

# Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Most Reverend Bishop David A. Zubik  
Regional III Vicar: Very Reverend  
Samuel J. Esposito, VE



All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."

Mark 1: 27

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 12:00 pm  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 am  
Wednesday: 7:00 pm

## Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm • Wednesday: 6:00-6:30 pm

## Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:00 am-6:45 pm

**Rosary:** Recited before Blessed Sacrament  
Wednesdays starting at 6:25 pm

**Novena:** Wednesday after 7:00 pm Mass

## Men's Spirituality Group

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00 am

**Adult Bible Study:** Mondays: 7:00-8:15 pm

January 29, 2012  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1304 Fourth Avenue  
Coraopolis, PA 15108

## Mission Statement

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Parish of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, founded in 1891, is a humble, devout and obedient faith community modeled after St. Joseph, the spouse of Mary, foster father of Jesus and our patron. Our parish strives to do the will of God through vibrant evangelization, sound catechesis, life-long faith formation, sacramental practice, responsible stewardship and Eucharistic living. Through the grace of our Baptism we strive to serve God and neighbor in love and sacrifice. Enflamed by the Spirit, we are a *Church Alive*.

## Contact Info

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## Pastoral Ministry Team

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## Baptisms

Contact the rectory four months before the child's birth for information on registration and the pre-baptism class.

## Weddings

The sacrament of marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. For this reason couples are to meet the pastor six months prior to making wedding plans. St. Joseph Parish also requires that the bride or groom be a registered member for six months prior to meeting the pastor. Please call the rectory for more information.

## New Parishioners

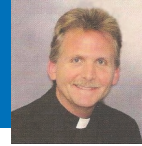
New parishioners are always welcome. Please fill out the form inside the bulletin.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline  
1-888-808-1235



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## Fr. Rich's Reflection



**"There are four things that are too mysterious for me to understand, an eagle flying in the sky, a snake moving on a rock, a ship finding its way over the sea, and a man and a woman falling in love." —Proverbs 30:18-19**

### Family: A Community of Love

What a tremendous joy it was to have my family visit me here in Coraopolis at St. Joseph last weekend. My nieces and nephews love running up and down the rectory's long stairwell, building forts, playing hide-and-go-seek and getting out to play in the snow, as it is not too common in the Carolina's.

With a snowman birthday cake, Hostess donuts, bakery cookies, chocolate milk, candy and sweets, my brother Dan dubbed my home "The Sugar Cane Shack". When we visited Grandma over at the Little Sisters of the Poor one of the children thought that it would be a pretty dull time, but was surprised that he had the time of his life. The staff at the home had chocolate cupcakes, cookies, and refreshments for the children and allowed them to play with the 10-month old Shih Tzu dog "Joey" who happily licked the sweets from the children's faces. I was touched as the grandchildren kissed Grandma good-bye and she told each of them, "I love you." Watching this tender scene, I realized that kids always prefer *physical presence* to our *material presents*.

It was good to take in an overtime shoot-out victory of the Penguins over the Canadians. It was difficult to pry those kids from their box seats at the Energy Consol Center to journey home on the snow-covered roads to the rectory. After having ten in the house for a few days, it certainly got quiet quick.

After a weekend with my natural family, we welcomed 77 couples to St. Joseph this weekend for Pre-Cana instructions this Saturday from 8:00 am—5:00 pm at Junior's Restaurant. They come from such states as Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Louisiana, Colorado and Texas. I am grateful for the eight presenting couples from our home-grown potato patch of St. Joseph Parish who share wisdom, faith, road maps and real-life experiences in the sacrament of marriage. Our presenters include couples of 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 years of marriage, and newlywed couples as well.

