where all feel loved and welcomed.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Stubborn, wicked, and immoral speech gain a person nothing. Rather, this type of speech contrasts with the wisdom of the Lord's Word. In a few pithy proverbs, the author of Sirach instructs us about how our words reveal both our faults and our goodness (the fruits we bear). Only after people speak can we praise them, for only then will we know if their speech has reflected the Lord's word.

Responsorial Psalm 92: The refrain from Psalm 92:2a states a simple, but profound truth about how good it is to give thanks to the Lord. Psalm 92 in its entirety is a psalm of thanksgiving. The verses use the nature image of a tree flourishing and thereby connect directly with the passage from Sirach. Those who praise and thank the Lord and plant themselves firmly in him will bear fruit throughout their lives.

Second Reading: Paul draws the connection between death and sin and acclaims that victory over death comes from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul solidifies for the Corinthians and for us that death's sting is no more in Jesus Christ. Paul's words urge the community of believers to remain devoted to following the Lord for it leads to a share in Christ's Resurrection. This is a tall order for a community as divided as the Corinthians, but Paul knows they can succeed when they remain in the Lord.

Gospel: Jesus turns to short parables as he continues to teach the disciples on the plain. The disciples hear how their teacher will train them in his ways: how they should not judge another person when sin remains in them; and how trees are known by the fruit they bear—a direct connection to the First Reading from Sirach. The Gospel reading concludes as we hear Jesus speak what we could consider an obvious tautology: good comes from good and evil from evil. We speak what is in our heart—let that be goodness!!



PARTNER PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

“Open your heart to HOPE,” the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps parishes build HOPE. The DLA supports renovations and repairs in the parishes. Go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE for a video of Father William McGuirk, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood, explaining how the parish received \$40,000 from the DLA last year. They used it to renovate the social hall and remodel its kitchen, making it a more pleasant gathering space for the parish community. To make an online DLA donation to your parish visit dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.



Ash Wednesday

Mass for Ash Wednesday will be at Noon at St. John the Baptist

A Word Service & distribution of ashes will be at 6:00pm at St. Joseph

The Partner Parish Fish Fry will be from 11am to 6pm. And continue every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday.

Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday's at 7pm. The first one will be at St. Joseph's, 3/8/19



Come support our Basket Raffle at the Partner Parish Fish Fry, starting Ash Wednesday, March 6th!!

Here's a look at last year's AMAZING turn out!!

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TEACHER AIDE- EVELYN CONNORS

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Lent begins this Wednesday, March 6th which also means the start of our Annual Partner Parish Fish Fry. What better way to start Lent. We are in need of a number of items and if you could help in any way we would truly appreciate it. We need pop, bottled water, #10 green beans, baked goods for sale with the actual meal, and volunteers. We need help with taking orders, serving of food, dish washing and food prep. If you could help in anyway even if it is only for an hour we would appreciate it. All donations help defray the costs. If you can't do any of the above, we always accept monetary donations. As always, thank you for everything you do for the Partner Parish. You may contact the Pastoral Center if you have any questions or would like to donate.



Charity Outreach

724-217- 6259

Charity Outreach will be open the following dates:

- March 5th 3:00pm- 5:00pm
- March 22nd 10:30am- 12:30pm
- April 12th 10:30am- 12:30pm
- April 23rd 3:00pm- 5:00pm



Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

Next weekend, Carter Poorman will begin his final period of preparation to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church. His period of catechumenate will end with a Rite of

Sending and Rite of Election. The Rite of Sending, which will take place at St. John the Baptist Church on March 10th at the 10:00 AM Mass, allows the local community to express its approval of the catechumen and send him off to the ceremony of election assured of the parish's care and support.

The Rite of Election will take place on March 10 at The Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg with Bishop Edward Malesik as the presiding celebrant. This second step in Christian initiation is the liturgical rite called both election (because this step is founded in the election by God, in whose name the church acts) and the enrollment of names (because it is a pledge of fidelity from those who will inscribe their names in the book).

Carter is a Third Grade student and is the son of Brittany Poorman. His sponsor is Brooke Zimmerman. The prayers of the entire faith community go with Carter as he ends the period of catechumenate and becomes one of the elect. We offer our love and support as he prepares to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil this year.

Next week we look forward to the March Generations of Faith session when we will discuss Mercy on our Journey. We will take an in-depth look at the history and prayers of Divine Mercy, and will also consider how we, as followers of Christ, are called to pass that mercy on to others. Please consider joining us for this most important discussion.

