

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 OF LENT MARCH 13/14, 2021

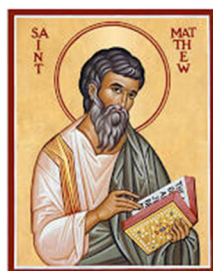
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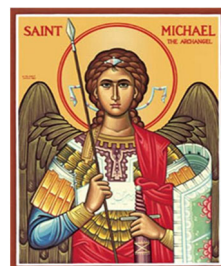
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Dr. James P. Henninger ~ OD ~ Deacon



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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 HOURS ~ 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday ~ Thursday
Closed ~Friday**

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 13 March - Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Lent
Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Michael's

4:00 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ Joseph and Mary Canfield
Family

5:30 PM ~ St. Matthew's ~ Stella Purcell
Peggy Brennan

Sunday, 14 March - Fourth Sunday of Lent
Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Matthew's

8:30 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ Barbara Antonio
MM Richard Antonio

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

Monday, 15 March

8:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ Mary Martin Heffner
Tony Pilo

Tuesday, 16 March

8:00 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ Arthur Wanamaker
Family

Wednesday, 17 - St. Patrick, Bishop

8:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ Patricia Whiteash
Family

Thursday, 18 March - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop
NO MASS

Friday, 19 March - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ Edward and Irma K. Brady
M. Joseph Brady

Saturday, 20 March - Vigil Mass - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Michael's

4:00 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ Paul M. Squierdo
Dan Collins

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

Sunday, 21 March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Matthew's

8:30 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ Joseph and Theresa Leonard
Family

10:30 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ Michael Scribbick
Matterw's Family

HOLY FAMILY

February 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 envelopes. Thank you!

Collection Amounts For:

March 6/7, 2021 = \$6,324.00

*Our second collection this week is for
Catholic Mission Sunday*

*Next week the second collection is for
Insurance*

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to our Online givers as well!

Live Action ASK FATHER

Join us *Sunday, March 21* for coffee, tea, donuts and bagels at the Holy Family Parish Center at Hillcrest from *10:00 AM - 12:30 PM.*

This will be an opportunity for A Socially Distanced gathering and an opportunity to ask Fr. Stokes any questions you may have about the liturgy, Parish Life, our Strategic Pastoral Plan, or anything else you might be curious about.

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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

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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting ~ www.ReportBishopAbuse.org 800-276-1562



Ask Father: What was the reason for tearing down St. Matthew's Parish Hall?

Thank you for this question. As the Hall has been torn down, I have been getting questions about this recently and there have been comments and questions pertaining to it on social media. Unfortunately, the building had gone through too many years of a lack of preventative maintenance and continued upgrades and as such was in a state of disrepair. Many of these problems have been known for years but were deferred to a later date. That date has now come. After consulting with contractors and the facilities department from the Diocese, it was determined that it would cost the Parish between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 to bring the building to code and fix it for our needs (you have to bring the building to code once you start to make changes or upgrades). The kitchen did not have a fire suppression system or exhaust hoods, which were an immediate safety issue and against our insurance policy and local code.

To be clear, a lack of preventative maintenance and continued upgrades was not an issue particular to St. Matthew the Evangelist Church. The same was the problem with the St. Michael the Archangel Convent. The Convent is also in a state of disrepair that would cost over 3/4 million dollars to bring to code. It also has some very serious and immediate safety issues with electric wiring, plumbing and fire escape. As such, that building will also be torn down. These issues have been known for several years and there were discussions to demolish the Convent prior to me becoming Pastor. No one wanted to get rid of the buildings, but it must be done to make sure we have a feasible Parish for the future. This is part of our Strategic Plan to ensure that our Parish is here for many generations to come.

A representative from the Diocesan Insurance Company (Catholic Mutual) visits each Parish in the Diocese annually. The insurance representative would list the areas needing attention at the Parish. At one of our former Parishes, the former pastor would write, "To be determined by the next Pastor" on the form.

We were able to save the two Churches through our proactive consolidation into Holy Family Parish of Minersville – a first in the Diocese of Allentown. We have come current on paying our Diocesan Assessments as a review of the financials upon my becoming Pastor in June 2019 showed that the Parishes of St. Matthews and St. Michaels were a combined \$300,000+ in unpaid back assessments (to be clear, the Parishes owed the Diocese over \$300k). This included one of the Parishes not paying insurance premiums for quite some time. This has been corrected and we are now current. By evaluating our resources, selling some properties and making sure that our remaining properties are utilized to meet our Parish Mission, we will be able to ensure a strong, viable and vibrant Parish for many years to come.

I wanted to address some of the statements that have been made on social media as to why we tore the building down: 1) They are tearing it down to get ready to get rid of the parish and 2) They are doing it for more parking. As for getting ready to get rid of the parish. Why would we spend money to demolish a building if we are going to get rid of the Parish? That would not make sense and be a waste of money. As for the parking. This was not the reason for getting rid of the building. We will use the footprint of the buildings for additional parking, but the reason for demolishing the buildings is as stated above – It was beyond our means to repair them.

