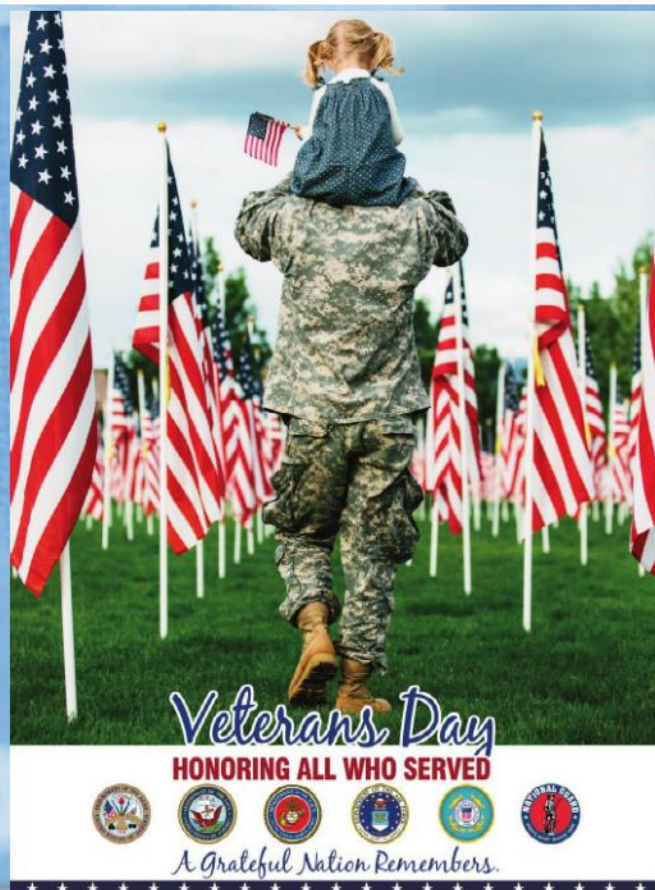


*Welcome To*

**SAINT JOSEPH**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



**November 5, 2023**

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Church**

400 E. Simpson St.  
[www.stjosephmech.org](http://www.stjosephmech.org)  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

**Parish Office**

717-766-9433  
410 E. Simpson St.  
[officemanager@stjosephmech.org](mailto:officemanager@stjosephmech.org)

**Saint Joseph School**

717-766-2564  
420 E. Simpson St.  
[www.sjsmch.org](http://www.sjsmch.org)

# WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH PARISH!

MASSES AND EVENTS NOVEMBER 4-5

## Saturday, November 4 - Vigil, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Malachi 1:14b-2:2b,8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13; Matthew 23:1-12)

**4:00 PM Mass in Church - ☩ William Yuknek (Yuknek)**

with Sacrament of Baptism

After Mass

Anointing of the Sick (Church)

Angel Tree; New Hope Food Collection (Narthex)

## Sunday, November 5 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM Mass in Church - ☩ All Souls**

9:30 AM

RCIA (Lee Horan Rm.)

**+9:45 AM**

**Mass in Church - In honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of John and Phyllis Messinger (Messinger)**

with Children's Liturgy of the Word

**11:30 AM**

**Mass in Church - People of the Parish Living and Deceased**

11:30 AM

Deaf Ministry Bible Study (Little Flower Rm.)

After Masses

Anointing of the Sick (Church)

Angel Tree, New Hope Food Collection (Narthex)

1:30 PM

Boy Scouts Troop 195 (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.-Saint Joseph Hall)

1:00 PM

Parent Workshop for First Holy Communion Year I & II (Brindle Hall)

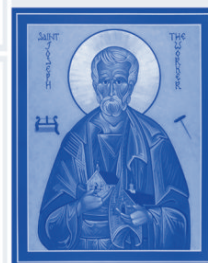
6:00 PM

Bible Study (Lee Horan Rm.)

+ American Sign Language

## Mission Statement

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 our Lord Jesus Christ.



## MUSIC MINISTRY THIS WEEKEND

<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Organ/Cantor</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Organ/Cantor</b>
<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>Organ/Cantor</b>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Organ/Cantor</b>



## WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH PARISH!

Our Hospitality Ministry is excited to connect with members of our Abiding Together who are greeting at some of the Masses this weekend. In addition, members of our Greeter Ministry are also greeting this weekend. Thank you! We encourage other ministries to sign-up to greet. For additional Hospitality Ministry information or to volunteer please contact Marlene Steinour - [Tinysteiny75@gmail.com](mailto:Tinysteiny75@gmail.com) or 717-712-9457.

