

St. Joseph Catholic Church



**People Should
Eat, Drink and Enjoy
the Fruits of Their Labor,
For These Are
Gifts from God.
Ecclesiastes 3:13**

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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: \$2,426.00

Love of Neighbor: \$1,053.00

Second Collections

September 3 – Our Faith, Our Future

September 10 – Holy Father Peter's Pence

September 17 – Repair & Maintenance

September 24 – Education Collection

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Sept. 2nd	<i>First Saturday</i>
9:00 PM	Agapita Ramirez Sanchez by José Rafael Ramirez
4:00 PM	Elizabeth Muscarella By Frank Muscarella Family
Sun., Sept. 3rd	<i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	Lola Benoit by Margaret Cochran
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Mon., Sept. 4th	<i>Labor Day</i>
9:00 AM	Connie Buehler
Tues., Sept. 5th	<i>International Day of Charity</i>
9:00 AM	Margaret Koons
Wed., Sept 6th	
6:00 PM	Charlotte Farrell
Thurs., Sept 7th	
9:00 AM	Grace Bentlage
Fri., Sept. 8th	<i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
9:00 AM	Cheryl Prosseda
Sat., Sept. 9th	<i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>
4:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sun., Sept. 10th	<i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	Lola Benoit by Margaret Cochran
11:00 AM	Raymond Leitzel by his wife Tracie

**The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
for Alfred Wilver.
May Alfred Rest in Peace.**

Before coming to the office, call to see if anyone is there. 570-742-4356
The Office is now located at the Parish Center, 854 Cemetery Rd, Milton

From Your Pastor,

Jeremiah 20:7-9, **You duped me O Lord.**

In our culture to be duped is to be deceived, tricked or cheated. Could God ever trick, deceive or cheat us? The Hebrew word 'patah' can also be translated to entice, to allure, to persuade, or even 'to seduce'. Jeremiah is the reluctant prophet. He did not want to be a prophet. His life as a prophet was a strong image of what would come to the Son of Man, the Suffering Servant, our Lord Jesus. Having suffered so much because of his faithfulness to God, he certainly felt like a fool, but he never gave up his faithfulness. God kept hidden the suffering that would come, as Jesus only gradually revealed to the Twelve, that the Son of God must suffer and die.

St. Peter shows us the two sides of the faithful disciple of Christ. The one side is exaltation, being named 'the Rock' upon which the Lord will build His Church. The other side, being called a 'Satan', a tempter. We are vessels of clay filled with the very glory and holiness of God, being transformed as living sacrifices to God.

In this valley of tears, we seek to pick up our cross, no matter how often we fall and drop the cross. We are like David in the wilderness, (Psalm 63), running for his life from the enemy, ever thirsting for the living God. No wonder, God must 'seduce us' day by day and persuade us to pick up our cross and follow Him.

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

MASS FOR HOPE & HEALING

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, 4000 Derry Street, Harrisburg.

During this Mass, we will pray for and with survivors of clerical sexual abuse. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office
as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8

God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ,
and he is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

24-HOUR ADORATION Monday, September 4th Labor Day.

We will follow our regular
weekday schedule. Mass will be at
9:00 AM followed by exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament all day and
all night. Immediately preceding
the Tuesday morning Mass, we will
conclude the Adoration.



If you could help by being a substitute,
please tell Father Hoke. Father needs a regular
volunteer to cover Monday afternoon from 1:00-
2:00.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARY

The feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated each year on the eighth of September. Usually, it is the custom of the church to celebrate the feast day of a saint on the date of their death as this is truly their "die natalis", the day remembered as their birth into everlasting happiness.

Mary, however, entered this world sinless through the privilege of the Immaculate Conception and is the firstborn of the redeemed. Her nativity is a cause for great joy as it is considered the "dawn of our salvation" as Pope Paul VI wrote in the document, *Marialis Cultus* in 1972.

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If you are interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister, EM Training is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Sacred Heart Parish, Lewisburg, PA
Cost is \$10.00. You must pre-register. Please call the office (570-742-4356) ASAP

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick
In Your Prayers, Especially:

Stacy Anderson	Marie Luzenski
Helen Choplick	Michael McHale
Elaine Cook	Dave Moser
Mike Enright	Mary Ruth Palmer
Giovanna Fanella	Eleanor Poponiak
Luann Hackenburg	Margaret Punako
Thomas Hackenburg	Melissa Rowse
Laverne Havash	Benita Kolen Solomon
Rita Klein	Eleanor Stopper
Abram Koons, Jr	Diane Sykes
Nicole Lamprinos	Mike Walter
Andria Laurence	Bill Woodling
Ken Laurence	Vickie Youmans
Marie Lindner	Lincoln Yordy
Sue Lindner	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.

