22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

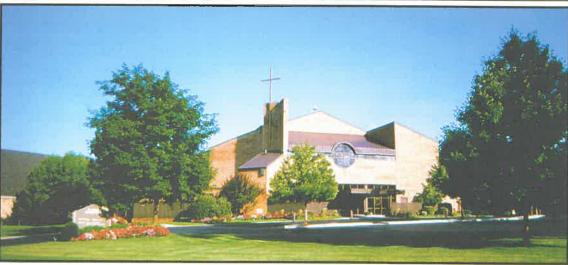
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MISSION STATEMENT: Saint Joseph Parish, Mechanicsburg PA

Like our Patron, Saint Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are called to foster the presence of Christ in all that we say and do. Our mission is to grow disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ.



Reverend Thomas J. Rozman, Pastor Reverend Kenneth C. Roth, Parochial Vicar Deacon Jack Paruso (Retired) Deacon Steven Auchey Rudy Geisler, Parish Manager Rebecca A. Bamberger, School Principal Mark Rebuck, Coordinator of Religious Education Mary Vukelich, Adult Education Coordinator Justin Myers, Pastoral Musician Suzanne Bruzga, Evangelization Coordinator Parish Advisory Council, pac@stjosephmech.org

9:45 AM Gazebo Weekday See inside; Masses for the Week

Saturday:

Sunday:

Parish Office: 410 E. Simpson St

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6507

4:00 PM (fulfills Sunday Obligation)

8:00 AM, 9:45 AM (ASL), 11:30 AM

Masses:

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:45 AM - 4:00 PM Friday 9:45 AM - Noon

4:00 PM Gazebo

Telephone Numbers: Parish Office:

717-766-9433 Video Phone for the Deaf: 717-610-0326 Mass & Confession Times: 717-766-8032 Parish Office FAX: 717-795-9123 School: 717-766-2564 School FAX: 717-766-1226 Religious Education: 717-766-2472 Trinity High School: 717-761-1116

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact the parish office, 717-766-9433, to schedule.

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Common Policy for Baptism: Parents are encouraged to call the Parish Office to receive a copy of the Parish Baptism Policy containing essential information regarding the required instruction workshop and requirements for sponsors.

Sponsor Certificates: Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active members of the Parish who are registered in the Parish and receiving the Sacraments.

Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)

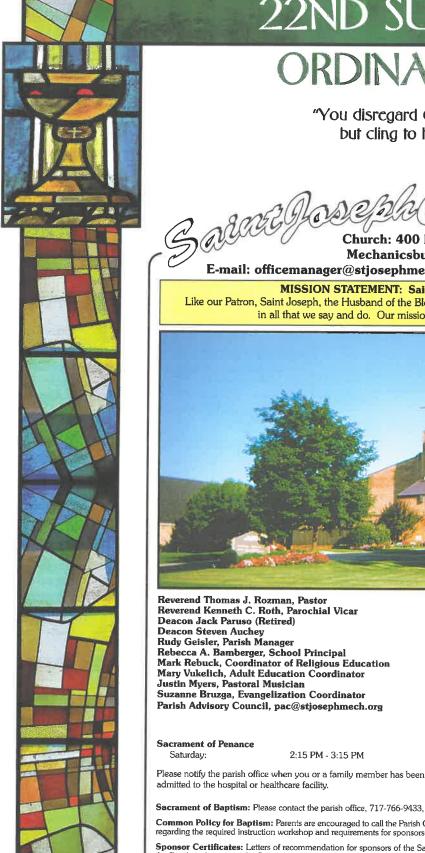
Saturday:

Common Policy: It is necessary for a couple to contact the priests NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS prior to the anticipated time of the wedding. (It is recommended to contact the parish priest as soon as a formal engagement is decided.)

acrament of Anointing: Call any parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

Holy Communion to the Sick: When a parishioner is confined to home because of illness, advanced age, or infirmity, please call the office and arrangements will be made to take Holy Communion to the person.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 9:00 AM by email submission: bulletin@stjosephmech.org





Masses & Events for the Week

VIGIL - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 PM Douglas McCabe (McCabe)

4:00 PM Gazebo Mass: Deceased members of the Larroque Family (Kan)

Holy Land Gifts (Outside) After Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

