

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: \$3,985.00

Mission Collection: \$1,846.00

Second Collections

October 29, 2023 – Love of Neighbor

November 5, 2023- Archdiocese for Military
Service

November 12, 2023 – Repair & Maintenance

November 19, 2023 – The Matthew 25 Collection

November 26, 2023 – Our Faith, Our Future

**Our Sanctuary Candle Burns
This Week for Alfred Wilver.
May He Rest in Peace.**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sat., Oct. 28th** *St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles*
4:00 PM John Blase
by Sue & Larry Blase
- Sun., Oct. 29th** *Thirty Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Frank Michael Weisner
by Michael J. Weisner
- Mon., Oct. 30th**
9:00 AM All Souls
- Tues., Oct. 31st** *All Saints Day Vigil*
9:00 AM Paul Boiardi
6:00 PM *Vigil Mass*
For the Protection of Human Life
- Wed., Nov. 1st** *All Saints Day*
Noon Patricia Starcher
by her daughter Sherry Mabus
6:00 PM For the Deceased Members of our
Parish
- Thurs., Nov. 2nd** *All Souls Day*
6:00 PM Rosina & Joseph Muscarella
by Frank Muscarella Family
This Mass will be at the Parish Center
- Fri., Nov. 3rd** *First Friday*
St. Martin de Porres, Religious
Lois & Maynard Schnyder
by their daughter Tracie Leitzel
- Sat., Nov. 4th** *First Saturday*
St. Charles Borromeo
9:00 AM All Souls
4:00 PM People of the Parish
- Sun., Nov. 5th** *Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM Joel Bell
by his sister Amy Beaver
11:00 AM Anne Lee Fagnano
by Angie & Bill Gates

From Your Pastor.

How does love relate to law? In our post modern 1960s perspective it would seem that love is opposed to law, and law is opposed to love. But that is a lie the devil wants us to fall for. Without love, the law is cold. Without law, love is wild and unpredictable, changing with the direction of the wind. Love perfects the law and law protects love. One cannot have one without the other. Exodus teaches us that God's love comes to us as law but doesn't remain on the stone tablets, it touches and changes the human heart.

No other religion is as clear and focused on the unity between love of neighbor and love of God, as is Christianity. The symbol of Christianity, the CROSS, is two sperate lines going in a different direction but coming together to form a *unity*. There is an upward movement and a reaching out across the horizon to touch the whole world. It expresses love of God and love of neighbor.

I suspect that is heaven, God looks like all of us, especially those of us who were hard to love. There, it will be easy to love God and one another for all will seem to become one in Christ.

Fr. John D. Hoke

Walk with the Saints. Support our CCD students by attending Mass, Thursday, November 2nd 6:00 PM at the Parish Center. Then walk through our beautiful Parish Cemetery to hear from the students and parishioners who will share information about their favorite saint or deceased family member.

ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES Collection – November 5th



The Archdiocese for the Military Services was created by Pope Saint John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. This includes more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 V.A. Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the USA in 134 countries. Numerically, the AMS is responsible for more than 1.8 million men, women, and children.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:2-4,47,51

The Lord is our strength.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-40

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

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
Wednesday 9:00-12:00
Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick
In Your Prayers, Especially:

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

Please contact the church office if you would like to have a name added to the prayer list.



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by our CCD Students

Help a Milton Family by bringing the following items for a holiday food drive: can of vegetables, can of fruit, can or box of potatoes, can or jar of chicken or turkey gravy, box of stuffing, biscuit mix, cake mix, can of frosting, box of jello, box of cereal. The CCD students will sort and deliver these items to the Salvation Army. Please respond by Sunday, November 19th. Baskets will be in the back of the Church & Parish Center.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION.

From Reverend Robert Sharman, Diocesan Director of the MCA program: Thank you for your missionary hearts and for your recent generous gift of \$213.48 to assist the "little ones" of the Lord. The Lord sends us forth to bring His message to the world. May His Holy Spirit inspire all of us to work together for a better and more loving world.

Please continue to drop your spare change in our MCA jars.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 22, 2023

Your generosity ignited change on World Mission Sunday – Thank You

Your active participation on World Mission Sunday has been heartwarming. By extending your generosity to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, you've ignited change, supported missionaries worldwide, nourished the hungry, and aided the building of the Church in the Pope's mission territories.

Your gifts, combined with countless others, were the spark that set **"Hearts on fire."** God's blessings be upon you for embodying a true missionary spirit!

MILITARY UPDATE

Lance Corporal Orin Gorton



Orin completed two months of ITX (tactical training exercises) at 29 Palms Marine Base in California. He also completed his JLTV (Joint Light Tactical Vehicle) certification, prior to his training in Sweden. He hopes to

be home for Christmas this year.

Thank you for your service, Orin, and thank you Kathy & Jeff for sharing your son for our freedom and protection.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

October 31, 2023 – Vigil Mass
At the Church on Broadway at 6:00 PM
November 1, 2023 – All Saints Day
Mass at noon and at 6:00 PM
At the Church on Broadway
November 2, 2023 – **"Walk with the Saints"**
Mass at 6:00 PM at the Parish Center;
Walk through our Parish Cemetery;
Enjoy refreshments at the Parish Center.
November 10, 2023 – Filled Pork Chop Dinner
November 16, 2023 – Parish Council
December 2, 2023 – Breakfast with St. Nick
December 3, 2023 – First Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2023 – Immaculate Conception



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COAT DRIVE

Collection boxes will be placed at the church and the parish center for donations of new and slightly used coats for those in need. Sizes infant to adult. If you wish to make a financial contribution, place an envelope marked "K of C Coat Drive" in the collection basket.

Make check payable to Knights of Columbus.

Questions: Contact Kevin Wendt
at 484-335-3116 or

knightsofcolumbus4824@gmail.com

*Thank you from Chester Saltys
for remembering him
with Birthday Wishes*

HOLIDAY CHINESE AUCTION

Presented by St. Pauline Shrine

1150 Chestnut St., Kulpmont, PA

Sunday, November 5th 11 AM until 4 PM

Tuesday, November 7th 11 AM until 4 PM

**** Pizza Buds Food Truck on Site ****

Friday, November 10th 11 AM until 5 PM

**** Food Available for Purchase ****

Saturday, November 11th 11 AM until 4 PM

**** Food Available for Purchase ****

\$20 for a sheet of 26 tickets. After initial purchase, additional sheets of 26 tickets can be purchased for \$10.00

Prizes include Patio Heater, Charcoal Pizza Oven, Tabletop Black Stone Grill, TV, 5 Burner Gas Grill, Fire Pit & a Ton of Coal, 4-foot Lottery Tree, plus many other prizes.

February Lottery

Get Your Tickets

From Mary or Vince Emery

\$10,000 in prize money

\$20.00 for one ticket

Try to sell at least 10 tickets

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Students in the Bucknell Catholic Campus Ministry will be filling shoeboxes for children around the world. A list of items that can be packed and sent is attached to each collection box. There are boxes for donations in the back of the church and in the parish center hallway.

Deadline for donations is November 1st.

**ALL DONATIONS MUST FIT
INSIDE A SHOE BOX!**

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

Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette, Licensed Professional Counselor, 352-328-8145 guadalupe531@aol.com
(in Coal Township on Mondays)

→ All real & artificial flowers and ornaments were removed from the graves in our cemetery during the week of October 22nd in order to perform the final cutting and trimming for the season. Artificial arrangements will be available on the sidewalk behind the Parish Center dumpster. Please claim anything you would like to save by November 25th. After that date, we will dispose of anything that is left.