

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Private Mass Intentions for the week:

Monday, May 25th

Memorial Day

8:30AM Special Intention

Tuesday, May 26th

6:30AM Van Horn Family

Wednesday, May 27th

6:30AM Chris Callahan

Thursday, May 28th

6:30PM Grover Sill

Friday, May 29th

6:30AM Elizabeth Shahadi

Saturday, May 30th

8:30AM Mario Pennetti

5:00PM Vigil Mass – LIVE STREAM

*a letter
from the pastor*

Dear Friends,

Memorial Day is this Monday. It is usually a day of parades and celebrations. Usually the time many families see as the unofficial beginning of Summer. Trips to the beach, celebrating at family cookouts at home or the park. This Memorial day may not be usual. What was hoped to be a temporary situation has blurred it's way almost into June and there is nothing "usual" anymore.

In spite of the unusual situation we find ourselves in, may we take a moment on Memorial Day to remember those who gave so much and the many who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. It seems ironic to celebrate this day, when we do not feel free. We are not free to do many of the things that were "usual" and typical to the holiday. Despite the limitations on our freedom it is a solemn reminder of those who have given so much and the many who are presently giving so much for us to regain our freedom, regain our normal.

Memorial Day is a day to remember. This Memorial Day may we remember in thought and prayer all those who gave their lives for our freedom. May we also remember in the same way all those who give of themselves to care for our sick and elderly, protect our civil liberties, ensure we have food to eat and essentials. We remember all those on the "front line" in healthcare and first responders who have given so much and for some the ultimate sacrifice. We pray for those who are working so hard to find a vaccine for this virus, which has consumed much of our freedom.

When this unusual time passes may we remember to appreciate even more our "freedom" and never take for granted how quickly it can be taken away. To be a citizen of the United States of America is something to cherish and hold sacred. May God bless you all this Memorial Day and May God Bless the United States of America with peace and a vaccine.

And lastly, please pray for me as I do for you.

Msgr. Vogan



**ANYONE WHO RECEIVES A TEXT OR EMAIL
CLAIMING TO BE MSGR. VOGAN
ASKING FOR HELP OF ANY KIND -
DO NOT RESPOND THEY ARE A SCAM!**



Please remember in your prayers all our sick:

Margaret Adamek, Brian Allison, Dakota Almeida, Jim Bakey, Bob Belczyk, Marie Biddle, Bernice Bonsmann, Jack Boyette, Theresa Bucella, Paul Bufano, Sophia Bufano, Virginia Burbage, Dennis Burns, Greyson Burke, Cathy Carrol, Susan Crowley, Anne Davis, Barbara DeLeon, Thomas Duggan, Amanda Durkholder, Kelly Eberz, George Edelmann, Joseph Eichinger, Sharon Feist, Janice Ford, Fr. Mike Freynes, MHM. Laurie Frost, Kim, Fry, Daniel Garvin, Krysten Gentile, Heidi Goldberg, Karen Gormley, Anne Hagg, Margaret Hardy, Robert Harron, Helena Hart, Conall Harvey, Charles Hee, Tony Iacone, Sylvester Jenifer, John Johnson, Rosemarie Johnson, Regina Johnson, Jennifer Kelly, Lizzy Kelly, Shyla Kelly, Donald Kester, Karen Kester, Ralph King, Rita Klineburger, Danielle Lever, Thomas Luke, Debra Mallon, Brenda Magolon, Barbara Magozzi, Margaret Mahoney, Susan Maisano, Robert Malin, Ann Manco, Patricia Marconi, Tom Marley, Florence Marshall, Thomas Marshall, Mary Mascioli, Deacon Paul McBlain, Cameron McCarthy, Megan McDevitt, Nan McGroary, Dan McKenna, Joey McLaughlin, Cesar Montalvo, James Moran, Susan Mullen, Phyllis Myers, Christina Nesmith, Julia Newell, Anthony Oswald, Louisa Pacubas, Thom Parker, Edward Piecara, Sr., Charles Piecara, Jr., Eileen Posner, Claire Powers, Larry Price, Helen Raftovich, Loretta Ricciardi, Paul Riggs, Bill Robb, Joseph Romasko, Jr., Ernie Rink, Sharon Rowles, Claire Salvi, Christine Samuels, Candy Santos, Patricia Schmidt, Diane Shaefer, Kathy Shiels, John Smith, Rosemary Smith, Thomas Smith, Kathleen Stacklass, Jerry Sullivan, Kathleen Tasker, Kayla Taylor, Robert Taylor, Jose Tavarez, Lauren Thomas, Virginia Tracy, John Tully, Mary Walls, Diane Weverling, Nancy Williams, Hana Yago, Michelle & Robert Yanuzzi, Angie Zuccarino