**Join our Parish:** Visit [www.stjosephmech.org/parish-registration](http://www.stjosephmech.org/parish-registration)

**Sacrament of Penance:** Saturdays at 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Please notify the Parish Office when you or a family member has been admitted to a hospital or healthcare facility. In the event of serious illness or injury please contact the Parish Office at 717-766-9433. Holy Communion can be brought to homebound parishioners, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Visit our website for more information:

<https://www.stjosephmech.org/baptism>

**Sacrament of Matrimony Common Policy:**

It is necessary for a couple to contact the clergy NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.



## This Weekend's Candle and Flower Dedications:

**ALL CANDLES:** Special Intention.

**PRO-LIFE ROSE:** The Unborn.

**ALL FLOWERS:** For the living and deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

## 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 OUR PARISHIONER**

Gerald Donatucci

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Francis Gene Billow

## Parish Info

**Parish Office:** 717-766-9433

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - Noon

**Bulletin Deadline Mondays by 8:00 AM.**

Email submission: [bulletin@stjosephmech.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephmech.org)

**Phone Numbers**

**Video Phone for the Deaf:** 717-610-0326

**Mass & Confession Times:** 717-766-8032

**Saint Joseph School:** 717-766-2564

**Religious Education:** 717-766-2472

## Our Staff

**Pastor:**.....Reverend Thomas J. Rozman

**Parochial Vicar:**.....Reverend Kenneth C. Roth

**Deacon:**.....Deacon Steven Auchey

**Parish Manager:**.....David Maceiko

**School Principal:**.....Rebecca Bamberger

**Pastoral Musician:**.....Justin Myers

**Religious Education Coordinator:**.....Mark Rebuck

**Family Ministries Coordinator:**.....Becky Davis

**Youth/Evangelization Coordinator:**.....Dan Menezes

**Communications Coordinator:**.....Mary Vukelich

**Parish Advisory Council:**.....[pac@stjosephmech.org](mailto:pac@stjosephmech.org)

November 5, 2023

*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*





# JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR MASSES AND EVENTS NOVEMBER 6 - 11

**Monday, November 6 - Weekday** (Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14)

- 8:30 AM** **Mass in Church - ☩ All Souls**  
 4:30 PM REP First Session (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.)  
 4:30 PM Parent Workshop for First Holy Communion Year I & II (Lee Horan Rm.)  
 5:45 PM Cherub Choir Rehearsal (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.)  
 6:30 PM REP Second Session (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.)  
 6:30 PM Parent Workshop for First Holy Communion Year I & II (Lee Horan Rm.)

**Tuesday, November 7 - Weekday** (Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24)

**6:30 AM** **Mass in Church - ☩ All Souls**

**Wednesday, November 8 - Weekday** (Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33)

- 8:30 AM** **Mass in Church - ☩ All Souls**  
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)  
 9:30 AM Bible Study (Brindle Hall)  
 6:00 PM High School REP (Lee Horan Rm.)  
 6:30 PM Legion of Mary (John Paul II Rm.)  
 6:30 PM Columbiettes (Brindle Hall)  
 7:00 PM Respect Life Committee Mtg. (Little Flower Rm.)

**Thursday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

(Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22)

**8:30 AM** **Mass in Church - ☩ Kirsten Geisler (Bamberger)**

- 9:30 AM Abiding Together (John Paul II Rm.)  
 6:00 PM SJS Ed. Board Mtg. (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr - Rm. 218, Library)  
 7:00 PM Abiding Together (Lee Horan Rm.)

