

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: \$5,373.00
Repair & Maintenance: \$789.00

Second Collections

August 13 – Repair & Maintenance
August 27 – Love of Neighbor

*The Sanctuary Candle burns This Week for Frank Povish.
May He Rest in Peace.*

Anne Rocktashel had surgery, Thursday, August 10th.
Beginning Monday, August 13th, the church office will be open on limited hours.
Before coming to the office, call to see if anyone is there. 570-742-4356

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Aug. 12th 4:00 PM	<i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i> Paul Emery by Mary & Vincent Emery
Sun., Aug. 13th 8:00 AM	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Lola Benoit by Margaret Cochran
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Mon., Aug. 14th 9:00 AM	<i>Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest</i> George Meslener
6:00 PM	Vigil Mass Peace on Earth
Tues., Aug. 15th 9:00 AM	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Grace Bentlage
12 NOON	Conversion of Sinners
Wed., Aug. 16th 6:00 PM	<i>St. Stephen of Hungary</i> Lew Bogle
Thurs., Aug 17th 9:00 AM	Margaret Koons
Fri., Aug. 18th 9:00 AM	Alfred Wilver
Sat., Aug. 19th 4:00 PM	<i>St. John Eudes, Priest</i> Ardith Browne by Marian & Tom Lang
Sun., Aug. 20th 8:00 AM	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Betsy & Bill Carpenter on their 50 th Wedding Anniversary Betsy is the former Martha Elizabeth Skerda

From Your Pastor,

To understand the depth of the anguish, pain and depression of Elijah and St. Paul over the loss of God's power and glory to make all things right, we need to stop and think of sometime, somewhere, that God seemed to fail to fulfill His promises to answer our prayers. To feel like a failure and abandoned by God was the greatest pain for Jesus on the cross. It has happened to all of us if we are truly following Christ.

But God does give us a sign of His ever-faithful love, sometimes like a 'tiny whispering sound', a still small voice, that we know as quiet as it is, the Lord is with us. This small voice might come to us amid a violent storm in our life. But as we begin to be aware of the Lord, we need to say like Peter "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." He will say to us, 'Come'

Here is the value of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, come and say to the Lord in the monstrance, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You." These words would be good to remember as you come to adoration on Monday into Tuesday.

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



REASON TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

He is really there!

*I myself am the living bread
come down from heaven. John 6:35*

**The Queen Stands at Your Right Hand,
Arrayed in Gold.**

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

The Lord appears to Elijah in a whisper.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9-14

The Lord is the source of salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

Paul speaks of the blessings that
have come to the Israelites.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples
acknowledge him as the Son of God.

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 afternoon from 1-2 and
Monday afternoon 2-3.

Assumption Schedule

August 14th – Vigil Mass: Father will repose the
Blessed Sacrament before the 6:00 PM Mass.

Following Mass, he will expose the Blessed
Sacrament for the remainder of the 24-hour
Adoration.

August 15th – Holy Day: Father will repose the
Blessed Sacrament before a 9:00 AM Mass, and
then he will celebrate a noon time Mass.

**If you are interested in serving as a
Eucharistic Minister – either on the altar
or for the shutins, please call the office.**

**A class will be offered at
Sacred Heart Parish in Lewisburg.
No date has been scheduled.**

A DAY AT EMMITSBURG, MD National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes



Thirty folks from our Parish and neighboring parishes made a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine Grotto, Thursday, August 3rd. Our former Pastor, Father Walter Sempko initiated this Diocesan Pilgrimage over 30 years ago to pray for World Peace.

There were confessions in the morning with three priests available, Father Hoke, the Priest from Hanover and a Priest from the Diocese. Following confessions, pilgrims were on their own to explore the grounds.



Mass was at one o'clock followed by the Rosary and Adoration. At three o'clock, the day closed with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

Supper at the *Ranch House* was enjoyed by all as the travelers celebrated Father Hoke's birthday with cake. "It was a very holy and blessed day."

*Photos from Tom Lang & Bob Engleman
Commentary from Tracie Leitzel*



This precious gift was a Stone from the Grotto of Lourdes in France, excavated right near the miraculous spring where the Blessed Virgin told St. Bernadette to dig and receive water.



Many pilgrims visit just for the Grotto Water. Many believe that it's cleansing and healthy for the body and soul; others believe it can heal. Although there are no documented miracles, many have reported favors and

graces from drinking the Grotto Water.

Inscription on the stone:

Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink . . . Rivers of living water will flow from within him. John 7:37-38

Copied from nsgrotto.org/grotto-water.html

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick
In Your Prayers, Especially:

Stacy Anderson	Marie Lindner
Helen Choplick	Marie Luzenski
Elaine Cook	Finn Grady McConnell
Ciara Earnest	Dave Moser
Giovanna Fanella	Eleanor Poponiak
Luann Hackenburg	Margaret Punako
Thomas Hackenburg	Melissa Rowse
Rita Klein	Diane Sykes
Abram Koons, Jr	Bill Woodling
Nicole Lamprinos	Vickie Youmans
Andria Laurence	Lincoln Yordy
Ken Laurence	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.

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.

Thank You

Ciara Earnest, Joanne Wilhour's granddaughter, and her family would like to thank all the thoughtful people of St. Joseph, Milton for their cards and prayers. They meant a lot.

Thank You

Merrill Buehler for noticing that the Grotto needed a little TLC. And thank you for donating the arrangement at Mary's feet in honor of your wife Connie on the first anniversary of her death.

A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY

A history of St. Joseph's Parish would not be complete if it failed to mention two priests who were not assigned to the parish but who lived here and endeared themselves to many in the parish.

When the Federal Penitentiary was opened, Armistice Day, 1932, the Rev. Joseph J. Schweich was appointed Catholic chaplain. He lived at 109 Broadway for the next five and one-half years, and by his friendly manner and kind-hearted nature, he endeared himself to the people of Milton.

Following the death of Father Kennedy, Father Schweich administered the temporalities of the parish assisted by the Rev. Albert J. Hoenninger who came to Milton in October 1933 and remained until January 1934. Father Schweich was transferred to Lewistown in May 1938.

Rev. Francis J. Heltshe succeeded Father Schweich. He served as Catholic chaplain at the Penitentiary and cared for the new flock at Sacred Heart Parish, Lewisburg, and he lived at our rectory for ten years until he was transferred to Lebanon, PA in 1947.

The United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg is a medium-security federal prison for male inmates. An adjacent satellite prison camp houses minimum-security male offenders.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

August 14, 2023 – Vigil Mass 6:00 PM

August 15, 2023 – Mass 9:00 AM & 12 Noon

Assumption of the Blessed Mother

September 9, 2023 – Harvest Festival

September 16, 2023 – Harvest Festival

Father Hoke will be the Saluting Officer for the Annual Harvest Festival Parade

October 7, 2023 – Rosary Rally

October 13, 2023 – Filled Chicken Breast Dinner

November 10, 2023 – Filled Pork Chop Dinner

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 10:00-4:00

Please notice the change for Monday & Tuesday

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

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: _____

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.

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.

A Mass for Hope & Healing will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 PM at St. Catherine Laboure Church, Harrisburg.

During this Mass, we will pray for and with survivors of clerical sexual abuse.