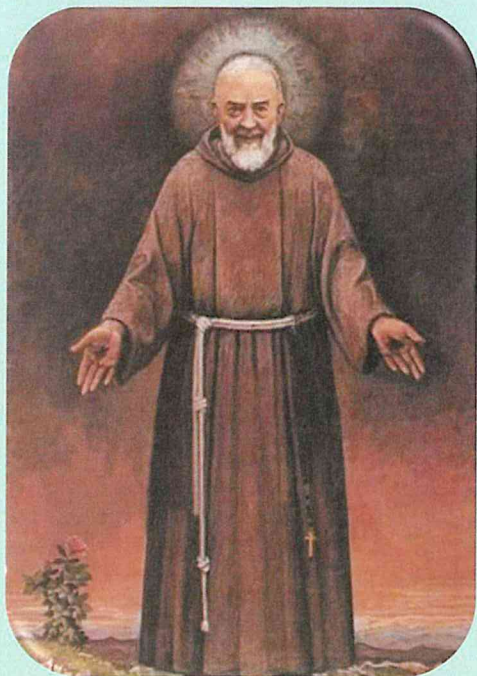


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St. Joseph is a Tithing Parish

God's Plan for Giving

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

Sunday Collection: \$4,178.00

Repair & Maintenance: \$756.00

Second Collections

September 24 – Education Collection

If you are interested in serving as an
Extraordinary Minister, EM Training is scheduled
for Wednesday, October 11th 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

Please Note the Date Change.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Sept. 23rd	<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i> <i>(Padre Pio)</i>
4:00 PM	Mary Louise & Henry McGee by the McGee Girls
Sun., Sept. 24th	<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in</i> <i>Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	Shirley Horwedel by Vickie & Joe Youmans
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Mon., Sept. 25th	
9:00 AM	Ed Duffy by his wife Karen
Tues., Sept. 26th	<i>St. Cosmas, Martyr</i> <i>St. Damian, Martyr</i>
9:00 AM	Ted Buff by Geri Pryer
Wed., Sept. 27th	<i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>
6:00 PM	Paul Emery by Mary & Vince Emery
Thurs., Sept. 28th	<i>St. Wenceslaus, Martyr</i> <i>St. Lawrence Ruiz, Martyr</i>
9:00 AM	Mr. D. by Mrs. P.
Fri., Sept. 29th	<i>Ss. Michael, Gabriel &</i> <i>Raphael, Archangels</i>
9:00 AM	Paul Boiardi
Sat., Sept. 30th	<i>St. Jerome, Priest</i>
4:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sun., Oct. 1st	<i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in</i> <i>Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	Healing for Mike Walter by Vickie & Joe Youman
11:00 AM	Gloria Huluska by Seebold Family

Anna Lee Fagnano died Thursday,
September 14th – her birthday. Our
condolences to her daughter Anne Marie
and her son Donny. May she rest in peace.
The Sanctuary Candle burns
this week for her.

From Your Pastor.

"Are You envious because I am generous?
Thus, the last will be first and the first will be last."

This passage from **The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard** is very troubling to many, Our Lord is really making His students think. The disciples are confused by the ways of God, so let us ponder the meaning of this mystery.

The Church Fathers felt that the same wage given to everyone is the gift of eternal life with God in the Kingdom. Certainly, those who treasured this gift more than the others were those who were hired last, they knew they did not deserve the gift, as it seemed unbelievable. All souls who enter judgement with God, and receive His mercy, should have the same attitude, "I don't deserve this, it is only by the mercy of God that I am given eternal life!" The first wave of workers did the work but failed to take on an appreciation of having the work to do, which brought them closer to the Master. They should have had the same joy and generosity as the Master, being glad that more workers could enjoy the goodness of the Lord.

If everyone who responds to the Lord's call to enter the vineyard gets the same blessings of eternal life, then why strive for sacrifice and growth in virtues and holiness? Because, by the grace we receive from good works and holy virtues, we grow in the ability to enjoy, appreciate and thrive in the gift God gives to everyone. Certainly, you have seen this in life; many will go on vacation, but not all will appreciate it and love it as those who have been prepared. Whether it is a Ball Game, the Theater, or a dinner out on the town, not all will have the same amount of joy, thankfulness and renewal from their experience.

In heaven, all will be filled up to the extent that they are capable, some the size of a small drop from an eye dropper, a thimble, a shot glass, a soup bowl, a bucket, a bathtub, a great lake or even the size of the oceans. All are filled up, but each a different amount of joy and glory in the Lord.

Next week, the first week of October, all the priests will be away at workshop. There will be no daily Mass that week, nor will we have our beloved 24 Hours of adoration. Pray for your priests and bishop.

Fr. John D. Hoke

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

God's ways are far beyond
the ways of human beings.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18

God is near to those who call upon him.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard,
Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

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 OR if you can't make it at your designated hour, please let Father Hoke know.



