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November 23, 2025
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Mass:

Monday, Friday 9:00 A.M. - St. Joseph Parish

Tuesday 8:00 A.M. - Nativity of the BVM Parish

Thursday 7:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish

Saturday Vigil 4:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish

Saturday 5:30 P.M. - Nativity of the BVM Parish

Sunday 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 5:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish

The 11:00 A.M. Mass will be livestreamed.

The link can be found on our website: www.stjosephamherst.com

Confession at St. Joseph Parish:

Thursday - Individual Reconciliation 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Saturday - Individual Reconciliation 11:00 A.M. - Noon

Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 a.m. Lauren Kutchenriter
(Parents, John & Sue Venzel)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th – Mass at Nativity Parish

8:00 a.m. Helen and Bob Case (Joe Siekeres)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th – No Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27th – Thanksgiving Day

Mass at Nativity Parish
9:00 a.m. People of Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes
**NO EVENING MASS
OR CONFESSIONS**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28th – NO MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Mike Plato (Your Nativity Prayer Sister)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Margaret Mary Sliman (Patti Sliman)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish

8:30 a.m. Shirley Zeh (The June Childress Family)
11:00 a.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes
5:00 p.m. Betty Szucs (Her Lunch Bunch)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 / Lk 21:1-4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Dn 2:31-45 / Lk 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th – Weekday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 / Lk 21:12-19

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27th – Weekday

Dn 6:12-28 / Lk 21:20-28

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28th – Weekday

Dn 7:2-14 / Lk 21:29-33

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

Vigil, First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th – First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

Activity Schedule

MONDAY-FRIDAY

11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (NBVM)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. The Church Year and
the Liturgical Seasons;
Preparation for the Rite of Acceptance
EVERYONE'S INVITED!
(Nativity Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Class (Nativity Parish Hall)
5:00 p.m. Dinners-on-the-Go Pickup (Nativity)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

Offices Closed

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

Offices Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

Offices Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

No Youth Group Meeting tonight

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$ 12,615.48
Tuition Assistance	\$ 123.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 110.00
All Souls	\$ 80.00
All Saints	\$ 80.00
Flowers and Decorations	\$ 217.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 10.00
Children's Offertory	\$ 2.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 127.00

E-Giving – November 4, 2025-November 10, 2025

Eoffering-Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,162.97
Eoffering-Maintenance Fund	\$ 126.94
Eoffering-Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering-Vincentians	\$ 59.14

Nativity Parish

Saturday, November 1

Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,303.00
All Saints	\$ 285.00
All Souls	\$ 75.00

Saturday, November 8

Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,165.00
All Saints	\$ 15.00
All Souls	\$ 15.00
Blanket Sunday	\$ 20.00
Maintenance and upkeep	\$ 3,415.00

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MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, located at 333 South Lake Street, in South Amherst. There will be no Mass or Confession at St. Joseph Parish on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th, 2025. Please note: There will be no Mass on Friday, November 28th at either Parish.

REMINDERS TO ALL ST. JOSEPH LECTORS

St. Joseph Lectors, please remember to pick up your 2025 practice book from the back sacristy at your convenience..



THE "SACRED SISTERS" WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES PRAYER GROUP ON DECEMBER 10TH, 2025, 6:30 P.M.

We will gather to complete our Christmas project for our Homebound parishioners and our nursing home residents. This will be followed by a Christmas gathering of all our Sacred Sisters, or if you are considering joining this women's group, please join us on Wednesday, December 10th and get to know all of these remarkable ladies. **You are most welcome!** The Sacred Sisters then will be taking a Christmas break and will not return till January 7th at the Old Stone Evangelical Community Center with some new and exciting sessions. Keep watching for our announcements in the bulletin.

Join us for
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join us on, Friday, December 26th at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Joseph Church for an amazing Christmas Concert. Bring your family, invite a friend, bring a guest to an evening of beautiful traditional and contemporary Christmas music for all ages.

PEW-WASHING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

St. Joseph Sacristans will be washing pews and welcome anyone who would be able and interested in helping us clean the pews before Christmas. Pew-washing will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Below is our list of the second week of Calendar Raffle winners. Thank you for your participation and congratulations!!!

