

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Independence Day

*is a time to remember
our freedoms and
thank God for them.*

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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: \$3,274.00

Repair & Maintenance: \$1,069.00

Second Collections

July 2 – Our Faith, Our Future

July 9 – Repair & Maintenance

July 16 – Cemetery Care

(back of envelope says Communication!)

July 30 – Love of Neighbor

*The Sanctuary Candle burns
this week for Edward Kulfa
requested by his daughter
Marie Luzenski*

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., July 1st	<i>First Saturday</i> <i>St. Junipero Serra, Priest</i> Deceased Members of the Bogle Family
9:00 AM	
4:00 PM	Donald Fasold by Ann & George Woodling
Sun., July 2nd	<i>Thirteenth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i> People of the Parish
8:00 AM	
11:00 AM	Gloria Haluska by the Seebold Family
Mon., July 3rd	<i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i> All Mothers
9:00 AM	
Tues., July 4th	<i>Independence Day</i> For Protection of Human Life
9:00 AM	
Wed., July 5th	<i>St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest</i> <i>St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i> Lola Benoit by Vickie & Joe Youmans
6:00 PM	
Thurs., July 6th	<i>St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr</i> Patricia Starcher by Bonnie & Tony Lupo
9:00 AM	
Fri., July 7th	<i>First Friday</i> Thomas Maguire by Mary Rose & Jack Knelly
9:00 AM	
Sat., July 8th	Ed Zerrenner by Aunt Geri
4:00 PM	
Sun., July 9th	<i>Fourteenth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i> People of the Parish
8:00 AM	
11:00 AM	Edward Wilhour by Linda & Bill Bittner



From Your Pastor,

The Lord told us to be good and forgiving to everyone, even our enemies. Then He said the sun shines on the good and on the bad, so everyone benefits from God's goodness. However, that is not to say God doesn't have special gifts and merciful kindness for special people. God rewards those individuals who have special kindness and generous support for His workers in the vineyard, the fields and fishing boats seeking to save souls. He loves those who loves His workers. The blessings we give to His laborers comes back to us a hundred-fold. Let us do ourselves a real favor and be a blessing onto our self by giving to Fr. Peter, as he comes to us from the Republic of Cameroon, Central Africa. I will treat him as if he was Christ, and I will be greatly blessed and so will you.

The week of July 9-14, I will be away on retreat/workshop, a time to study, reflect and pray. There will be no daily Masses Monday, July 10 through Friday July 14. Hopefully we will still have our 24 Hours of Adoration. A good time to pray for vocations as you experience the absence of a priest in residence. God forbid but the day might come because of a lack of vocations that the parish might not have a resident priest. So come and pray during that 24 Hour period of adoration.

Fr. John D. Hoke

WELCOME BISHOP SENIOR

July 25th 7 PM

St. Joseph Church, Danville

There will be a Mass to celebrate the inauguration of Bishop Timothy C. Senior as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg at St. Joseph Church, Danville. Following the Mass there will be a "meet & greet". All Parishioners from the Northern Deanery are invited.

Mark your calendar.

24-HOUR ADORATION

If you have changed your particular hour as a regular "visitor" during the 24-hours of Adoration, please let Father Hoke know. We could use some committed help Monday morning from 11-12 and Monday evening from 9-10.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-3, 16-19

Sing God's praises forever.

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.



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

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES EMMITSBURG, MD

Thursday, August 3, 2023

We have reserved a passenger coach with A/C and a bathroom. Departure will be from the Parish Center at 7:00 AM. The cost is \$30.00 per seat. If this is a hardship, please talk to Father Hoke.

Snacks will be provided. Bring a bagged lunch. We will stop for dinner on the way home. Seating is limited. Register today by calling the church office (570) 742-4356

REASON TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen his divine peace in your heart.

"Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..."

Matthew 11:28

"Cast all of your anxieties upon the one who cares for you..." Peter 5:7

"My Peace is My Gift to you." John 14:17

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick
In Your Prayers, Especially:

Giovanna Fanella	Eleanor Poponiak
Margaret Koons	Margaret Punako
Nicole Lamprinos	Melissa Rowse
Andria Laurence	Diane Sykes
Marie Lindner	Bill Woodling
Dave Moser	Lincoln Yordy
	Robert Zacker

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.

