

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Indeed, every man should eat
and drink and experience the
good in all his labor- this is
God's gift to him."

Ecclesiastes 3:13

Happy Labor Day!

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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: \$4,056.00

Love of Neighbor: \$842.00

Big Heart Harvest: \$2,193.00

Second Collections

September 4 – Our Faith, Our Future

September 11 – Peter's Pence

September 18 – Repair & Maintenance

September 25 – Education Collection

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
Connie Buehler requested by Merrill

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Sept. 3rd	<i>Saint Gregory the Great</i> <i>First Saturday</i> Connie Buehler
9:00 AM	
4:00 PM	Jane Matthews, Joanne Bender's sister by Lynn Rice
Sun., Sept. 4th	<i>Twenty-third Sunday in</i> <i>Ordinary Time</i> People of the Parish
8:00 AM	
11:00 AM	Richard Satteson by Robert Rebman
Mon., Sept. 5th	<i>Labor Day</i> Alda "Skip" Sekscienski
10:00 AM	
Tues., Sept. 6th	
9:00 AM	Nancy Hanson by the Bogle Family
Wed., Sept. 7th	
6:00 PM	Susana, Agapito & Marcus Ramirez by their son & brother José Rafeal Ramirez
Thurs., Sept. 8th	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed</i> <i>Virgin Mary</i> Connie Buehler by her husband Merrill
9:00 AM	
Fri., Sept. 9th	<i>Saint Peter Claver</i> Deceased Members of the Bogle Family by the Living family members
9:00 AM	
Sat., Sept. 10th	
4:00 PM	Raymond Leitzel by his wife Tracie
Sun., Sept. 11th	<i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in</i> <i>Ordinary Time</i> Bill Brown by his wife Linda
8:00 AM	
11:00 AM	People of the Parish

From Your Pastor.

This weekend is a multitasker, it ends the summer vacation season, it used to be the returning to school, i.e., the workshops for our youth, and the observance of Labor Day Weekend. I hope all had at least some time off and had some fun time relaxing with your family and friends, but now it is time to think about work, both temporal and spiritual work. Jesus gift of grace and salvation is free. But, there is a price to be paid in order to properly use the grace of the cross. The lessens this Sunday stress the price one must pay to merit the salvation, to open the gift and put it together. It might seem like a contradiction, a free gift with a price tag. But, actually it is a mystery, both a gift and a call to give a gift in return to the Lord.

Rev. Dietrick Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran theologian parted with the strict traditional Lutheran Theology of salvation by faith alone, with no works involved. It cost him his life, as he was hung by the Nazis. His famous work is "THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP". Bonhoeffer criticized "easy-believism" as "cheap grace". This helps all Christians to know there is no easy, cheap way to travel with Jesus under the weight of the cross. No pain, then there is no gain.

Fr. John D. Holke

Congratulations Tony Lupo - the "Saluting Officer" at this year's Harvest Festival Parade.

Wounded in Vietnam by the explosion of a grenade, Tony was the recipient of the Purple Heart.



After spending nine months in hospitals and having numerous surgeries, Tony declared, "I am a walking miracle." Some shrapnel remains in his body. When his kids were younger, he would hold a magnet to his arm or leg and tell them, "I have nails in my body". Standard-Journal, 8/20/2022 & 8/22/2015

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 9, 2022-Make Apple Dumplings
- September 10, 2022-Harvest Festival Stand
- September 11, 2022-First Day of CCD
- 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 15, 2022- Women's Conference
- Diocesan Center-Harrisburg
- October 21, 2022-Rummage Sale
- October 22, 2022-Rummage Sale
- November 11, 2022-Filled Pork Chop Dinner

*Eleanor Poponiak would like to thank all
who sent her birthday wishes.*

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.

DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

October 15 / 7:30 am - 2:45 pm

The Eucharist: Jesus in Our Midst

The Keynote Speaker will be Barbara McGuigan, *Voice for Virtue* founder. The Capstone Address will be presented by Meg Hunter Kilmer. Her subject will be "*Drawing Near to Him: How Jesus' Encounters with Women in the Gospels Can Transform Our Experience of the Eucharist*".

Bishop Gainer will speak to the assembly following the keynote address. The day will begin with the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. There will be an opportunity for confession, adoration and benediction.

For more information, check the website:

<https://www.hbgdiocese.org/womens-conference-online-registration/#registration-instructions>



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, September 13th
Sacred Heart Church
6:30 PM Rosary/ 7:00 Meeting

A LITTLE ST. JOSEPH CHURCH HISTORY



The name of Jacob Spring, one of the first settlers in Chillisquaue Township, runs like a thread through the early history of St. Joseph's

Parish. It was in his house that the priest resided in 1796. It was he who brought the timber from Montour Ridge to the site of the church in Turbot Township. It was in his home that Bishop Kenrick offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in 1832.

The Bishop's diary records: "June the first day of 1832 - I celebrated Mass in the house of James (Jacob) Spring, which lies midway between the Church of St. Joseph, Milton and the town of Northumberland, seven miles distant from each place. Mr. Spring showed me a will which he had drawn up wherein he has left all the income of his estate after the death of this wife - for the use of the church and support of a pastor."



Jacob Spring's wife died June 14, 1834, and she was buried by Bishop Kenrick who was in Milton on that day. In a new will dated September 13, 1836, Jacob deeded to Right Reverend Francis Patrick Kenrick, Bishop of Philadelphia, a farm

of 212 acres in Chillisquaue Township, the annual income derived therefrom to be devoted to the maintenance of the pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

[Jacob Spring was born in 1776. He is buried in the original section of our cemetery in row 1. His wife Susannah is buried beside him. You can see Cemetery Road in the second picture. Mr. Spring's bequeath still earns income for our Parish. There is about \$6,900 in that account. There are very specific uses for that fund.]

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 Monday, September 5th – Labor Day



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.

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



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

Café St. Joe

Saturday, August 27 & Sunday, August 28, 2022

John Paul Kasperowicz provided the music for all three of our weekend Masses, and he spoke about his mission: Feeding the hungry, educating the poor, empowering people! His farm gives food to the *Hope Rescue Mission*, the *Salvation Army* and two churches that run food pantries in the Reading area. This year in addition to the fresh produce, *Big Heart Harvest* donated over 800 dozen eggs – produced by their 50 chickens.

Café St. Joe provided an opportunity for our Parishioners to talk to John Paul about his mission and to get a few tips on gardening. Pictured below are Kevin, Ben, Helen, Ruth, Joanna, Deb and John Paul.

