

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Joseph the Worker Parish
"Please Pray for our Troops"

In the Mass this Week: *O Lord our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life.*

The Prayer over the Offerings for this week dates from the sixth century. Originally associated with a time of fasting, thus referring to "these created things to sustain us in our frailty" (i.e. bread and wine, ordinary food). This prayer reminds us that God takes from our ordinary gifts of bread and wine and transforms them into Christ's Body and Blood, the "Sacrament of eternal life." This is the food that really matters, the Bread of Life, may we always receive it worthily.

In the Mass every Week: *Then, when it is prescribed, this hymn is either sung or said:* Glory to God in the highest...

"The *Gloria in excelsis* (Glory to God in the highest) is a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb (who is Christ)." *General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 53*
This hymn dates back to the sixth century and likely earlier in the Eastern churches. Its use has been part of the Mass of the Latin rite of the Church since that time. Originally limited to Masses where the Pope or another Bishop was present, eventually its use was expanded to include Sundays, feasts of Apostles and Martyrs and other feasts. In the Missal of 1570, which was largely unchanged up to 1962, the Gloria was sung (or said) after the Kyrie and before the priest greeted the people. Now, coming after the Greeting, Penitential Act and Kyrie, the Gloria adds a festive character to the Masses when it is prescribed. That would be for Sundays (outside Lent, Advent and once every seven years or so when All Souls falls on a Sunday), Solemnities and Feasts that occur during the week. It may also be sung on "special occasions of a more solemn character"—for example, Confirmations, Ordinations, even wedding Masses. Any time that a community is offering a more festive celebration of the Eucharist it could be sung. The opening lines come from St Luke's account of the Birth of Jesus as the angel hosts sang to the shepherds, but the full text of this hymn is a praise of the Father and the Son that has a general note of praise and was first and foremost associated with the Easter season. Though it may be recited, its nature as a hymn suggests that it be sung, and a composition where it is sung "straight-through" rather than in a refrain style, helps to preserve the text in its most ancient use. No other hymn or song may ever be substituted in the Gloria's place. The Gloria is a perfect way for us to begin our Mass praising God, even before we begin to hear His Word. In fact, it prepares us to hear His Word, the One to whom every prayer and praise should be addressed.

ADULT EDUCATION on "CATHOLICISM, A Journey to the Heart of the Faith" Father Robert Barron's award winning series THIS Tuesday FEB. 7, 2012 at 7:00PM in the Fleming Center with Father Kirby.

- **TOPIC this week :** "The Ineffable Mystery of God—That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought"

Father Barron considers St. Anselm's description of God as "that than which nothing greater can be thought," and goes on to explain St. Thomas Aquinas' arguments which support the claim that God truly exists. He also speaks from the Catholic tradition about the nature of God and the challenging question of evil and the existence of God.

To provide a vision of the ineffable majesty and mystery of God, Father Barron invites us to the heights of the Sinai desert and makes his way to mysterious Istanbul, walks the glittering streets of Paris and then captivates the viewer with the glories of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.



FINANCES AT ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH—Your stewardship and generosity to your parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping make our weekly budget.

Last Week's Collection— \$13,341.10
Weekly Collection Budget—\$14,500.00

BINGO Monday, February 6, 2012 in the Fleming Center. Doors open at 5pm. Bingo begins at 6:30pm. Volunteers are always NEEDED and WELCOMED to sell tickets, work in the kitchen, or help in any way. Give it a try!

FOUR LEAF CLOVER CLUB:

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| 01/27/12 | #346 Lois & Jerry Hughes | \$100.00 |
| 01/28/12 | #502 Gary Pfleeger | \$ 50.00 |



Feb. 10 (NEXT Friday) VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER—Fleming Center, 6pm Social—6:30pm Dinner—Dancing 8-10pm. Call parish office to RSVP 323-9456 or sjwparish@chilitech.net by Monday, Feb. 6.

Feb. 14 ((Tuesday) Yokefellow Valentine's Day ROSE SALE—One dozen multi-colored Roses delivered to your home or office. Orders due by Feb. 10 to Jim Foran 916-6277.

