

Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH OF MINERSVILLE



Holy Family Parish of Minersville is a Christ-centered sacramental family, modeled after the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We are dedicated to growing in our faith, spreading the Gospel in our community, preserving our rich traditions while looking to the future and living as disciples of Jesus Christ.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 1/2, 2020

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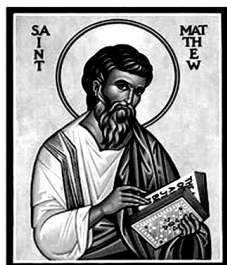
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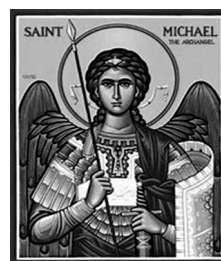
Rev. Jason F. Stokes ~ M.Div., M.A. - Pastor

Dr. James P. Henninger ~ OD ~ Deacon

Mr. Aaron Scheidel ~ Summer Seminarian



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Parish Website: minersvillecatholic.com

Diocesan Website: www.allentowndiocese.org

Nativity B.V.M. High School

570-622-8110

Assumption B.V.M. Grade School

570-622-0106

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning

570-622-4638

Parish E-mail address: HolyFamilyParishMinersville@gmail.com

OFFICE HOUR ~ 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 1 August -

Vigil Mass ~ Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:15 PM ~ Confession ~ St. Michael

4:00 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heffner and John Miller*

Daughter, Wife and Grandson

5:30 PM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Annie Newton*

Allison and Ben Boggs

Sunday, 2 August -

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary

7:45 AM~ Confession ~ St. Matthew

8:30 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Rose Pogirski*

Ed and Connie Siminitus

10:30 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ *People of the Parish*

Monday, 3 August -

8:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Those Enrolled in the Holy Family Memorial Fund*

Tuesday, 4 August - St. John Vianney

8:00 AM St. Michael's ~ *Margaret Campion*

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6:00 PM ~ Benediction ~ St. Michael

Wednesday, 5 August - The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00 AM - St. Matthew's ~ *Clementina "Tina" Rudaitis* Family

Thursday, 6 August - The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM St. Michael's ~ *Carol Ann Conville*

Jane and John Radziewicz

Friday, 7 August - St. Sixtus II & St. Cajetan

NO AM MASS

Saturday, 8 August - St. Dominic

Vigil Mass ~ Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:15 PM ~ Confession St. Michael

4:00 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Joe and Tess Brennan*

Grabowski Family

5:30 PM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *People of the Parish*

Sunday, 9 August-

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary

7:45 AM ~ Confession ~ St. Matthew

8:30 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Consugar and Murphy*

Families

Family

HOLY FAMILY

MONTHLY 50/50 DRAWING

\$1 per envelope

Please put your name and phone number on Envelope. Extra envelopes at Parish Office. Thank you for your participation in our monthly fundraiser!

First Tuesday of the month ~

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

(8:30 am to 6:00 pm)

with Benediction

(at 6:00 pm) at

St. Michael the Archangel

Church of Holy Family Parish

Next Adoration ~ Tuesday, August 4th



Help Needed - Mass Linens

We are looking for someone willing to volunteer to wash the Mass Linens used at St. Matthew the Evangelist Church of Holy Family Parish. One load every two weeks.

Please contact the office (570-544-4741)

if you can help!

Thanks and God bless!

Thank You to our Wonderful Musicians

Thank you to the Holy Family Parish Music Ministry Group who has helped make our liturgies beautiful during the COVID-19 pandemic. A special thank you to Greg Senich, Frank Kuchta and Jane Yourey for providing music during the restrictions which has helped us to

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

MINERSVILLE PHARMACY

Thank you for sponsoring an ad, making our bulletin possible

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to victims of sexual abuse. Contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC Direct Phone: 1-800-791-9209 + Diocesan website: www.allentowndiocese.org

YOUTH PROTECTION DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS~ Secretary for Youth Protection ~ prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Diocese of Allentown

1515 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive

P.O. Box F

Allentown, PA 18105-1538

610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

610-871-5244 (Fax)

LOCAL SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR ~ Sr. Catherine Therese Brennan, SSJ ~ 570-544-4741



Holy Family Parish of Minersville, PA

What a great question, especially as our April Confirmation was postponed. We do not have new date as of yet for Confirmation but it will most likely be August or September (I will communicate dates with parents as soon as I get more information). I am going to tackle the Ask Father question by answering, why does anyone need to get confirmed? Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Church and is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. "By the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are, as true witnesses of Christ more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1285).

As we state in the Creed each week, we believe that our Lord was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and that his entire earthly life and mission were carried out in communion with the same Spirit. "The fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely Messiah's, but was to be communicated to the whole messianic people. On several occasions Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost" (CCC 1287).

Confirmation can be thought of as a sealing, in which the person confirmed receives the "mark" of the Holy Spirit, which signifies "our total belonging to Christ, our enrollment in his service forever, as well as the promise of divine protection in the great eschatological trial" (CCC 1296).

So, I think the answer to the question as to why kids have to get confirmed is best answered as, Why wouldn't we want to be Confirmed and receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit!?!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE RECEIVING FIRST COMMUNION

Kylee Mistishen and Aurora Correll-Paul

Don't forget to register for Weekend Masses by calling the Parish Office
(570) 544 – 4741

Seminarian Bible Study

Our Parish Seminarian, Aaron Scheidel, will be hosting a Bible study, concentrating on the upcoming Sunday Mass readings on Mondays at 6:00 PM. The sessions will continue on Monday, Aug. 3 & 10 at St. Matthew the Evangelist Church of Holy Family Parish. Please join us!

