

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: \$3,317.00

Repair & Maintenance: \$947.00

Second Collections

December – Christmas Flowers

December – Our Sister Parish in Haiti

December 25, 2023 – Christmas Offering



Our Sanctuary Candle burns
this week for Judy Reese.
May Judy rest in peace.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Dec. 23rd 4:00 PM *St. John of Kanty, Priest*
Angela & Frank Masseria
by Frank Muscarella Family

Sun., Dec. 24th 8:00 AM *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
People of the Parish

11:00 AM For Our Parish Shutins

Christmas Eve Masses

All Masses at the Church

5:00 PM Mass Christmas Blessings

10:00 PM Carols

10:30 PM Mass Christmas Blessings

Mon., Dec. 25th *The Nativity of the Lord*

Merry Christmas – Mass at the Church

10:00 AM Christmas Blessings

Tues., Dec. 26th *St. Stephen, Martyr*
Elizabeth & Rudolf Muscarella
by the Muscarella Family

No Mass at St. Joseph's today

Wed., Dec. 27th 6:00 PM *St. John, Apostle & Evangelist*
Bob Zacker
by Kathy Piaskowski

Thur., Dec. 28th 9:00 AM *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*
Joel Bell on his 72nd Birthday
by his sister Amy Beaver

Fri., Dec. 29th 9:00 AM *St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr*
Special Intentions for Mike
Seksinsky by Ruth & Jim

Sat., Dec. 30th 4:00 PM John Gharett
by his son Paul

Sun., Dec. 31st 8:00 AM *The Holy Family*
People of the Parish

11:00 AM Paul Boiardi

WE WILL NOT HAVE 24-HOUR
ADORATION ON CHRISTMAS DAY NOR
ON NEW'S YEARS DAY.

- Please make sure to check the Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses and New Year's Weekend on page 3 for Mass times and venues.
- Additional envelopes for the Haiti Collection are on the tables at the Church & Parish Ctr.

From Your Pastor.

Do you see what I see? Do you hear what I hear? Do you know what I know? Said the king to people everywhere, listen to what I say, Pray for peace, people everywhere! You might recognize these words from the 1962 Christmas Carol known as "Do You Hear what I Hear?"

Written by a former French underground resistance fighter and former Nazi, song writer, Noël Regney and his wife Gloria. October 1962 was a very scary time during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Many feared the end of the world as we knew it. Noël was commissioned to write a Christmas Song at that time and under fear of the Missile Crisis and by inspiration from his Catholic Faith, this is what he composed. It was released just before Christmas, although it has undergone over 120 new versions. During an interview Noël said he was amazed that people will say they know the song but fail to realize it is a prayer for peace.

Today, over 60ty years later, we are still under the threat of war and evil. But this timely song then is still meaningful today. *The child, the child sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light.*

May we find the Light of Christ burning brightly at our Holy Christmas Masses and at our adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Let us learn, to let go, be still and silent so that we might see, hear and know how to pray for peace everywhere.

May God Bless us, one and all with Christmas faith, hope, love and joy.

Fr. John D. Hoke

**24-hour Adoration will resume Monday,
January 8th**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16

The Lord promises David that he will raise from his descendents a kingdom that will endure forever.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-5,27,29

A prayer of praise to the Lord for his faithfulness to his covenant.

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Paul praises God for making his revelation known.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce the birth of Jesus.



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

During the month of January, all second collections will be deposited to our General Account. If you are a person who likes to make a monthly check, one will do.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick:

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

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

OUR FAITH & OUR FUTURE PROJECT UNDERWAY



Work has started on the handicapped bathroom project. Sewer, water & electric lines will be installed in the coming days.

That's our contractor Jeff Allison after he and his crew were able to break through two feet of tough stone.

They are attempting to get all concrete work addressed as long as the weather cooperates.



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st. There will not be any 24-hour Adoration those two Mondays.

DECEMBER HOLY DAYS MASS SCHEDULE

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



SISTERS of
SAINTS CYRIL
and METHODIUS
and
MARIA HALL, INC.

JOB OPENINGS

Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius in Danville are looking for two fulltime third shift Nurse's Aide/CNA, one parttime second shift Housekeeper (Life Skills candidates are encouraged to apply for parttime Housekeeping position), one fulltime Cook and one fulltime Dishwasher.

Please contact our HR Department for more information at 570-275-3581 ext. 156 or e-mail scole@sscm.org

The Knights of Columbus thank everyone for your participation in our fundraisers in 2023. As a result of your generosity, we have been able to give financial contributions to the following last month:

Union County Supplemental Food Program
Expectation
Donald Heiter Community Center
Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
BU Catholic Ministry
Fishers of Men
Sisters Saints Cyril and Methodius
Albright Care Services – Meals on Wheels
Birthright of Sunbury
St. Joseph's Indian School
Red Cloud Indian School
St. Labre Indian School
St. Bonaventure Indian Mission & School

13 Charitable Contributions at \$250 each
Total disbursement \$3,250

IMACULÉE CONCEPTION PARISH

Lalouere, Haiti
Our Sister Parish

We will not be selling the "Cookies for Haiti" and we will not be collecting for "No Room At The Inn." This year our foreign mission is our sister parish in Lalouere, Haiti.



Immaculate
Conception
Parish had a
special
celebration
in honor of
Mary on
December
8th.



SCHOOL CHILDREN IN CLASS WITH A TEACHER
WHO VISITED FROM SACRED HEART, LEWISBURG.
SCHOOL CHILDREN JUST HAVING FUN!



We included an envelope in the December 3rd bulletin for this Haiti Community Collection, but if you lost yours, there are extras on the tables at the Church and the Parish Center. Please include cash or a separate check for this collection as it will not be deposited in our General Account.

MARY, DID YOU KNOW?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered
Will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that you baby boy
Would calm the storm with his hand?

Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod?
And you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God
Oh Mary, did you know?

The blind will see
The deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap
The dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb
Mary, if you knew how wonderful for you
That He choose you to bring
To us The King of Kings
God bless you, Mary

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy
Is heaven's Perfect Lamb?
The sleeping child you're holding
Is the Great I Am

Mary, did you know, did you know
He's Lord of all creation?
Did you know, did you know
He's a Ruler of all nations?

He walks where angels trod
He is the Son of God
Oh Mary, did you know, did you know?

Your baby boy would one day walk on water
Did you know?

Lyrics by Mark Lowry