

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: \$2,675.00

Our Faith, Our Future: \$573.00

Thanksgiving Contributions deposited

In Love of Neighbor: \$104.00

Second Collections

December 4 – Our Faith, Our Future

December 11 – Retirement Fund for Religious

December 18 – Repair & Maintenance

December 25 – Christmas Offering

December – Christmas Flowers

Psalm 72

**Justice Shall Flourish In
His Time, And Fullness
Of Peace Forever.**

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Dec. 3rd

Saint Francis Xavier

First Saturday

9:00 AM

Frank Povish
by Deb Mathias

4:00 PM

Robert G. Kirby
by Sue & Larry Blase

Sun., Dec. 4th

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM

People of the Parish

11:00 AM

Maureen Milne
by Geri Preyer

Mon., Dec. 5th

9:00 AM

Connie Buehler
by her husband Merrill

Tues., Dec. 6th

9:00 AM

St. Nicholas, Bishop
Purina & Chic Chiccino
by Anne

Wed., Dec. 7th

St. Ambrose, Bishop
Vigil Mass for Immaculate
Conception

6:00 PM

Deceased Religious who have
served our Parish

Thurs., Dec. 8th

Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

12 Noon

Our CCD Teachers

Fri., Dec. 9th

9:00 AM

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin
Charlotte Farrell
by her sister Sue Sgambota

Sat., Dec. 10th

4:00 PM

Jane Matthews
by Mary & Tony DeLong

Sun., Dec. 11th

8:00 AM

Third Sunday of Advent
People of the Parish

11:00 AM

Alfred Wilver
by Erma & Frank Dominick

Wednesday December 21st, Father will travel with
his sister Michele to Arlington to honor their
brother Michael. He will celebrate the evening
Mass with Her.

From Your Pastor.

Besides knowing the popular song "Jingle Bells", which is one of my favorites, try putting this to music, "Quid quid recipitur ad modum recipientis recipitur." It explains everything one needs to know about Advent -Christmas- Lent and Easter. It means "Whatever is received is received according to the mode of the receiver." In other words, a gift can only be received to the extent that the recipient is capable of receiving the gift. Lent is the gift of God to enable us to receive the gift of becoming a new creation. Advent is the gift of being changed in such a way as to be open to receive **a renewal of God's life and love** in our hearts.

To use another image, many might go to the ball game but not have any love for the game. They are there but receive very little, if any positive, life changing experience. Surely, you know that some of the invited guests at your Thanksgiving table had a deeper appreciation and admiration for the meal and your labor than some others, who just came to eat. They are to be open to receive the gift given.

Many saw Jesus when He came by but it meant nothing to them. Lent opens our eyes and hearts to Jesus as Lord and Savior. Advent teaches us to show love and appreciation for the Lord as He wants to come again into our hearts. The king is coming, our best friend and most beloved companion, Jesus Christ. Who wouldn't want to clean up the house and make room for Him to stay. Lent is house building after a great fire. Advent is house cleaning and garage organizing for the Lord when He comes. Let us get ready to welcome the savior.

Fr. John D. Holbe

SPECIAL ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

December 13th – St. Monica's, Sunbury
December 14th – St. Pius, Selinsgrove
December 15th – St. Joseph, Milton
December 16th – Sacred Heart, Lewisburg
7:00 PM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

BYZANTINE SUNDAY VESPERS

5:00 PM to 5:50 PM



Pictured is Mr. Daniel Shulick leading the Sunday Vespers November 27th. He will be here each Sunday in Advent. Join him for prayerful, peaceful beginning of the week.



CONFESSIONS

At the Church

Saturday from 3:15-3:45
before the 4 o'clock Mass.

Sunday from 7:15-7:45
before the 8 o'clock Mass.

Or by Appointment

*Happy Birthday Marie Lindner.
And Twins - Ian Batman
And Joan Batman Rudloff
December 8th*



WREATHS FOR OUR VETERANS

Continuing our Holiday Tradition, our students will pay respect to our Veterans. On December 18th, the CCD classes will place wreaths on our Veterans graves for Christmas.

GREETERS NEEDED

We plan to reestablish the Greeter Program at the Weekend Masses. If you are interested, please call Jim Seksinsky at 570-437-2992. The obligation, we expect, is Greeters would serve one Mass per month.

WEATHER & EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Just a Heads Up!!

