

Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH OF MINERSVILLE

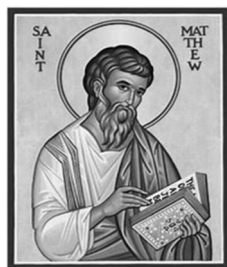


Holy Family Parish of Minersville is a Christ-centered sacramental family, modeled after the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We are dedicated to growing in our faith, spreading the Gospel in our community, preserving our rich traditions while looking to the future and living as disciples of Jesus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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 9/10, 2021

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Parish Website: minersvillecatholic.com

Diocesan Website: www.allentowndiocese.org

Nativity B.V.M. High School 570-622-8110

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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, 9 January -
Vigil Mass - Baptism of the Lord**
Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Michael's

4:00 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ People of the Parish

5:30 PM ~ St. Matthew's ~ Andrew and Anna Ofsharick
Theresa and Frank Grigalonis

Sunday, 10 January - Baptism of the Lord
Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Matthews

8:30 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ Roseann Helman
Harry and Jean Foran

10:30 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ Carter Larkin-Kukta
Grandparents, MaryAnn and
Bern Larkin

Monday, 11 January -
8:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ **NO MASS**

Tuesday, 12 January -
8:00 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ **NO MASS**

Wednesday, 13 January -
8:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ **NO MASS**

Thursday, 14 January -
NO MASS

Friday, 15 January -
8:00 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ **NO MASS**

**Saturday, 16 January -
Vigil Mass - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Michael's

4:00 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ Ann Barone (10th Anniv.)

5:30 PM ~ St. Matthew's ~ Andrew and Anna Ofsharick
Theresa and Frank Grigalonis

**Sunday, 17 January - Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time**
Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Matthew's

8:30 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ Jill A. Kuehn and Gladys Rose
Rose Kuehn

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

HOLY FAMILY

January 50 / 50

Extra envelopes are in the vestibule.

**\$1.00 per envelope, your envelope is your
ticket!**

Please remember to write your name and phone number
on the extra envelopes. Thank you!

Our Winner for December 2020:
Mary Ann Post won \$156

Holy Family Parish 2020 Spiritual Report

Baptisms: 5

Marriages: 2

Funerals: 57

Envelopes

If you receive envelopes, please make sure
you hand in or send in the complete enve-
lope with your donation.

If you would like to receive envelopes
please call the office at 570-544-4741.



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YOUTH PROTECTION DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

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

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



Ask Father: Which Gospel was written first?

That is a good question and it is hard to show the exact date of each Gospel, but from internal and external evidence we can build a theory. We know for a fact that the Gospel according to Luke was not written first – in fact, no reputable scholars believe he wrote first! Luke starts his Gospel with the following: “Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received” (LK 1: 1-4). Luke states that others have written Gospels, therefore we can rule out Luke.

Now, the argument between Matthew and Mark is a little tougher. There are two main schools of thought when it comes to which wrote first: The Two-Source Theory and the Griesbach-Farmer Theory.

The Two-Source Theory states that Mark written first and that Matthew and Luke both used Mark as a basis and added information that they both had access to – a verbal sources called Q (for quella, which means sources in German). Then Matthew and Luke added their own materials that were independent of any other source. The Griesbach-Farmer Theory states that Matthew was written first and Mark copied off of Matthew and Luke is directly dependent on Matthew.

I am a proponent of the Two-Source Theory because practically all of Mark appears in the other two Gospels and the order of Mark’s Gospel is almost identically copied by Matthew and Luke. Mark is also the shortest Gospel and has the worst Greek (why would Mark copy a well-written Gospel, leave a lot out of it and then make poor choices in grammar?).

INFORMATION FOR BULLETIN

Information for an event or another item must be e-mailed to the parish office on Monday of that weekend's bulletin.

(for example if needed for Sunday, Jan. 10th information MUST be in by Monday, Jan. 4th by noon).

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*

Call ~ Anna ~ 570-544-4741 Ext. # 1

*Our second collection this week is
for*

School Subsidy

*Next week the second collection is
for*

Catholic Relief Services

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Protecting God's Children Online Classes:

Must have a computer, Free Zoom program and email access.

Limited to 20 attendees.

Please register at:

www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0

January 14, 2021: With Janice Woolley

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

January 26, 2021: With Janice Woolley

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Any questions please email Janice at:

jwoolley@allentowndiocese.org

PARISH ACTIVITIES

2021 "Bob Mulhall" Memorial Lottery Calendar

For Sale Now!!!

The Bob Mulhall Memorial Lottery Calendar is now available for sale at both churches after each Mass as well as at the office on weekdays from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. With every ticket for only a donation of \$10 each, you receive a chance to win! All calendars are sold in *sealed* envelopes.

To win is simple! All you have to do is match the PA Lottery "Pick 3" on that date with the numbers already printed on the tickets. Winners will be determined by the 7:00 PM daily number drawing of the PA lottery, so the more tickets you have the more chances you have at winning multiple days! For more information please contact the Parish Office 570-544-4741

This will take place in March 2021, starting March 1st, 2020, but Bob Mulhall Memorial Lottery Calendar makes excellent Christmas presents!

Monday - Saturday winnings: \$100

Sundays: \$250

March 17th and 19th: \$300

Unsold calendars must be returned unopened.

Collection Amounts for:

12/13/2020: \$5,784

12/20/2020: \$5,239

12/27/2020: \$5,698

1/3/2021: \$5,451

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!



HOLY FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Coordinator: Sr. Catherine Therese Brennan, SSJ

E-mail ~ HolyFamilyK6Prep@gmail.com

Grades K - 6 5:45 PM— 7:15 PM

Please use the Lewis St. Parking lot and enter through the Cafeteria.

Dismissal at 7:15, use Lewis St.



CONFIRMATION RELIGION EDUCATION PROGRAM

Coordinator: Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy, SSJ

Email~HolyFamilyConfirmationPrep@gmail.com

Grades 7- 8 5:45 PM—7:15 PM

Hillcrest Hall

Dismissal at 7:15 PM

DEVOTIONAL LAMP INTENTIONS

**St. Matthew the Evangelist Church
of HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

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

† **St. Francis**
In Loving Memory of Jill Kuehn
(B-day)
Family

**St. Michael the Archangel Church
of HOLY FAMILY PARISH**



In Loving Memory of those we have lost recently:



***Helen Carr
Susan Dunleavy
Lawrence Gelches
Diane Shandri
James Kopinetz***

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.