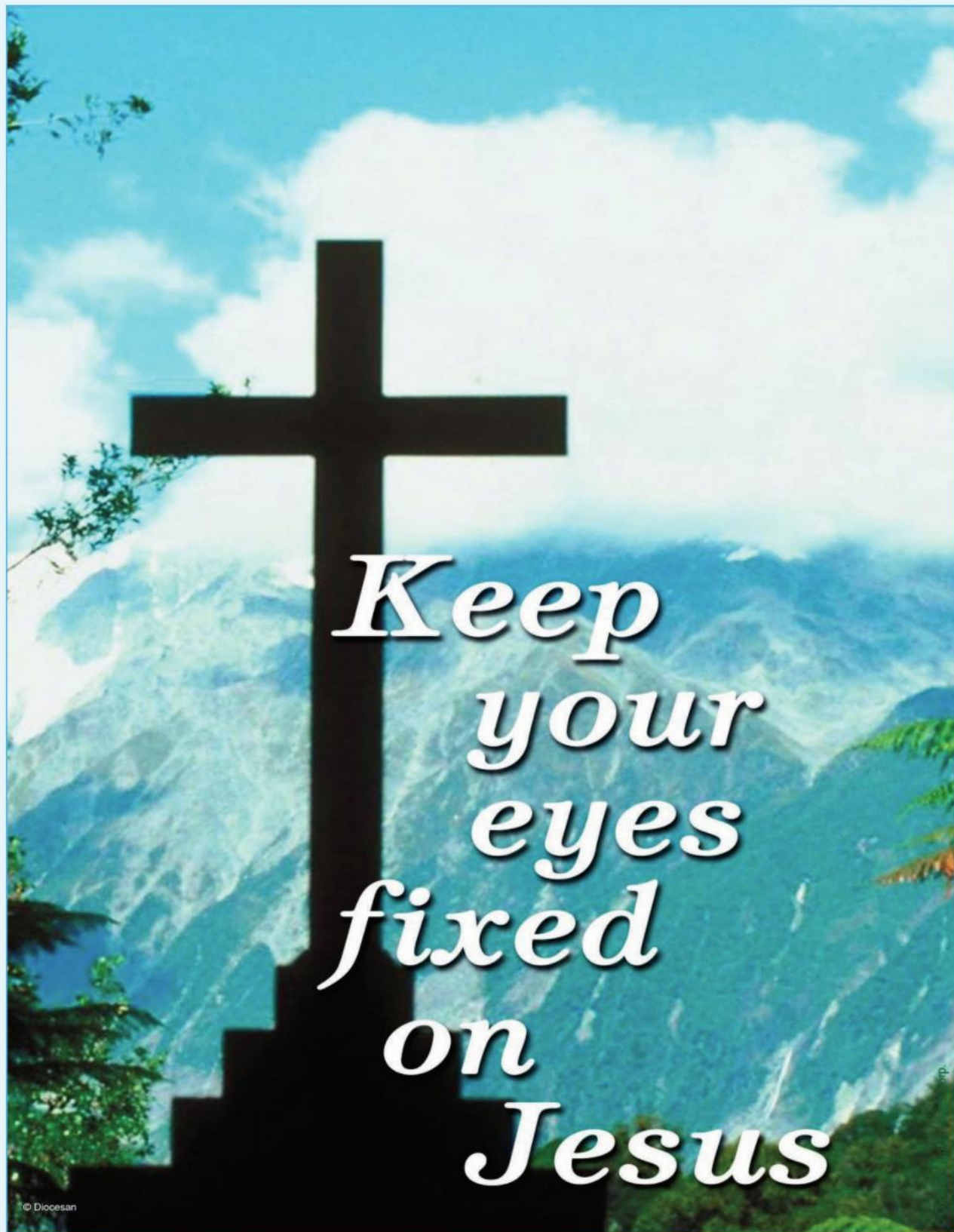


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Parish Office Hours

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
Clare Di Donato	Emily Gudas
Kathleen/Francis Hart	Joan Sontag
Jessica Hummel	Rita Malozzi
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

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM Concetta Bretti

Requested by

Family

Sunday

7:30 AM Anthony Radice

Carlos/Madeline Vicens

1:00 PM Mass in Spanish

Monday, Wednesday and Friday Communion Service

Tuesday

6:30 AM Trudy Rich

Betty/Jim O'Brien

Thursday

6:30AM Gerald Stewart

Betty/Jim O'Brien

Candle Memorials



Mary
Special Intention



Tabernacle



St. Joseph



Mass Schedule

St. Joseph 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 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 Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king:

"Jeremiah ought to be put to death;
he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city,
and all the people, by speaking such things to them;
he is not interested in the welfare of our people,
but in their ruin."

King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power";
for the king could do nothing with them.

And so they took Jeremiah
and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah,
which was in the quarters of the guard,
letting him down with ropes.

There was no water in the cistern, only mud,
and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official,
went there from the palace and said to him:
"My lord king, these men have been at fault
in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah,
casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the
spot, for there is no more food in the city."
Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite
to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet
Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 40:2, 3, 4, 18

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

The LORD heard my cry.
He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud
of the swamp; he set my feet upon a crag;
he made firm my steps.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.
Many shall look on in awe and trust in the LORD.
R. Lord, come to my aid!

Though I am afflicted and poor,
yet the LORD thinks of me.
You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not
back!

R. Lord, come to my aid!

Reading 2 Hebrews 12:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to
us

and persevere in running the race that lies before us
while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus,
the leader and perfecter of faith.