**Friday, November 10 - Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

(Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8)

- 6:30 AM** **Mass in Church - ☩ All Souls**  
 Saint Joseph School Hero Walk  
 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lee Horan Rm.)  
 12:00 PM Senior Leadership Team Mtg. (John Paul II Rm.)  
**6:45 PM** **Mass in Church - ☩ Dan Decker (Bradley)**  
 7:15 PM Holy Hour (Church)  
 8:15 PM Benediction (Church)  
 8:30 PM Young Adult Benediction & Board Games (Brindle Hall)

**Saturday, November 11 - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day**

(Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16: 9-15)

- 6:15 AM That Man Is You (Brindle Hall)  
 10:00 AM Junior Legion of Mary (John Paul II Rm.)  
 2:15 PM Confessions (Church)

**Saturday, November 11 - Vigil, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13)

**4:00 PM** **Mass in Church - ☩ Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus**

- After Mass Saint Monica Prayer Service (Church)  
 Angel Tree; New Coats for Kids (Narthex)

**Sunday, November 12 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** **Mass in Church - ☩ Regina Zahorchak (Stover/Austin)**

9:30 AM RCIA (Lee Horan Rm.)

**+9:45 AM** **Mass in Church - Joseph Bianca (Bianca)**

with Children's Liturgy of the Word

**10:30 AM** **Saint Joseph School Open House (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.)**

**11:30 AM** **Mass in Church - People of the Parish Living and Deceased**

11:30 AM Deaf Ministry Bible Study (Little Flower Rm.)

After Masses Saint Monica Prayer Service (Church)

Angel Tree (Narthex)

New Coats for Kids (Narthex/Brindle Hall)

Coffee and Donuts (Brindle Hall)

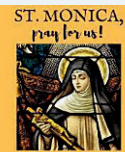
Quilt Raffle Ticket Sale (Brindle Hall)

Christmas Fest Mtg. (Brindle Hall)

1:00 PM Bible Study (Lee Horan Rm.)

6:00 PM

+ American Sign Language



**After all Masses next weekend, November 11/12,** we will have a prayer service and offer prayers to Saint Monica for family members

who have left the Catholic Church or are unengaged in their commitment to the Catholic Faith.

**Please remain after Mass to join in prayer asking for the special intercession of Saint Monica.** Saint Monica prayed unceasingly for her lax son, who not only turned his life around and committed himself to Christ, but became one of the great Doctors of the Church Saint Augustine. The prayer sheets will be available at the back of the church after Mass. Please return the sheets at the end of the service for the next Mass. If you would like a copy, please feel free to keep it!

## *A Prayer to Saint Monica*

Dear Saint Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet, you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius and your beloved son, Augustine; your prayers were answered. Grant me that same fortitude, patience and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear Saint Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea for: (Mention your intention here) and grant me the grace to accept His Will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, 11/17, for our staff retreat.**

## MUSIC MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>4:00 PM</b>  | <b>Organ/Cantor</b>     |
| <b>8:00 AM</b>  | <b>Organ/Cantor</b>     |
| <b>9:45 AM</b>  | <b>Sanctuary Ringer</b> |
| <b>11:30 AM</b> | <b>Sanctuary Choir</b>  |

# EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL



## Personal Reflection: Deacon Kenski

Deacon Frank Kenski recently shared how grateful he is for the prayers of Saint Thomas Aquinas. They help him prepare before Mass, and give thanks after Mass. Here is how they begin:

### **PREPARATION FOR MASS** (excerpt)

*Almighty eternal God, behold, I come to the Sacrament of your Only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as one sick to the physician of life, as one unclean to the fountain of mercy, as one blind to the light of eternal brightness, as one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth...*

### **THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS** (excerpt)

*I give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, who have been pleased to nourish me, a sinner and your unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: this through no merits of mine, but due solely the graciousness of your mercy...*

Deacon is especially appreciative that these prayers are so available -- *right in our hymnal, on page 327*. He says, "I'm happy to know that it's right there in the pew. We don't need to look for anything extra. It blows my mind!"

Thanks, Deacon, for pointing us to these powerful prayers that are right at our fingertips! What a blessing for those quiet moments before Mass begins and right after Communion!

**"I come to the  
Sacrament of  
your Only  
Begotten Son,  
our Lord Jesus  
Christ, as one  
sick to the  
physician of  
life..."**

**- Saint Thomas  
Aquinas**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHAT THE  
EUCCHARIST MEANS TO YOU, CONTACT MARY AT  
COMMUNICATIONS@STJOSEPHMECH.ORG OR 717-766-9433.**

**[www.stjosephmech.org/  
eucharistic-revival](http://www.stjosephmech.org/eucharistic-revival)**





Our fall session of after-school enrichment clubs is under way. Pictured are students enjoying the Spanish for Beginners,



Poetry, and Math 24 clubs with

their friends.