Happy
Birthday

Bob
Zacker

DONATIONS TO BENEFIT VICTIMS OF MAUI WILDFIRES

Bishop Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, set up a dedicated webpage for donations to go directly to Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) to support the relief efforts for those affected by the devastation in Maui. You can make a tax-deductible contribution by visiting the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>

Every donation, no matter the amount, will play a crucial role in helping to rebuild lives and restore hope for the fire victims and their families.

CCD REGISTRATION

Most students have pre-registered for CCD for this coming school year. BUT, if your children are not registered, please do so on the First Day which is September 10th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

September 9, 2023 – Harvest Festival
September 10, 2023 – First Day of CCD
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
October 21, 2023 – Women's Conference
November 10, 2023 – Filled Pork Chop Dinner

HARVEST FESTIVAL STAND



Do you believe it?
September is right
around the corner!

St. Joe's will have a stand at the festival both Saturdays – September 9th and September 16th. Sign up sheets for both days will be on the bulletin boards at the Church and at the Parish Center. We ask that you commit for a two-hour time slot.

Items for sale will be the ever popular Walking Tacos and the delicious Apple Dumplings. If you can help with the preparation of the apple dumplings, please notify Marilyn Boiardi.



Pat Bucher would like to thank the folks who remembered her with cards on her recent Birthday.

Bonnie Lupo would like to thank all her Friends in Christ from St. Joseph's who sent her cards and prayers to help her in her recent surgery.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



This month we would like to spotlight Marilyn Boiardi. Marilyn has been active with our Parish since she married Paul and moved to Milton.

Marilyn is one of our sacristans. These ladies take care of the altar linens, change the colors & flowers to highlight the seasons & the church calendar, and decorate for all the holidays.

Marilyn has been ordering the chicken breasts and pork chops for our fundraising dinners and until recently, she was picking them up. She has been the driver behind the fresh-frozen corn that we serve at these dinners. And she is there for each dinner serving the gravy.

Apple dumplings for the Harvest Festival are another project that Marilyn organizes. Her recipe for the dough is absolutely delicious. And her lunches for the workers are always welcome. When we made Cherry Pies, she was right there making the crusts.

Marilyn was very active with the historic St. Joseph Festivals and Holiday Bazaars. First she worked with the Fancy Table ladies. But almost immediately she became involved with the Food Tent. And several years she co-chaired both events.

St. Joseph School had a cafeteria that counted on two adult volunteers each day. Marilyn always took her turn. When the School Library opened, Marilyn was there weekly to read to the students and to help them check out a book.

Thanks Marilyn for all your service.

HELP WITH LIVE-STREAMING

Shawn is looking for help to record the weekend Mass as a substitute. Shawn & Doug plan to continue recording. However, an extra streamer would be very helpful. If you own a smartphone, have a Facebook account and are interested in helping to record, please place a note in the collection basket, or call the office, or email annechic109@gmail.com and we will pass this information on. Thank you.

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

FEBRUARY LOTTERY



Mary and Vince Emery will be taking care of the February Lottery this year. Tickets are already on sale. We are hoping that each family sells at least ten tickets. They make wonderful Christmas presents – especially for that hard to buy for person!!

Help out the cause – we give away \$10,000 in prize money, and if all tickets are sold, the profit will be \$10,000.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE PACKAGING 40,000 MEALS

What is the Plan?

- Provide nutritious meals for children and families in developing countries
- Share God's love by putting your faith into action.

When & Where?

- Saturday, September 9, 2023
- St. Philip the Apostle Church Gym
- 2111 Millersville Pike, Lancaster, PA

Who to Contact?

- Jim Schoeplein 717-475-0390
- Jschoeplein2001@yahoo.com

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO January 16-27, 2024

The Franciscan Sisters of the Divine Providence, with the support of the Diocesan Secretariate of Catholic Life and Evangelizations, are in search of tradesmen and tradeswomen willing and able to assist them in improving their convent facilities. Projects vary and have included concrete work, carpentry and painting.

This journey is a continuation of trips conducted over the past twenty years by men & women from parishes in Hanover, York and Lancaster led by Father Joseph Gotwalt and now by Father Michael Reid. Mission trip locations is the Convento Franciscano Talixtaquilla, Guerrero, Mexico. The date will be January 16-27, 2024. Please text Mary Reid Graci at 717-756-9689 for more information.

**O Lord, You Are Good and Forgiving
Full Of Mery to All Who Call to You.**