

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: \$5,079.00
Love of Neighbor: \$720.00

Second Collections

November 6 – Military Services, USA
November 13 – Repair & Maintenance
November 20 – Matthew 25
November 27 – Our Faith, Our Future

FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS LOCALLY
Saint Joseph, Danville
Nov. 13 – Nov. 15, 7:00 PM

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Nov. 5th 9:00 AM	<i>First Saturday</i> Robert Rebuck by Kathy Piaskowski
4:00 PM	All Souls
Sun., Nov. 6th 8:00 AM	<i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> All Souls
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Mon., Nov. 7th 9:00 AM	All Souls
Tues., Nov. 8th 9:00 AM	Connie Buehler by her husband Merrill
Wed., Nov. 9th 6:00 PM	<i>Dedication - Lateran Basilica</i> Pauline McGee on her 100 th Birthday by the Girls
Thurs., Nov. 10th 9:00 AM	<i>Saint Leo the Great, Pope</i> William Lang by Marian & Tom Lang
Fri., Nov. 11th 9:00 AM	<i>Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop</i> All Souls
Sat., Nov. 12th 4:00 PM	<i>Saint Josaphat, Bishop</i> Chic Chiccino & Clark Fisher by Anne & Trish
Sun., Nov. 6th 8:00 AM	<i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> All Souls
11:00 AM	People of the Parish

Give thanks

to the Lord, for
He is good; His love
endures forever.

Psalm 107:1



From Your Pastor,

Our lessons this Sunday stress the importance of looking forward to a new birth after death, a new creation for all eternity in a resurrected body in the glory and likeness of Christ's Risen Body. We know in our Catholic Faith that at least the Blessed Virgin Mother already shares in her Son's risen body. She was raised up body and soul at the end of her life to share in the glory of the Holy Trinity for all ages to come. In her risen body, she is able to come back to us, her children, in many different appearances.

In Lourdes France she came as a simple young French girl, no crown, no royal garb. In Mexico, Our lady of Guadalupe came as an indigenous native Indian with child in her womb, in Fatima she came as the Queen of Peace, Our lady of the Rosary. Only because of her risen glorified body is she able to show a unity with all nations, races and peoples.

Cemeteries are a sign of our faith in the resurrection as we place the dead in the earth - awaiting the day of the Archangel's trumpet calling the dead to come forth and share in the glory of the Risen One. I am so thankful to the Sisters of Christian Charity who gave us the very valuable marble statues of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette. This shrine was built at the request of our Youth Group.... taking many years to collect enough money and to complete the request. To all who have been involved in the Grotto's construction and all who have already started a devoted prayerful trail to the Grotto, may Our Lord Jesus, Son of Mary bless You.

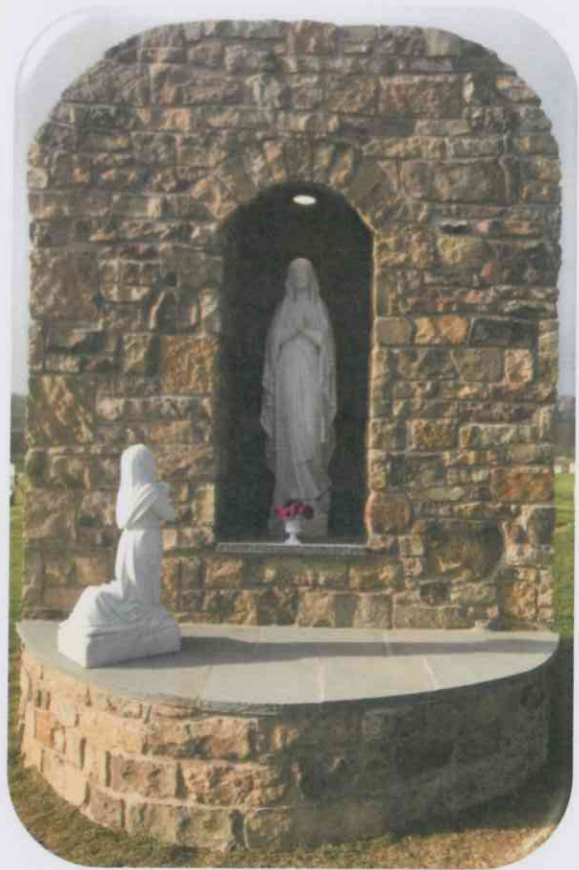
I pray that Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, will intervene for our nation and that our mid-term elections will bring the nation a new birth of freedom and **Peace and Justice for All**. May there be justice especially for those who have no one to speak out for them. Let us go to our Grotto often in prayer.

