

## St. Joseph Catholic Church



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### St. Joseph is a Tithing Parish

#### God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity, our people  
returned to God the following:

Sunday Collection: \$5,873.00

#### Second Collections

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>- Our Faith Our Future  
Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>- Repair & Maintenance

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sat., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 PM**

Jack Wasilewski  
Happy Birthday, Jack  
Your Loving Wife

**Sun., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM**

*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*World Day of Social Justice*  
Betty Kruper  
Daughter Linda

**11:00 AM**

People of the Parish

**Mon., Feb 21<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

*St. Peter Damian*  
Alfred Wilver  
In celebration of his  
100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Tues., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:00AM**

*The Chair of St. Peter*  
*the Apostle*  
Liesel Hoffman

**Wed., Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:00 PM**

*St. Polycarp*  
Ardith Brown

**Thurs., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

Matthew Mousley

**Fri., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 AM**

*Note the time change*  
In Memory of Elizabeth &  
Rudy Muscarella  
Sandy & Frank Muscarella

**Sat. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00PM**

Jack Seksinsky  
Patricia & Bob Bucher

**Sun. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM**

*8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
People of the Parish

**11:00 AM**

Giuseppe Bua  
Enza Bua

### Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for February 2022

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated  
women; thanking them for their mission and their  
courage; may they continue to find new responses  
to the challenges of our times.

*From your pastor,*

Ash Wednesday is late this year, but it will be here in less than two weeks. Let us pray for one another that we make a holy successful Lent, bearing good fruit for the sake of the Kingdom. What used to be called the Bishop's Lenten Appeal is now known as the Diocesan Annual Campaign. I prefer the original name, as it gave new meaning to the observance of Lent. It moved us beyond the idea of Lent as a time of giving up, to a time of building up the Kingdom of God. This past appeal 'DAC 2021' did bear much good fruit, many blessings for our souls, the good of our parish and community and the whole diocese.

Because of the 103 donors, our fellow parishioners, who gave the offering of \$108,400.00 to the DAC, our parish was able pay the \$29,837.00 assessment and received back \$78,663.00. If I had had to appeal to the ordinary offertory, and you had given this amount in the Sunday Collection, then that amount would have been used to increase our yearly assessment. That means about \$10,000.00 would have been added to this coming year's assessment. This year's '2022 DAC' assessment is \$31,595.00 rather than an additional \$10,000.00. The parish not only gave in faith and loving hearts but also smart thinking brains.

It was a win-win for everyone, especially your pastor. I thank you for your support. Last year, 2021, I celebrated my 45<sup>th</sup> Priesthood Ordination. I suggested that if you wanted to give me anything, to please give to the DAC, you did so, and we are all greatly blessed. I am very proud of the Priesthood that God has given to me to serve you. But God gives His sacraments through the bishop. If there was no bishop, no diocese, then there would be no priests, no Mass and no parish. It all comes together in God's gift of Charity. You have given that I might give to you the gift of God Himself in the Holy Eucharist.

God Bless You

*Fr. John D. Hoke*

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**

Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust, the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

**Gospel: Luke 6:27-38**

Jesus explains that loving only people who love us is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us. Instead, we should emulate God by being compassionate and non-judgmental, even towards individuals who hate and mistreat us.

## OFFICE STAFF NEEDED

St. Joseph Milton is looking for a staff member to manage the daily operations of the church. Computer skills are necessary. Please contact Father Hoke if you are interested in a position.



## ADORATION

**Are you able to spend an hour  
a week with Jesus?**

The Adoration Chapel at the Basilica of Saints. Cyril and Methodius in Danville needs adorers! We are open with adoration hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact **Kathy 570-259-0725** or **Lisa 570-204-2501** for more information or go to <https://adoration24hours.wordpress.com>



### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember those who are sick  
in your prayers, especially:

Yun Pun Oh Sanchez	Diane Sykes
Andrew Mikowski	Bernice Yocum
Yun Pun Oh Sanchez	Nancy Hanson

Please contact the church office (email, call or place a note in the collection basket) if you would like to have a name added to the prayer list. The names appearing on the list are to be on for six weeks. You are welcome to have a name reinstated. Please spell the person's name, and include your name with the request.

### Saint Bernadette

*By Father Lovasik, SVD*

Bernadette's parents were very poor. They lived in Lourdes, France.

One day, in 1854, while Bernadette was gathering firewood, a beautiful Lady stood in a cave before her. She was dressed in blue and white, and there was a rose on each of her feet. She smiled at Bernadette and asked her to say the rosary with her.

Bernadette saw the Lady eighteen times. She asked Bernadette to tell the world that people must do penance for their sins and pray. She once told Bernadette: "I do not promise to make you happy in this world, but you will be in heaven."

Large crowds followed Bernadette to the grotto to say the rosary with her. They could not see the Lady. The Lady asked Bernadette to scrape the earth. The miraculous spring of Lourdes started to flow. Many sick people have been cured there.