Hopefully you have signed up with Shawn Moore semoore83@gmail.com or had your name added to the church email notification by emailing annechic109@gmail.com. **If there is snow, sleet or freezing rain**, Father will hold all weekend Masses at the Parish Center. Check social media when in doubt.



A VERY JAZZY CHRISTMAS

Presented by the
Buffalo Valley Singers

Saturday, December 10th – 7:30 PM

Sunday, December 11th – 3:00 PM

St. John's UCC

1050 Buffalo Road, Lewisburg, PA

Admission \$8.00

Children 12 & under are free

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve

Mass at 5:00 PM at the Church

Christmas Carols at 10:00 PM at the Church

Mass at 10:30 PM at the Church

Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day

Mass at 10:00 AM at the Church

Saturday, December 31st New Year's Eve

Mass at 4:00 PM at the Church

Sunday, January 1st New Year's Day

Mass at 8:00 AM at the Church

Mass at 11:00 AM at the Parish Center

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SHUT-INS AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Bring a little Christmas Cheer to our shutins and nursing home residents. Place your donation in the collection basket and clearly mark "Shutin Gifts." Try to have your contribution in by December 18th.

We will need folks to deliver the gifts beginning Saturday, December 17th. Please call the office or email Anne Chiccino annechic109@gmail.com if you would like to help.



This year the cookie trays will be sold after Mass the weekend of December 10th & 11th.

Cost is \$20.00 per tray. \$20 provides 220 meals.

In 2021, this initiative fed 2.2 million hungry children overseas and in the U.S.

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Lalouere, Haiti

Sacred Heart Parish, Lewisburg supports a *Sister Parish* in Haiti. This year we will be collecting to help this particular parish rather than the "No Room at the Inn" initiative.



Father Junior, pastor, started a school in 2013. He believes education will give these children a way to improve their lives.

There are four grades so far, and he is hoping to extend it to 12 grades in the future.

There is only one classroom, it is used by the kindergarten class, and the rest study in the church. Parents give \$2/week to pay for teachers and supplies. Teachers get paid \$25-\$50 a month based on certification level, and transportation to the school.



There is no food at school because there is no water, electric, or place to prepare food. There is a foundation to add more

classrooms, but not enough funds to keep building. The children wear clean and crisp uniforms which they are very proud to be able to wear to school.

Envelopes are posted on the bulletin boards and on the tables in our church and in our Parish Center. Please return your donation by December 31st.

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.

A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY

Following Father Koch's reassignment to St. Edwards' in Shamokin in 1866, Reverend Emil Stenzel was reappointed, and he remained in Milton until 1871. He was succeeded by Reverend Mark O'Neill who remained in Milton until 1875. Many of his relatives and descendants lived in our parish.



John and Catherine O'Neill and their daughter Mary are buried in the original section of the cemetery. I found Nellie O'Neill and Agnes O'Neill Reice on ancestry.com as descendants of John's brother James. Both are buried in the old section of our cemetery. Agnes Reice was

Mary Ellen Downer's Mother. Mary Ellen was our former organist.

Reverend Louis Grotenmeyer became pastor in January 1876, and he remained until 1879. He was succeeded by the Reverend William McIlhenny.

Father McIlhenny was pastor on Friday, May 14, 1880 – the date of the most disastrous fires that ever involved a town of Milton's size and population. The fire originated in the Milton Car Works about noon and by one o'clock, the Church and the Rectory were in ashes. By three o'clock one hundred twenty-five acres had been burned – involving six hundred sixty-five buildings.

From the June 19th bulletin:

After the great fire, the Parishioners learned that the company in which the church property was insured was unable to meet its full obligations. Father McIlhenny was equal to the occasion. Seeing a great tract of land about the church laid in waste and feeling that it could be purchased at a reasonable price, he immediately began negotiations with the owners and had options on all the property now in possession of St. Joseph's Church and two other lots on Walnut St

About a month before he was to take a new assignment, he surrendered the agreements for the properties on which he had options. The surrender of this property so advantageously situated to become one of the most beautiful church sites to be found anywhere was deeply regretted by the members of the congregation. Fortunately, however, Father McIlhenny's successor, Father Gnass took advantage of the opportunity to repurchase it. Owing to his wonderful foresight, St. Joseph's Church is now erected on Broadway.