### Interested in a Catholic education?

Join us at the Saint Joseph School Fall Open House on Sunday, November 12, from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM to learn more about our preschool through eighth grade programs.



**Legion of Mary** is a world-wide organization and is one of the best in the Catholic Church for helping men and women to develop their individual spiritual lives, and to help them fulfill their baptismal obligation to be apostolic. The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members. This holiness is developed by prayer and active participation, under the guidance of the priest, in Mary's and the Church's work of advancing the reign of Christ. Currently, there are 8 members, so there is plenty of room around the table! We encourage you to come to a Legion meeting, **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM** in the John Paul II room of the Parish Office, just to see what we are all about. No obligation! For further information, please contact Nancy Hudock at 717-421-0250 or [nhudock3@gmail.com](mailto:nhudock3@gmail.com).



## New Coats for Kids!

Please donate **NEW** coats for kids from now until **November 27**.

Sizes infancy - kids' large!

Collection carts will be in the Narthex each weekend.

Contact Dan Uhazie at 717-574-7458 with any questions.



### Weekly Stewardship Report: October 29, 2023

#### Regular Sunday Offerings:

Weekly Goal	\$ 28,355.00
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#### Actual Offerings:

Weekend Offerings (basket)	\$ 15,722.00
Electronic Check - Bill Payer	\$ 4,685.00
Online Thru WeShare	\$ 6,298.00

Total Offerings	\$ 26,705.00
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Comparison Prior Year - October 30, 2022	\$ 26,048.00
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#### Additional Offerings:

Eucharist Devotions	\$ 2,393.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 400.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 20.00
Matthew 25	\$ 10.00
All Saints	\$ 140.00
Kentucky Mission	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 575.00

"Building Disciples, Sharing Gifts"

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*



#### A Prayer for Our Veterans

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our Armed Forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.



**Alone or just the two of you for Thanksgiving?** Join us in Brindle Hall on Thanksgiving Day for a shared Thanksgiving Meal. Please RSVP to Sharon Sheridan before November 10, to make a reservation and get the details, [sharonsheridan18@gmail.com](mailto:sharonsheridan18@gmail.com) or call her at: 717-526-9084.



"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

Our "Matthew 25:40 Helping Hands Ministry" is expanding and we could use your help. Volunteers are needed to help with the following services:

1) Transportation for parishioners to attend Saturday/Sunday Mass, medical appointments and other essential errands. 2) Visiting with parishioners that are homebound and would like to have company from time to time. 3) Preparing meals for parishioners that are not feeling well or have recently been released from the hospital, and for new mothers. If you are interested in offering your time and talents to the "Matthew 25:40 Helping Hands Ministry" or would like additional information, please contact Linda Schneider at [billandlinda7@verizon.net](mailto:billandlinda7@verizon.net). Also, if you know of parishioners or family members of parishioners that are in need of the services that our Helping Hands ministry provides (meals, visits, or transportation) please contact Linda Schneider at [billandlinda7@verizon.net](mailto:billandlinda7@verizon.net).



### Abiding Together Women's Group

Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM and in the evening at 7:00 PM, amazing women like you are gathering in the Lee Horan Room to accompany and support each other as we grow in faith. Episodes are stand alone, so drop in as your schedule allows.

Contact Becky at [familyministries@stjosephmech.org](mailto:familyministries@stjosephmech.org) for location information or to learn more! *Want a preview?* Listen to the podcast for free using your favorite podcast.

**Home Mission Outreach Fundraiser:** Raffle tickets are available after all Sunday Masses on November 5 & 12 in Brindle Hall, for a beautiful, handmade quilt, to benefit the Kentucky Home Mission Project. The winning ticket will be drawn at Christmas Fest on Saturday, November 18. Thank you for your support



The Angel Tree, benefiting New Hope Ministries, will be in the Narthex throughout the month of November. Please take an ornament from the tree, purchase the listed gift, and **return it, unwrapped, no later than December 3.** The unwrapped gift must be returned to the Narthex with the original ornament attached. It is essential that all gifts be returned on time or the individuals will not be able to receive their gifts. Questions? Contact Kathy Nedrow at 717-796-6035.