People of the Parish, Living & Deceased 8:00 AM

Barbara and John Devlin (Devlin) +9:45 AM

9:45 AM Gazebo Mass -

Special Intention of Cecilia Thanh Trong Family

Dorothy Mayernick (Montgomery) 11:30 AM

RCIA (Parish Life & Ed. Center Room 306) 9:30 AM

Holy Land Gifts (Outside) After Masses

MONDAY, AUGUST 30 - WEEKDAY (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30)

9:00 AM Patrick Akujobi (Akujobi)

Trinity Freshman First Day of School

REP Catechist Meeting and Dinner (Saint Joseph Hall) 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 - WEEKDAY (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11; Luke 4:31-37)

P Robert Closkey, Jr. (Capper) 9:00 AM

Trinity Upperclassman First Day of School

Lector Training (Church) 4:00 PM RCIA Tour of the Church 6:30 PM

SJS Music Information Night (Gym) 7:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Meeting (Lee Horan Rm.) 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - WEEKDAY (Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44)

9:00 AM † Theresa McKim (Myers)

Legion of Mary (John Paul II Room) 6:30 PM

Christmas Fest Planning Mtg. (Lee Horan Rm.) 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - WEEKDAY (Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11)

9:00 AM William Schuler

11:00 AM Abiding Together Women's Group (Zoom)

Finance Council (John Paul II Rm.) 7:00 PM

Abiding Together Women's Group (Zoom) 7:45 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT,

POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH (Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39)

Theresa Saucier (Collins) 9:00 AM

No School - Labor Day Weekend

Senior Leader Team Meeting (Brindle Hall) 12:00 PM

Holy Hour with Prayers, Night Prayer, Benediction (Church) 7:30 PM

Candlelight Procession & Prayers to Our Blessed Mother 8:30 PM

Public and Livestreamed (Church)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - WEEKDAY; BVM (Colossians 1:21-23, Luke 6:1-5)

6:15 AM That Man is You (Zoom) 2:15 PM Confessions (Confessionals)

VIGIL - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In honor of Barbara and Robert Bixler's 4:00 PM

70th Wedding Anniversary

4:00 PM Gazebo Mass - PJames Wood (Solensky)

New Hope Food Collection (Narthex)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37)

People of the Parish, Living & Deceased 8:00 AM

† Virginia Chavez (Daffner) +9:45 AM

Gazebo Mass - # Jacob Groenenboom (Brennan) 9:45 AM

⊕ George Correa (Mascarenhas) 11:30 AM

RCIA (Parish Life & Ed. Center Room 306) 9:30 AM New Hope Food Collection (Narthex)

6:00 PM Bible Study (Lee Horan Rm.)

+ Mass in American Sign Language ASL View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



Join us in Church or for an outdoor Mass. Our Outdoor Masses are Saturdays at 4:00 PM (Vigil) and Sundays at 9:45 AM. All Masses in the Church can be heard from the Church parking lot on your car radio (FM 95.5). The 9:45 AM Mass can also be viewed via Livestream on our website, Facebook or YouTube channels. All are welcome!!!

We Remember

ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of Virginia Chavez.

TABERNACLE FLOWERS: For the living and deceased members of the Simon and Staub Families.

DIVINE MERCY FLOWERS: For the living and deceased members of the Simon and Staub Families.

ALTAR CANDLES: In memory of Helen and Joseph Eichholzer. Love, Tina and Tom Middleton.

AMBO CANDLES: Special Intention of Benjamin Burner. RED SANCTUARY CANDLE: Special Intention of Sharon

TABERNACLE CANDLES: In thanksgiving for all those celebrating a birthday, anniversary, marriage or any special

day. Hansie

\$140 Donation for Tabernacle, \$70 Altar, Ambo, & Divine Mercy Flowers, \$10 Donation for candles, \$5 Donation for Pro-Life Rose

Information on our website: www.stjosephmech.org or call the parish office: 717-766-9433.

Banns of Marriage announced for Courtney Eucker and Corey Skasik, to be married in our church on September 4, 2021



BLESSING OF THE NEW SACRED HEART STATUE

We were able to acquire a Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue, which will be blessed in the Narthex of the Church immediately after the 9 AM Mass on Friday, September 3. As First Fridays are dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, what a fitting way to observe this day with a special reminder of God's great love for us. We hope that you can join

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have recently died, may they rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let thy perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WE REMEMBER:

Louie Pilato

PARISH TRANSFORMATION

Revamping REP

You will notice on our parish website that we have revamped our Religious Education Program. We are very happy to announce that our students will gather much more often in Church to worship together at Mass on Monday afternoons/evenings in order to grow in their appreciation of the Eucharist, "the source and summit of our faith." After Mass, Fathers Rozman and Roth will offer teaching sessions, in the Church, to keep our students up to date with their knowledge of the faith.

