

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: \$5,053.00

Repair & Maintenance: \$789.00

Filled Chicken Breast Dinner Profit: \$2,239.40

Second Collections

January 22, 2023 – Our Faith, Our Future

Paul Boiardi Died Sunday, January 15th.
Our Condolences To Marilyn And Paula.
May He Rest In Peace.

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
in Memory of Paul Emery.*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Jan. 21 st 4:00 PM	<i>St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i> People of the Parish
Sun., Jan. 22 nd 8:00 AM	<i>Word of God Sunday</i> <i>Ecumenical Sunday</i> Donna Konyar by her husband Jim on their 61 st Wedding Anniversary
11:00 AM	Mary Emery's Special Intention by Ann Marie Zelinski
Mon., Jan. 23 rd 9:00 AM	<i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i> Bill Higgins by Marie Lindner
Tues., Jan. 24 th 9:00 AM	<i>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop</i> Nancy Hanson
Wed., Jan. 25 th 6:00 PM	<i>Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</i> Paul Boiardi by Anne R. & Anne C.
Thurs., Jan. 26 th 9:00 AM	<i>St. Timothy, Bishop</i> <i>St. Titus, Bishop</i> Lois Kirby
Fri., Jan 27 th 9:00 AM	<i>St. Angela Merici, Virgin</i> Ardith Browne
Sat., Jan. 28 th 4:00 PM	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest</i> Mary Wise by Marian & Tom Lang
Sun., Jan. 29 th 8:00 AM	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Luther Read by Vickie & Joe Youmans
11:00 AM	Bill Higgins by the Choplick Family

Lola Benoit's Funeral Mass will be
Saturday, January 28th at 11 o'clock.
The Family will have a visitation in the
church at 10:15.

From Your Pastor.

This Third Sunday in Ordinary Time has the distinction of being a feast: The Sunday of the Word of God. It was established by Pope Francis in 2019 to stress the importance of the Scriptures in our Catholic Faith. It is beneficial that this Mass stressing the importance of the Bible comes during the weeklong prayers for Christian unity. One of the great blessings of Vatican II was to restore a lost treasure, that of the Bible in the life of the Church. When there is a procession at the beginning of Mass, the Gospel Book is brought in and placed on the altar.

The Liturgy of the Word has become a very important part of our Catholic worship - at every Mass and in every celebration of the sacraments. Many more Catholics spend time reading and praying the scriptures on their own or with friends. This is a great blessing. I hope that because you have your own Hymnal/ Missal in hand, in the car or at your prayer space at home that you are praying and reflecting upon the importance of the Word of God to become flesh in your own body and soul.

Our gospel passage stresses that those who had walked in darkness have seen a great light, that light coming from the northern region was the coming of Jesus to call His Church together to become His light to the nation. We are still working at it. It is a work in process, over two thousand years of processing, but we will get there by the grace of God. It is the Holy Spirit that will reunite the separated churches back into one bond of charity- of mind and heart in the Lord.

Please continue to pray for the unborn, tomorrow, 'A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children'. We have come a long way but more light needs to shine on these little ones and welcome them into our community. Please pray and fast tomorrow - January 23rd.

Fr. John D. Hoke

**Our Condolences to the Family of
James Brennan of the Sacred Heart Parish.**

Jim died Friday, January 13th.

He was a nephew of Father Braubitz.
We have been visiting Jim at the Milton
Rehab. May he rest in peace.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the "day of Midian."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be "fishers of men."

RESPECT LIFE DAY OF PRAYER



January 23, 2023 has been set aside as "a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." Life is at the heart of the gospel – a beautiful gift from God.

When that gift is destroyed rather than treasured, a violent act is committed not just against God, but all humanity. As Pope John Paul II remarked, "The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person, and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."

U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops

Photo in masthead is of a statue at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.



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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember those who are sick
in your prayers, especially:

Bob Bender	Ray Leeser
John Bender	Malysa 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.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

January 18th to 25th – Week of Prayer
For Christian Unity
January 23, 2023 – Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children
February 1, 2023 – First day of Lottery Winners
February 12, 2023 – Super Bowl Sunday
Knights of Columbus Pierogi Sale – See Below
February 16, 2023 – Parish Council Meeting
February 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday
February 24, 2023 – First Fish Dinner

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women of the parish, you are invited to experience the treasure of Matthew's Gospel through the study of the Beatitudes this Lent using the Lectio Divina format. Join us in the faith sharing Bible study, *Hosanna* by *The Word Among Us*.

We will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 at the Parish Center beginning February 21st. Please contact Christine Wendt if interested or have questions by February 5th. Her phone number is (484) 529-3399. Cost is \$19.95. Please make checks payable to Christine Wendt.



Homemade Pierogi Sale

(Filling is potato / cheese)

Superbowl Event
\$6 Per Dozen

- Our annual Superbowl Pierogi sale is back!
To place an order, please see Kevin Wendt
or email order to knightsofcolumbus4824@gmail.com
- Pick up @ St Joe's Parish Center
Friday Feb 10th between 3-5pm
(Or Sacred Heart on Sunday morning the 12th)
Use side entrance & pay when you pick them up

Happy Birthday
This Week
Don Wilver Sr
And
Frank Dominick
Many More!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT ST. JOSEPH, MILTON

Saturday, January 14, 2023



In preparation for their confirmation, 28 students from St. Pius-Selinsgrove, St. Joseph-Danville, St. Monica-Sunbury and our own candidates participated in a day filled with prayer, instruction, reflection, spiritual renewal and a time of genuine fellowship. The retreat opened with Mass offered by Father Hoke at the Parish Center. Then John Paul Kasperowicz of *Big Heart Harvest* took over.

Early in the session, John Paul set up for a very moving conclusion to the day. He asked the students to write down what would or does keep them from God. They could write or draw their thoughts, and they were not to identify themselves. He then collected them. At the close of the day, JP asked the students to think about their original reasons to avoid God and to pray about

this conflict. He dropped their writings or drawings on the floor. When they were ready, they were to pick up any one and tear it up, and then go pray before the tabernacle. While they contemplated, he then sang an original hymn. Several students were brought to tears. Bishop Gainor will confirm the students on March 4th at St. Pius.



FEBRUARY LOTTERY TICKETS

The following lottery ticket stubs have not been returned: 318 & 988. If you have these tickets, please return them quickly. If you purchased either of these numbers, please make sure your seller submitted them. You can't win if they aren't turned in!!

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN DANVILLE

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Join the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, February 7. Adoration will begin at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius at 9:00 am. You are welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

The closing of 40 Hours will begin at 5:00 PM. All are welcome to the evening service, or to spend quiet time in prayer during the day. The Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius is located at 1002 Railroad Street, Danville, PA 17821.