

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: \$3,490.00

Aid to Catholic Missions: \$922.00

Second Collections

January 15, 2023 – Repair & Maintenance

January 22, 2023 – Our Faith, Our Future

Remembrances for Christmas Flowers are posted
on the Bulletin Boards at the Church
and the Parish Center

*The Sanctuary Candle burns
this week for the Buehler Family.*

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Jan. 14th

4:00 PM

Thomas Sullivan

by Anne & George Rocktashel

Sun., Jan. 15th

8:00 AM

People of the Parish

11:00 AM

Pat Rosboschil

Mon., Jan. 16th

9:00 AM

Martin Luther King Jr Day

Alda Sekscienski

Tues., Jan. 17th

9:00 AM

St. Anthony, Abbot

Deceased Members of the
Choplick Family
by Helen & Family

Wed., Jan. 18th

6:00 PM

*Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity Begins*

Judy Reese

Thurs., Jan. 19th

9:00 AM

Bill Gallagher

by his wife Helen

Fri., Jan 20th

9:00 AM

St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr

St. Sebastian, Martyr

Charlotte Farrell

by her sister Sue Sgambote

Sat., Jan. 21st

4:00 PM

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

People of the Parish

Sun., Jan. 22nd

8:00 AM

Word of God Sunday

Ecumenical Sunday

Donna Konyar

by her husband Jim on

their 61st Wedding Anniversary

11:00 AM

Mary Emery's Special

Intention by Ann Marie

Zelinski

Lola Benoit's Funeral Mass will be
Saturday, January 28th at 11 o'clock.
May She Rest in Peace

From Your Pastor,

Here we are already 1/24th through the new year. Do you get the idea I am a little anxious to get through the winter? But time is a wonderful gift from God and the liturgical designator for the present season is "Ordinary Time", but there is nothing ordinary about any Sunday Worship. Each Sunday Mass is the making present, once again, the Holy Sacrifice of the dying and rising of the Lord. It does not just represent it, rather it re-presents what was first offered on the cross and in the tomb.

Why is this so? Because it is God's way of calling us to holiness. Jesus not only forgives our sins. He delivers us from punishment. He takes sin away and brings us holiness. As in our lesson from 1st Cor. 1:1-3, "...to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy", we must realize in our hearts that we are beloved of God and destined to share in the glory of the Holy Trinity. After much prayer and reflection, I have been convinced that my priestly work is primarily to urge, encourage, aid and push you towards holiness. Your work is to do the same toward me and toward one another. We are all to help one another grow in holiness and to let the Lord's light shine forth for the glory of God.

This week we have parish council, and I will ask the members to please consider establishing in our parish church an adoration day, every week, for 24 Hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some of us do this already at Cyril and Methodius, Adoration Chapel. The bishop has asked our parishes to do what we can do to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Spiritual Life. Please pray over this and talk about it among one another.

I will also ask the council to consider deepening our bonds to the Mission Parish School of the Immaculate Conception in Haiti. This is something to pray about and to discuss. Worship of God and love of neighbor are the two strongest steps towards holiness. Let us begin the journey this year renewed.

Fr. John D. Hoke

*Here I am, Lord
I come to do your will.*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation "to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and "God's chosen One."

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Do Good. Seek Justice

Isaiah 1:17

January 18 – January 25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (*John 17:21*)

U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR JUDY REESE

In Judy Reese's obituary, her husband Joe included "In lieu of flowers, contributions in Judy's memory may be made to: St. Joseph Church's Grotto Benches." Judy's family and friends have contributed \$3,520.00. These funds will be used to construct two benches at the site of the new Crucifix. Thank you from our St. Joseph community for such a generous donation to our cemetery.



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

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT
By Father Hoke**

ALL of you who have sacrificially given support for our parish, your little old St. Joseph Parish, are a part of the *Light*. You make it happen. Besides coming to Holy Mass every weekend, Holy Day, and some even daily, you make it happen. By giving your tithe and your gift of time and talent, you make it happen.

There are those who contribute the work needed to get us to complete all of our projects, to make them a success. Too many to be counted! But I want to let a little light shine on Anne Chiccino's love and dedication for the parish. Our wonderful bulletin is one of the gifts that she gives to us, and many more gifts of leadership for reaching out to shut-ins and those in need of charity. How much we all appreciate the bulletins she prepares every week.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember those who are sick
in your prayers, especially:

Bob Bender	Ray Leeser
John Bender	Malyssa Lenig
Lew Bogle	Sue Lindner
Luke Boyd	Michael McHale
Dolores Caicco	Andrew Mikowski
Leslie Cameron	Dave Moser
Helen Choplick	Melinda Oliveri
Ronan Erb	Mary Ruth Palmer
Irene Hamilton	Gloria Reeder
John Heimbach	Joan Rudloff
Betty Johnston	Dashawnda Russell
Bonnie Kauffman	Larry Seibert
Christine Koons	Patricia Starcher
Margaret Helen Koons	Enza Welker
Andria Laurence	Vickie Youmans
	Andrea Rae 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.