Fr. John D. Hoke

♥♥♥ FEBRUARY LOTTERY ♥♥♥

Only 50 tickets left. Please help in November because there are so many activities in December.

They make great Christmas presents.



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

A king tortured a Jewish family and tried to make them violate the laws. They all refused to give in and violate the laws. All of the family members told the king they would rather die at his hands than surrender their hope of being resurrected by God.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5

Paul prays that the Thessalonians will be strengthened by God. He also asks them to pray that God's word will continue to spread, despite the persecution of Christians that was occurring at that time.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Jesus encountered some Sadducees who did not believe in resurrection. Jesus refuted them by quoting Moses, who called the Lord the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Jesus then said, "God is not the God of the dead but of the living. All are alive for him."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 8, 2022-Election Day
Rotary Pancake Dinner 6:30 AM-7:00 PM
November 11, 2022-Filled Pork Chop Dinner
November 24, 2022-Thanksgiving
November 27, 2022-First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2022-Breakfast with St. Nick
Drive through 10:00-11:00 AM
December 8, 2022-Immaculate Conception

FILLED PORK CHOP DINNER

November 11, 2022

Menu: Filled Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Our Own Frozen Corn, Roll, Dessert.
Serving 4:00 to 6:00 Cost is \$14.00

We need cakes and workers. Call Tracie Leitzel if you can bake a cake or two. We will box desserts Friday morning around 9:45. We need kitchen help for the serving line and car hopping around 3:30, and we need help with clean up starting about 4:00. Call the office or email annechic109@gmail.com if you can help

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.



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

This week our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS is the Archdiocese for the Military Services, not of the Military Services. This is an important distinction, because the AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S.

Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead, it must rely on the generosity of those whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs and services, to meet its costs. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families – including those from our own parish. Please give generously

PASTORAL COUNCIL

If you know of anyone you would like to nominate to be considered for a term on Pastoral Council, please call or email the office. You are welcome to nominate yourself. Pastoral Council meets the third Thursday of the month.



Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up. GALATIANS 6:9

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember those who are sick in your prayers, especially:

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.

Bob Bender	Christine Koons	Dave Moser	Larry Seibert
Lew Bogle	Andria Laurence	Joseph Muscarella Sr	Patricia Starcher
Luke Boyd	Ray Leeser	Melinda Oliveri	Betty Underwood
Dolores Caicco	Malyssa Lenig	Gloria Reeder	Enza Welker
Helen Choplick	Bonnie Lupo	Judy Reese	Alfred Wilver
John Heimbach	Michael McHale	Joan Rudloff	Vickie & Joe Youmans
Betty Johnston	Andrew Mikowski	Dashawnda Russell	Andrea Rae Young



VOLUNTEERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Our choir practices one evening a week – usually Wednesday. They are beginning to prepare for the Christmas Masses. If you would like to join them, talk to Tracie Leitzel

Thanks to our current members for assisting us with the music each week: Rich Cummings, our organist; Twila Kurtz, Tracie Leitzel, Carolyn Caicco, Kathy Piaskowski, Stan Salowicki, Seth Rohrbach, Shawn Moore and guitarists Kathy Gorton and Wes & Louise Cromley

ST. JOHN NEUMANN THEATRE TROUPE

presents

The Not-So-Grimm Version Of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs!

Friday November 18th at 7 PM

Saturday November 19th at 7 PM

Sunday November 20th at 2 PM

General admission: \$10 Students: \$5

St. John Neumann Regional Academy
Gymnasium/Catholic Community Center
901 Penn Street

Williamsport, PA 17701

Refreshments, 50/50, Door prizes

SAINT PAULINE FOUNDATION

Christmas Spectacular Raffle

1150 Chestnut Street, Kulpmont, PA

Open Sunday, November 6th 12-5 and

Wednesday, November 9th 6-8 (No Food)

Open Friday, November 11th 12-6 and Saturday,
November 12th 11-5 with food for purchase.

