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St. Joseph Ridge

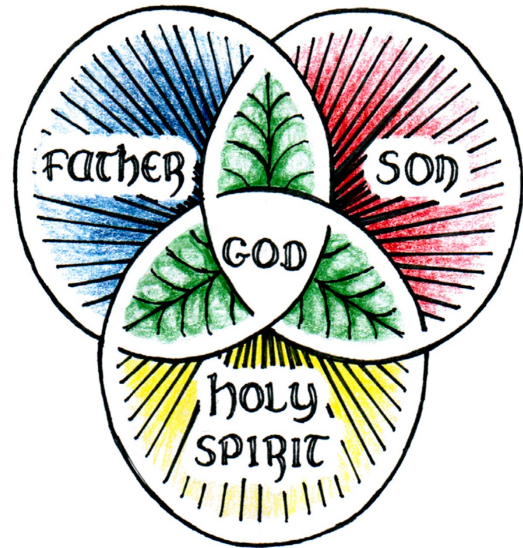
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May 31, 2026 - Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

The Most Holy Trinity

Three Persons in One God



Pastor **Father Sen**

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PARISH OFFICE

Paula Silha—Administrative Assistant
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CONFESSIONS

3:30—3:45 pm
(before Saturday 4pm Mass)

St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph Ridge

(608) 788-1646

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday.....4:00 PM

Sunday.....8:00 AM

Adoration: Tuesday ... 5:00 PM

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday5:30 PM

Thursday8:00 AM

1st Saturday of the month.. 8:00 AM

St. Peters Parish, Middle Ridge

(608) 452-4680

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday.....8:00 PM

Sunday10:00 AM

Weekday Schedule

Wednesday8:00 AM

Friday.....8:00 AM

ADORATION: Wednesdays

Exposition, Rosary, Adoration,
and Confession ...7:00 PM

Benediction at 7:55 PM

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Bill Weber—Chair
Teresa Brown—Secretary
Dave Brown-Cemetery Rep
Lori Clements -PCCW Rep
Stan Clements
Ann Degenhardt
Terry Dickman-Finance
Council Rep
Bob Kotek
Stacy Burns-Music
Lorie Liss-DRE

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:

Terry Dickman—Co-Chair
Dan Steiger—Co-Chair
Mary Jo Hess-Secretary
Barb Braun
Dave Brown-(Bldg & Grnds)
and Cemetery Rep

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Director:
Lorie Liss

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women:

Lori Clements-President
Mary Jo Hess-Treasurer
Vacant-Secretary
Polly Hilby-Funeral Prep

Cemetery Sexton, Building & Grounds:

Dave Brown 608-792-1006
davidteresabrown457@gmail.com
Rick Meyer

MUSIC:

Stacy Burns, Coordinator
608-769-8828
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Accompanist:

Leland Gregorich
Lisa Meyer
Paulene Connell
Mary Beth Smith

Sacristan:

Sally Miller

"Whoever serves me, the Father will honor." John 12:26

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH

~4:00 pm -† Frank and Carol Seebauer (R&LM)
 Lector: Donna Clements
 Eucharistic Minister: Teresa Brown
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST

~8:00 am - Steve Mashak (D&SS)
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Eucharistic Minister: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND

~5:00 pm— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~5:30 pm - † Adeline Clements (S&SM)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH

~8:00 am—† Antonia Medrano de Guzman (RM)

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

~8:00 am—First Saturday Mass—Our Parish Family
 ~4:00 pm - † Evelyn & Ralph Mikshowsky
 (The Mikshowsky Family)
 Lector: Donna Clements
 Eucharistic Minister: Michelle Hundt
 Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

~8:00 am - † Alfred & Anna Klos & Family
 (JK, D&SM)
 Lector: Paula Silha
 Eucharistic Minister: Barb Dickman
 Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (37):	\$ 1355.00
Plate collection:	\$ 316.00
Ascension:	\$ 210.00
Votive Lights:	\$ 154.50
Total Contributions:	\$ 2035.50
Parish weekly target needed:	\$ 2,800.00
Above/below weekly target:	- \$ 764.50