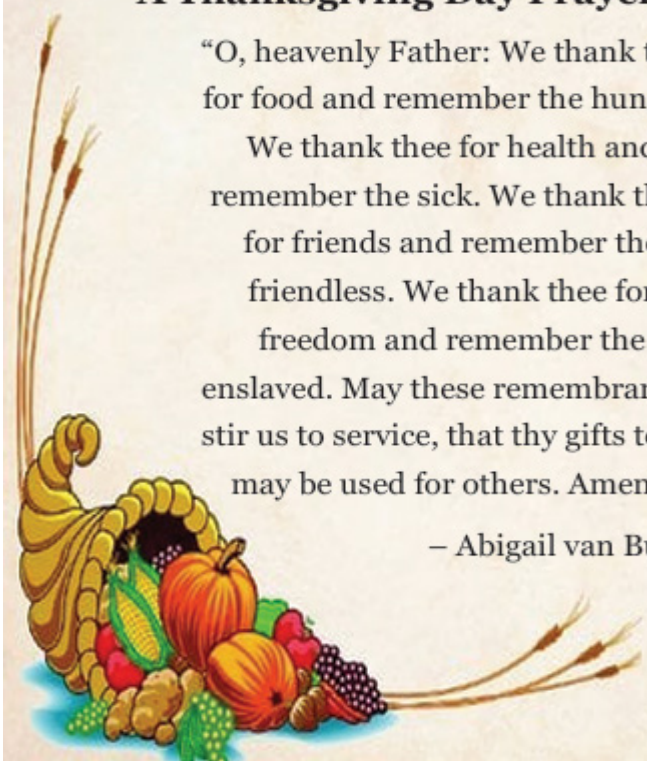
11/8: Ed Haley \$100.00 – sold by the Moomey Family
11/9: Gary and Cindy Koepp \$100.00 – sold by the Koepp Family
11/10: Holly Dittmer \$100.00 – sold by the Dittmer Family
11/11: Gayle Saltis \$100.00 – sold by the Powell Family
11/12: Ryan Tornabene \$100.00 – sold by the Tornabene Family
(donated back to SJS for the outdoor classroom!)

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer:

“O, heavenly Father: We thank thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank thee for health and remember the sick. We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, that thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.”

– Abigail van Buren



Save The Date

Friday Dec. 26
7PM

St. Joseph Music Ministry
Christmas Concert



New Deadline For Bulletin Content

Please make a note that if you would like to submit information for the bulletin, please email it to parishoffice@stjosephamherst.com, by Noon, NO LATER than 2 Fridays prior to the Sunday you want it to appear.



St. Joseph School will once again be hosting their annual Kris Kringle Santa Shop. This is an opportunity for SJS students to do some secret shopping

to purchase gifts for family and friends. We are in need of new/gently used donations such as: household goods, jewelry, decorations, Christmas items, books, games, toys, pet items, baby items, etc. We are also in need of Christmas gift bags and tissue paper donations as well. Donations can be dropped off BEFORE 12/9/25 at the school entrance, Door A.

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Nativity News

DINNERS ON THE GO

NOVEMBER 25TH MENU

Salisbury Steak with Mushroom Onion Gravy
Egg Noodles/ Peas and Carrots
Roll/Dessert
Soup – Italian Wedding

All Dinners are \$15.00 and include dessert.

A 16-oz. soup cup is \$5.00.

Additional desserts (if available) are \$2.00 each.

Nativity of the BVM Parish is located at
333 S. Lake Street, in South Amherst.

Drive-thru pickup only is from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Please call Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519 to place your order(s).

Please try to place your order by the Friday BEFORE a dinner.

Thank you for our continued support!

No Dinners will be served during the month of December ...

Happy Birthday, Jesus.

“Dinners on the Go” will resume in January of 2026. Have a
happy, healthy, and Blessed New Year!

NATIVITY'S GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be up again at Nativity this Christmas season. Each ornament was handmade by the children and will include age, gender, and wish list items.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR GIFTS
BY SATURDAY, DECEMBER
13TH (UNWRAPPED AND IN A
CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG).

The children would like you
to keep the ornaments as they
truly appreciate your generosity
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Christmas!

If you have any questions, contact
Diane Kirsch at 440-9355-2301.



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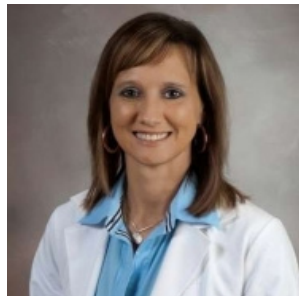
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For Adults 40 & Over



Join us Monday, December 8
7:00-8:30 p.m.

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Your Brain on Drugs Prayer.

Dr. Jacqueline Philips-Sabol, Ph.D.;
Neuropsychologist & Faith Leader,
Director of The Center for Spiritual
Healing (Diocese of Erie) will
present scientific data, videos and

examples that will explain the effects of prayer and faith on our
health, brain function, and our lives.

Join us for a theologically enriching evening. Cost is \$15.00
per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available.

Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH AND NBVM YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Our YouTube Channel offers the 11:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed, along with past videos and newly added content! We will
also be uploading weekly event videos featured during Mass on Weekends, as well as new music from our music ministry.

Subscribe to us on YouTube [sjandnbvmmedia](https://www.youtube.com/sjandnbvmmedia).



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In the charity of your prayers,
We commend to God:

Paul Kover

We pray for his family and the families of all our deceased relatives and friends that they may enjoy eternal peace with our Risen Christ.

Let us also remember to pray for those confined to hospitals and nursing homes, the homebound, and their caregivers, our sons and daughters in the military, those dealing with mental illness and addictions, the homeless, and those who have no one to pray for them.

**NBVM HOLY COMMUNION
TO THE HOMEBOUND**

If you or someone you know – whether a friend, family member, or acquaintance – is a member of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in South Amherst and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519 or Wendy Rosso at 440-986-0304, so that we are able to meet the needs of the homebound.

YEAR-END GIVING

In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2025, we gratefully accept cash gifts, Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA, grants from your donor-advised fund, and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds. Looking ahead, you might also consider naming our parish as a beneficiary of your IRA. Consult your financial advisor or contact Moira Wopershall at 216-696-6525, ext. 8070.

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