

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Lift high the Cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
until all the world adore
His Sacred Name!



Feast Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14

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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: \$6,482.00

Our Faith, Our Future: \$638.00

Second Collections

September 10 – Holy Father Peter's Pence

September 17 – Repair & Maintenance

September 24 – Education Collection

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Sept. 9th *St. Peter Claver, Priest*
4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sun., Sept. 10th *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Grandparents Day

8:00 AM Lola Benoit
by Margaret Cochran

11:00 AM Raymond Leitzel
by his wife Tracie

Mon., Sept. 11th *Patriot Day* 

9:00 AM For Peace in the Ukraine

Tues., Sept. 12th *The Most Holy Name Of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 AM Nancy Hanson

Wed., Sept 13th *St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor*

6:00 PM Judy Reese

Thurs., Sept 14th *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

9:00 AM Lew Bogle

Fri., Sept. 15th *Our Lady of Sorrows*

9:00 AM Patricia Starcher

Sat., Sept. 16th *St. Cornelius, Pope & Martyr*
St. Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr
4:00 PM Mary Louise & Henry McGee
by the McGee Girls

Sun., Sept. 17th *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Charles Stopper
by his sister Kathy

11:00 AM People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
for Paul Boiardi.
May Paul 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.

Recalling a 1992 movie, one might not remember much, but the most memorable scene and line from 'A Few Good Men', is from Jack Nicholson as Colonel Nathan R. Jessup, "**You can't handle the truth.**" I have used that even while a Navy Chaplain to the Marines, and I have thought of it many times as I prepared a homily.

To me, the most challenging aspect of being a pastor, a Watchman on the wall, 'Ezekiel 33:7' of being one who listens to the voice of God and does not harden the heart, not hiding the uncomfortable truth to avoid conflict, is that of telling the whole truth of the Gospel and the Magisterium of the Church. As sworn in the court room, "Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you, God?" In today's culture there are sins that we like to hear preached against: the neglect of the environment, social injustice, racism, disrespect for minorities, selfish greedy stewards. But then again there are other sins that society does not want to hear about: sins against Chasity, cohabitation, contraception, abortion, acting on same sex attraction, infidelity in marriage, defending the Church's right to speak freely, protecting children from transgender surgery and more.

Many years ago, at the beginning of my priesthood, a friend said something I have tried to reconsider many times over. He said, "A priest is suppose to afflict the comfortable and to give comfort to the afflicted."

Pray for me, as I pray for you.

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

**You Are Just, O Lord,
And Your Judgement Is Right.
Treat Your Servant In Accord
With Your Merciful Love.**

Psalm 119

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

Song of praise to God, our salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

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 some substitutes.



Sandra Soltys
&
Anna Lee Fagnano

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

MASS FOR HOPE & HEALING

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick
In Your Prayers, Especially:

Stacy Anderson	Marie Luzenski
Dolores Caicco	Michael McHale
Helen Choplick	Dave Moser
Elaine Cook	Mary Ruth Palmer
Mike Enright	Eleanor Poponiak
Giovanna Fanella	Margaret Punako
Luann Hackenburg	Melissa Rowse
Thomas Hackenburg	Joan Rudloff
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.

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

LOOK AT ALL THESE PRIZES

St. Joseph Church Lottery

Milton, Pennsylvania
(Small Games of Chance License #45090)
All winning numbers determined by the
The FIRST 7 P.M. Pennsylvania Daily Lottery Pick Three Drawing.
Winning numbers are straight as drawn.
All unsold calendars are property of the St. Joseph Church.

FEBRUARY 2024 DONATION: \$20.00

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 \$1000.	2 \$150.	3 \$150.
4 \$200.	5 \$150.	6 \$150.	7 \$150.	8 \$150.	9 \$150.	10 \$150.
11 \$200.	12 \$150.	13 \$150.	14 \$2000.	15 \$150.	16 \$150.	17 \$150.
18 \$200.	19 \$1000.	20 \$150.	21 \$200.	22 \$150.	23 \$150.	24 \$150.
25 \$200.	26 \$150.	27 \$150.	28 \$150.	29 \$2000.		

JUST \$20.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

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

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

Bishop Senior has asked all parishes to support our Catholic charity, Missionary Childhood Association. MCA benefits the poorest children in the world: Children who live in poverty. This collection goes directly to the children.

