

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: \$5,642.00

Assumption Collection: \$727.00

Second Collections

August 28 – Love of Neighbor

August 28 – John Paul Kasperowicz's

Collection for feeding the hungry

September 4 – Our Faith, Our Future

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
for the People of Ukraine requested by
Eleanor Poponiak*

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Aug 27th
4:00 PM

Saint Monica
Ron Toczek for his 70th
Birthday. Thank God for
His many blessings.
by Ron's Family

Sun., Aug. 28th
8:00 AM

*Twenty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Eleanor Valushin &
Madeline Zimmerman
by Vicki & Joe Youmans

11:00 AM

Giovanni Bua
by Enza Bua

Mon., Aug. 29th
9:00 AM

*The Passion of
Saint John the Baptist*
Paul Boiardi on his Birthday
Anne R & Anne C

Tues., Aug. 30th
9:00 AM

Paul Vollman
Donna Reid

Wed., Aug. 31st
6:00 PM

Saint Bartholomew
People of the Parish

Thurs., Sept. 1st
9:00 AM

*World Day of Prayer for the
Care of Creation*
Gilbert Bennett

Fri., Sept. 2nd
9:00 AM

Elizabeth Muscarella
by Sandy & Frank Muscarella

Sat., Sept. 3rd
9:00 AM

Saint Gregory the Great
First Saturday
Alda "Skip" Sekscienski

4:00 PM

Jane Matthews, Joanne
Bender's sister by Lynn Rice

Sun., Sept. 4th
8:00 AM

*Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
People of the Parish

11:00 AM

Richard Satteson
by Robert Rebman

From Your Pastor.

Since Vatican II there has been a strong, clear, consistent call for the laity to come forward to do the evangelical effort of the Church in the workplace, homes, schools and neighborhoods, to proclaim the Kingdom of God. All adults confirmed since 1966 should have had as a part of their catechesis for the sacrament a strong call to be active and concerned for spreading the faith, building up the local church.

Our guest, John Paul Kasperowicz, is one person who has truly struggled to grow in faith and in his life journey. He shares the faith by word and deed. By word, he gives Youth retreats. He prepares our Confirmation class with powerful witness, and he offers praise of God by music. By deeds, he runs a non-profit garden space to grow fresh food for Food Pantries. John Paul will be with us this weekend. I am honored to present to you one man who heard, listened, reflected and has put forth his faith by good deeds and a compelling presentation. Let us welcome him and do all we can do to reach out to those who are in need of healing, both in body and in spirit.

Fr. John D. Hoke



Condolences to Merrill Buehler and Barb & Larry Geiswite on the death of Merrill's wife and Barb's Mom Connie this past week.

Condolences to Joanne & Bob Bender on the death of Joanne's sister Jane Matthews

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

If you would like to make an announcement in the bulletin, please contact the office via phone message, email or note in the collection basket.

The Office will be closed Wednesday, August 31st because the staff must attend a diocesan conference. The Office will be closed Monday, September 5th – Labor Day

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Those who are humble will find favor with God. Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."

AUGUST 27TH AND 28TH HAPPENINGS

Feeding the Hungry
Educating the Poor
Empowering People



We will be welcoming back John Paul Kasperowicz to our church on August 27th & 28th. John Paul will be part of the music ministry, and he will talk about his farming mission to feed the hungry at the weekend Masses. There will be a half hour "concert" following the 4 o'clock Mass.

Café St. Joe will be open at the 8:00 and 11:00 Masses. John Paul will be available to share a cup of coffee and answer any questions you may have concerning his mission. Please stop by the Café for a cup of coffee and a bite to eat. Enjoy the company of our fellow parishioners.

CCD registration will be held after all the Masses the weekend of August 27th and 28th. There will be an Open House in the CCD hallway following the 11 o'clock Mass.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember those who are sick
in your prayers, especially:

Dolores Caicco	Lew Bogle
Andrew Mikowski	Bernice Yocum
Vickie Youmans	Charlotte Farrell
Alfred Wilver	Dave Moser
Joseph Muscarella Sr.	Joan Rudloff
Judy Reese	Bob Bender
Luke Boyd	Christine Koons
Michael McHale	Mike Walter
John Heimbach	Helen Choplick
Enza Welker	Gloria Reeder
Dashawnda Russell	Patricia Starcher
Betty Johnston	Andrew Ray Young

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 two months. You are welcome to have a name reinstated. Please spell the person's name and include your name with the request.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 27&28, 2022-CCD Registration
August 27&28, 2022-John Paul Kasperowicz Visit
August 28, 2022- Café St. Joe
at the 8:00 & 11:00 Masses
September 9, 2022-**Make Apple Dumplings**
September 10, 2022-Harvest Festival Stand
September 16, 2022-**Make Apple Dumplings**
September 17, 2022-Harvest Festival Stand
September 17, 2022-Quilt Drawing
September 24, 2022-300 Club Drawing
October 8, 2022-Rosary Rally
October 14, 2022-Filled Chicken Breast Dinner
October 21, 2022-Rummage Sale
October 22, 2022-Rummage Sale
November 11, 2022-Filled Pork Chop Dinner



HARVEST FESTIVAL STAND



We will once again have a stand at the Milton Harvest Festival on Sat., Sept. 10th and Sat., Sept 17th. We will sell **Walking Tacos** and **Apple Dumplings**. Sign up sheets for two-hour shifts are on the bulletin boards in the rear of the church and the Parish Center hallway. Please consider helping. It is a fun time.