***Please pray for our beloved deceased especially:
Vincent Isabella***

***THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 26TH***

VERY SATURDAY
5:00PM MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED



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Music and lyrics for each mass is posted on our website.
Visit us on Facebook & Instagram: Church of Saint Joseph



Fr. Michael Mullen
THURSDAY EVENINGS
8:00 to 9:00PM

MAY 21st and 28th and June 4th

Join Father Michael Mullen as he presents "Prayer Workshop: Learning to pray from the heart". This four-part introductory workshop guides participants through the wisdom and guidance of the saints. Workshop is tailored to those who wish to deepen their relationship with God but perhaps don't know what could come next.

View Session 1

"Prayer Workshop: Learning to pray from the heart"

This first workshop guides participants through the wisdom and guidance of the saints Theyare tailored to those who wish to deepen their relationship with God but perhaps don't know what could come next.

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Prepare for Lesson 2 by reading the Workshop
Assignment: Fundamentals of Christina Meditation
in the Workshop Resources below.

View Session 2:

" Prayer Workshop: Learning to pray from the heart"

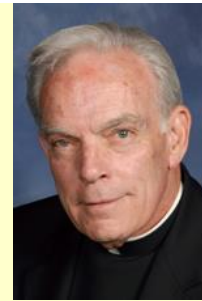
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Thank You

We would like to thank Robert Dittert of Century Collision Refinishing, Lester PA for the beautiful work he did restoring the Holy water fonts on our Baptismal Font. We thank him for this generous gift to the parish!

Thank you!



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the surprise car parade last Saturday. I was truly touched by all of you who took the time to be part of the drive by surprise the anniversary of my 50th Jubilee. The drive by reminded me just how very blessed I am here at St. Joseph Parish. I am most grateful! I would also like to thank everyone who made a donation to the "Reach Out" program for parish families financial impacted by the current pandemic.

Msgr. Vogan

MSGR. VOGAN'S 50TH JUBILEE
HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

If you previously sent in your reservation for the May date, please know that we have not cashed any checks and will not do so until we contact you to make sure you are able to attend on the rescheduled date.

Reservation information will be forthcoming.
We hope you can celebrate with us in the September!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer office hours begins on Tuesday, May 27th.

The rectory office summer hours:

Monday to Friday from 9:00AM to 4:00PM

The rectory OFFICE will be CLOSED
on Monday, May 25th.



A convenient, consistent way to help our church grow

**If you ARE ABLE
Enroll in ONLINE GIVING**

You can give anytime, anywhere using your computer, table or mobile phone. When you are unable to be here you can make sure your support for your parish gets here.

- You can make weekly or monthly offerings without writing a check
- You can make one time donations to special appeals
- You Schedule and manage recurring donations
- You will continue to receive envelopes to drop into the Sunday collection basket, simply check the online giving box on your envelope.

If you would like to enroll to give electronically, visit our website www.stjosephaston.org or call our business manager, Kevin Kelly at 610-497-8890.

MASS INTENTIONS

Priests will continue to offer the sacrifice of the Holy Mass privately during this period and to honor all requested Mass Intentions.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS must be made through your funeral director.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

Priests will continue to anoint those in danger of death.

SICK VISITS

In conjunction with directives already in force in hospitals and institutions, all visits to the sick are suspended.



PLEASE if YOU ARE ABLE continue to use the poor boxes in the chapel and bring non-perishable food goods to the red box in the lower church vestibule.