Feb. 17 (Friday) Night at the Races sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Cost of horse \$10.00 includes admission, food & beverages. To purchase horses call Brian McQuillen 435-2585, Greg Forsburg 322-2130 or Chris Norris 323-7789. Doors open at 6pm—races begin at 7pm.

Feb. 18 (Saturday) MARDI GRAS—Fleming Center, Buffet 7:30pm—Dancing 8pm-midnight—Doors open at 7pm. Must be 21 years of age. Adults advance \$15.00—door \$18.00. Tickets available at the parish office.

Feb. 19 (Sunday) CHRISTIAN WOMEN Meeting, 3pm at Mater Dolorosa. Speaker: Father David Bechtel. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Christian Women will be collecting toiletries during February for Shepherd of the Streets.

Christian Women CRAFT SHOW Saturday March 24 8am-2pm in the Fleming Center.

Feb. 19 (Sunday) 30th Annual ECUMENICAL PRE-LENTEN SERVICE—Christ UM Church, 148 S Main St., Hughesville at 7:30PM. Speaker: Rev. Glenn McCreary, pastor Resurrection Church, Muncy.



BAPTISMAL JOY The following children were baptized into our parish family in January. Please keep them and their families in your prayers:

- Hunter Bruce, son of Kevin & Rose Mumbauer
- Bromwyn Bess, daughter of Eric & Jennifer Keener
- Ellory Starr, daughter of Stephen & Leslie Freeman

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION**

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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Classes TODAY Sunday, Feb. 5 for PreK –8th grade and each Sunday until President's Day weekend Feb. 19th.

HIGH SCHOOL—9th-12th Grade meet **Sunday Feb. 26** from 6-8pm—3rd floor SJS building.

Mass / Class Each Weekend is an old adage ... but important to all of us to be mindful as we continue each Sunday in the New Year. We thank all parents and grandparents who assist us so much by their presence, example and encouragement each Sunday.

Safe Environment for Children Lesson Plan will be taught during the regular Religious Education class next weekend Feb. 12 with the exception of 3rd grade and the high school levels. Please call Jim Foran if you have any questions.

First Communion meeting was held last Sunday. If you have any questions or concerns at any time please contact Jim Foran. A few photos are still needed, these can be dropped off at the Religious Ed office.

CONFIRMATION NEWS:

- **CONFIRMATION RETREAT, Saturday MARCH 10, 2012 at Fatima Center in Dalton.** All Confirmation students please mark this date on your calendar. Transportation, meals, retreat, etc. all provided. Please call Jim Foran if you have any questions or concerns.
- **Confirmation Fee** may be paid at the Religious Ed office Sunday morning or at the parish office 8:30am-4:00pm.
- **Sponsor sheets** are due please give to Small Group Facilitator or Religious Ed office, if you have not done this. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School: Looking ahead to the summer, please join us for our first planning meeting for 2012 VBS. Anyone interesting in volunteering as a catechist, with music, games, or arts and crafts should plan on attending. We will be meeting on Wednesday, **Feb. 29th** at 7pm in the SJS building in the conference room on the first floor. For more information, or if you're unable to attend, please contact Jim or Mandy.

World Marriage Day observance Sunday Feb. 12. Please pray for married couples in our Diocese and around the world. Pray that they may continue to cooperate with God's grace amidst the inevitable ups and downs of life, persevering to the end.

