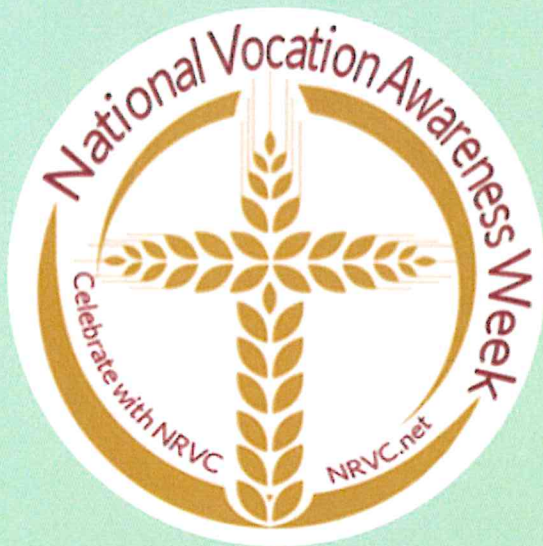


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St. Joseph is a Tithing Parish God's Plan for Giving

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

Sunday Collection: \$5,393.00

Love of Neighbor: \$842.00

Second Collections

November 5 - Archdiocese for Military Service

November 12, 2023 – Repair & Maintenance

November 19, 2023 – The Matthew 25 Collection

November 26, 2023 – Our Faith, Our Future

National Vocation Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- Mon., Nov. 6th**
9:00 AM All Souls
- Tues., Nov. 7th** *Election Day*
9:00 AM Special Intentions of Vickie & Joe Youman – 25 yrs.
- Wed., Nov. 8th**
6:00 PM Lola Benoit
by Margaret Cochran
- Thurs., Nov. 9th** *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*
9:00 AM Pauline & George McGee
by the McGee Girls
- Fri., Nov. 10th** *St. Leo the Great, Pope*
All Souls
- Sat., Nov. 11th** *St. Martin of Tours, Bishop*
St. Charles Borromeo
4:00 PM William Lang
by Marian & Tom Lang
- Sun., Nov. 12th** *Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM Chic Chiccino & Clark Fisher
by Anne Chic
11:00 AM People of the Parish

**Our Sanctuary Candle Burns
This Week for Thomas Sullivan
Requested by his Family
May He Rest in Peace.**

From Your Pastor.

This is a good time to draw attention to how God reveals His power and presence in creation, in scripture, in the hymns and prayers of the liturgical seasons, in the Church and her sacraments and the daily lives of her people. How loudly God speaks through the changing of the season. Now that we have fallen back off of Day-Light-Saving Time, it will be an adjustment. But try to make your efforts into a prayer.

**Now fades all earthly splendor,
The shades of night descend;
The dying of the daylight
Foretells creation's end.**

**So will the new creation
Rise from the old reborn
To splendor in Christ's glory
And everlasting morn.**

**All darkness will be ended
As faith gives place to sight
Of Father, Son, and Spirit,
One God, in heaven's light.
Hymn by Fr. James Quinn, SJ., 1968**

I urge you to meditate upon these words and thoughts. Let them take over your mind and heart. As we should also do with Holy Scripture, it is not enough to just read it or hear it proclaimed at Mass, but we should also take the time to make it our daily food of life. We can't love what we don't know, or hardly know. The easy availability of Scripture is a great blessing. Thank you for obtaining your own copy of the hymnal. Keep it close to you and open it often.

The next four Sundays give us Matthew's chapters 23 and 25. This is the last sermon/teaching given by the Lord to us. He knows He is about to be arrested, crucified, and buried. These are very important words in His mind and heart. Let us show reverence for this gift from Him. In Matthew Chapter 24, He tells us that because of increased evil, the love of most will grow cold. The man who holds out to the end will see salvation. The weather will be cold outside, but our hearts can be warmed up by fueling them with the Word of God, in Flesh and Blood, and Holy Scripture.

Fr. John D. Hoke

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Malachi 1:14b—2:2b,8-10

Through the prophet Malachi, God judges the priests of Israel and calls them to be more faithful to the Covenant.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 131:1-3

We find peace in the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13

Paul gives thanks to God for the way in which the Thessalonians received the word of God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.

