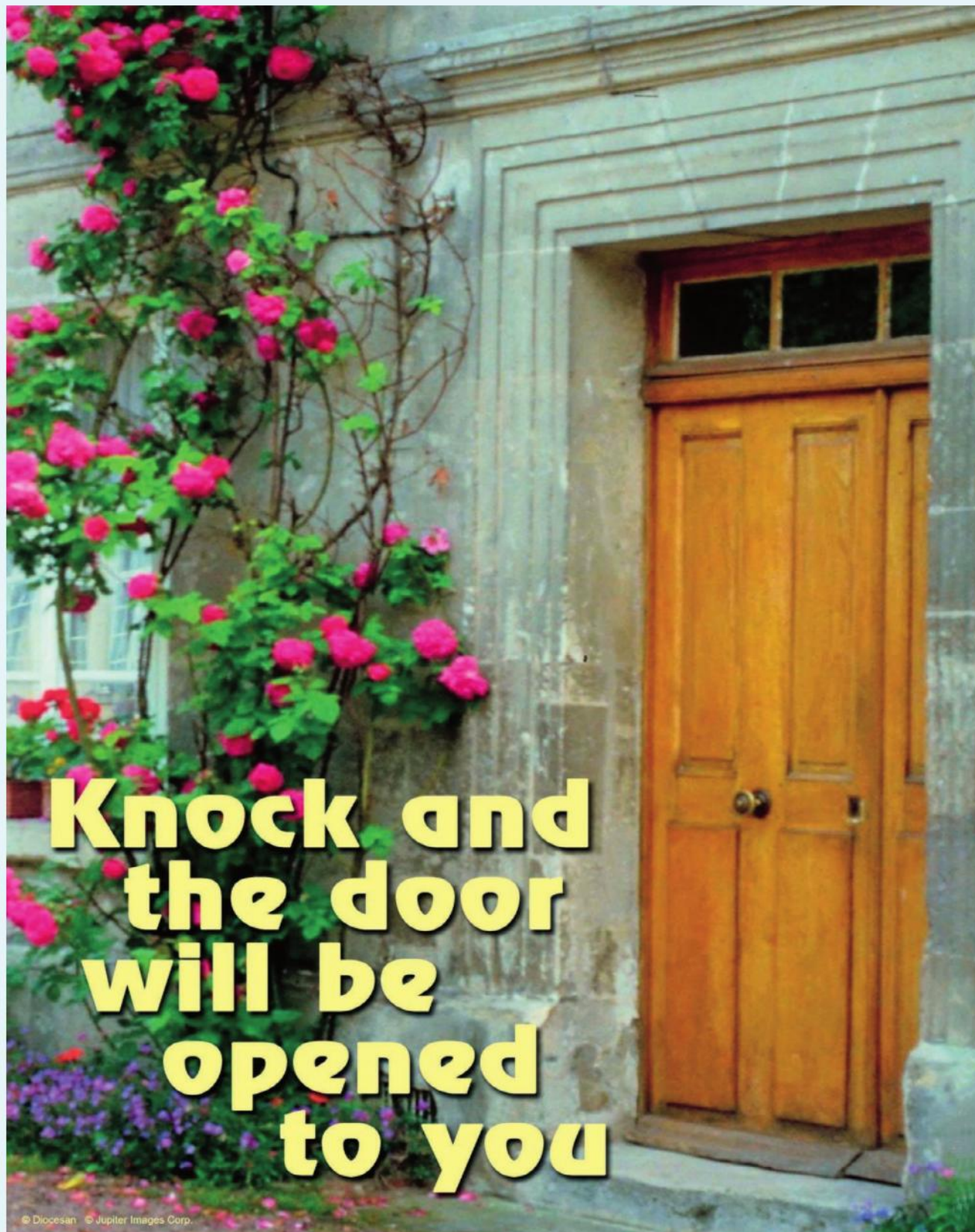


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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00 PM
 Closed for lunch from 12:00 PM -1:00 PM
 Friday 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
 The Rectory office is closed on all holidays.

New Parishioners

We are always happy to welcome new parishioners!
 If you are interested in joining our wonderful Parish family, please register after any of the masses or:
 register online at stjoeambler@gmail.com
 visit our website at stjoeambler.org or contact the rectory office at 215-646-0494.



Prayer Requests for:

Jimmy Cowman	Anthony D'Acunto
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Maryann Osowski	Jeanne Stabilito

Please continue to pray all who are ill or in need of prayers. Names are removed monthly unless notified.
 It is so good to know that prayers are answered!