For the sake of the joy that lay before him
he endured the cross, despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.
Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners,
in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.
In your struggle against sin
you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

Gospel Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!
Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the
earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be divided,
three against two and two against three;
a father will be divided against his son
and a son against his father,
a mother against her daughter
and a daughter against her mother,
a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."



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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

Week 20 of Ordinary Time

Jesus was always upfront and honest with those who followed him. When it came to following him, Jesus never promised his disciples that it would be easy following him, just that it would be great. In today's Gospel, Jesus goes further and guarantees his followers conflict and rejection by society, friends and even their families. Jesus did not encourage his disciples to go looking for conflict and rejection, but he also taught them that these were inevitable and they would need to deal with that reality. This week, if you experience conflict because of your faith deal with it the best way you can.

Father Jim



We would like to welcome Father Drew from the St. Charles Seminary. Father will be assisting at our Masses here and at St. Anthony.

ADULT

SAINT PIUS X (1835-1914) August 21

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto "To restore all things in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called "modernism," yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter's Square— "I bless peace, not war!"—he died broken-hearted as World War I engulfed "Christian" Europe despite his peacemaking efforts. —Peter Scagnelli

ONE PERSON CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH

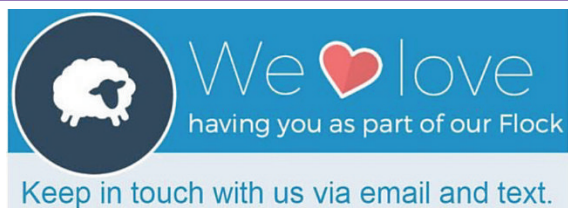
Asa Kent Jennings was a frail man planning to be a Methodist minister, but World War I intervened. Asa served with the Red Cross, ending up in Smyrna in western Turkey as the Turks marched on the city. Foreigners fled. Asa stayed with 350,000 refugees. The army rampaged and set Smyrna ablaze. American and British warships patrolling the coast did nothing. Asa arranged food supplies, then set out find Ataturk, the Turkish leader, to ask safe passage for the surviving refugees; Ataturk gave him eleven days. Asa requested ships from the Greek government, which questioned Asa's identity. As the only American left, he boldly said, "I am the top American official in Smyrna." He spent the next year directing a fleet that saved over a million refugees. Who remembers Asa Jennings today? Yet think of all those refugees' descendants and what good they may have done in this world just because of one man's efforts. Copyright © 2009, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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.



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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****This is the same information requested when signing up for the digital bulletin.**

Living God's Word

Are you good at feeding people? Use your skills. Help with coffee-and-doughnuts gatherings, cook for a parish supper or retreat, prepare meals for an overnight shelter, organize a bake sale to benefit a parish ministry, volunteer at a local soup kitchen. Not a cook? Send donations to Food for the Poor, Catholic Relief Services, or Catholic Charities.

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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 business hours.

Donut Sunday will resume on

Sunday, September 28th
after the 11:00 Prep Mass
at St. Anthony of Padua's Friendship Hall.

All are Welcome!



FINANCE

August 10th.

Sunday: \$ 2,680.00

Catholic University: \$ 548.00

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

HISPANIC MINISTRY

SANTA ROSA DE LIMA (1586-1617)

23 de agosto

Isabel de Flores nació en Lima, Perú; era tan bella, que su madrina dijo que era “bella como una rosa”. Asumió ese mismo nombre al momento de su Confirmación y años después, cuando por fin su familia se convenció de que no aspiraba al matrimonio, adoptó el nombre de Rosa como Religiosa Terciaria Dominica, viviendo en casa, dedicada a la oración, al trabajo diario y al cuidado de los pobres; tejía hasta altas horas de la noche, además de dedicarse a la jardinería para luego colaborar en la economía familiar. Su vida de oración y penitencia fue intachable y ejemplar, pues no sólo contempló a Dios en la creación, sino que construyó una cabaña en oratorio personal en su jardín. En un cuarto de su casa comenzó un hospital cuidando de los enfermos y de quienes acudían a ella. Como gran santa que fue, su vida se vio marcada por el sacrificio y la angustia espiritual. Murió a los 31 años llegando a ser la primera persona latinoamericana en ser canonizada; posteriormente fue declarada Patrona de América Latina. —Miguel Arias



LITURGY AND MUSIC

Scripture Readings

Sunday Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Monday Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them “papal bulls.”

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or “Ring of the Fisherman.” It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of “fishing for human beings.” Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope’s name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope’s death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.

—Rev. James Field



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!

Corpus Christi

900 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale
Presents Lunch and Bingo– September 20, 2025
Admission: \$40.00 (includes lunch and bingo)
Doors open at 9:00AM Bingo starts at Noon
Door Prizes 50/50 Pull Tabs
For advanced sales and Table Reservations call:
Laurie Ponticello 610-584-5694
email: geraldponticello@comcast.net

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!

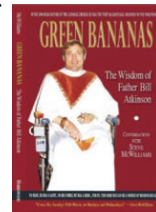
St Luke Over 50's Club

Opening Mass, Birthday Party and Meeting
Tuesday September 9, 2025 Mass: 11am at St Luke Church
Lunch: 12 noon at the Glenside VFW
2519 Jenkintown Road, Glenside PA

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!



Lansdale Catholic HS Class of '70- 55th Reunion

Come join us for laughter and reconnecting! Saturday September 27, 2025 - 2 PM to 5 PM Smokehouse Tavern, 155 Pennbrook Pky Lansdale, PA \$35 cash at door - Call or text RSVP by September 13th : Marianne Monzo - 215-872-0883 or Pat O'Hara - 267- 973-0378 or Louise Linden - 215-933-8606

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:
Mary Pat Wilkinson - mpwilk0211@aol.com
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