

Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH OF MINERSVILLE

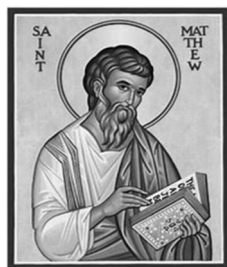


Holy Family Parish of Minersville is a Christ-centered sacramental family, modeled after the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We are dedicated to growing in our faith, spreading the Gospel in our community, preserving our rich traditions while looking to the future and living as disciples of Jesus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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 30/31, 2021

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Dr. James P. Henninger ~ OD ~ Deacon



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

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Parish E-mail address: HolyFamilyParishMinersville@gmail.com

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

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 30 January -

Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Michael's

4:00 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ Roger Romansky

Mom, MaryAnn Romansky

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

Sunday, 31 January - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Matthew's

8:30 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ Sharon Laudeman

John F. Vuksta

10:30 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ Edna "Frenchie" Reynolds

Barbara Reilly

Monday, 1 February -

8:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ J. L. Skibiell and R.M.

Sumoski Families

R.M. Skibiell

Tuesday, 2 February - The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ Holy Family Memorial Fund

Wednesday, 3 February -

8:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ Eleanore O'Brien

Sharon, Leo, and Dorothy Kolenick

Thursday, 4 February -

NO MASS

Friday, 5 February - St. Agatha

8:00 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ Wayne Papada

Rev. John P. Connary O.S.F.S.

Saturday, 6 February -

Vigil Mass - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Michael's

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

5:30 PM ~ St. Matthew's ~ Donna M. Novack

Mary Jane Appleby

Sunday, 7 February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Matthew's

8:30 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ Walter Mistishen

Theresa Smith and Charlie Keller

10:30 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ Thomas P. Kennedy

Wife, Rose, Children and Grandchildren

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!

Paschal Candle Sponsorship:

We are looking for two donors to sponsor our 2021 Paschal Candles at St. Matthew the Evangelist Church and St. Michael the Archangel Church, which will burn at every Mass during the Easter Season and at all the baptisms and funerals from Easter 2021 until Easter 2022. The donors will be recognized in the bulletin during the entire Easter Season. The candles costs \$225 each. Please contact the office (570) 544-4741 if you would be willing to sponsor our Paschal Candle. Thank you!



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

BG'S VALUE MARKET

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

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



Ask Father: Is Purgatory in the Bible?

This is a great question. The word PURGATORY is not in the Bible, but the existence of it is in the Bible. Let's start by understanding what we mean by Purgatory. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "All who die in God's grace, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC 1030). This fits perfectly with what St. John wrote in the Book of Revelation: "But nothing unclean shall enter heaven" (Rev. 21:27) and Habakkuk (1:13), "You [God]... are of purer eyes than to behold evil and cannot look on wrong." How many of us will be perfectly sanctified at the time of our deaths? It is reasonable to believe that many (if not most) of us will be in need of further purification in order to enter the gates of heaven after we die.

No, a little more explicit reference to Purgatory (though not named)... In II Maccabees (12:39-46) we learn that Judas Maccabeus and members of the Jewish military forces collecting the bodies of fallen comrades who were killed in battle. When they discovered those men were carrying 'sacred tokens of the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear' (vs. 40), Judas and his companions assumed that they had died as a punishment for sin. Therefore, Judas and his men 'turned to prayer beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out.' He also made sin offering for atonement for the dead.

Heaven is the place of eternal happiness with God. Prayers would be of no use to someone already perfect in heaven. Hell is the place of eternal pain and suffering due to the separation from God. Unfortunately, prayers would be of no use to those in hell because there is no possibility of escape from hell. Therefore, there must be a third place – a temporary place (non-eternal). Scripture does not give us a name for this, but the Church does – Purgatory. Purgation is what happens to the soul in this third place (purgation is the cleansing of someone or something) and is the root for the word Purgatory.

It is extremely important that we pray for the souls in Purgatory. One in Purgatory is absolutely guaranteed to get into Heaven. It is through our prayers and sacrifices that we can help those in Purgatory to speed up that purgation and be welcomed into Heaven. We can do this by offering Masses, rosaries and other prayers and fasting.