We will have a collection jar placed in the back of the church and parish center. We are asking your help. *Whatever is in your pocket, spare change.* That money will be collected weekly, and once a month we will send our collected monies to MCA. St. Joseph will collect from September thru May. We will update the amount sent each month in the bulletin. Last year the Diocese of Harrisburg raised \$35,000.

Hopefully with your help, we can surpass that amount.

HARVEST FESTIVAL STAND



Do you believe it?
September is here!

St. Joe's will have a stand at the festival Saturday – September 16th. Sign up sheets are 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.

A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY St. Joseph Brings Home Track Ribbons

*Newspaper article contributed by Don Wilver
From the Milton Standard, 1973*

St. Joseph's Parochial School, Milton, came home from the Parochial School invitational track and field meet at Lourdes Regional over the weekend with several places, including one championship. The meet, for boys and girls from grades four through eight, drew entrants from eight schools.

Christine Roboschil, a fifth grader, won the softball throw and helped the 220 relay team of Debbie Clemens, Denise Krause and Patty Coleman to third place. Clemens took second in the long jump.

Fifth grader Jim Rudloff took first place in the softball throw, breaking the old meet record.

The fourth grade girls took second in the 220 relay, with Cindy Stopper, Michelle Krantz, Sherry Clemens and Lisa Ruk running. Clemens also took second place in the long jump.

The fourth grade boys took third in their 220 relay, with Brian Tovey, Steve Wilver, Eric Coleman and Matt Oliveri running. Oliveri also took fourth in the 50-yard dash.

Other schools competing included St. Edward's, Shamokin; Immaculate Conception, Berwick; West Catholic, Shamokin; St. Joseph's, Danville; St. Michael's Sunbury; Holy Spirit, Mount Carmel and St. Columba, Bloomsburg.

[Because there was a little tear in the original article, I connected with Jim Rudloff and Steve Wilver. Jim said he still has the article and the blue ribbons in his scrapbook (he won in 4th grade too). Jim said Sister Eymard told him he really didn't need to practice because he threw the softball over the school onto the neighbor's property!]

HELP WITH LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

September 9-10, 2023

Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

- There are donations that come in and are immediately distributed to places where there is need for evangelization or social projects mainly in countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.
- Part of the budget is allocated to services rendered by the universal Church that do not generate any income. Such services are the Church's courts, the Pope's communication, the care of the patrimony received over the centuries in the Library or the Archives, where important documents of the history of humanity are preserved, the papal representations around the world, etc.
- There has been a Peter's Pence fund in existence for decades, one basic explanation is that when significant, extraordinary donations come in, for example, a large bequest for the Pope's mission, it does not seem prudent to spend it immediately during the year. It can be used at a later date, for when there is more need, or a fund can be created to support long-term projects over time.



**HONOR THE DEAD
PRAY FOR PEACE
ON PATRIOT'S DAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

BREAKING BREAD WITH DAILY MASS PROPER

We will be ordering Missals for 2024. Cost will be \$6.00 per book. If you would like to be included in the order, please complete the following, and place it in the collection basket.

Name _____

Number of Missals _____

Payment must be attached.

Cost is \$6.00 per book.

☞ Deadline is September 30th.

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1 2022 - June 30 2023

INCOME

Operating Income

Ordinary Income (Sunday & Holy Days)	\$219,102	
Holiday Offerings	16,749	
Memorials & Bequests	13,510	
Contributions/Flowers	7,569	
Education Collection	875	
Total Ordinary Income		<u>\$257,805</u>

General Fund-Raising Activities

Food Sales	\$48,239	
Gaming	10,310	
General Income	21,152	
Total Fund-Raising Activities		<u>\$79,701</u>

Extraordinary Income

Registration Fee /income	\$1,337	
Interest	\$2,305	
Interment	10,200	
Annual Care	60	
Pamphlets/Votives & Candles	3,244	
Lot Sale	8,125	
Lenten Appeal Refund	28,320	
Rental Income	5,020	
Perpetual Care	2,125	
Misc Income	3,045	
Total Extraordinary Income		<u>\$63,781</u>

Total Operating Income July 2022 - June 2023	<u>\$401,287</u>
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Our Faith Our Future	\$16,683	
Repairs & Maintenance	11,945	
Withdrawal from Savings	83,227	
Total Non-Operating Income		<u>\$111,855</u>

Total Income for July 2022 - June 2023	<u>\$513,142</u>
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EXPENSES

