

## 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: \$

#### Second Collections

July 30 – Love of Neighbor  
August 6 – Our Faith, Our Future  
August 13 – Repair & Maintenance  
August 27 – Love of Neighbor

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week  
For Lisa Reichelderfer*

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sat., July 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>4:00 PM</b>	<i>St. Martha &amp; St. Mary</i> John McDonagh by Geri Preyer
<b>Sun., July 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Hildebrand Family by Bertanzetti Family
<b>11:00 AM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Mon., July 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	<i>St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i> Ann P. Emery by her son John
<b>Tues., Aug. 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	<i>St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop</i> Patricia Starcher
<b>Wed., Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	<i>St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop</i> <i>St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i> Richard Wilver by Vickie & Joe Youmans
<b>Thurs., Aug 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Mass at Emmitsburg, MD</b> For the Sick of the Parish Pilgrimage to National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Fri., Aug. 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	<i>First Friday</i> <i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i> Paul Boiardi by Deb & Dave Machamer
<b>Sat., Aug. 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	<i>First Saturday</i> <i>Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, BVM</i> Charlotte Farrell
<b>4:00 PM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sun., Aug. 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> Sandra & Chester Soltys On their 63 <sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Gloria Haluska by Seebold Family

The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
The Office will re-open on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at its new location:  
St. Joseph Parish Center, 854 Cemetery Road

## From Your Pastor.

As I write, I am just coming back from our 24-hour adoration, 10:00 PM. It was great to see three men, a very young father of a newborn, and some grandfather types; two women, a young mother and a young grandmother; all kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament in quiet, silent prayer. They are here, heart to heart and face to face with Jesus. Our 24 Hours of adoration is surviving, but we need help from those who will be committed to a specific time. You can always let us know you are not available, and we will find a sub. But it is great that this little parish can accomplish this honor and glory to God in the Incarnation.

One of our adorers tonight was kneeling with his back to me. It was easy to read his shirt's back side message. It said, **'Let us get physical'**, he is a physical therapist. How profound, those who come to adore the blessed Sacrament, known to get close to Jesus one needs to **'get physical'**.

Please pray for the success of our pilgrimage to Mount St. Mary's, Grotto on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, details in the bulletin. Let us take time to pray for peace on earth, Peace between Ukraine and Russia.

On Wednesday I celebrated the Feast of St Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. This weekend is Grandparent's Day. May all Grandparents living and those who have gone before us be blessed. Amen

*Fr. John D. Hoke*

*Happy Birthday, Father Hoke  
August 5th*

Margaret Koons died Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Our Condolences to her Family.  
May She Rest In Peace.



### 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

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading

*1 Kings 3:5, 7-12*

Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130*

The law of the Lord is more precious  
than silver and gold.

### Second Gospel Reading

*Romans 8:28-30*

God chose us to be conformed  
to the image of his Son.

### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 13:44-52*

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

## 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 9-10.

## REASONS TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS

### IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

With transforming mercy,

Jesus makes our heart one with his.

*"He proposes his own example to those who  
come to him, that all may learn to be like  
himself, gentle and humble of heart, and to  
seek not their own interest but those of God."*

*Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei*

**LORD, I LOVE YOUR COMMANDS.**

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick  
In Your Prayers, Especially:

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

August 3, 2023 – Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg

August 5, 2023 – Father Hoke's Birthday

August 15, 2023 – Assumption of the Blessed Mother

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

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**FEBRUARY LOTTERY**  
**TICKETS WILL BE**  
**AVAILABLE SOON**

### 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

*Thank You for your  
Support of the Chicken  
Barbeque*



*We had great preparation crews.  
Report will be available next week.*



Joe Anchor reports that the corn will soon be ready. Let Father Hoke or Marilyn Boiardi know if you will be available to help pick, husk and/or freeze it for our fundraising dinners.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ARE LOOKING FOR  
A FEW GOOD MEN**

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- Become Friends with Fellow Catholic Men.
- Strengthen Your Parish.
- Evangelize the Community.

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[knightsofcolumbus4824@gmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus4824@gmail.com)

## A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY

*From the June 18<sup>th</sup> bulletin: The Reverend John A. Mahony was ordained in 1902. He came to Milton from Hanover in 1910. He made his first project cemetery improvement.*



The interior of the Church had not been redecorated since it had been built, thirty years before. Father Mahony had it refrescoed and it was to be thirty-five years before it was done again. Although the Church had a bell tower, it never had a church bell and in 1915, Father Mahony installed the present bell which was donated and blessed by the Right Reverend Monsignor J. J. Koch, Vicar General of the Diocese and a former pastor.

Father Mahony was an inspiring leader and under his care the parish flourished spiritually and temporally. The parish was free of debt and the people were harboring images of a parochial school when he was appointed pastor of the St. Joseph's Church in Locust Gap in 1925.

## 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)

## OFFICE HOURS

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

## 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL ST. PATRICK CHURCH

331 W. Shamokin St., Trevorton, PA  
Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
Delicious Ethnic Food,  
Exciting Games & Bingo,  
Basket Raffle, Cash Raffle  
Free Entertainment Nightly,  
Friday 6:30-9:30 "Lite Switch"  
*Classic Dance Music*  
Saturday 6:30-9:30 "Looker"  
*Classic Rock Music*

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND LENT 2024

Queen of Heavens Tours is organizing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, March 1-10, 2024 with Father John Szada, priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Join them as they travel to Bethlehem, Jericho, Cana, Nazareth, Galilee, Mount Tabor, Jerusalem and more.

Pricing includes: Basic tour and guided sightseeing, Round-trip international airfare, Entrance fees, First class hotels, Daily breakfast and dinner, Deluxe motor coaches, Hotel gratuities and more!

Price from Philadelphia is \$4,196, from Pittsburgh is \$4,246. Other departure cities available. For more information or to register, visit [QoHtours.com](http://QoHtours.com) or call 1-800-213-4295



## ANGELORUM

Angelorum is a choir of the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena of Allentown, PA. This group was brought together and fueled by a strong faith and love for God. They desire to use their talents in order to spread the "message" of God's endless love, presence, and mercy to those who listen.

Website: [angelorumvoices.com](http://angelorumvoices.com)  
Youtube: [youtu.be/wG2Sti0s0hQ](https://youtu.be/wG2Sti0s0hQ)  
*Their music is beautiful!*

**If you agree to bury the hatchet,  
don't leave the handle sticking out.**

*God is in the Small Stuff*  
by Bruce Bickel & Stan Jantz