In July, we will begin with a new Prayer List. If you would like someone to be on the list, please email annechic109@gmail.com, or call the office, or put a note in the collection basket.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

July 1-2, 2023 – Missionary Cooperative
Father Peter will be speaking at all Masses.
July 4, 2023 – Independence Day
The Parish Office will be closed.
July 10-14, 2023 – No weekday Masses
*Father Hoke will be attending
Diocese Convocation*
July 25, 2023 – Meet & Greet Bishop Senior
Mass at St. Joseph Church, Danville
July 29, 2023 – Chicken Bar-B-Q
August 3, 2023 – Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg
September 9, 2023 – Harvest Festival
September 16, 2023 – Harvest Festival
October 7, 2023 – Rosary Rally
October 13, 2023 – Filled Chicken Breast Dinner
November 10, 2023 – Filled Pork Chop Dinner

HELP WITH A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY

In an effort to update our *recent* history records, we are asking you to let us know if you were ever May Queen or the recipient of the Filippelli-Ferlazzo Award. [Or if you know of any of these folks.] Please drop a note in the collection basket, or call the office or email annechic109@gmail.com

TIMOTHY SENIOR INSTALLED AS 12TH BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

BY JESSICA BABB, LOCAL21NEWS.COM

WED, JUNE 21ST 2023



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DAUPHIN COUNTY, Pa (WHP)

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"My primary desire is to be a good pastor, to be a leader who is a servant first, to announce the gospel of Jesus Christ with integrity and fidelity. I will endeavor each day to give myself completely to this service," Senior said during the mass.

The installation of Bishop Senior comes as Bishop Ronal Gainer resigned at 75 years old.

"I will work hard for you and with you in the mission that is entrusted to us," Senior said.

Bishop Senior was an ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia in 2009 and has most recently been the Regional Bishop of Montgomery County and Philadelphia South. He also served as the Chancellor of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, as well as various other roles over the years serving the Catholic community.

"I will endeavor each day to give myself completely to this service," Senior said. "Please do not hesitate to let me know when I fall short of that goal."

Thank You

Thank you to all our Sisters & Brothers in Christ for the cards & prayers as our family celebrated Tony's 80th birthday.
The Lupo & Wendt Families

VOLUNTEER IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Our volunteer spotlight this month is on John Emery. You see him all the time on the altar, and he does so many things behind the scenes. John is a skilled electrician, and recently, he upgraded the outside lighting in the eaves of the Parish Center. If you drive by at night, you will see how beautiful the building is and you will note that it is much more secure. He also improved the emergency lights inside the Parish Center.

PPL ran a line to our cemetery shed, and then John connected a spotlight to the beautiful new crucifix and lighting & outlet to the Grotto.

John is always available for our fundraising dinners. He and Dave Rheppard get the potato peeling operation setup on Wednesdays during the Fish dinners; he is the fry cook Friday evenings; and during the week, he prepares the Macaroni & Cheese. For the Chicken and Pork Chop dinners, he is *mashed potato man*!

John loves to visit the sick and the elderly. When he worked at Hospital, he enjoyed playing Santa around the holidays, and after he retired, he continued to spread the Christmas Spirit as St. Nick at the Winterfest Kids Breakfast. He is a delivery person for our monthly shutin meals, and he tries to visit our Parishioners who are in Rehabs or confined to their homes at least once or twice a week.

Many years ago, John was a part of the prison ministry, and he held a men's book discussion group at his house.

Thanks John for all your service.

\$\$\$\$\$ HELP WANTED \$\$\$\$\$

The Finance Committee and the Parish Council are looking for someone (or a couple) to spearhead the 300 Club and/ or the February Lottery projects. If interested, talk to Father Hoke or Jim Seksinsky or Frank Muscarella, or call the office.



Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius in Danville are looking for a Full-time Maintenance Technician. For more information, please contact our HR Department 570-275-3581 ext. 156.

Villa Sacred Heart
Danville PA



OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

**The Office will open at 11:00 AM
on Monday, June 26th.**

The Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4th.

CALLING ALL SINGLE CATHOLICS

August 25th – 27th, 2023

Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 22nd National Conference for Single Catholics at St. John's Resort, in Plymouth, Michigan or participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions. This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles (of all ages).

The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, Adoration, fellowship and more. (If attending in-person, use the promo code PARISH23 when you register to get \$50 off! Discount is for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code.)

Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. OR call 512-766-5798

Fees and what is included can be found on the website. Also, the online options are explained on the website.