Home-bound Parishioners

Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent restrictions we have not been able to visit our Home-Bound Parishioners. We miss you and will visit you as soon as the restrictions are lifted. Please contact the Parish Office (570) 544-4741 to be put on the Home-Bound list if you are a parishioner that is physically unable to come to Mass (during the normal times - not pandemic times).

INFORMATION FOR BULLETIN

Information for an event or other item **Must be e-mailed** to the parish office Friday two weeks preceding the date needed.

(example if needed for Monday, Aug. 10th information **MUST** be in Friday, July 31st by 2:00 pm).

It is most convenient for images/designs to be attached in a Word document.

(No PDFs please!).

E-Mail:

HolyFamilyParishMinersville@gmail.com

Thank you for your cooperation

ENVELOPES

The Holy Family Parish of Minersville Sunday Collection Envelopes have been ordered. We will begin using them in September as the July and August ones were already sent out for St. Michael the Archangel and St. Matthew the Evangelist. Until then, please continue using the ones from the old parishes. Checks may be made out to Holy Family Parish of Minersville. Don't worry if you made ones out to St. Michaels or St. Matthews as they will be able to be cashed. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and may God bless you!

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Nativity B.V.M. High School~

Chemistry Teacher and Math Teacher (both PT) Interested candidates send resume to

Mrs. Lynn Sabol – Principal

One Lawton Hill

Pottsville, PA 17901 or e-mail

lsabol@nativitybvm.net

St. Patrick Preschool ~ Pottsville

is accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. We offer two, three, and five day programs - all offered full and half day. Before and after school care is available. For more information, please contact saintpatricks.prek@gmail.com

Or call 570-622-0106

Check us out on Facebook at Saint Patrick Preschool.

The Diaconate aspirants of Schuylkill County

wish to thank all those who participated in their recent local Catholic Charities Drive.

May God bless you abundantly!

Yours in service with Jesus Christ,

John Matulevich, Bo Reiley. John Sutter

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Holy Family Parish Basket Auction

Sunday August 16

Doors Open 11:00 am Start Time: 2:00 pm

Browse and Bid ~ Friday, August 14th

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Browse and Bid ~ Saturday, August 15th

4:00 pm - 8:00 PM

Food Available

538 Sunbury Street Minersville

(use Lewis Street entrance)

In need of baskets, new items or monetary donations to make this another huge success!

Deadline for items is August 1st

Any questions please call ~ Theresa @ 570-527-7035, Deb @ 570-617-2174 or Jean @ 570-544-3609

Church Flowers

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to donate flowers at either St. Matthew the Evangelist or St. Michael the Archangel Churches of Holy Family Parish. All flowers (except for weddings and funerals) will be ordered by the Parish. Thank you for your assistance.

Homemade Apple Dumplings now on sale!

Holy Family Community Outreach is taking orders for Apple Dumplings from Saturday, August 1st through Sunday, September 13th. The cost is **\$5.50 for Plain and \$6.00 for Sugar-Free.** Members will be taking orders and payment in the vestibule of both churches before and after Masses beginning the weekend of August 1st and ending September 13th. Delivery date is Wednesday, September 30th. If you wish to place your order via telephone, please call: (570) 544- 4741 Ext. 4, and then put your payment in an envelope with your Name, telephone number and number and kind of dumplings on it in the Parish Office drop off box. Be sure Apple dumplings is written on the outside of the envelope. Your generous support of Holy Family Outreach Program will benefit the needy of our area. As always, we thank you in advance, for your generous support of this program.

God bless you and yours.

Sister Catherine and Members

HOLY FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Coordinator: Sr. Catherine Therese Brennan, SSJ

E-mail ~ HolyFamilyK6Prep@gmail.com

Grades K - 6

- Please call Fr. Stokes to schedule your First Communion date if you haven't already.
570-544-4741



CONFIRMATION RELIGION EDUCATION PROGRAM

Coordinator: Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy, SSJ

E-mail~HolyFamilyConfirmationPrep@gmail.com

Grades 7- 8

2020 Confirmation is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, @ 4:00 PM

PREP Teachers Wanted

The summer is quickly coming to the end and we are planning our first year as the new Holy Family Parish Religious Education Program. We are in need of faithful Catholics that desire to pass on their faith to our young people. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to do just that as a Catechist. Requirements: 1) Love for Christ and desire to pass that along to our children; 2) Availability on Tuesday evenings for Religious Education Classes; 3) Ability to pass required background checks.

DEVOTIONAL LAMP INTENTIONS

St. Matthew the Evangelist Church of HOLY FAMILY PARISH

† **The Blessed Mother**
Special Intention
Sally and Stan Gober

In Loving Memory of John Sokola Family

Our second collection this week is for Parish Maintenance

Next week the second collection is for Insurance

*Thank you for you support.
We gratefully appreciate all you do to help us meet our financial obligations*

MONTHLY ROSARY

Thursday, August 13, 2020

6:15 pm

St. Matthew the Evangelist Church of HOLY FAMILY PARISH



St. Michael the Archangel Church of HOLY FAMILY PARISH

† **Sanctuary**
In Loving Memory of Ronald M. Yourey (B'day)

† **Tuesday Adoration**
Special Intention

† **The Blessed Mother**
*In Loving Memory of Anna Dukment (B-day 8/3)
Joe and JoAnn*

ALTAR FLOWERS
*In Loving Memory of Anna Dukment (B-day 8/3)
Joe and JoAnn*

*In Loving Memory of Ronald M. Yourey (B'day)
Wife, Jane*

The following dates are open for Altar Flower Intentions

Aug. 16,23,& 30
Call Parish Office @ 570-544-4741

Our second collection this week is for Monthly Dues

Next week the second collection is for School Support

Thank you for your continued support in helping us meet our financial obligations.