MATTHEW 25 COLLECTION

November 20, 2022

The Matthew 25 Collection will be held the weekend of November 20th. This special collection supports efforts throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg in serving others who are in need of food, clothing and shelter. Last year, more than 30 organizations throughout the Diocese received over \$178,000 to support these efforts in the community.

Our parish retains 25% of what is donated by our parishioners to help our local efforts that align with this collection. Please be generous in supporting those with these basic needs. Gifts can be made by using our parish envelope, or online at hbgdiocese.org/matthew25, or by texting m25 to 844-954-3967.

A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY



[A little from the 10/2/2022 bulletin: For two years, St. Joseph, Milton was without a resident pastor. In 1844, Father Hugh Fitzsimmons was appointed as pastor at St. Joseph, Milton.

He purchased a site on the corner of Walnut Street and Second Street (now the right of way of the Pennsylvania Railroad) September 17, 1844 from Moses Chamberlain for \$200.00. He began the erection of the church immediately.]

The church was over 60 by 40 feet. It was some \$300 or \$400 in debt. From the *Catholic Herald* of December 12, 1844, "It is hoped the debt will soon be liquidated by the zealous cooperation of the congregation with their pastor, Reverend Mr. Fitzsimmons. He is desirous to finish the church in a manner becoming the reception of an altar, on which the Holy Sacrifice is to be offered." This was a plain two-story brick structure, and it cost about \$1,200.00

Father Fitzsimmons remained only long enough to finish the church. He was replaced by Reverend John C. Flannigan. The newly ordained Father Flannigan came to Milton the Sunday after Easter. The new church was most likely dedicated by Bishop Kenrick Sunday, August 31, 1845 as in an entry in the Bishop's Diary, he wrote he made a journey of sixty miles from Bellefonte to Milton where a new church has been built during the past year."

Father Flannigan began building a church in Danville. He employed Dennis Caul of Milton to erect a small building at the corner of Centre and Pine Streets. The building was blessed and used for services in 1845. [Dennis is buried in the cemetery you can see as you travel down route 147 toward Northumberland.]

St. Joseph's Milton, the center of Catholicity for half century, became a mission of St. Joseph's, Danville. The town had grown rapidly and was more centrally located for the pastor to readily reach the different missions. From 1848 to 1853, Milton was a mission parish. During this period in the Baptismal Register of St. Joseph's, Danville, the names of the children of the Milton congregation were registered.



Marie Bernarde Soubirous was the daughter of François Soubirous (1807–1871), a miller, and Louise (née Casterot; 1825–1866), a laundress. She was the eldest of nine children. She was a very sick child and possibly due to this only measured 4 feet, 7 inches tall. She contracted cholera as a toddler and suffered severe asthma for the rest of her life. On 11 February 1858, Bernadette, then aged 14, was out gathering firewood with her sister Toinette and a friend near the grotto of Massabielle (Tuta de Massavielha) when she experienced her first vision. While the other girls crossed the little stream in front of the grotto and walked on, Bernadette stayed behind, looking for a place to cross where she wouldn't get her stockings wet. She finally sat down to take her shoes off in order to cross the water and was lowering her stocking when she heard the sound of rushing wind, but nothing moved. A wild rose in a natural niche in the grotto, however, did move. From the

niche, or rather the dark alcove behind it, "came a dazzling light, and a white figure". This was the first of 18 visions of what she called "a small young lady." Her sister and her friend stated that they had seen nothing.

On 14 February, after Sunday Mass, Bernadette, with her sister Marie and some other girls, returned to the grotto. Bernadette knelt down immediately, saying she saw the apparition again. When one of the girls threw holy water at the niche and another threw a rock from above that shattered on the ground, the apparition disappeared. On her next visit, 18 February, Bernadette said that "the vision" asked her to return to the grotto every day for a fortnight.