Please keep Joseph Regan in your prayers as he discerns about the priesthood and God's calling in His life.

Saturday Confession: 2:45-3:45

All confessions at St. Joseph Church will now be held in the sacristy. This move gives people more privacy and the option to sit or go face to face or anonymously. It is also accessible for walkers and wheelchairs.



Mass Intentions

July 26-27

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM Agada Chung/Marchellino Yun

Requested by
 daughter

Sunday

7:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Father Joseph Doherty
 SJ family

1:00 PM N/A

Monday, Wednesday and Friday Communion Service

Tuesday

6:30 AM Ray/Carol Damiani

Maria Damiani

Thursday

6:30AM _____

Candle Memorials



Mary
 Michelle, Adam
 Raymond & Baby
 Mattern



Tabernacle
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Mass Schedule

St. Joseph New Mass schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday and Friday AM Communion Service

Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 AM Mass

Spanish 1:00 PM First and Third Sunday

Holydays of Obligation 12:05 PM

St. Anthony of Padua New Mass schedule

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Spanish 1:00 PM Second Sunday

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:15 AM

Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 AM Communion Service

Holydays of Obligation 8:15 AM

Sunday Readings

Reading 1 Genesis 18:20-32

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out." While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise.
When I called you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar.

Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me; against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Your right hand saves me. The LORD will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Reading 2 Colossians 2:12-14

Brothers and sisters:

You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.
And even when you were dead
in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
he brought you to life along with him,
having forgiven us all our transgressions;
obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims,
which was opposed to us,
he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

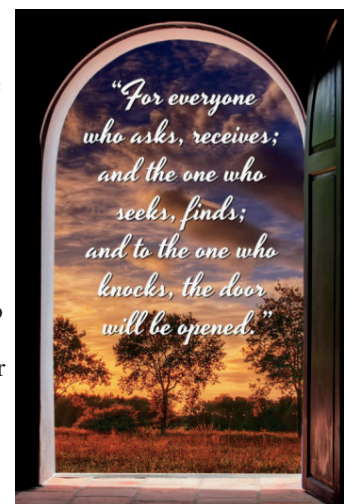
Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him,
"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."
He said to them, "When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread
and forgive us our sins
for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us,
and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says,
'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,
for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,'
and he says in reply from within,
'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed.
I cannot get up to give you anything.'
I tell you,
if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship,
he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks, receives;
and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?
Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg?
If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"



THE SACRAMENTS



Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation Role of Sponsors

A baptismal preparation class is mandatory for all parents who are requesting Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled with the Deacon. Please contact the rectory office for more information.

Godparent or Sponsor Requirement- You must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing, and attend mass regularly, (married validly if married), at least 16 years of age, and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Requested eligibility Certificates for another Parish- We cannot issue certificates of eligibility to any parish if a person is not regularly attending Sunday mass and/or isn't properly registered in St. Joseph Parish.

Sacrament of the Sick In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory or call the emergency number if after office hours.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners planning a wedding, contact the office to book an available date at least six months or more prior to that date. Arrange for Marriage Preparation Class by contacting www.philamarriageprep.com or call 610-873-2017. Non-parishioner weddings are up to the Pastor's discretion. If a couple is not a member of this parish, they should request a letter of permission from their 'home' parish.

Week 17 July 27

Today's Gospel on the Our Father and being persistent in prayer reminds us how important personal prayer is in the life of the disciple. Personal prayer is a major theme in Luke's Gospel and one of the ways he emphasizes this is how often he describes people, and especially Jesus, praying. Jesus is portrayed as praying more often in Luke's Gospel than in Mathew, Mark, or John. Luke's point in all of this is simple. If Jesus needed to pray as much as he did, how much more do his disciples need to pray. This week, be a prayerful disciple by making personal prayer a priority in your life.

Yours in Christ,

Father Jim

ADULT

SAINT MARTHA (first century) July 29

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as “burdened with much serving” (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, “Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?” Jesus’ response, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part” (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as “second-class” Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, “Go and do likewise” (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never *either/or but both/and*. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence *and* hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha’s sister Mary and brother Lazarus, calling all three “hosts of the Lord,” recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality! —Peter Scagnelli

WHO'S YOUR DADDY?