WEATHER & EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Just a Heads Up!!

If there is snow, sleet or freezing rain, Father will hold all weekend Masses at the Parish Center.
Check social media when in doubt.

**FORMER PARISHIONER
NEEDS OUR PRAYERS**

John Bender, son of JoAnn and Bob Bender, received a liver transplant two weeks ago. He is doing well, and he will have a three week stay at UPMC- Montefiore Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA and then a six-week recovery period at home. John grew up in Milton, and he was baptized and received his sacraments at St Joseph.

If you would like to help this family out, we have placed envelopes on the back tables. You can make a check out to St. Joseph Church and include in the memo – for the Bender family. We will write one check to John. Thanks in advance for your help. If you can not make a financial gift at this time, please make a gift of prayer for his successful recovery.

Please return your donation by January 22nd.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

January 14, 2023 – Confirmation Retreat

At our church for students in the area.

January 18th to 25th – Week of Prayer

For Christian Unity

January 19, 2023 – Parish Council Meeting

February 1, 2023 – First day of Lottery Drawings

February 16, 2023 – Parish Council Meeting

February 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday

February 24, 2023 – First Fish Dinner

**AN INVITATION
FROM SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH**

Please join us at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish on Saturday, January 21st following the 5:00 PM Mass as we celebrate the progress made at our sister parish and school in Lalouere, Haiti. Through donations from our parish and St. Joseph, Milton, the Immaculate Conception Parish has been able to add classrooms and a small kitchen for feeding the children who flock there for help. Père Junior extends his best wishes to all of us.

We will have food, photos and videos for you to enjoy. Please call the Sacred Heart office to sign up. 570-523-3104



ST. ELIZABETH ANNE SETON

The feast day of St. Elizabeth is January 4th. This beautiful stained glass window was purchased by the Emery Family in memory of Charles and Joseph Emery.

Elizabeth was always concerned about the eternal destiny of her loved ones and this led her to the Catholic Faith. She had a great desire to receive the Bread of Life, and she

decided in 1805 to join the Catholic Church.

Because of prejudice against Catholics, life was difficult for her in New York. When the president of St. Mary's College in Baltimore suggested she come and start a school there, she gladly accepted. Other young women joined her, and they established the first free Catholic school in America.

Provisions were made for Elizabeth to continue raising her young children, and in the Spring of 1809, she started the Sisters of St. Joseph.

FEBRUARY LOTTERY TICKETS

A few lottery ticket stubs have not been returned. If you have tickets that are not sold, please return them to Harriet Moore as she has requests for more **lucky** numbers! If you have sold them, you must return them by Sunday, January 29th. Any stubs and money that are not returned by that date will not be eligible for the winnings. Harriet has made an effort to personally contact the folks who took these tickets!

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.

GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2022

If you would like a copy of your total contributions for 2022, please put a stamped self-addressed envelope in the collection basket.

FISH DINNERS

Friday, February 24th –
March 31st

Planning Ahead!!



Following are our needs
for this fundraiser each week:

- On Tuesday, we need someone to pick up the fish from Helmrich's, Williamsport
- On Wednesday, we need folks to peel & eye the potatoes.
- On Thursday, we need someone to make the coleslaw, someone to make and portion the tartar sauce and folks to help with the thawing of the fish.
- On Friday, we need people to:
 - bread the fish & wash the pans,
 - portion the coleslaw,
 - box desserts,
 - bag the rolls,
 - car hop a 3:30 PM,
 - work on the serving line at 3:30 PM
 - clean pots & pans at 4:00 PM.
- Lots of people to make cakes for dessert. Cakes should be dropped off at the Parish Center by 10:00 AM Thursday morning or 10:00 AM Friday morning. Please no nuts of any kind. Let Tracie Litzel know if you are bringing cakes. Her email address is tleitzel1@ptd.net

COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Heart of Mercy Counseling Ministry (Sisters of the Good Shepherd) in the Danville area has two licensed therapists available to serve adults for individual or couples counseling. In-person or virtual counseling options.

Please contact either one of them to schedule an appointment if you are seeking counseling based in Catholic teaching:

Sr. Mary Frances Altavilla, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 410-245-0870 faltavilla@hotmail.com

Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette, Licensed Professional Counselor, 352-328-8145 guadalupe531@aol.com
(in Coal Township on Mondays)