This period of almost daily visions came to be known as, "holy fortnight." Initially, Bernadette's parents, especially her mother, were embarrassed and tried to forbid her to go. The supposed apparition did not identify herself until the seventeenth vision. Although the townspeople who believed she was telling the truth assumed she saw the Virgin Mary, Bernadette never claimed it to be Mary. She described the lady as wearing a white veil, a blue girdle and with a yellow rose on each foot – compatible with "a description of any statue of the Virgin in a village church".

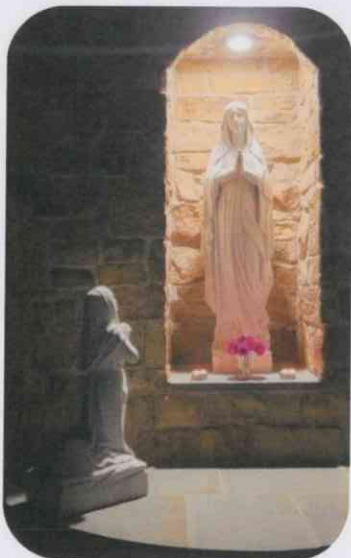
Bernadette's story caused a sensation with the townspeople, who were divided in their opinions on whether or not she was telling the truth. Some believed her to have a mental illness and demanded she be put in an asylum.

The other contents of Bernadette's reported visions were simple and focused on the need for prayer and penance. On 25 February she explained that the vision had told her "to drink of the water of the spring, to wash in it and to eat the herb that grew there," as an act of penance. To everyone's surprise, the next day the grotto was no longer muddy but clear water flowed. On 2 March, at the thirteenth of the alleged apparitions, Bernadette told her family that the lady said that "a chapel should be built and a procession formed".

Bernadette's 16th claimed vision, which she stated went on for over an hour, was on 25 March. According to her account, during that visitation, she again asked the woman for her name but the lady just smiled back. She repeated the question three more times and finally heard the lady say, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette's request to the local priest to build a chapel at the site of her visions eventually gave rise to a number of chapels and churches at Lourdes. The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is now one of the major Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world. One of the churches built at the site, the Basilica of St. Pius X, can accommodate 25,000 people and was dedicated by the future Pope John XXIII when he was the Papal Nuncio to France. Close to 5 million pilgrims from all over the world visit Lourdes (population of about 15,000) every year to pray and to drink the miraculous water, believing that they obtain from the Lord healing of the body and of the spirit.

Copied from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernadette_Soubirous



The novel "The Song of Bernadette" was extremely popular, spending more than a year on The New York Times Best Seller list and thirteen weeks heading the list. The 1943 movie "The Song of Bernadette" was nominated for 15 Academy Awards. Anne Bancroft who portrayed Bernadette won Best Actress of the Year, and there were six other awards including Best Director and Best Picture of the Year.

ALL SOULS DAY WALK THROUGH OUR CEMETERY

Parish Youth read from the Lives of the Saints.

November 2, 2022

Following evening Mass celebrated for All Souls Day at the Parish Center, approximately 70 parishioners enjoyed the beauty of our new Grotto and then joined our youth for a walk through the candlelight cemetery. After the stroll, the Parishioners were treated with hot cider and cookies.



Father George Gostenschigg, portrayed by Chris Welker, was St. Joseph Priest in 1854.



St. Raphael, portrayed by Geo Custodio, is the patron of healing.



St. Michael, portrayed by Jackson Myers & by Luke Boyd, is the patron of the military, policemen & fireman.



St. Abigail, portrayed by Kyra Mortimer, is the patron of beekeepers.



St. Catherine, portrayed by Ella Swanger, is the patron saint of Italy & Europe!



St. Francis, portrayed by Sam Hopp, is the patron of animals, merchants & Ecology.



St. Andrew, portrayed by Tyler Murray, is the patron saint of fishermen & singers.



St. Grace, portrayed by Madison Drollinger, is the patron saint of Spain.



St. Joan of Arc, portrayed by Louise Cromley, is the patron of France.



St. Rita, portrayed by Kaylee Mortimer, is the patron saint of impossible causes and dismal conditions



St. Joseph, portrayed by Brett Boyd, is the patron saint of father, expectant mothers, travelers and working people in general.



St. George, portrayed by Brian Shaffer, is the patron saint of England & Georgia and the military.

