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Newsletter – August 2022

Remembering Father James.

It has been two years this month that we lost our beloved Father James. Unfortunately, due to Covid we have not been able to have a public service for him. Below is the tribute from his funeral prepared by Debbie Heidary.

Father James will be remembered as our pastor, our friend, a winemaker and a proud Irishman. When he came to this parish 17 years ago, we were financially strapped, and mass had low attendance numbers. In a short amount of time, father had us back in the black by engaging our members and establishing our annual Blarney Banquet and other fundraisers. Father was a great organizer. He could get anyone to do anything he needed accomplished simply by asking. His leadership skills were impeccable and exactly what this parish needed. Saint Joseph Middletown is not just a church, we are a family.

His down-to-earth demeanor and his ability to explain the scriptures in a way that everyone could understand, brought new life to our church. His bits of trivia and facts that he shared with us, were fun and enlightening. Did you know the White House was modeled after Leinster House in Dublin, Ireland or that it is illegal to import horses into Iceland? Well, us at St. Joseph know these things.

As one of the most selfless, wise, and kind human beings, he was able to relate to the struggles our parishioners were going through. During the Valley Fire he really united our parish at a time when we all needed each other; for that we are eternally grateful.

We were not ready to say goodbye to him, and many of us are still in shock. We must remind ourselves, that he is in heaven rejoicing with the Lord. Rest in peace our friend. Until we meet again.



Thank you to Diedra Lagle who purchased this beautiful banner after seeing one in Texas. This is a lovely addition to our church.

We would also like to thank and show our appreciation to Diedra Lagle, Pat Giocommini, Scott Schindler and John Enright for the lovely job of reorganizing the entrance into St. Joseph Church. Good job, it looks very nice



Please pray for the sick in our parish... and those who care for them.... Brendan "Ben" Coyne, Michael Davis, Chris Eergz, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Ron Hays, John Johnson, Jane Kloppenburg, Maxine Lair, Joe Mc Sweeney, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Karen Ness, Don Nielsen, Esther Oertel, Joaquina Ortega, Vera and Tyrone Rivera, Judith Spears, Leslie Thomas and special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.

Mass Times

Our Lady of the Lake

Mass will resume September

St. Joseph

First Friday of the month
at 12:00 p.m.

Sunday's at 8:30 a.m. and
and
4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Our Lady of the Pines

Sunday at 11:30 a.m.
July 3, - September 4th



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Mass in Memory of Father James

Fr. Lawrence is planning a mass in memory of our beloved pastor Fr. James McSweeney to be held on Wednesday, August 17 at 2 pm. We are hoping to have refreshments and possibly a trip to his grave to place flowers. Please plan to attend. Please RSVP to Sandy for amount of food to order.

FR. LAWRENCE CELEBRATION...we are in the process of organizing a party in celebration of Fr. Lawrence birthday on September 21 and the anniversary of his ordination on October 8. The function will be held on Saturday, October 8. There will be plenty of food and many more activities. Additional information to follow. Father Lawrence asks that all money raised be given to St. Joseph to go towards our insurance bill. Please plan to be there, mark your calendars.



We are planning a Blarney Banquet 2023. Thank you to Jane Cauley for agreeing to step in to replace Debbie Heidary who has moved to Santa Rosa. We are hoping to again have the Banquet around St. Patrick's Day and plans are to hold it at the Event Center at Twin Pines. Volunteers are needed, please plan to attend and participate. More to come.

Fr. Marlon is also planning a fundraiser at Queen of Peace in celebration for his birthday on September 8. All proceeds will go towards the insurance bills for Queen of Peace. Additional information will follow.

Join us for our next
Coffee Social
Sunday, August 28th directly following the
8:30 mass



July 2022 Collection Totals			
	1st	2nd	Total
7/3/2022	\$1,836.00	\$1,857.00	\$ 3,693.00
7/10/2022	\$ 827.00	\$ 763.00	\$ 1,590.00
7/17/2022	\$ 744.00	\$1,181.00	\$ 1,925.00
7/24/2022	\$1,471.00	\$1,360.00	\$ 2,831.00
7/31/2022	\$1,185.50	\$2,218.00	\$ 3,403.50
Total	\$6,063.50	\$7,379.00	\$13,442.50