Thursday, we celebrated the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up — quite literally— into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It is recounted in both our first reading, from Acts, as well as the Gospel passage, from Matthew. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

But the first reading tells us that the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. “While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?’”

In other words, “Don’t just stand there, do something!”

This verse is a call to each one of us Christian stewards this very day. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions.

And like those first apostles, we are not meant to just stand here, but to do something with these gifts — in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles “to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth,” not with our own power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.



The CHAPEL is OPEN daily from 9:00AM until 3:00PM for quiet prayer.



Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:45PM
Confessions will be heard on Saturday from 4:00-4:45PM

Confession will be heard in the chapel.

Please wait outside the chapel maintaining social distance and please do not enter the chapel until the person before you exits.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF SOCIAL DISTANCING!



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Act of Spiritual Communion
A Prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



NOURISH FOR CAREGIVERS!

Drop-in daily for a **LIVE Zoom House Call 11:00AM**
To join us just click **HERE** and enter your password*.

Want to join by **audio/phone**?

Dial: **1-312-626-6799** and enter meeting ID: **689 619 997** then enter the password*.

*You must have a password to join. Need one?

Simply click on [Get my Password](#)

During these uncertain times, Nourish For Caregivers will continue to foster community for caregivers in the privacy and safety of your own home through Nourish "House Calls". Our mission is to bring hope and encouragement to those who feel hopeless and helpless in the face of this viral epidemic. Caregivers may participate via land line, cell phone, or through the use of a computer/tablet device. Each call will last approximately one hour depending upon the number of participants.



COSA PROVIDES

SENIOR GROCERY SERVICE

During the COVID-19 pandemic, The County of Delaware Services for the Aging (COSA) and Community Transit are partnering to offer seniors an alternative to in-person grocery shopping. Community Transit drivers are available to get grocery lists and payment from seniors and shop and deliver their items. Seniors can stay safely in their homes. The cost of the shopping and delivery will be subsidized by COSA. To contact Community Transit for this service, please call **215-900-2519** or email GroceryDropOff@CTDelco.org

DELEWARE COUNTY

RESOURCES FOR COPING WITH CORONAVIRUS

Coping through Coronavirus Crisis INFORMATION ON:

Mental Health Support

Food Assistance

TeleHealth Hotline

Recovery Support

Senior Grocery Delivery – COSA

For a list of service guides and directories for the above visit: www.delcohsa.org

COUNTY CRISIS

CONNECTION LISTING

Delaware County Crisis Connection Team

Available 24/7 at 855-889-7827 or 855-464-9342

Telehealth Help line 855-464-9342

Recovery Specialits 610-619-8616

Alcoholics Anonymous aasepia.org

Narcotic Anonymous nadelco.org

**Recovery meetings online at
[unityrecovery.org/digital-recovery meeting](http://unityrecovery.org/digital-recovery-meeting).**

PA Dept of Drug/Alcohol Programs

24 hour helpline 800-662-4357

COSA 610-490-1300 Barbara Nicolardi

Legal Aid of Southeasters PA 610-874-8421

Medicare Issues Apprise Program 484-494-3769

**Community Transit is working with COSA to
deliver groceries to seniors go to
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CATHOLIC SOCIAL
SERVICES

Catholic Social Services (CSS) is the humanitarian organization of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. They have a number of local programs targeted towards helping the homeless & hungry, at-risk youth, struggling families & single parents. They help immigrants, refugees, neglected children and those with intellectual disabilities. They provide programs for pregnant teens, and court-adjudicated delinquents. CSS benefits more than 175,000 individuals annually. Motivated by its mission to serve the most vulnerable and at-risk members of our society. Catholic Social Services provides hope and creates hope for people from every walk of life.

<https://cssphiladelphia.org/>



As the June 2 primary approaches, we are all reminded of the importance of performing our civic duty by voting. This year, the State of Pennsylvania is encouraging people to vote safely by mail. To start the process of signing up for “Vote by Mail” go to www.votespa.com and follow the directions. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can also get a paper application for “Vote by Mail” by calling the PA Department of State at 1-877-868-3722.