Additionally, the sixth grade students will be working through the "ALPHA Youth" Program with the invitation to develop a more personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Similarly, the seventh and eighth grade students will now both be using the "CHOSEN" Program from Ascension Press as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All of our catechists are working diligently in order to provide your child or children with the best Catholic religious education that they can; however, as we all know, the first (and best) catechists are all of you as their parents and guardians. Mr. Mark Rebuck, the Coordinator for Religious Education, looks forward to working with both parents and children as we work together to build disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ through our shared Catholic Faith. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Rebuck directly via email, phone or text. It takes a combination of the students, their parents/guardians and the catechists/parish leadership to enable our REP program to bear fruit. We thank all those who are involved in bringing our younger parishioners closer to the heart of the Lord Jesus.

Why are we doing this, you might ask? One of the fruits of the past few years is that we, the Parish Senior Leadership Team and the Parish Advisory Council, took the time to pray about, and discuss, how we can help our younger Catholics come to a more meaningful appreciation of what it means to have a relationship with Jesus, as well as what it means to belong to the Catholic Church. Our primary reason for being a parish is to do our utmost in the salvation of souls. We also have been hearing, and experiencing, that young Catholics throughout the United States are leaving the Church in alarmingly high numbers by the time they are teenagers. Too often, Confirmation is viewed as a graduation from our faith, instead of a Sacrament of INITIATION (the BEGINNING, not the end, of the faith journey). We are starting them on a major course for their life, and the question is: Are they just going through the motions in order to check the box on the list of To-Do's? That is NOT what our Catholic way of life is. So, we are responding with what we hope will be a program that will help our youth grow in their faith and be an even more committed disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please go to www.stjosephmech.org/religious-education for a full explanation of this year's program.

We remind our high school REP students that the "Chosen" Program will be offered this year on Wednesday evenings; Children's Liturgy of the Word will continue to be offered online; we also have the capability of offering the Monday REP classes online whenever there is inclement weather, so there is no more need for us to skip classes because of a "snow day."

This year, we have chosen Blessed Carlo Acutis, a teenage saint, as the patron for the REP year. For more information on the amazing influence he has had on the Church, please go to https://carloacutis-en.org

If any parishioner would like to join us when we offer Monday afternoon/evening Masses, you are welcome to do so. We just ask that you always check the parish bulletin, as there will be a few weeks when these Masses are not offered, especially when the REP program is on break, or observing a holiday schedule.

Please pray for all of our students in the Religious Education, Saint Joseph School and Trinity High School Programs, as well as their parents, teachers and catechists. Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us! Saint Joseph, pray for us!







We were certainly eager to welcome our students back to school this week! They were missed so much! We were also very excited to welcome our new students to SJS! We will

Saint Joseph School

continue to pray for our entire church community, and we ask our church family to keep us in your prayers for a happy, healthy, and successful school year.

Saint Joseph School has the following employment opportunity available. Candidates are expected to

uphold the values of the Catholic Church and our

Saint Joseph School. **Substitute Teachers:** An interested candidate must be a practicing Catholic and must possess at minimum a bachelor's degree. Candidates must be at least 21 years of age and will need to complete all diocesan clearances.

If interested in the substitute teacher position, please send a cover letter and resume to Mrs. Rebecca Bamberger at rbamberger@stjoesmech.org

Employment Opportunity Saint Joseph School Extended Day Program

The Saint Joseph School (Mechanicsburg) Extended Day Program has an opening for a caregiver 2-3 afternoons per week from 2:15 PM - 5:30 PM. Responsibilities include playing with and helping children, assisting children with homework, helping to serve snack, cleaning up after snack, and other duties as required by the program director.

Applicants will need to complete or submit (done within the past 12 months) all necessary employee clearances and background checks along with a valid driver's license. If you are interested in earning extra income while performing a very rewarding service, please contact Linda Schneider at lschneider@stjoesmech.org.





Grab-n-Go Crabs and BBQ!

Join us on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM for grab-n-go crabs and BBQ! Pick up your Harbour House Crabs and/or Redd's BBQ at Trinity and enjoy them with friends and family at your home. All orders must be placed by Thursday, September 16, at 6PM Order here! (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-5th-annual-central-pa-crab-beerwine-festival-tickets-165772579247

The 13th Annual Lauren and Spencer Day Golf Tournament will be held on September 11, 2021, at Rich Valley Golf Course in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, to raise money for the Lauren and Spencer Day Foundation.