Confirmation Preparation Classes



March 3rd at 4pm
March 31st at 4pm
St. John Social Hall

Lent Food Collection

**Instead of giving up something for Lent.....
Can you give something instead??**

Starting on Ash Wednesday, Charity Outreach will be starting a Lenten Food Collection.

The items can either be brought into the church weekly or at the end of Lent. Please see the insert for the items that are in need!

Thank you for always supporting Charity Outreach!!

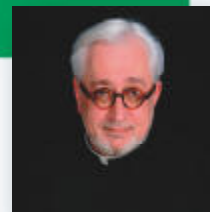


March 9-10, 2019

SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
<u>4:00 PM</u> Gillott	Miedel	Anderson*, Morrocco, Waters
<u>8:30 AM</u> Rudnik Ware	Tiedeman	Konieczny*, Shemo, McCune
<u>10:30 AM</u> D Sebeck T Sebeck	Domurat	Gamon*, A Capo, S Capo



March 2	5:00pm	Mardi Gras
March 3	4:00pm	Confirmation Prep
	7:00pm	Men's Group
March 4	6:30pm	Worship Meeting
March 5	3-5:00pm	Charity Outreach
March 6	12:00pm	Ash Wednesday
	6:00pm	Word Service
March 7	6-7:30pm	Sacramental Prep
	7:00pm	Evangelization



“Texting with Father Andrew”

Are there topics within our Catholic Faith that you have wanted more information on, but just have not had the nerve to ask about? Are you shy & prefer not to ask questions in front of other people at events or meetings, in regard to our faith? Our Partner Parish is now embracing a texting app that allows you to ask the questions which have intrigued you, all within the comfort of your own home. The name of the app is heywillow, which will allow you to ask the questions about our faith & beliefs without everyone knowing that it was your question.

With heywillow conversations are started in one of two ways:

1. Parishioners can simply text into our heywillow number, 724-202-1465. By texting into that number, you can sign up, verify your number, and then wait for Father to initiate a session, which then you can accept or decline.
2. If you prefer to join thru opening a web page, our Parish has been given a join link you can use instead of texting into the number. Our link is: my.heywillow.com/start/SJBSJ

There is never an app that has to be downloaded & can all be done thru texting. Your number & name remain anonymous! The only name that will appear during the session will be Father Andrew's name. Just as a reminder: You will NEVER have to download any app.

Our Partner Parish will use HeyWillow to help grow & develop our Parish's Spiritual strength & knowledge. We would like to be able to eventually have everyone go thru one of our “Texting with Father Andrew” sessions. The sessions will be 3 weeks long, taking place on Sunday nights, at 9pm for a total of 20 minutes. During this time, we will discuss a topic that is pertinent to the Catholic Faith & may intrigue you to dig deeper into parts of our faith that you never knew existed! We encourage all questions related to the topic, as there is never a stupid or wrong question to be asked! When your session is over, it will be your responsibility to pass a name & number on to the Pastoral Center, for the next sessions to begin. We also ask you to come up with a topic that will be used for a later session. If you would like to be included in that session, please be sure to let us know!

Some of the Topics that will be used during “Texting with Father Andrew” are:

- The need of Sacraments in people's lives
- The Meaning of Lent
- Spiritual Darkness
- First Friday- Confession & prayers of the Sacred Heart
- The meaning of Holy Week
- The meaning of Advent
- The meaning of Ordinary Time
- The presence of the Devil
- The idea of the Mercy of God
- Sinfulness & Forgiving yourself
- The Sacrament of Marriage & its importance

Our first session will be on March 10th at 9:00pm, wear your comfy clothes!

News from the Diocese:

Legion of Mary Acies

will take place at Our Lady of Grace Church on Sunday, March 17, 2019. Bishop Edward Malesic will celebrate mass at 10:30 AM followed by the Rosary, Legion Prayers and Act of Consecration to Our Lady. All active and auxiliary members are requested to attend. For details contact Henna Bautista: henatb@comcast.net



Attention! Attention! Attention!

