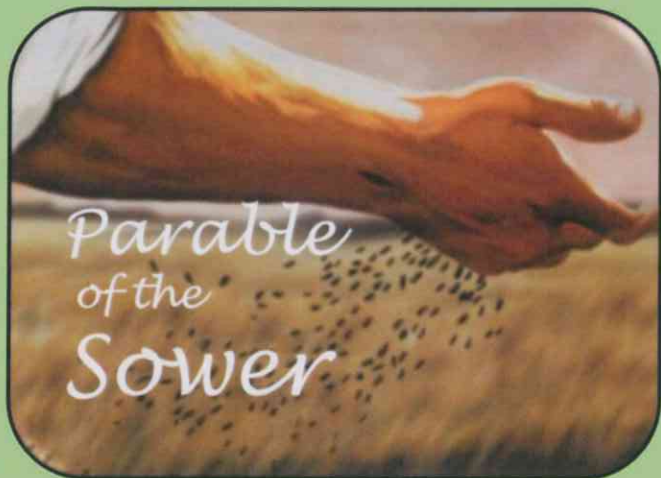


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### St. Joseph is a Tithing Parish

#### God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity,  
our people returned to God the following:

Sunday Collection: \$2,996.00

Repair & Maintenance: \$564.00

#### Second Collections

July 16 – Cemetery Care

(back of envelope says Communication!)

July 30 – Love of Neighbor

*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
this week for Judy Reese*

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sat., July 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>4:00 PM</b>	<i>St. Bonaventure, Bishop &amp; Doctor</i> Ann Leitzel by Mary & Vincent Emery
<b>Sun., July 16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<i>Fifteenth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i> Ed Zerrenner by Geri Preyer
<b>11:00 AM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Mon., July 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	Michael Andrew Sullivan by the Sullivan Family
<b>Tues., July 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	<i>St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i> Special Intention for Dashawnda Russell by Bonnie & Tony Lupo
<b>Wed., July 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	Alfred Wilver by Vickie & Joe Youmans
<b>Thurs., July 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	<i>St. Apollinaris, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i> Alda Sekscienski
<b>Fri., July 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	<i>St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest</i> <i>Blessed Francis Jordan, Priest</i> Richard Krakovitz by Deb & Dave Machamer
<b>Sat., July 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>4:00 PM</b>	<i>St. Mary Magdalene</i> Erik Sutherland by Donna Reid
<b>Sun., July 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<i>Sixteenth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i> People of the Parish
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Richard Krakovitz by his Mother Melinda Oliveri

### WELCOME BISHOP SENIOR

St. Joseph Church, Danville

Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 7 PM

There will be a Mass to celebrate the inauguration of Bishop Timothy C. Senior as the 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

This Sunday is a good time to take a look at the concept of 'First Fruits', not in the sense of fruitcake, but rather **giving to God the very best God has given to us.** Even in secular culture the 'First' is special to us. The first born, the first steps a baby takes, the first words spoken, the first day on the bus going to school, the first date and kiss are easily remembered, the first bike without training wheels, the first flight, the first time to the ocean, the first car and first house all are special firsts. A priest remembers his first Mass and the first Confession and absolution he gave.

St. Paul speaks in Romans of remembering the 'first fruits of the Spirit,' to sustain us in our times of suffering and our sojourn through life to the Kingdom of Heaven. The Jews celebrated the feast of First Fruits during Passover. It is highly likely that the day after the sabbath, Easter Sunday, the day Jesus rose from the dead, was the feast of the First Fruits, as Jesus gave the Father and to us the gift of Himself. At every Mass we give back to God the Father the gift of the first fruit, His Son in the Holy Eucharist.

As grateful Christians we give back to God symbols of our first fruits, our offerings of time, talent, and treasures. Not to come to Mass with a desire to give an offering, our first fruits of a new week, is to sadly fail to understand the parable of the Sower going out to sow, seeking to reap a rich harvest of a hundred-fold. God gives to us that we might give back to Him and share in the joy of giving. For the gift of a thankful generous heart, let us praise the Lord.

Fr. John D. Hoke



### 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

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading

*Isaiah 55:10-11*

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 65:10-14*

A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

### Second Reading

*Romans 8:18-23*

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 13:1-23*

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

## 24-HOUR ADORATION



St. Joseph Church offers 24-hour Adoration each Monday beginning at 9:30 [following the morning Mass] and ending Tuesday morning at 8:55 [preceding the morning Mass]. If you can commit to a regular hour each week, please tell Father Hoke who is doing the scheduling.