It is wonderful to see these loving and enthusiastic couples descend upon our community, if only for a short time, to share with younger couples the importance of this step in their lives. Making a life-long commitment to the sacrament of marriage is the single-greatest decision they will make; everything else will pale in comparison. In my Power Point presentation entitled, "Perspective Pathways to Integration and Flourishment" I reference the Episcopal Church marriage rite which states, "*Marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, deliberately and in accordance with the purposes for which it was intended by God.*"

As I spent time with my family last weekend, I was made eternally grateful all the "faith deposits" our parents put into our lives. In my morning prayer of the Divine Office this past Monday, there was a beautiful meditation on the sanctity of marriage and family life that I shared with the couples at our

Pre-Cana. I wish to share it with you as well (see below). As these couples join us for 4:00 pm Saturday Mass and the church is filled to the rafters, may this graced-time together be a memorable and meaningful experience for them as they embrace the holy covenant of marriage and our parish family pledges our love, support and prayers for them.

*From the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World of Vatican II ("Gaudium et Spes", no. 48)*

### ***The Sanctity of Marriage and the Family***

*Husband and wife, by the covenant of marriage, are no longer two, but one flesh. By their intimate union of persons and of actions they give mutual help and service to each other, experience the meaning of their unity, and gain an ever deeper understanding of it day by day.*

*This intimate union on the mutual self-giving of two persons, as well as the good of the children, demands full fidelity from both, and an indissoluble unity between them. Christ the Lord has abundantly blessed this richly complex love, which springs from the divine source of love and is founded on the model of his union with the Church.*

*In earlier times God met his people in a covenant of love and fidelity. So now the Savior of mankind, the Bridegroom of the Church, meets Christian husbands and wives in the sacrament of matrimony. Further, he remains with them in order that, as he loved the Church and gave himself up for her, so husband and wife may, in mutual self-giving, love each other with perpetual fidelity.*

*True married love is caught up into God's love; it is guided and enriched by the redeeming power of Christ and the saving action of the Church, in order that the partners may be effectively led to God and receive help and strength in the sublime responsibility of parenthood.*

*Christian partners are therefore strengthened, and as it were consecrated, by a special sacrament for the duties and the dignity of their state. By the power of this sacrament they fulfill their obligations to each other and to their family and are filled with the spirit of Christ. This spirit pervades their whole lives with faith, hope and love. Thus they promote their own perfection and each other's sanctification, and so contribute together to the greater glory of God.*

*Hence, with parents leading the way by example and family prayer, their children—indeed, all within the family circle—will find it easier to make progress in natural virtues, in salvation and in holiness. Husband and wife, raised to the dignity and the responsibility of parenthood, will be zealous in fulfilling their task as educators, especially in the sphere of religious education, a task that is primarily their own.*

*Children, as active members of the family, contribute in their own way to the holiness of their parents. With the love of grateful hearts, with loving respect and trust, they will return the generosity of their parents and will stand by them as true sons and daughters when they meet with hardship and the loneliness of old age.*

## News & Events

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS

#### WELCOME TO OUR VISITING COUPLES!



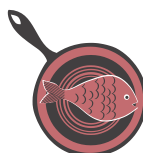
The Saint Joseph Staff and Parish extends a warm welcome to the 77 couples attending our Pre-Cana this weekend, on Saturday, January 28, and attending Mass with us at our 4:00 pm vigil. May the love of Jesus Christ for His Bride, the Church, be your inspiration as you begin a life of total self gift proven in sacrifice and service for one another. Christ's peace and joy be yours today and always!



#### BLESSING OF THROATS THIS WEEK

This Friday, February 3, is the feast day of St. Blaise, an early Christian martyr known for the miraculous cure of a choking child. In his honor the Church blesses throats on his feast day. If you would like to receive this blessing, please come to our 8:00 am Mass. The blessing will take place following.

#### FISH FRY MEETING



Calling all volunteers! We will be holding a Fish Fry Meeting on Thursday, February 2, in the school cafeteria at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in helping this year should attend. We look for and welcome new faces! Come and have fun while supporting your church. If you are willing to volunteer and cannot make the meeting, please call Ryan Jozwiak at 412-264-9197 or send an email to rjozwiak18@verizon.net.

#### MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE FORMING



The parish staff wishes to thank those who have come forward to volunteer help with our annual parish Mardi Gras to be held on Tuesday, February 21. A few more people are needed to help with decorating, set up, tear down, ticket sales, and/or publicity. If you would like to help in any of these areas, please call the rectory at 412-264-6162.

#### ADULT COORDINATOR FOR LIVING STATIONS NEEDED



We are looking for an adult to coordinate Living Stations of the Cross this year for our teens. This person would need to have his/her clearances with the Diocese and facilitate practices with our young persons. Please call the rectory at 412-264-6162 if interested.

#### ADULT CHOIR TO RESUME NEXT MONTH



After our January break for our parish choir, rehearsals will resume on February 2 at 7:00 pm. All those interested in joining the choir for the spring season, please call Ginny Ambrose at 412-264-6162.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Food Drive at OLSH:** In conjunction with World Day of Consecrated Life commemorated on Sunday, February 5, the religious of our diocese have elected to conduct a food drive. If you would like to contribute, you may take non-perishable food to the Felician Sisters' Convent in Coraopolis from January 29-February 4 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Please use the side entrance.

**Parish Nurse Preparation Course:** The Mercy Parish Nurse and Health Ministry Program will host a four-day Parish Nurse Preparation Course on February 17-18 and March 16-17 at UPMC Mercy, Uptown. Registered nurses, other health care professionals and interested lay persons are encouraged to attend. Upon successful completion of the course, nurses will receive 30 hours of continuing education credits and will be commissioned as parish nurses. Other health care professionals and lay persons will be commissioned as health ministers. Deadline to register is February 10. Call 412-232-5815 or email ParishNurse@mercy.pmhs.org.

**Youth and Young Adult Rally For Life:** Join other young persons for an evening of inspiration, information, testimonies and music by "Intent" on Sunday, February 12 from 7:00-9:00pm at Word of God Church in Swissvale, 2021 Braddock Avenue. This event is part of Pittsburgh's 40 Day's For Life. Call Tom at 412-601-1534 for more info.

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.*

*He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.*

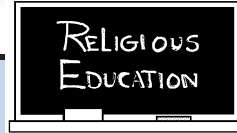
—St. Francis De Sales  
(1567-1622)

# Religious Education and Youth

## Prayer for School Children

Father of all mercies  
 We ask that you would bless  
 the youngest and littlest of learners,  
 the most helpless and powerless of persons,  
 with Your infinite and loving mercy,  
 granting them the strength to learn,  
 concentrate, and act in love towards  
 their teachers and fellow students.  
 We also ask that You would watch over them,  
 at home and at school  
 and give them proper direction  
 so that they may learn  
 of Your wonderful virtues.  
 We ask this in the name of Your Son,  
 Jesus Christ. Amen. —David Bennett

Let us pray for Catholic Education this Catholic Schools' Week!



## 2ND GRADE PARENT MEETING

### Attention First Communion Parents!

We will be having a mandatory meeting for you this Tuesday, January 31, in *Healy Hall* during your child's regular CCD class. **(Please note the change of location.)** The meeting will cover all the particulars you need to know for your child's First Reconciliation and First Communion. The meeting will start sharp at 6:15 pm. There will be a display of First Communion clothing and religious goods as well. If you would like time to "shop" please come by a little early. Refreshments will be served for you if you choose to wait until your child's class is over.