We will be making the Apple Dumplings on Fri, Sept. 9th and Fri., Sept 16th. See Marilyn Boiardi for details.

A LITTLE ST. JOSEPH CHURCH HISTORY

Two weeks ago, I wrote that historians were not sure a log church existed in 1812. I found the following – Bishop of Philadelphia Reverend Patrick Kenrick posted in his dairy: May 1832 – I was met by Reverend John J. Curtin, pastor in charge of the church of St. Joseph at Milton. I confirmed 132 persons in the Church, and about the same number received Holy Communion. This Church – a frame structure – was built about 20 years ago. The title to the property and the house in which the pastor lives belong to the Jesuits – a parcel of about two acres, which a certain Catholic conveyed to them as a gift.

This large number was primarily the result of the construction of the West Branch Canal. The construction of canals brought large numbers of Irish to America. Their passage was paid by the contractors. They were held under indenture until they had worked out the amount of their passage. This did not happen until they had dug the canal through to Lock Haven.

“The Pennsylvania canal was constructed not by steam and electrical machinery but by picks, shovels, crowbars, wheelbarrows, and carts - generally manned by laborers of Irish extraction.”

From the tombstones in the old section of the parish cemetery, we know there was a high mortality rate of the poor, exploited, but religious people.



CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT

We continue to upright tombstones that have sunk or are leaning in the "old section" of our cemetery. Six more stones were reset this past month. We will identify ten more stones for 2023 repair. All repair expenses have been paid for through a generous donation.

We "cleaned" four rows in the original section of the cemetery. Those expenses were paid by Addy Murray's Confirmation project to raise money for the cemetery.

This is a slow process because of "people resources" – not financial resources. It's hard to find contractor availability.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH ANNUAL COUNTRY STYLE DINNER

Monday, September 5, 2022 | Noon to 6 PM
5973 Jacks Hollow Road, Williamsport, PA 17702

Country Style Ham and Turkey dinner. French fries, funnel cakes, pies and ice cream will be available on the grounds. There will be Bingo and small games of chance. In the Summer Kitchen, there will be a variety of homemade jams and jellies, fudge and candy for sale.

Adults - \$12.00; Children 4-12 - \$5.00;
Children 3 & under – Free;
Takeouts (available after 1:00 PM) - \$12.00



Chances for this beautiful quilt are available after Mass or from Harriet Moore. The drawing will be September 17,

2022 after the 4 o'clock Mass. Tickets are six for \$5.00

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Harriet Moore is organizing for a Fall Rummage Sale. The tentative dates are October 21st & 22nd. Contact Harriet if you have items to drop off. Items must be in boxes with lids so that we can store them until October. Please no broken, stained or greatly used items. She no longer has a land line. Her new phone number is 570-412-3769.



INVITATION TO JOIN THE BUFFALO VALLEY SINGERS

BVS is a local community choir that has been performing since 1973. They are extending an open invitation to singers interested in joining the choir. The first rehearsal for the December 2022 concert is Monday, September 19th at St. John's UCC, 1050 Buffalo Road, Lewisburg. Arrive at 6:30 PM to meet members and get your music folder. Rehearsal begins promptly at 7:00 PM. No audition is necessary; \$10 folder fee. The 2022 Christmas Concert dates are Saturday, December 10th at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 PM. For more information call 570-246-3895 or email buffalovalleysingers@gmail.com



THE 46TH ANNUAL MILTON HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday, September 9th

Tomato Bowl
MHS Alumni Stadium

Saturday, September 10th

Arts & Crafts, **St. Joseph Food Stand**
Walking Tacos, Apple Dumplings, Quilt Chances
Broadway & Bound Avenues
28 Mile Bike Race
Pet Parade
Model Train Museum Open
Princess Pageant-MHS Auditorium

Sunday, September 11th

Milton Area Community Band Concert
Little Miss/Jr. Miss Pageant-MHS Auditorium

Tuesday, September 13th

Pumpkin Roll

Thursday, September 15th

Harvest Pops Choral Concert
St. Andrew's UMC

Saturday, September 17th

Arts & Crafts, **St. Joseph Food Stand**
Walking Tacos, Apple Dumplings, Quilt Chances
5K Race
Model Train Museum Open
Harvest Festival Parade