When Bernadette asked the Lady her name, she looked up to heaven and said: "I am the Immaculate Conception." She asked that a chapel be built near the grotto.

Later, Bernadette became a nun, and she suffered very much. She died at the age of thirty-six.

Copied from the

Book of Saints, Part 2 by Father Lovasik, SVD,  
1985, Catholic Book Publishing Corp., N. J.

### FISH DINNER CORNER



The Fish Dinners will begin on March 4, and they will be held each Friday during Lent. We will be looking for help during this six-week period.

#### Every Wednesday

We pick up the fish from Helmricks in Williamsport.



And we prep the potatoes and cabbage for coleslaw. We have a potatoes peeler. However, the eyes must be cut out by hand, and then they must be

cubed. We did make an effort to find a cubing device, but what we found did not work for us. We also have a shredder for the cabbage. But of course, each head must be cleaned and then quartered.

#### Thursday & Friday in the next weeks

Please give your name and availability to  
Anne Rocktashel in the office  
or Anne Chiccino via phone 570-742-8425  
or email: [annechic109@gmail.com](mailto:annechic109@gmail.com)

### UP COMING EVENT

Diocese of Harrisburg Men's Conference  
April 2, 2022

"Becoming Champions for Christ"

Keynote Speaker is Adam Janke, COO,  
Saint Paul Street Evangelization

We will hold a virtual session at the Parish Center. Lunch will be provided. Call the office to let us know you are coming. You must register online:

[www.hbgdiocese.org/mens-conference-online-registration/](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/mens-conference-online-registration/)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Joseph Parish will be participating with the Annual Lenten Soup and the word at the First Presbyterian Church each Wednesday. On April 6<sup>th</sup> Father Hoke will be the guest speaker. Our church will be responsible to make soups, desserts, serve and clean-up. If you are interested in helping, please contact Anne Rocktashel.



## PRESIDENT'S DAY CHERRY PIES

Brought back by popular demand... homemade cherry pies will be for sale in honor of President's Day, after Masses this weekend. Pies will be available on a first come, first serve basis. The Cost of each pie is \$12. Cash or check will be accepted. Proceeds benefit the Youth Group Cemetery Project.

## THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Team for the Harrisburg Diocese announces that they have booked Camp Kirchenwald, Lebanon, Pa., for a Beginning Experience Weekend, May 13-15, 2022. The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these weekends. The weekend is led by persons who have lost a spouse through death or divorce and are trained in facilitating a weekend. Each Beginning Experience Team is certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization.

The following is a testimonial of a person who attended the Beginning Experience Weekend: "I can tell you that my encounter with the Beginning Experience weekend has brought me greater peace and given me an extended family of lifelong friends who I quickly grew to love and lean on. If you or someone you know is suffering the isolation and pain that can accompany the loss of a spouse or marriage, I encourage you to seriously consider attending the Beginning Experience weekend."

Beginning Experience is your Church at work to provide help, healing and spiritual restoration. Check the Harrisburg Diocesan website:

<http://www.hbgdiocese.org/> and go to marriage and family or check [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org).

Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team at phone 717-379-0800 or [jpennat\\_58@comcast.net](mailto:jpennat_58@comcast.net).

All CDC recommendations will be followed. Anyone sick will have to leave the weekend. The number of attendees for the weekend may be limited due to current COVID regulations. As with all Diocesan sponsored events, this program could be cancelled pending changing pandemic circumstances.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 22, 2022-Washington's Birthday  
February 26, 2022-First Penance  
March 2, 2022-Ash Wednesday  
March 4, 2022-Annual Fish Dinner  
March 11, 2022-Annual Fish Dinner  
March 13, 2022-Daylight Savings  
March 18, 2022-Annual Fish Dinner  
March 20, 2022-1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring  
March 25, 2022-Annual Fish Dinner  
April 1, 2022-Annual Fish Dinner  
April 2, 2022-Men's Conference  
April 6, 2022-Soup and the Word  
Father Hoke, speaker  
St. Joe's prepares the Soup & Dessert  
April 8, 2022-Annual Fish Dinner  
April 10, 2022-Palm Sunday  
April 15, 2022-Passion of the Lord  
April 17, 2022-Easter Sunday  
April 17, 2022-NO CCD  
April 24, 2022-Divine Mercy Sunday  
May 13- Pork Chop Dinner  
May 22, 2022-Last Day of CCD  
May 30, 2022-Memorial Day  
June 18, 2022-Chinese Auction

## BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

A weekly faith sharing and bible study evening, Above All by Take Up and Read, is being offered to the women of the parish during the Lenten season.

The study will follow the *lectio divina* format daily at home, and then we will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings beginning March 1st from 6:45 to 8pm in the home of Christine Wendt.

Books for the study, which include journaling sections, are \$17.68. Please notify her if you are interested in attending by February 22nd, so materials can be ordered @ 484-529-3399 or [ihspax07@gmail.com](mailto:ihspax07@gmail.com).



Steve Skerda would like to thank the Parishioners for all the cards he has been receiving.