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 8-9 & 9-10.

## REASONS TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Jesus will give you all the graces  
you need to be happy!

*"The Lamb on the throne will shepherd them.  
He will lead them to the springs  
of life-giving water." Revelations 7:17*

Jesus is infinitely deserving of our unceasing  
thanksgiving and adoration  
for all he has done for our salvation.

*"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive  
honor, glory and praise." Revelations 5:12*



## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick  
In Your Prayers, Especially:

Pat Behan	Dave Moser
Helen Choplick	Eleanor Poponiak
Elaine Cook	Margaret Punako
Giovanna Fanella	Melissa Rowse
Rita Klein	Diane Sykes
Abram Koons, Jr	Bill Woodling
Margaret Koons	Vickie Youmans
Nicole Lamprinos	Lincoln Yordy
Andria Laurence	Robert Zacker
Marie Lindner	

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 began with a new Prayer List. If you would like someone to be on the list, please email [annechic109@gmail.com](mailto:annechic109@gmail.com), or call the office, or put a note in the collection basket.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

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

*Happy July Birthday  
Anne Ziegler*

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30  
Wednesday 9:00-12:00  
Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

## 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

## \$\$\$\$\$ 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.

## GROUNDWORKERS NEEDED



All season long, we need folks to help with weeding and watering. If you enjoy this kind of work, contact Anne Chic at the Parish Office (570) 742-4356 or email [annechic109@gmail.com](mailto:annechic109@gmail.com)

## CHICKEN BAR-B-Q

Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 11:00-2:00  
Take-out at the Parish Center  
One-half barbequed chicken,  
Baked beans, Macaroni salad, Roll  
and Dessert \$12.00



We will need workers to prep on Friday and Saturday mornings. Call the office or email [annechic109@gmail.com](mailto:annechic109@gmail.com) if you are available.

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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1D – heart, 2D – satan, 3A – wayside,  
4D – seed, 5D – four, 6D – God,  
7A – good, 8A – thorny, 9A – rocky

## 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](mailto:faltavilla@hotmail.com)

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

## HAVEN MINISTRY NEEDS

1043 South Front Street  
Sunbury, PA 17801

This Center helps provide comfort and warmth to those experiencing homelessness in our community. Haven Ministry creates a strong safety net for residents of the Snyder, Union and Northumberland counties.

Their needs include non-perishable boxed items, canned/ jarred foods, spices & herbs, personal care items, cleaning supplies, gallon size zip-lock bags, children's Sippy cups, Grocery store and Walmart gift cards.



The Milton Public Library is celebrating 100 years of serving our community. As a fundraiser, they are encouraging individuals or groups to donate \$100 for the 100<sup>th</sup>!



The Library Staff & Board and W&L Subaru are sponsoring a **Milton Public Library Awareness Day**, Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. There will be food trucks, raffle prizes, free kid books and much more – courtesy of W&L Subaru.

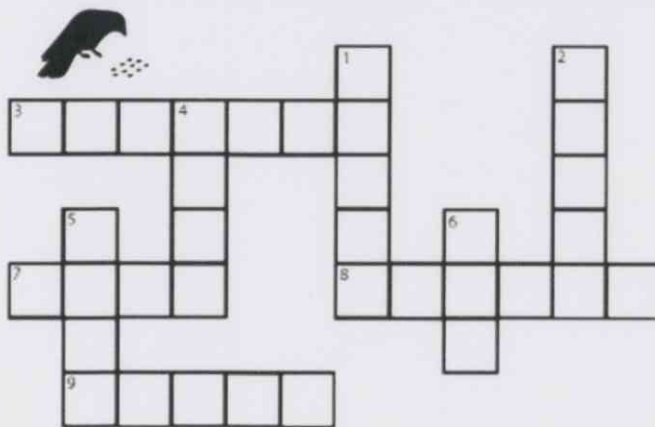
Come out and enjoy some fun and learn more about the impact the Library makes on the surrounding community.



*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.*

## FOR THE KIDS: PARABLE OF THE SOWER

*Like seed sown on good soil, some hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop – some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown. Mark 4:20*



four, God, good, heart, rocky,  
satan, seed, thorny, wayside

### Across

3. Type of ground in which the birds came immediately and ate the seed.
7. The only type of ground that produced fruit
8. Type of ground in which the seeds were crowded and choked out
9. Type of ground that did not have much soil and seed could not grow strong roots

### Down

1. The ground
2. Wants to steal God's Word from you.
4. God's Word
5. Number of different types of ground
6. The Sower