Operating Expenditures

Salaries	\$63,372	
Employee Benefits (FICA, Medical & Retirement		
Hospitalization, Disability, and Group Life Insurance)	20,861	
Contracted Labor/ Professional Fees	44,676	
Priest's Business/Travel Allowance/ Priest Coverage	3,653	
Total Salaries & Employee Benefits		<u>\$132,562</u>

Purchased Services

Telephone/Internet	7,422	
UGI Penn Natural Gas	17,672	
PP&L	7,572	
Water	1,590	
Sewer	1,037	
Other Utilities	1,684	
Property Insurance	33,109	
Total Purchased Services		<u>\$70,086</u>

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1 2022 - June 30 2023

Supplies

Religious Supplies & Materials	\$ 3,507	
Building Supplies/Flowers	3,335	
Office & Computer Supplies	4,228	
Program Supplies	1,273	
Church & Rel. Ed. Supplies/Books-Periodicals	9,243	
Total Supplies		<u>\$21,586</u>

Cost of Fund Raising Activities

General Costs	\$0	
Food	\$21,862	
Total		<u>\$21,862</u>

Other Expenses

Interment, Repairs & Foundation Work	\$2,976	
Advertisement	\$500	
Repair Maintenance	3,552	
Parochial School Asmnt	8,355	
Hospital Chaplaincy	1,586	
Equipment/Software	1,321	
Postage & Printing	222	
Property Maintenance	5,346	
Total		<u>\$23,858</u>

Total Operating Expenditures July 2022 - June 2023	<u>\$269,954</u>
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Non-Operating Expenditures

Capital Expenditure- Building	\$76,714	
Diocesan Charge for Bankruptcy Case	0	
Deposit to -/Our Faith Our Future/Savings	\$163,019	
Repairs & Maint.	3,520	
Total Non Operating Expenditures		<u>\$243,253</u>

Total Expenditures for July 2022 - June 2023	<u>\$513,207</u>
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Excess of Income Over Expenditures July 2022 - June 2023	<u>-\$65</u>
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Beginning Cash Balance- July 1, 2022		\$48,177
Operating Income	\$401,287	
Operating Expenses	269,953	
Net Operating Balance		\$131,334
Non-Operating Income	\$111,856	
Non-Operating Expenses	243,253	
Net Non-Operating Balance		-\$131,397
Diocesan Custodial Funds Rec.	\$20,355	
Diocesan Funds Disbursed	19,894	
Net Balance Custodial Funds		461
Ending Cash Balance - June 30, 2023	**	<u>\$48,575</u>

2022 LENTEN APPEAL GOAL	\$31,595	
2022 LENTEN APPEAL PARISHIONER PLEDGE	\$59,012	
Amount paid as of 01-31-2023	\$58,862	
Balance remaining		<u>\$150</u>
Refund to Parish		<u>\$27,267</u>

** Questions may be addressed to the Finance Committee **

Saint Joseph Mission of Finance & Stewardship

Father John Hoke, President

Frank Muscarella, Chairman

Amy Beaver

Thomas Lang

Cheryl Rheppard

George Rocktashel

Chris Welker

Saint Joseph, Our Patron, Pray For Us.

Thank you, parishioners, for your sacrificial giving.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Milton, PA

Financial Status for completed post-Covid 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

- **Sunday & Holyday Offerings Totaled \$257,805. 95% of our projections.**
 - Up \$20,784 from 2021-22 amount of \$237,021.
- **Fund-Raising Activities Income Totaled \$73,528. 82% of our projections.**
 - Up \$6,173 from 2021-2022.
- **2022 Lenten Appeal resulted in a refund of \$28,320.**
 - Down from 2021 Refund of \$78,564. **One-time gifts included.
- **Repairs & Maintenance Income Totaled \$11,945. 119 % of our projections.**
 - Up from 2021-2022 total of \$10,707.
- **Our Faith Our Future Income Totaled \$16,683.**
 - Down \$9,937 from 2021-2022.
- **Operating Expenses Totaled \$269,953 55.7% of projections.**
- **Tranferred to Savings \$163,018.**
- **Ending Balance of \$48,575 to start our 2023-24 FY!**
- **Side Entrance Door replaced.**
- **Sacristy Roof work and shingle replacement completed**
- **In-House efforts have greatly impacted the cost of projects.**
- **Cemetery foundation work on gravestones continues.**
- **Cemetery Grotto completed.**