In the Diocese of Harrisburg, a second collection for the Haitian people and the Church impacted by the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace will take place on the weekend of September 25/26. Please place donation in an envelope marked Haiti 2021. Thank you for helping those in need.

Weekly Stewardship Report - August 22, 2021

Regular Sunday Offerings: Weekly Goal	\$ 26,731.00
Actual Basket Offerings - Weekend Offerings (envelopes & loose) Electronic Check - Bill Payer Online Thru WeShare Total Offering	\$ 15,782.00 \$ 7,575.00 \$ 6,862.00 \$ 30,219.00

Comparison Prior Year - August 23, 2020 \$ 24,710.00

Additional Offerings:
Feast of the Assumption \$ 309.00
Missionary Cooperative \$ 195.00
Capital Improvements (PLEC Roof Savings Account) \$ 366.00

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Interested in becoming Catholic? Are you an adult needing any Sacraments? Join our RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)! For additional

information please contact Suzanne Bruzga at evangelization@stjosephmech.org or 717-766-9433.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP) 2021-2022

September is right around the corner! REP starts after Labor Day! Signing up is easy and on-line through our website:

www.stjosephmech.org/religious-education

We have **Pre-School Programs on Sundays** during the 9:45AM Mass, held in the Parish Life & Education Center.

For Students in grades 1-8 classes are held Monday evenings in the Parish Life & Education Center. There are two session times to

pick from: 4:15 PM-5:30 PM or 6:30 PM-7:45 PM.

High School Program-Wednesday evenings 6:00 PM-7:00 PM. We will be using the *Chosen* Program from Ascension Press. These will be held in the Lee Horan Room.

Questions: Contact Mr. Mark Rebuck at cre@stjosephmech.org





HOLY LAND GIFTS

After all Masses this weekend, outside the church, there will be a display of handmade articles for sale such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, and many more beautiful religious items. Because of conflict in the region, many Christian families in Bethlehem are struggling to make ends meet. Holy Land Gifts represent over 150 Christian families who make a living by selling traditional olivewood handcrafts and religious articles. When you purchase one of these beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families who live and work with dignity in the region fraught with tension. Thank you for supporting this project to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land.



Our next New Hope Ministry panty collection is September 4/5, 2021. Most needed items include: pasta (except spaghetti), canned fruit, canned chicken or tuna, deodorant, toothpaste, dish and laun-Sharing Ornist's love by meeting human needs dry soap, and diapers sizes 4, 5,

6. Note: no glass or expired items. Our August donations totaled 805 lbs. of food and 108 lbs. of school supplies! Your generosity is Amazing! Thank you!

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one" -Mother Teresa



TROOP 195 POPCORN SALE:

It's that time of year again! Please support our Scouts! Our Popcorn & Nut Sale is our ONLY fundraiser for the entire year! The funds we make through this fundraiser will help our small Troop raise money to keep our dues to a minimum, as well as to pay for Awards, Badges, etc. for our Scouts.

If you are interested in purchasing an item or donating popcorn to our military service

members, please reach out to Dana Facius at dfacius@verizon.net or 717-856-2939 directly. Thank you in advance for your consideration!



The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Diocese to join us at the Fall Mini Retreat on Saturday, September 25, at Saint Catherine Laboure Church, 4000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111. The theme is "Joined in Our Faith". The day begins with registration at 8:15 AM Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM, followed by 2 morning workshops, lunch and 1 afternoon workshop. The

day will end with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and closing prayer.

Register by contacting Brenda Wolf at 717-658-8191 or email: brendaangel.musicwithmama@gmail.com.

Please make checks payable to: "Seton District Council of Catholic Women" Registration deadline is September 15, 2021. Please bring a Rosary and bible. See the HDCCW website, hdccw.webs.com for additional details and other Diocesan CCW information.



Labor Day is Monday, September 6 We will have one Mass at 8AM. All are welcome! The Parish Office will be closed as well as the School on Monday.