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Now Accepting Nominations:

Diocesan Youth Honors Choir for FamilyFest 2019

“Celebrate with Joy: The Ministry of Cantor!” workshops around the diocese

All cantors in the diocese are invited to join Thomas Octave, the diocese’s director of sacred music, for a FREE evening workshop to reinvigorate your ministry. It will start with a review of practical skills and move toward building confidence and passion for your ministry. The workshops will be held March 11 at 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin; March 13 at 7 p.m. at Mount St. Peter Parish, New Kensington; and March 18 at 7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottdale.



A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Lord, Holy One, have mercy on us. We confess our sins to you. We have fallen short of your glory and without your mercy and grace, we would be dust. We repent now. Lord, as we enter into this Lenten season, be near to us. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to feel right conviction and repentance for our sin. Help us, by your Spirit, to have the strength to overcome the enemy.

Thank you, Lord, that Easter is coming! Death has no sting, no victory, because of Jesus! Glory and honor and praise to His name! Thank you for rescuing us. Help us

keep both the weight and the joy of this season in our hearts and we move through the next several weeks. Help us bear the good fruit of your Spirit.

Thank you that the ashes on our forehead do not symbolize our ultimate reality. From dust we might have been formed, but our bodies, our spirits, ourselves, await beautiful redemption and the restoration of all things. Help us long and look forward to that day, and let it come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.



Are you getting married?

Catholic Engaged Encounter is an opportunity for Christian couples to prepare for a lifetime commitment. If you desire a loving faithful, permanent and life giving marriage, consider attending a Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend. This marriage preparation program presents a comprehensive, up-close and personal look at marriage. For more information, please call George and Pat Ziringer at 724-335-4966 or ziringer@comcast.net or

www.greensburgcee.com. The next scheduled

weekends will be held in Greensburg on April 26-28.

The Creation Care Team will hold a one-hour program titled “Beyond a Throwaway Culture” on March 21 at 1:00 in the Social Hall. The program will include prayer, lots of information, discussion and ideas for individual and family action. Light refreshments will be served. Register by calling Sister Edie at the 724-547-1911, so that we don’t over-order food. Come and bring a friend! If you can’t come on March 21, it is also being offered on March 7 at 1:00 at St. Pius X Parish Hall in Mt. Pleasant. St. Pius X Church is located at 224 Summit Street; Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666. Again, please call Sister Edie at 724-547-1911 to register.

THE WELL Men’s Conference to be held March 30

The diocese’s Men’s Ministry Team will host THE WELL Men’s Conference on March 30 at Greensburg Central Catholic. The event includes workshops, open discussions, the sacrament of reconciliation and adoration, and it concludes with Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic. The keynote speaker will be Mike McCoy, an Erie native who is a former Notre Dame and NFL star. Register at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKLY COLLECTION-ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

February 24, 2018

Saturday, March 2 **NO MORNING MASS**

SJBS—4:00 PM + Phyllis Cunningham— *Daughters
Mary Kay & Joyce*

Sunday, March 3

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SJE- 8:30 AM + Julia Stanek— *Stanley Kramarski*

SJBS- 10:30 AM + For Parishioners

Monday, March 4

SJE- 8:30am + Joseph Skrobacz— *M/M J Konieczny*

Tuesday, March 5

SJE- 8:30 AM + John Nguyen- *Hien Nguyen*

Wednesday, March 6

SJBS- 12:00pm + Alojzy Skwarko Death Anniversary-
Fr. Andrew & Sister, Pola

Thursday, March 7 **NO MORNING MASS**

Friday, March 8

SJBS-8:30am + Victoria Grimm— *CDA*

Saturday, March 9 **NO MORNING MASS**

SJBS—4:00 PM + For Parishioners

Sunday, March 10

First Sunday of Lent

SJE- 8:30 AM + Mary Ann Demagail-
John & Carol Konieczny

SJBS- 10:30 AM + James E. Hixson, Jr-
Brother, Vincent



Envelopes.....	\$ 4197.00
Loose.....	\$ 99.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 20.00
Accent.....	\$ 2.00
TOTAL REGULAR.....	\$ 4218.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 308.00

Just a friendly reminder to use a check & if you are putting in for multiple weeks, please only use one envelope!

WEEKLY COLLECTION- ST. JOSEPH

February 24, 2018

Envelopes.....	\$ 2390.00
Loose.....	\$ 39.00
Candles.....	\$ 73.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$ 10.00
Endowment.....	\$ 5.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 15.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$ 10.00
Home Missions.....	\$ 5.00
TOTAL REGULAR.....	\$ 2547.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 381.00

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.



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