

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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God's Plan for Giving

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

Sunday Collection: \$3,535.00

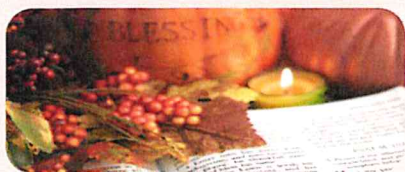
Repair & Maintenance: \$787.00

Second Collections

November 19, 2023 – The Matthew 25 Collection

November 26, 2023 – Our Faith, Our Future

Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week
for Karen & Tom Gates
requested by Angie & Bill Gates



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Nov. 18th	<i>Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles</i>
4:00 PM	Ray Leitzel by Mary & Vince Emery
Sun., Nov. 19th	<i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Geri & Ralph Preyer's 57 th Wedding Anniversary
Mon., Nov. 20th	
9:00 AM	Helen & Stan Seksinsky by Ruth & Jim Seksinsky
Tues., Nov. 21st	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
9:00 AM	All Souls
Wed., Nov. 22nd	<i>St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr</i>
6:00 PM	The Tobias Sisters – Eleanor & Madeline by Marni & Paul Stewart
Thur., Nov. 23rd	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro</i>
9:00 AM	All Souls
Fri., Nov. 24th	<i>St. Andres Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i>
9:00 AM	Joseph Poponiak by his wife Eleanor & daughters
Sat., Nov. 25th	<i>St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr</i>
4:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sun., Nov. 26th	<i>Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	All Souls
11:00 AM	Bonnie & Tony Lupo on their 59 th Wedding Anniversary

TABLE OF PLENTY BY DAN SCHUTTE

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need,

Here at the table of plenty.

From Your Pastor.

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, let us stop and think of all we are thankful for, all the many gifts and graces we have received from God and from those who have served as channels of God's gifts. Let us admire, and even show worship, that is, give an indication of how much we value the worthiness of God and those who bring us God's blessings.

Although all the people in our lives can be worthy vessels of God's grace, let us go with the Holy Scripture passage, Proverbs 31:10-31, 'The song of a valiant woman'. I say 'valiant' because the Hebrew adjective 'HAYIL' is used to describe military combat units, or a heroic warrior. We should avoid using bland adjectives like: nice, admirable or 'worthy wife'. There is so much there than just good or worthy. Notice it is not on a battle front but in the home and caring for her family that she shows such remarkable valiant achievements. She does the ordinary in such an extraordinary way. Mother Teresa, our saint from Calcutta, often taught us, 'Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.'

I remember one of my role models once made a big mistake at Thanksgiving Day Mass, when Msgr. said he loved Thanksgiving because it did not require any preparation and labor. He *got it* after Mass from the women who spent days preparing for the big gathering. The work of so many wives/mothers go unnoticed, but they are valiant, very faithful to the care of their families. We could never pay them enough for all they do. But of course, they do it not for us alone, but for God and His glory.

God bless us all and especially our Valiant Women on Thanksgiving Day. No wonder we love Mother Mary so much!

Fr. John D. Hoke

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Thank You for every blessing received, the gifts that help me to believe.

Still, I ask in prayer for greater faith in Your compassionate love and grace.

This Thanksgiving Day, I come to You with struggles and yet gratitude.

I trust that You will not turn away, loving, caring, and my hope always.

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Blessed are those who walk in God's ways.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

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.

CHURCH BUILDING PROJECTS

Father announced that the Finance Committee and Building Committee voted to go forward with a construction project which will cover part of the East side ramp and a second project which will construct a handicapped access restroom closer to the East entrance.

The "covering" project is designed to help with the problem of the snow from the roof over the confessional falling "right after the sidewalk is shoveled!" Details about church entry points during construction will follow.

Father thanked all who have been so faithful supporting the church through the weekly collections and the monthly fundraisers. It is through their generosity that these projects can be tackled.



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

November 23, 2023 – Thanksgiving Day
Mass will be at 9:00 AM at the church on Broadway
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.
Mass schedules & locations for December
are on page 4 of this bulletin.