All are welcome to Saint Theresa Church, 1300 Bridge St. New Cumberland, monthly Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing on **Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 PM.** The celebrant is Reverend Bernard-Mary Ayo Oniwe, O.P., Pastor of Saint Peter Church, Elizabethtown. For information, please call Mary Ann at 717-512-3628 or Vicki at 717-364-6260.



## TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!  
WORTHY OF THE CALL  
EMBRACING THE CALL TO MATURE MANHOOD

WEEK 9: JOYFUL - THE VISITATION

Presenter: Mark Hartfiel



In the Visitation, Mary brings Jesus to Elizabeth and John the Baptist and both are filled with the Holy Spirit. When Jesus is present, miracles happen. Wherever Our Lady is present with Jesus, blessings are poured out and enemies are defeated. Join us on Saturday morning in Brindle Hall at 6:15AM to learn how every Hail Mary carries a memory of both the Annunciation and Visitation! TMIY is men's program to transform Catholic men, their families, and society. Free, hot breakfast is provided. Contact Tony Devlin at [donmantho@gmail.com](mailto:donmantho@gmail.com) for information.



### OUR DEANERY ADORATION CHAPEL

Located on Saint Theresa School Parking Lot;

1200 Bridge Street, New Cumberland.

**Can you spend 1 hour a week with the One who shed His Blood for your eternal good?**

Jesus is the Way to our Father, to Eternal Life – our eternal good. Come to know Him more deeply. Be with Him in our Chapel. Let Him speak to your heart. Our Chapel is open Monday-Friday, 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. To become a scheduled adorer or for more information, text or voice message Joe or Anna Marie Curry at 717-737-3532. If you're unable to make a particular week your hour will be covered.



The Knights of Columbus will have "Keep Christ In Christmas" cards available for sale on November 12, 19 and December 3, during Coffee and Donuts.



Please submit your bulletin input by 8:00 AM, 11/13/2023 for the 11/26/2023 bulletin.



### WE NOW HAVE AN ON-LINE PARISH DIRECTORY!

Our Saint Joseph Church Directory is a great way to get to know our parish family better! **Adding your family photo is quick and easy to do.** It is safe and secure and for our parishioners only. Only the information you add, is what is visible to our parish. Scan the QR code to get started:



You will use your email address you gave when you registered with the parish. **CREATE A LOGIN** the first time you use the directory app. To view our directory on your phone, simply go to the App Store, search for **Instant Church Directory** and download the FREE app to begin. If you have trouble logging into the app, please call the parish office: 717-766-9433.

**Harrisburg Young Adult Catholics**

**Friday November 10**

Saint Joseph  
Mechanicsburg  
400 E Simpson St

Mass 6:45 – 7:15  
Holy Hour 7:30 – 8:30  
Social Time 8:30 – 10:00

**BENEDICTION & BOARD GAMES**



**Calling All Bakers! Home baked pies are needed for Christmas Fest.** Whole pies will be sold for the Pies for a Purpose fundraiser for our parish. This year's purpose is to provide a pedestal for the Saint Thérèse of Lisieux statue in the Little Flower Room. All proceeds from the pie sale will go to this parish project. If you can help, please contact Melissa Little at [melissalittle73@aol.com](mailto:melissalittle73@aol.com).



Baked goods are also needed for the Bake Sale. Please contact Nancy Walker at [talktowalk@aol.com](mailto:talktowalk@aol.com) or Nancy Trowbridge at [momwstress@aol.com](mailto:momwstress@aol.com).

November 5, 2023

*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*







# CHRISTMAS FEST BAKE SALE

**Saturday, November 18, 2023, 8:00 AM-2:30 PM**

Love to bake, but do not make pies? Consider baking one of your specialty items or one of the many great recipes from our church cookbook, package it for sale, and donate it to Christmas Fest!

## Packaging

*Plastic wrap or re-sealable bags are fine, but feel free to get fancy!*

- **Individual** – Cake slices, brownies, tarts, cupcakes, muffins, fudge, rice crispy treats, etc.
- **Packages of 3** – Cookies, bars, treats, decorated pretzels, etc.
- **Whole** – Cakes, loafs (mini or regular size), breads, etc.

## Labeling

*Include the name of the baked item on top of the package.*

- If applicable, note "contains nuts", "gluten free", "sugar free", "vegan", etc.