Lenten Calendar

Wednesday, February 17: Ash Wednesday

Mass - 8:00 AM - St. Matthews
Mass - 7:00 PM - St. Michaels

Friday, February 19

Lenten Food Sale - Noon - 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Parish Center at Hillcrest
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - St. Michaels

Friday, February 26

Lenten Food Sale - 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Parish Center at Hillcrest
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - St. Matthews

Friday, March 5

Lenten Food Sale - Noon - 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Parish Center at Hillcrest
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - St. Michaels

Friday, March 12

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - St. Matthews

Friday, March 19

Lenten Food Sale - Noon - 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Parish Center at Hillcrest
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - St. Michaels

Friday, March 26

Soup & Stations 5:00 PM - 7:00 - Parish Center at Hillcrest
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - Parish Center at Hillcrest

Thursday, April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM - St. Michaels
Night Prayer - 11:00 PM - St. Michaels

Friday, April 2

Good Friday Liturgy - 3:00 PM - St. Michaels

Saturday, April 3

Blessing of Easter Foods - Noon - St. Matthews
Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM - St. Matthews

Sunday, April 4

Easter Mass - 8:30 AM - St. Matthews
Easter Mass - 10:30 AM - St. Michaels

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

Collection Amounts for:

1/24/2021: \$4,402

*Our second collection this week is for
Cemetery Maintenance*

*Next week the second collection is for
Fuel*

Thank you to our Online givers as well!

Preparation Dates for Holy Family Lenten Food Sales:

Sunday, January 31, 2:00 PM

Monday, February 1, 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM

We also need help with the day of the sales. Volunteers are needed to deliver food as well as to man the selling tables, bringing food from the kitchen to those buying food and help cleaning up.

Sales Dates:

Friday, February 19

Friday, March 5

Friday, March 19

Times:

10:00 – Noon → Delivery (March 5 and 19 only)

Noon – 2:00 PM → In House Sales

5:00 – 7:00 PM → In House Sales

Help Wanted

We need your help for our Lenten Fish & Crab Cake Dinner on Friday, February 26. We are in search of those who can help us with donations of water, soda, and baked goods. Please contact the Parish Office (570-544-4741) if you are able to help. Thank you!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Holy Family Parish Lenten Food Sales

Holy Family Parish Center at Hillcrest—

631 Minersville - Llewellyn Rd.



TAKE OUT ONLY

Sales Dates: Noon - 2:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM

Friday, February 19

Friday, March 5

Friday, March 19

Pierogi

½ Dozen \$4.00

Dozen \$8.00

Halushki

Pint \$4.00

Quart \$7.00

Clam Chowder

Pint \$4.00

Quart \$7.00

Potato Soup

Pint \$4.00

Quart \$7.00



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Lenten Food Sale Prep

We need help with all aspects of the preparation of our Lenten Food Sales. No experience required – anyone can be trained! All you need is a good Christian heart with a desire to serve your Parish.

In Search of Bakers - Lenten Food Sales

We need your help with baked goods for our Lenten Food Sales. Please deliver baked goods to Hillcrest Hall on Thursday, February 18, March 4 and March 18 between 4:00 and 6:00 PM.



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.

Attention Parents of First Penance children

The children of Holy Family Parish will make their First Confession on Saturday, February 27 at 10:00 AM in St. Matthew the Evangelist Church of Holy Family Parish.



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

† **The Blessed Mother**
In Loving Memory of Roseann and Family (sons)
R.M.S.

† **The Blessed Mother**
World Peace
Jack and Betty Ruscavage

† **St. Joseph**
In Loving Memory of Joseph R. Skibiell
Mom

† **St. Ann**
In Loving Memory of Theresa (Skibiell) Miller
Mom

† **The Blessed Mother**
In Loving Memory of Bernard and Edith Lescavage
(was lit 1/26, Wedding Anniv.)
Family

† **The Blessed Mother**
In Loving Memory of Cindy Semerod
(Was lit 1/26)
Family

St. Michael the Archangel Church of HOLY FAMILY PARISH

† **Sanctuary**
In Loving Memory of John and Katheryn Gaburick
Daughter, Jane

† **The Blessed Mother**
In Loving Memory of Tina Cola Rudaitis
(1/30 Anniv.)
Girlfriends

† **St. Joseph**
In Loving Memory of Matthew J. Maley
(1/28 Anniv.)
Rinaldo Family

In Loving Memory of those we have lost recently:

Catherine Conville
Joseph Rapali

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