MATTHEW 25 COLLECTION NOVEMBER 18-19, 2023

"As families continue to struggle with a challenging economy, and requests for grant funding continue to increase, your support is needed now more than before. Please consider making a gift to the Matthew 25 Collection the weekend of November 19th." *Bishop Timothy C. Senior*

The Matthew 25 Collection allows the Diocese of Harrisburg to address the basic needs of food, shelter and clothing on a local level through food banks, soup kitchens and other parish-supported projects that assist those in need. Twenty-five percent of the monies will be returned to parishes for their use in assisting others.

FILLED PORK CHOP DINNER

November 10, 2023

We sold 308 dinners Friday evening and the remaining dinners at Masses for a total of 330 dinners. Our approximate profit is \$2,900.00

40TH FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

12 NOON

St. Joseph School Hall
1027 Ferry St., Danville, PA
All are welcome to attend.

St. Joseph, Milton shutins: You are welcome to email Larry Blase larbla8@aol.com or call him at 570-951-4521 by Monday, November 20th if you would like a dinner delivered.



FEBRUARY LOTTERY TICKETS

Only \$20.00

They make great Christmas Gifts

POPLAR AVENUE TRUST

Once a year, St. Joseph is the recipient of a Trust named the Poplar Avenue Trust, in memory of Jean Metzinger Boiardi. This trust was established for the provision of food and shelter for those individuals in need in our community. Our church is charged and honored to distribute these funds to organizations in the area who provide such services.

The following distributions were made in October 2023:

Birthright of Sunbury	\$500.00
Central PA. Food Bank	\$1,000.00
Expectations	\$500.00
Meals on Wheels	\$1,000.00
Milton Area Food Bank	\$1,000.00
Milton Area School District	\$500.00
Milton Fire Department	\$1,000.00
Office of Civic Engagement	\$1,000.00
The Salvation Army	\$1,000.00
Warrior Run School District	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$8,000.00

The following distributions were made in March 2023:

Birthright of Sunbury	\$2,000.00
Bucknell University,	
Harvest Meal Program	\$1,500.00
Central PA Food Bank	\$1,500.00
Expectations	\$1,500.00
Golden Rule, Love INC	\$1,500.00
Haven Ministries	\$1,500.00
Meals on Wheels	\$1,500.00
Milton Area Food Bank	\$1,500.00
Milton Area School District,	
Caring Fund	\$1,500.00
Milton Fire Department	\$1,500.00
Salvation Army	\$1,500.00
Warrior Run School, WR KIDS	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$18,500.00

CEMETERY FALL/ WINTER PREPARATION

All real & artificial flowers and ornaments were removed from the graves in our cemetery. Artificial arrangements will be available on the sidewalk behind the Parish Center dumpster. Please claim anything you would like to save by this weekend. After that date, we will dispose of anything that is left.

There are copies of a Children's Bulletin on the tables at the Church and at the Parish Center.
Help yourself.

DECEMBER HOLY DAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Immaculate Conception

December 7, 6:00 PM Vigil Mass	Church
December 8, Noon Holy Day Mass	Church

Weekend before Christmas

December 23, 4:00 PM Mass	Parish Center
December 24, 8:00 AM Mass	Parish Center
December 24, 11:00 AM Mass	Parish Center

Christmas

December 24, 5:00 PM Mass	Church
December 24, 10:00 PM Carols	Church
December 24, 10:30 PM Mass	Church
December 25, 10:00 AM Mass	Church

New Year's Weekend

December 30, 4:00 PM Mass	Church
December 31, 8:00 AM Mass	Church
December 31, 11:00 AM Mass	Parish Center
December 31, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass	Church
January 1, 10:00 AM Mass	Church

THANK YOU FROM BUCCM

Operation Christmas Child Support

Thank you, St. Joseph's, for your generous donations of toys and supplies to Operation Christmas Child! With your help, Bucknell's Catholic Campus Ministry was able to assemble 107 boxes to be shipped overseas. Our students had a lot of fun packing boxes and getting into the Christmas spirit. We are so appreciative of ALL your support and prayers for us. Thank you!



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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