Dates for your child's sacraments are below:

**First Reconciliation:** Saturday, March 3 at 11:00 am.

**First Communion:** Sunday, May 6, at 12:00 pm Mass.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL RETREATS

In March the Diocese is sponsoring over night weekend retreats for Middle School (grades 7-8) and High School (grades 9-12) students at Gilmary Center. The retreats will be conducted by NET (National Evangelization Team) Ministries, an organization led by college age students who take a year off to travel the country and work with teens to help them know God. The weekend promises to be a life-changing event for all, including a lot of fun, faith and time to come closer to God. Middle School retreat is March 3-4 and High School is March 9-11. Space is limited. Contact 412-456-3140 for information to reserve.

# Stewardship

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

*1 Peter 4: 10*

### THANK YOU!

For the following donations:

#### For the Church

In Memory of William Macaul  
(Jen and Karl Hammer)

In Memory of Clyde G. Hostetler  
(Helen and Son, Roy)

#### January 22, 2011

Offertory:	\$8,079.00
Votives:	\$ 248.00



Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.



# Worship & Music



## Music and the Catholic Wedding Ritual

This weekend we welcome engaged couples from Pittsburgh and surrounding areas who have attended our Pre-Cana Day of Reflection on Saturday. We wish them well in their future marriages and thank those eight presenting couples who spoke so well about their own marriage journeys. Love is in the air at Saint Joseph Parish!

With Valentine's Day right around the corner and Pre-Cana couples visiting, I thought this might be a good time to discuss the basics of music for the Wedding Ritual and also to remind couples planning to get married at Saint Joseph Parish to contact me at the rectory to plan the music for your wedding.

The Diocese of Pittsburgh in accordance with Canon Law has pertinent documentation regarding music and the wedding ritual:

### Musical Elements of the Wedding Liturgy

#### A. Principles of Music Planning

**1. The celebration of a wedding in the Catholic Church is a "liturgical" event, an action of the whole Church in whose presence couples freely commit themselves in the covenant of marriage. (This distinguishes the marriage rite from the receptions and other private family or social functions that also frequently mark the beginning of married life.)**

For the entire document, see <http://www.npmpgh.org/Wedding%20Guidelines.pdf>. There are also copies available through the Music Office at the Rectory.

### *Wedding Banns*

Scott Stickman and Shanna Marie Jacob

### *May They Rest in Peace*

Please remember in your prayers **John Weber, Susanna Maxwell** and all the deceased members of our parish. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

### Please take a moment to pray for our diocesan priests, deacons and seminarians.

Sunday:	Reverend Raymond A. McColligan (1943)
Monday:	Reverend J. Matthew Elanjileth (1945)
Tuesday:	Reverend George V. Jackovic (1946)
Wednesday:	Reverend Peter A. Kuenzig (1946)
Thursday:	Reverend Msgr. John J. Seli (1946)
Friday:	Reverend Michael J. Vecchio (1950)
Saturday:	Reverend Thomas E. Smith (1951)

# WELCOME

*Welcome to all new members, visitors and guests!  
Your presence helps enliven our community and we thank  
and praise our God for each and every one of you!*

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, January 30

8:00 am Lucy Napoleone  
(Family)

#### Tuesday, January 31, St. John Bosco

8:00 am Geraldine (Barrone) DeAngelis  
(Sylvia Davis and Family)

#### Wednesday, February 1

7:00 pm Giammarco, Frattaroli, Nolfi, D'Eramo and Ferri  
Families (Vittorina, Sandra and Joe)

#### Thursday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am Henry Lavrich  
(Sue Vannewkirk)

#### Friday, February 3, St. Blaise

8:00 am For Teachers and Students  
(Kenneth Jancsar)

#### Saturday, February 4

4:00 pm Stella Mack  
(Fr. Richard Jones)

#### Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Anthony Volante, Sr.  
(Elisa, Wife)

10:00 am Mabel Batista  
(Guido Batista)

12:00 pm For the People

### Both Sanctuary Candles are Burning this Week for...



Anthony Volante, Sr.  
(The Pappas Family)



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to the rectory at 1304 4th Ave, Coraopolis, PA 15108.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

New Registration       Change of Address       Moving out of Parish       Want Envelopes