The Lord's Prayer. Let's stop and think about it. Jesus' disciples were required by Jewish law to say the prayer “Hear O Israel” (Deuteronomy 6:4–5) every day of their lives, yet they say “Teach us to pray.” He responds “When you pray say ‘Father’ . . .” Shocking! Jesus uses a child's version of “Father” (“Abba” means “Daddy”). No believing Jew says God's name, only “Lord” or “The Blessed One.” “Abba” is not above us, but holds us close to his heart. We can trust that Abba will hear us. We honor God, pray for the Kingdom among us, ask for food to nourish body and soul, and the power to forgive as God forgives us. Finally, we pray that God not lead us into temptation, that is, not put us to the test, for we do not want to disappoint our Abba who loves us. This prayer helps us to strip away all the complications of talking to God and know that God always listens.

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OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

August 2

At the basilica of Our Lady of the Angels in Cartago, Costa Rica, one can see the statue of *Nuestra Señora de los Angeles* that was found on that spot in 1635. Pilgrims visiting Cartago come here out of devotion to Mary. Many enter the shrine on their knees and then pray at the rock where the image was found.



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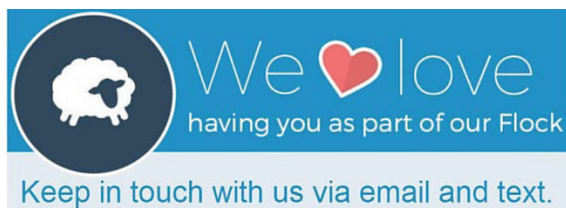
Is your prayer too formal? Do you have difficulty with the idea of God as Father? Try talking to “Abba” as your closest friend. Copyright © 2009, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

FLOCKNOTE returns...

A few years back (around covid time) we started Flocknotes which is a way to reach out to everyone with church information who provided their email addresses and mobile numbers. We used it a few times, however; not too many signed up for it. It is an effective way for instant communication.

We are now going to use this social media form again. For those who previously signed up, you will still receive the information. If you are unsure, email St. Joseph’s for confirmation.

For anyone who hasn’t signed up you can send an email with the information or you can detach the short form provided here and just put it in the collection basket.. Thank you for all you do for St. Joseph’s Church.



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FAMILY & YOUTH

Calling all Confirmation Candidates...

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at St. Joseph's on Thursday, November 13, 2025. Does your child/ren match this description?

- ◆ Your family is registered at St. Joseph’s Parish
- ◆ Your child attends a local Catholic school or is being home-schooled in a Catholic curriculum.
- ◆ Your child will be in seventh or eighth grade next fall.
- ◆ Your child has been baptized and has received First Holy Communion.
- ◆ Your child has received religious instruction continuously for at least the past two years and can document this.
- ◆ Your child has received some Confirmation instruction as part of his/her day school curriculum.

If so, please contact Director of Religious Education Suzanne Kuhn at 215-646-0494 or stjosephamblerdre@gmail.com for your child to be included in the November celebration of Confirmation.

Registration

is about to begin for PREP 2025-2026. Live in-person religious instruction will be offered for grades K to 8 on Sundays from September 14, 2025 through May 3, 2026 from 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM in **St. Anthony’s Education Center, 260 Forest Ave., Ambler 19002.** Registration materials will be available at the doors of St. Joseph Church starting Sunday, June 15, 2025 and can be dropped off at St. Joseph’s Rectory during normal businesshours.



Travelers this Summer...stay close to the Lord...

If you are traveling and in need of a Catholic Church and Mass times, contact Masstimes.org for information.



FINANCE

July 20th

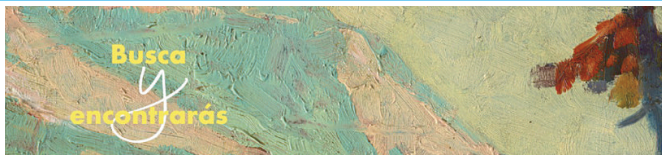
Sunday: \$ 3705.00

Spanish Mass: \$343.00

Please know that if you attend St. Anthony's Church for Mass, your envelope contribution is forwarded to St. Joseph Church and the same with St. Anthony's envelopes.

Thank you for your contribution to St. Joseph Church. We appreciate all that you do.