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◇ June 2—6:15 pm History Planning Committee Meeting at the Parish/School hall
- ◇ June 6 - First Saturday Mass at 8:00 am
- ◇ June 6 & 7 - Anniversary Blessing following Mass
- ◇ June 14 - 125th Anniversary Picnic Planning Meeting, 3:00 pm, Parish/School Hall

SAVE THE DATE to CELEBRATE

St. Joseph Catholic Church's

(St. Joseph Ridge)

125th Anniversary

Saturday, August 22nd

Starts with the 4:00 pm Mass

Then continues with picnic, food,
and lots of activities to celebrate!!!

~ EMBRACE YOUR FAITH ~

* **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
 Tuesday evenings: 5:00 pm; 5:30 pm Mass
 ~ 8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~
 Read Spiritual Books Ask for Intercession
 Meditate Offer a Holy Hour
 Write a Prayer Journal Read the Scriptures
 Pray Spontaneously Ask the Saints for help
Spending time with our Dear Lord!!!

* **To Request the Anointing of the Sick**
 Contact Father Sen (715) 615- 1774, or the
 Office (608)788-1646 or email srp2601@gmail.com

* **Confession** 3:30—3:45 pm before Saturday 4:00 Mass

* **Mass Intentions**
 Weekday and weekend mass intentions are available.
 Please contact the Parish office 608/788-1646, use
 envelopes in the back of church, or
 email sjrp2601@gmail.com.

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

(608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com)

TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- ◆ Joining the Parish ◆ Weddings ◆ Baptisms
- ◆ Anointing of the sick
- ◆ If you are home-bound and would like to be visited

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



May 31, 2026 - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
 EX 34:4b-6, 8-9; DN 3:52-56; 2 COR 13:11-13;
 JN 3:16-18

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity — the central mystery of our faith.

Though the Trinity is a profound mystery, it also reveals something practical for us as Christian stewards. The Trinity, as a communion of Persons who give themselves completely to one another, shows us that self-giving love is at the heart of the stewardship way of life.

In our Gospel, we hear, “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” God’s self-giving love calls us to respond by giving ourselves in love and service to others, fostering a sense of meaningful purpose.

The more we give of ourselves in love, the more we experience “the grace of the Lord, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit” within us.

This Triune God invites us into a deeper relationship with Him — one that deepens as we live actively in gratitude and self-gift through stewardship.

	2025-26 Goal:	\$23,975.00
	Pledged:	\$ 22,425.00
	Percent of Goal Rec'd	94%
	Received:	\$ 22,375.00
	Amount Under Goal:	\$ 1,550.00

The three Persons in the Blessed Trinity are all equal but different. We cannot understand this, but we believe it because Jesus taught it. It is one of the Mysteries of our Faith.

What does the Holy Trinity do for us? We know that God the Father made everything and we are intended to go back to Him. The Holy Spirit guides us towards Him, and Jesus is the way.

Every time you make the Sign of the Cross or say the "Glory Be" you are praying to the Blessed Trinity.



~ PARISH NEWS ~

- + **Your Participation is Needed:** Pastoral and Finance Councils welcome you to participate. If you are interested or would like more information, please speak with Fr. Sen or email sjrp2601@gmail.com.
- + **125th Anniversary Celebration of St. Joseph Parish Church:** 2026 is the quasiquintennial—125th anniversary of the Church building. Save the date Saturday, August 22, 2026, following 4pm Mass
- + **History Committee:** There will be a meeting on Tues. June 2, at 6:15pm for people interested in planning activities around the history of our Parish and School Hall. Bring your old pictures.
- + **Diocesan Annual Appeal:** Donations for this year’s Appeal are accepted until June 30, 2026. \$1,550 is still needed. Amount received over goal is returned to the Parish for Parish needs.
- + **Cemetery Pot Watering:** Thanks to Laverne and Stan Clements for volunteering to water cemetery pots. Watering will occur Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- + **Celebration of Life:** There will be a celebration of life for Sharon (LeJeune) Tarpenting on June 9th from 3-7:00pm at the “Venue in Coon Valley”.
- + **Finance and Parish Council Meetings -** Finance Council will meet at 6:30 pm and the Parish Council will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 14.