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:

Sharon Austin	Marie Luzenski
Dolores Caicco	Dallas Machamer
Leslie Cameron	Michael McHale
Helen Choplick	Dave Moser
Elaine Cook	Jan Moser
Mike Enright	Melinda Oliveri
Giovanna Fanella	Mary Ruth Palmer
Trey Gresh	Eleanor Poponiak
Luann Hackenburg	Geri Pryer
Thomas Hackenburg	Margaret Punako
Laverne Havash	Melissa Rowse
John Heimbach	Joan Rudloff
Rita Klein	Benita Kolen Solomon
Abram Koons, Jr	Eleanor Stopper
Nicole Lamprinos	Diane Sykes
Andria Laurence	Mike Walter
Ken Laurence	Bill Woodling
Malysa 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, 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. There is a basket on the altar at the church, and there is one in the hallway of the Parish Center.

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Feast Day is November 9th

The feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran marks the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. This church is the chair of the bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. The basilica was originally named the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior. However, it is called St. John Lateran because it was built on property donated to the Church by the Laterani family, and because the monks from the monastery of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Divine served it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

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
All Masses the weekend of December 2nd & 3rd will be at the Church on Broadway.
December 8, 2023 – Immaculate Conception

ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES Collection – November 5th



The mission of the Archdiocese is to “serve those who serve,” to be Americans bearing peace; to proclaim Christ all over the world; and to carry out the mission of the Church to offer healing through the forgiveness of sins.

The ministry of the AMS is to provide the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic diocese, to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs’ Medical Centers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. All told, the AMS and its endorsed priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics.

FILLED PORK CHOP DINNER

Friday, November 10, 2023 4:00 to 6:00



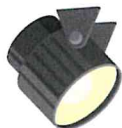
It’s time for another fundraising dinner. The menu will be filled pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, applesauce, roll & dessert. Cost will be \$14.00.

We will need cakes for dessert. Please contact Tracie Leitzel if you can help. tleitzel1@ptd.net
We really need to know how many cakes we will have by Wednesday of that week so we can determine if we need to purchase any desserts.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION.



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



VOLUNTEERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

By Anne Chiccino

As the seasons are changing and we are seeing the end to some of our beautiful blooms, I want to let you know how many folks have helped to make our Parish grounds so beautiful. Cheryl Rheppard, Karen Knoch, Paul Stewart, Beth & Cora Hauck, Twila Kurtz and Larry Blase worked with the Spring cleanup and planting.

Jim Seksinsky continued to trim the bushes at the church, and Larry Blase trimmed at the Parish Center. Mulching was accomplished by three crews which included Bob Skyes, Paul Stewart, Larry Blase, Cheryl & Dave Rheppard, Bob Engleman, Mary DeLong, Karen Knoch, Gio & Luca Custodio.

The rain this summer was a God-send so our crews didn't have to spend time watering, and they continued to weed and dead-head.

Ted Barsis did Yoeman's work weeding the juniper beds at the Parish Center entrance all summer long. Larry Blase, John Emery, Vince Emery, Paul Stewart, Mike Sullivan and Bob Sykes got together to prepare the cemetery for Memorial Day weekend.

Karen Knoch had the idea to "beautify" the area between the parking lot and the railroad hill. With donations of Hosta from Mary & Dave Moser and Rose of Sharon from our own hill, she landscaped the area with easy-to-care-for plantings. The final Fall cleanup was completed by Karen, Paul and myself.

As a matter of history, Vickie Youman & Father Hoke rescued the Iris that line the sidewalk along the West side of the church. And Vickie and her husband Joe planted the beautiful Hibiscus in the Angel/ St. Francis garden. Father Hoke had all the Hydrangeas that adorned the altar during the Easter seasons planted beside the ramp and around the Blessed Mother. Dottie Robinson donated the two Hydrangea trees. Anne Rocktashel, Jim Seksinsky, Ted Barsis and Jon Brennan salvaged the Myrtle that lines Broadway from the convent that closed in Danville. Thank you all. We enjoy your work. *We still have the leaves to collect!*

ROTARY CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

November 7th – Election Day
St. Joseph Parish Center 6:30 AM to 7:00 PM
Vote and then enjoy all you can eat Pancakes.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,

We thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

Don't forget to buy your lucky February Lottery Tickets. They are available after every Mass.
They make GREAT Christmas Gifts!
Cost is \$20.00
We give \$10,000 in prize money!!

CEMETERY FALL/ WINTER PREPARATION

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.

The CCD Students will be placing wreaths at the graves of our veterans.



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
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