HISPANIC MINISTRY



SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA (1491-1556) 31 de julio

Este santo español desde su adolescencia se unió a las cortes y soñó con la carrera militar. Además de galán, aprendió a manejar las armas y nunca perdió la valentía ni la rigidez de carácter. En una de las guerras, una bala de cañón le hirió la rodilla. Luego de la operación, como no había quedado bien y no podría vestir la bota militar, pidió que le quebraran la rodilla y la operaran bien ¡sin anestesia! Estando en recuperación le dieron a leer los Evangelios y la vida de los santos y, como él siempre había soñado con cosas mayores, encontró en la vida de los santos algo que realmente valía la pena y renunció a su ambición militar para servir a Dios. A partir de ahí inició una experiencia de conversión que lo llevó a entregarse a Dios por completo y a ayudar a otras personas a que encontraran a Dios en todo. Siendo adulto se preparó en las ciencias humanas y con otros compañeros, entre ellos San Francisco Xavier, fundó la Compañía de Jesús; conocidos actualmente como los Jesuitas.

—Miguel Arias

LITURGY AND MUSIC



Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

takes place after the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on the second Saturday of the month.

After the mass is ended, those who wish will be invited gather around the baptismal font. Please write your name on the sign up sheet after receiving the sacrament so it will be recorded in the book.

Scripture Readings

Sunday

Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Monday Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

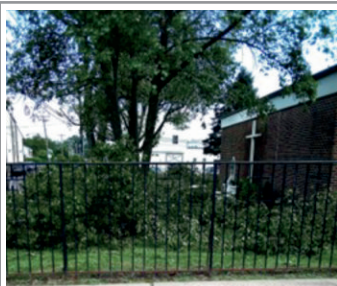
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

—James Field

OPERATIONS



Trees, trees, trees...

Now
you see
them

now you
don't.



Great clean up!

OUTSIDE NEWS

Abbey Fest – September 20, 2025

This year, our annual AbbeyFest is being held on the beautiful grounds of The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. The Shrine grounds will be transformed into a festival atmosphere featuring amazing music, Catholic and Christian vendors, the presence of religious orders of priests and sisters, food trucks, family and kid-friendly activities, games, and an overall sense of the love of Christ. Also present are dozens of priests hearing confessions, along with prayer teams to support you in prayer. One of the most unique aspects of AbbeyFest is its engaging atmosphere for children, teens, youth groups and families to experience the fullness of faith and truth in Jesus Christ.

Join us in our mission and experience AbbeyFest. Visit <http://www.theabbeyfest.com> to register!

Catholic Women's Conference 2025

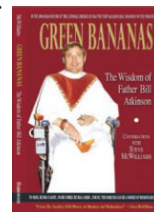
10 Year Anniversary Saturday, October 18, 2025—
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa 654 Ferry Road Doylestown, PA Our theme is "Women on Mission: The Feminine Genius in the New Apostolic Age" based on the book From Christendom to Apostolic Mission: Pastoral Strategies for an Apostolic Age. At this year's conference, we will explore the beauty of our feminine genius and the unique position of Catholic women, transformed by Christ, to bring the light of the Gospel to a society that no longer knows it needs Him. Breakout sessions will feature examples of holy Catholic women who lived this reality in the midst of their own apostolic times.

Visit <https://www.catholicwomensconference.org/> To learn mor, volunteer and to register!

Father Bill Atkinson's Cause for Canonization:

Please continue to pray for his intercession.. For favors received or for more information, write Fr. Bill's Cause-Augustinian Provincial Offices PO Box 340- Villanova, PA 19085 610-527-3330 www.augustinian.org

As you know we continue to remember and pray for Father William Atkinson's 'call to Sainthood'.



Pray for our Nation

Our country, our military, police and first responders all need our prayers now! Please continue to pray for all in harms way who help protect us and our country. God bless and protect them all. Many have returned home and need both physical and emotional care. They cannot be forgotten. Pray for all those who have unselfishly given up their lives for our freedom. Jesus has said, "*There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend*". May God give them strength and courage to continue to fight the battles they struggle with abroad and here at home!



Bishop McDevitt

50th Reunion Celebration

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025 Time: 5:00-9:00 PM

Location: Sandy Run Country Club

200 E. Valley Green Road

Oreland, PA 19075

Cost: \$75.00 per person Includes: Buffet Dinner (cash bar) Dress Code: Country Club Casual

RSVP by October 1 by mailing your check to:

Mary Pat Wilkinson

P.O. Box 5

Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Please make checks payable to Mary Pat Wilkinson.

Also accepting Zelle – Mpwilk0211@aol.com

Please include your contact information with your payment and maiden names for the ladies.

Let's reconnect and celebrate 50 years of memories, laughter and Lancer Pride.

Any questions contact:

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