Rebuild My Church Update

Adult Baptisms on the Rise: This Easter, there were astounding numbers of adults getting baptized and confirmed, in places you might not expect. Over 1,000 in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Over 1,600 in the Diocese of Portland, Oregon.

[Read more about it here.](#) For more updates, visit [here](#) or scan the QR code below.



Welcome and encourage someone you know to return to Jesus and the Catholic Church.

*Glory be to the Father, And to the Son,
 And to the Holy Spirit*

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

~Message from Bishop Battersby: To celebrate America's semiquincentennial, that is, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the bishops of the United States voted to consecrate the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026. In *Dilexi Te*, Pope Leo invited us to contemplate Christ's love, which moves us out on our mission to attend to our sisters and brothers suffering in the world today, particularly in our care for poor and vulnerable people. As we reflect with gratitude on the blessings God has bestowed on our country, our devotion to the Sacred Heart demands that we consider how we might foster truth, justice, and charity in American life. We are called to bring our faith into the actions we take and the lives we lead in our communities. This anniversary and consecration will be a great opportunity to promote the beautiful devotion to the Sacred Heart and to encourage the laity to offer their lives in service to God and their country. In preparation of the consecration, I encourage you to pray daily the Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and, from June 3–11, pray the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Prayer: www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-sacred-heart-jesus
Novena: www.usccb.org/novena-sacred-heart-jesus

Thursday, June 11, the special Mass of consecration, will be livestreamed on the [USCCB's YouTube](https://www.usccb.org/youtube) channel.

~Franciscan Spirituality Center Free Program Offerings:

The FSC offers a variety of free events and programs. Check out the offerings; support groups for those with overwhelming grief, depression, opportunities for creativity, wellness, growing hope and improving mental health. <https://www.fscenter.org/>

~Newman Center 6pm Sunday Mass Continues .Due to the popularity of the Sunday evening Mass during the academic year, Roncalli Newman will be adding a 6pm Sunday evening Mass during the summer beginning June 7 - August 30th.

~Rural Life Day Nominations: The Rural Life planning group is seeking nominations for recognition awards for Rural Life Day (Sept. 23, 2026 at Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor):

- "Friend of Rural Life" – Makes a significant contribution to the farming community. Not necessarily direct farmers themselves.
- "Strangers and Guests" – Farm family that exemplifies Catholic life, involvement in parish and community activities, hospitality, generosity.
- "Century Farms" – Families that have maintained 100+ years of continuous family ownership of their farm.

If you have someone in mind, please contact Rural Life Chairperson Anne Marie Elwing with their name and phone number: annemarie.elwing@wallstonellc.com.

~Find a Church and Mass when Traveling: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers a website to help you find a church with a convenient Mass time when you are traveling. Visit this website <https://www.usccb.org/mass-times>

God So Loved The World Cross-Word

_____(3d) so _____(10a) the world that he _____(3a) his _____(15a) Son, so that _____(2d) _____(11d) believes ____ (14d) him might not _____(13a) but might have _____(7d) _____.(8a) For God did _____(12a) _____(1a) his Son _____(9d) the _____(4d) to _____(6a) the world, but that the world might __ (5a) saved through him.

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading. Then fit them into the cross-word



- BE
- GAVE
- GOD
- IN
- INTO
- LIFE
- LOVED
- NOT
- ONLY
- PERISH
- SEND
- WHO
- WORLD
- CONDEMN
- ETERNAL
- EVERYONE

Trusting in God's merciful and abundant love, we bring our prayers and petitions to him.

- + For protection and blessing of the Democracy of the United States of America as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we pray to the Lord...
- + For a relaxing and safe summer break for all students, teachers and school support staff, we pray to the Lord...
- + For favorable weather for farmers and a safe and successful growing season, we pray to the Lord.
- +For protection and health of Pope Leo, leader of our Catholic Church.

God our Father, we beg you to hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord.

Your requests are welcome! Call 608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com