

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: \$5,794.00

Our Faith, Our Future: \$585.00

Missionary Cooperative Collection: \$2,123.00

Second Collections

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 the Deceased Members
of the Bogle Family*

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., July 8th

4:00 PM

Ed Zerrenner
by Aunt Geri

Sun., July 9th

8:00 AM

*Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
People of the Parish

11:00 AM

Edward Wilhour
by Linda & Bill Bittner

**No Weekday Masses this week. Father Hoke will
be on Retreat with the Priests of the Diocese. He
will offer the Mass Intentions privately.**

Mon., July 10th

Anthony & Chic Chiccino

Tues., July 11th

St. Benedict, Abbot
For the Conversion of Sinners

Wed., July 12th

Cheryl Prosseda

Thurs., July 13th

St. Henry
For Evangelization

Fri., July 14th

St. Kateria Tekakwitha, Virgin
Grace Bentlage

Sat., July 15th

4:00 PM

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
Ann Leitzel
by Mary & Vincent Emery

Sun., July 16th

8:00 AM

*Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Ed Zerrenner
by Geri Preyer

11:00 AM

People of the Parish

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.

From Your Pastor.

I hope all had a bit of a Holy Day on the Fourth of July Holiday - with all the fireworks and hot dogs - a moment to reflect and even contemplate how good God has been to us. We are certainly a blessed people with many gifts of freedom and prosperity, but the greatest of all gifts from God is the gift of Himself in His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. During our Adoration 24, I kept contemplating that here before us in the Blessed Sacrament is God's perfect permanent gift of Himself, all freedom, dignity and hope for a good life is found in the Eucharist.

Because I will be away this coming week at a Retreat/Workshop in West Virginia, I have cancelled our Adoration 24 Monday/Tuesday of this week. I would be too worried that we might have gaps and problems, and I have a great concern for the security of the Blessed Sacrament. Plus, you will be without daily Mass, all of this is a sign of how important it is to have priests. The lack of a priest is a loss and sorrow for the whole parish family. Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life.

This Sunday's Gospel is one of my favorites. It comforts me and gives me a strong direction in life; to come to Jesus, to receive His yoke, that is **His cross**. And then learn by walking with Him through life, that He has a gentle loving heart. Here is a strong clarion call by God to come to the Blessed Sacrament and lean close to His heart.

As I am away in the flesh, I will be with you in the spirit, let us pray for one another.

Fr. John D. Hoke



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

- Put Your Faith into Action.
- Become Friends with Fellow Catholic Men.
- Strengthen Your Parish.
- Evangelize the Community.

If you are thinking of joining the Knights of Columbus, contact Grand Knight, Kevin Wendt, or send us an email & we will be in touch.

knightsofcolumbus4824@gmail.com

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14

A prayer of praise to God who is our king.

Second Reading

Romans 8:9,11-13

Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.



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

While Father Hoke is away, if you need a Priest, please call Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewisburg. (570) 523-3104

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick
In Your Prayers, Especially:

Pat Behan	Finn Grady McConnell
Elaine Cook	Eleanor Poponiak
Giovanna Fanella	Margaret Punako
Margaret Koons	Melissa Rowse
Nicole Lamprinos	Diane Sykes
Andria Laurence	Bill Woodling
Marie Lindner	Lincoln Yordy
Dave Moser	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 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

CONGRATULATIONS

Kelsi & Paul Buckley

Proud New Parents of John Paul Buckley

Kelsi is the Bucknell Catholic Campus Minister. She and Paul have regularly attended Wednesday evening Mass, and most Wednesdays, Kelsi was the lector. They were the 8-9 o'clock Adorers on Monday evenings.

Kelsi & Father Rothan brought BU students to help out with in-house fundraising dinners. And Kelsi & Paul spearheaded the "packing" & "cleanup" at our past two rummage sales.

John Paul "Jack" Buckley is doing well.

BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHONER

Why You Should Register?

In order to fully participate in our parish, to always be informed about our parish and all of the many services and programs we provide, of all the support services available, of all of the events planned--you need to be registered.

If you are not, we cannot issue any letters in connection with sponsorship for the Sacraments and we cannot give recommendations for positions, schools, etc. It is as simple as filling out the form below, dropping it in a collection basket, or by stopping in the parish office at your earliest convenience. Please notify us of change of address, even e-mail.

Please print clearly.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone Numbers

HOME: _____

CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

\$\$\$\$\$ 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.

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

Difficulties are opportunities for growth. If you try to avoid all trials, you are simply arresting your development.

Bruce Bickel & Stan Jantz

ST. KATERIA TEKAKWITHA

Feast Day – July 14

This beautiful window in our church [pictured on the front of the bulletin] was donated by the Anchor Family in memory of June Hartman Anchor.

Kateria's parents died of smallpox when she was four years old, and she was adopted by an aunt & uncle. Although she survived smallpox, she was severely disfigured, and she had difficulty seeing. Through the efforts of a Catholic missionary, she became Catholic and was baptized on Easter Sunday in 1674.

She was harshly persecuted by her tribe for becoming Catholic, and she fled to Canada for safety. There, she practiced her faith in an exemplary manner with prayer, penance, and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin Mary. She became known as "the Lily of the Mohawks."

Kateria practiced the virtue of charity in an extreme and practical manner, by tending to the sick and poor of her village. Her clothing was in such poor condition at the time of her death, that she was buried in a borrowed dress.

Father Pierre Cholenec testified that Kateri's disfigured face suddenly became very beautiful and fair about fifteen minutes after her death.

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.

CEMETERY UPDATE

Scott Hackenberg of Hackenberg Cemetery Restorations has uprighted 16 tombstones this year on the East side of the Old section of our Parish cemetery. In 2022, he worked on ten stones on the West side. And he has already identified the stones he will work on next Spring. We have been able to do this restoration with a contribution from the Kirby Family Charitable Foundation and a private donor.

Scott is only able to work in cemeteries on Saturdays as he has a regular non-restoration weekday job. And because he is one of a very few craftsmen who do this work, he is in high demand. He and Jim Seksinsky will be working on a project to help with the preservation of the tombstones in the Original section of the cemetery.

This is the fourth year that we have worked on cleaning the tombstones. All stones in the Old section and the New section have scrubbed and rinsed in an effort to remove the mold that accumulated. The only exceptions are the ones that had sunk into the ground and that Scott has been able to reset. Of course, as soon as we finished with a marker, the birds perch there!! But their dropping can be cleaned with plain soap & water.

The Cemetery Care Collection on July 16 is for grounds maintenance not for restoration. The one-time fee for perpetual care does not cover the cost of maintaining a beautiful cemetery such as ours.

Pictured are the *before* and *after* photos of a tombstone that was cleaned this year.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

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.