Prayers for Healing: Please pray for and support those parish family members who are sick or with special medical intentions: Warren C. Houseknecht, Sophie Ross, Tom Derone, Lynn Marie Busch, Bernice Kuna, Lorenzo Minnella, Patricia Shuey, Joyce McMullen, Donna Magill, Dan Gerber, Kay Hunter, Chase Aderhold, Joann Nau, James Lusk, Mary Paulus, A.J. Asiello, Al Pompeo, Tim Repella, Auburn Segraves, Vince Grazulis, Crystal Lacey, Lorie Noviello, Cobe Johnson, Charles Jean, Matt Tedesco, Joe Bacon, Betty Carnevale, Theresa Sniffen, Ed Nolan, V. Kay Hunter, William Cummings, Jr., Patti West, Lucile Morrison, Louis Hart, Mike Jones, Richard Hafer, Billy Greenawalt, Hank Colling, Richard & Diane Blee, Michael Gardner, Kevin Plocinski, Merrill "Moe" Johnston, Beth Ann Smith, Mary Mileto, Hannah Freeze, Mary Margaret Steinbacher, Bertha Poliska, Josephine Ruch, Dorothy Pasukinis, Jim McNamee, Mary Hulse, Janet Bullock, Jeff Pauling, Ron Groover, Chris Cupp, Romaine James, Chanese Fischer, Nancy Charles, Kathie Tupper Brelsford, Shirley Grove, Eileen Markel, Annabelle Bennett, Mary Claire Hunter, Jim Irvin, Charlie Greenawalt, Sally O'Neill, Thressa Rosato, Jean Hostrander, Jessica McKenzie, Irene Gohrig, Franklin Williams, Mary Grace Knepley, Greg Leta, Cassidy Way, Angie Salvatori, Bob Ardell, Katie Webster, Carmen Compton. **Please call the parish office to add or remove names from the list.**

Masses For The Week

MONDAY, February 6, St. Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs
8:00 am **James & Mary Naughton** (Family)
12:10 pm **Orville Long** (Wife, Valaria)

TUESDAY, February 7
8:00 am **Joseph Missigman, III** (Larry Reidy)
12:10 pm **Bob Betson** (Bingo Workers)

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8, St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita
8:00 am **Genevieve Paduano** (Robert & Nadine Pelleschi)
12:10 pm **Lucille Dudek** (Regina Boroski)

THURSDAY, February 9
8:00 am **Tracy Mariano** (Deb & Mike Foust & Family)
12:10 pm **Edward Zerbe** (Sam & Jane Hess, Jr.)

FRIDAY, February 10, St. Scholastica
8:00 am **Doris Dugan** (Her Sister, Rose Campana)
12:10 pm **Annie Knecht Starner** (Her Sister, Vicki Synoracki)

SATURDAY, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes
8:30 am **Intentions of Priests**
4:00 pm **Kaitlyn Rishcoff** (Grandparents, Pat & Don Rishcoff)
5:30 pm **Mary Steppy** (Mr&Mrs Gerard Ennis & Family)

SUNDAY, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am **Karen Dudek** (Jean & Joe Borowiec & Family)
9:15 am **Dr. Louis Campana** (Wife, Rose)
10:30 am **Joseph & Lorraine Shebest** (Family)
5:00 pm **Living & Deceased Parish Members**

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars for a night to remember! Internationally recognized **Catholic musician TONY MELENDEZ** will be performing a FREE concert on **Sunday March 18th** at 7pm at St. Boniface Church. For more on Tony, check out his website at www.tonymelendez.com. For more information about this all ages concert, or to make a donation to this program, please contact Mandy at sjwparishyouthministry@gmail.com or call 323-3799.

Youth Ministry Mandy Bair 244-7963

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Soup-er Bowl of Caring: This weekend, please join us as we participate in the national Soup-er Bowl of Caring by donating non-perishable food items. Youth volunteers will be available at the doors following all Masses to collect donations for the SJW Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!

Parents Night Out: Saturday February 11th 6 – 9 PM – Fleming Center - Enjoy Valentine's Day weekend with a FREE babysitting service provided by the 7th-12th grade youth of St. Joseph the Worker. Children up to age 12 are invited to join us for games and other activities, as well as a movie and a snack. Children may be dropped off to the Fleming Center no earlier than 5:45pm and picked up no later than 9:15pm. Registration forms available in the back of the church, in the Parish Office, (or online on the Parish website). Forms must be returned to the Parish Office, or in the collection basket, no later than Friday, February 10th. For more information, please contact the Parish Office, or Mandy.

ISL: Student Leadership Retreat to be held February 24-26th at the Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton, PA. Cost is \$125 for the weekend, includes meals, lodging, and materials. Financial assistance is available from SJW. Please contact Mandy for more information, or register online at www.dioceseofscranton.org

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