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

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick
In Your Prayers, Especially:

Sharon Austin	Dave Machamer
Pat Behan	Michael McHale
Joel Bell	Dave Moser
Dolores Caicco	Melinda Oliveri
Helen Choplick	Mary Ruth Palmer
Elaine Cook	Eleanor Poponiak
Mike Enright	Geri Pryer
Giovanna Fanella	Margaret Punako
Luann Hackenburg	Melissa Rowse
Thomas Hackenburg	Joan Rudloff
Laverne Havash	Maureen Sheppard
Rita Klein	Benita Kolen Solomon
Abram Koons, Jr	Eleanor Stopper
Nicole Lamprinos	Diane Sykes
Andria Laurence	Mike Walter
Ken Laurence	Bill Woodling
Marie Lindner	Vickie Youmans
Sue Lindner	Lincoln Yordy
Marie Luzenski	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.

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.

SOUP SALE IS COMING

October 21st & 22nd

Look for details and order forms
in next week's bulletin!



From **Sandy Soltys** for all the Birthday Wishes
From **Marie Luzenski** for all the Get Well Wishes

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY EDUCATION COLLECTION

September 24, 2023

Come to me all you who labor and are burdened

With these words from the Gospel (Matthew 11:28), the Lord Jesus offers an invitation to follow Him and the promise that He doesn't want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them. This theme reminds us that the object of all catechesis is Jesus himself. The role of the Catechist is, first of all, to be a disciple - one who draws close and rests in Jesus - and then to be a witness to others and a companion as they too come to know Jesus.

Our Catechists are Melissa Welker, Kindergarten & Pre-school; this is Melissa's first year. Terry Engleman instructs First Grade, and this is her fifth year. Sara Mull enjoys Second grade, and this is her eighth year. Third year instructor Christine Wendt leads Third & Fourth grades. Eighth year teacher Amy Beaver teaches Fifth & Sixth grades. Michele Seebold & Chris Welker share Seventh & Eighth grade responsibilities; this is Michele's 18th year and Chris' fourth year. Our subs are Mary Moser - five years, Samantha Custodio - two years, Beth Hauck - two years, Seth Rohrbach - 27 years between St. Monica, Sunbury & St. Joe's.

September 24th is not only Catechetical Sunday, it is also our annual Education Collection. This collection offsets the cost of running our CCD program. It helps to pay tuition fees, textbooks, books needed for the classrooms and teaching supplies.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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.

2023 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

October 21, 2023

Close to His Sacred Heart

Keynote Speaker: Lindy Wynne

Founder of *Mamas in Spirit* Catholic Ministry for Women and Host of *Mamas in Spirit* Podcast

Keynote: "Immaculate: Open Your Heart!"

Breakout Sessions

Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC

"Being a Woman of Compassion who Rests in the Heart of Jesus"

Melissa Maleski, Director for Laity and Family

"Called Forth as a Sentinel of the Invisible.

What does it mean to be a woman?"

Lindy Wynne

"Fortified: God Sustains in Parenting
Does your parenting include a child living with a disability, mental health issue or medical illness?"

➤ Online Registration ends October 16th!
Cost is \$35.00.

<https://www.hbgdiocese.org/womens-conference-online-registration/>

If you are not able to pay via this method, please contact the Office of Catholic Life and Evangelization at 717-657-4804 ext. 303. If you leave a message, please give your name and phone number and indicate the reason for your call.

Walk-up registrations will be available for \$50 per person at the beginning of the conference.

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

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25 \$200.	26 \$150.	27 \$150.	28 \$150.	29 \$2000.		

Name _____

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See Mary or Vince Emery to get your tickets.

Help with this great fundraiser by selling at least ten tickets

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

October 7, 2023 – Rosary Rally

October 11, 2023 – Extraordinary Minister Training

October 13, 2023 – Filled Chicken Breast Dinner

October 19, 2023 – Parish Council

October 21, 2023 – Women's Conference

November 10, 2023 – Filled Pork Chop Dinner

November 16, 2023 – Parish Council

HARVEST FESTIVAL REPORT

The profit for the 269 Walking Tacos was approximately \$950.00, and the profit for the 620 Apple Dumplings was approximately \$2,700.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2023

Thank You!! All who worked tirelessly to prepare for and work at our Harvest Festival Stand. Special thanks to Sue & Bill Turbitt who have been the backbone of our stand for 13 years. And to Marilyn Boiardi, Anne Rocktashel and Tracie Leitzel for their dough-making efforts for those delicious Apple Dumplings. Pictured are Karen Duffy, Amy Beaver, Linda Bittner, Deb Mathias, Father Hoke as the Saluting Officer, Vince Emery, Karen Duffy, George Woodling, Dave Torrey, Mary DeLong.