## Drop Off

**SJS Cafeteria:** Friday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 8:00 pm or Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – 10:00 am  
*Refrigeration Available*

Please contact Nancy Walker at [talktowalk@aol.com](mailto:talktowalk@aol.com) or Nancy Trowbridge at [momwstress@aol.com](mailto:momwstress@aol.com) with any questions.

Proceeds from the Bake Sale will go to the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica.

**COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR DROP  
IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Baked Good: \_\_\_\_\_



## INTERCEDE

May each expectant mother making an adoption plan receive the support and care of the Christian community as she makes a loving choice for her child.

## PRAY

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## REFLECT

To a woman facing an unexpected pregnancy in difficult circumstances, adoption is sometimes felt to be worse than aborting her child. In reality, placing a child for adoption is a loving, generous, and sacrificial option that demonstrates a woman's profound, long-term motherly care. In considering and choosing whether to place her child for adoption, a mother seeks what is *best* for her child, making a selfless act of love. Still, a woman considering adoption may experience a number of conflicting emotions. It is essential that she be supported throughout and after the process, whether she decides to place her child with another loving family or to raise her child herself.

By grace, we are made children of God through adoption and can call him, "Abba, Father!" (*Rom. 8:15*). This spiritual adoption also makes us brothers and sisters in the Lord. Let us call on the intercession of our brothers and sisters in heaven—the saints! Through our united prayers, may expectant mothers making an adoption plan receive the support and care of the Christian community as they make a loving choice for their children.

## ACT *(choose one)*

- Offer this Prayer for Pregnant Mothers ([walkingwithmoms.com/prayer-for-pregnant-mothers](http://walkingwithmoms.com/prayer-for-pregnant-mothers)), praying especially for the featured intention.
- Abstain from meat or another enjoyment for one day this week.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

## ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about how you can support women by reading "Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption": [respectlife.org/mothers-considering-adoption](http://respectlife.org/mothers-considering-adoption)

## DID YOU KNOW?

November is recognized as National Adoption Month. The USCCB offers a novena seeking the intercession of the foster father of Jesus. Consider praying the St. Joseph Adoption Novena ([bit.ly/adoption-novena](http://bit.ly/adoption-novena)), at any time of the year.

For additional prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your local area:

[www.WalkingWithMoms.com](http://www.WalkingWithMoms.com)



**Christmas is Coming! Are you ready?**

**ADVENT RESOURCE TABLE Coming**

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3!



Devotionals, calendars, and more for adults, children and families, as well as Advent wreaths and candles, and Oplatki wafers will be available at the table in the Narthex **starting November 18.**

Stop by before or after Mass and take something home for yourself and/or your family. Your freewill donation is appreciated to offset the cost.

\*Volunteers needed to help run the Advent Resource Table! Sign-up at <https://ttsu.me/adventtable> to help out. Contact Becky [familyministries@stjosephmech.org](mailto:familyministries@stjosephmech.org) with any questions.

# West Shore Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



**Sunday, November 19, 2023 - 6 p.m.**  
**Shiremanstown United Methodist Church**  
125 E Main Street, Shiremanstown PA 17011  
Fellowship Hall (behind the church)

*Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food  
donations to be distributed to our community  
through New Hope Ministries.*

A time of fellowship will follow the service.

Sponsored by Mechanicsburg Area Council of Churches,  
Temple Beth Shalom, B&H Islamic Center,  
and representatives from Messiah University.



YOUNG ADULT DAY OF REFLECTION

# ADVENT-URE: BETHLEHEM AND BEYOND

FOR MORE INFO: [HTTPS://WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/YADOR](https://www.hbgdiocese.org/yador)

SATURDAY DEC 9, 2023  
11AM-10PM

PART 1, PART 2 OR BOTH  
\$20 PER PART | \$35 FOR THE DAY



## Young Adult Advent Day of Reflection and Party

Join on December 9, 2023, for a two-part event for young adults ages 18-39 at the Diocese. The first part consists of reflections, small groups, lunch, and a Holy Hour with Confessions. The second half will begin with the Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM, dinner and social time with board games and dancing! Registrants can choose to attend one or both parts. \$20 for one part or \$35 for both. Questions can be directed to Becky Davis [familyministries@stjosephmech.org](mailto:familyministries@stjosephmech.org) or Zack Haney [zhaney@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:zhaney@hbgdiocese.org). To register and for more information visit: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/yador>.

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