Our Annual Christmas Fest will be held on Saturday, November 20, from 8AM until 3PM in the Saint Joseph Parish Life and Education Center. This year's event will feature craft vendors, silent auction, raffle, food, bake sale, and children's crafts. Volunteers are needed. Contact Valerie vjdspn@verizon.net

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SAVE THE DATE: September 25-26

The Eucharistic Miracles Of the World

Our Saint Joseph Parish will host a free exhibit, open to the public, displaying The Eucharistic Miracles of the World based on the Catalogue Book of the Vatican International Exhibition. The Exhibit will be in Brindle

Hall and Lee Horan. All are welcome!!! For more information on what is included, please visit their website:

http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/engl_mir.htm



Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration in our Church and livestreamed, every Friday evening, starting at 7:30 PM. Join us in the Church for an hour with our Eucharistic Lord. We will pray together and silently. Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together. Benediction is at 8:30 PM and we conclude with a candle light prayer to Our Blessed

Mother. Worship Aids are available when you walk in the church and are posted on our website: www.stjosephmech.org.

All are welcome! Come, let us adore Him!



Join That Man Is You on Saturday morning for The Chosen, the groundbreaking, multi-season show about the life and ministry of Jesus. This week, Jesus prepares to give the Sermon on the Mount. It is the end of Season 2 and we

haven't met all the disciples. Will that change? We start this free, online meeting format that is open to everyone, every Saturday morning at 6:15 and are done by 8:00. Contact Tony Devlin at the devlinfamily@yahoo.com for information.



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BIBLE TIMELINE

The key to approaching bible study is finding the story that ties it all together!

If you want a better understanding of our faith and a deeper relationship with God, then join us for the popular **Bible Timeline** study. This 24-week program will be split into 2 semesters; one beginning the week of September 15 and the other beginning after Christmas.

The course includes independent reading and study questions, then group discussion and a video. Participants will purchase their materials at www.ascensionpress.com for \$37.95 plus shipping. As always, the parish is happy to cover all or part of the cost if needed!

Scheduling options:

- In-person—Sundays at 6 PM
- In-person—Wednesdays at 10 AM
- Via Zoom—TBD based on interest

Details & registration materials at www.stjosephmech.org/bible-study or call Mary Vukelich at 717-766-9433.



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—Kyley Drach, participant





Morning Star Shooting Star 5K Run and Walk for Life September 11, 2021 - Starting on City Island, Harrisburg Register on race day at the Carousel Pavilion on City Island at 7:00AM or on line at: https://marathons.ahotu.com/event/morning-star-shooting-star-5k We also have the link on our website at:

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Most Reverend José H. Gomez Archbishop of Los Angeles President

August 18, 2021

Your Eminence/Excellency:

This past weekend I offered my prayers of support to the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake that struck on Saturday. It caused immense damage and resulted in a substantial loss of life on an island already challenged by social unrest and still rebuilding after a major 2010 earthquake. Tropical Storm Grace followed just yesterday adding devastation to an already reeling population. As a result of both disasters many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed. The impact will be long-lasting.

Our partners at Catholic Relief Services are on the ground providing humanitarian relief and will be with the community over its extended recovery. The chairman of our Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has approved \$10,000 grants to each of the three most impacted dioceses to begin to help them as they look to rebuild the many parishes, rectories, schools, and other Church properties reduced to rubble. But much more support will be needed.

To respond as a unified Church, I suggest we take up a voluntary special collection for the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and significant Church needs arising from these calamities. I ask that we make a special appeal in our dioceses to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and that we each take up the collection as soon as possible so that those most in need can receive assistance quickly. The annual collection for The Catholic University of America is scheduled in many dioceses the first or second weekend in September, and so I recommend that the special emergency collection be taken up on the nearest weekend that does not conflict with any local CUA appeal.

The funds collected in this special appeal will become part of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church as well as the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and/or Catholic Charities USA, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. Funds will be used in response to the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace calamities in Haiti and any other disasters that occur and will be distributed where they are most needed. However, if such purpose(s) become unnecessary, impractical, or impossible to fill, USCCB may use such contributions for other emergency disaster relief where it is most needed as determined by the Committee on National Collections using its emergency response protocol.

I recognize that parish and diocesan activities continue to be impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and that the local capacity for fund-raising this year may be more challenging than with past emergency collections. However, I have experienced the generosity of our people and their deep care for those in need. I know that you will find the best way of making these needs known to your people and I have confidence in their prayerful consideration and response.

May Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of Haiti, intercede for us that this special appeal will be successful and provide for the needs of the people and the Church in Haiti.

Fraternally yours in our Lord,

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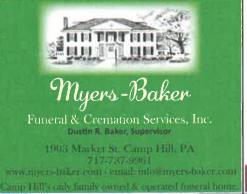
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