Ask Father: Why did the Parish buy a new truck?

Holy Family Parish did not purchase a new truck. Fr. Zelonis purchased a 2012 Ford truck for St. Michael the Archangel Parish prior to my arrival in Minersville to replace the truck St. Michaels owned in the past. The truck was purchased with a loan. I paid off the loan in 2019 to prevent us from paying any additional interest on the truck.

Sisters Heating Fund:

As many of you are aware, we had to move our Sisters from the old St. Michael the Archangel Convent. The move was because of considerable and immediate safety concerns with the building and would have cost the Parish possibly up to \$1,000,000 to bring to code and renovate. The Sisters were moved to the to the rectory purchased several years ago to be used as the St. Michael the Archangel Rectory. That building came with an older coal burning unit that needs considerable service and is not reliable. We would like to convert the coal heat to oil, but this would cost \$12,000. And so, we are reaching out to you to help our Sisters. Please let us know if you would be able to donate to ~ **The Sisters Heating Fund** to defray the high cost of converting the heat in the convent. Thank you for your continued support of our Sisters and may God bless you!

Please Sign-Up for: Soup & Stations ~ Friday, March 26

Soup ~ 5:00 PM - 6:45 - Parish Center at Hillcrest
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - Parish Center at Hillcrest

Please complete this form ASAP. Thank you.
Deadline for sign-up: Sunday, March 21, 2021

Menu: Choice of Potato Soup or Vegetable Vegetarian plus ~Roll & Butter, Coffee, Tea or Water
If you are going to join our Parish Family for this special Lenten event, please complete the following:

First & Last Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Please check 1 choice of soup:
 Potato Soup Vegetable Vegetarian

Please complete and drop off in Parish Office mail box or in the Sunday Collection.
Any questions? Please call Sister Catherine Therese @ 570-544-4741 Ext. 4

Free Will Offerings accepted

Renewal of Vows

Please join us on Friday, March 19 for the 8:00 AM Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church of Holy Family Parish of Minersville as we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Our Sisters of St. Joseph (Sr. Catherine Therese Brennan, Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy and Sr. Kate) will renew their perpetual vows at this Mass. Please come and show your support of our wonderful Sisters!

Application for The Edward T. Maleskas Scholarship Fund for the 2021-2022

school year are available to families of the former St. Francis of Assisi Parish and current members of Holy Family Parish, Minersville, Pa. Applications for college, Catholic high school, and Catholic elementary school can be obtained by contacting the trustee,
Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Yenushosky at ~ djyen1977@gmail.com.

Sale Date for Holy Family Lenten Food Sale

Friday, March 19

Lenten Food Sale - Noon - 4:00 PM - Parish Center at Hillcrest. Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - St. Michael's

570-544-4741

Pierogi ½ Doz. ~ \$4.00 Doz. ~ \$8.00
(Frozen or Hot)

Halushki 12oz. \$3.00 Quart ~ \$8.00

Clam Chowder 12 oz. \$3.00 Quart ~ \$8.00
(RED)

Potato Soup 12 oz. \$3.00 Quart ~ \$8.00
(for soups please indicate hot or cold)

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.

BAKERS:

Please deliver baked goods to Holy Family Parish Center at Hillcrest on Thursday, March 18th between 4:00 and 6:00 PM.

Bob Mulhall Memorial Lottery Calendar **March 2021 WINNERS**

March 1 ~ Marie Herne # 568

March 2 ~ Frank Kuchta #665

March 3 ~ Colleen Griffin #105

March 4 ~ NO WINNER

March 5 ~ June Paul # 400

March 6 ~ Donna Hashin ~ # 598

March 7 ~ William Prelovsky ~ # 317

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 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PROGRAM

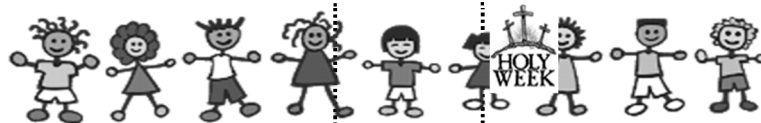
Coordinator: Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy, SSJ

Email ~ HolyFamilyConfirmationPrep@gmail.com

Grades 7- 8 5:45 PM - 7:15 PM

Holy Family Parish Center at Hillcrest

Dismissal at 7:15 PM



DEVOTIONAL LAMP INTENTIONS

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

† Blessed Virgin Mary

Special intention

Sally Gober

Special Intention For Jean Messaros
Family

† St. Joseph

In Loving Memory of Stanley Graf, Sr.
Graf Family

† St. Jude

Special Intention For Jean Messaros
Family

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

† Sanctuary

*In Loving Memory of Rev. John Bambrick
Joe and Jo Ann*

† Blessed Virgin Mary

*In Loving Memory of Elizabeth (Betty) Marazas
(Bday 3-12)*

Joe and Jo Ann

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Patricia Whiteash
Family

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Protecting God's Children Online Classes:

Must have a computer, Free Zoom Program
and e-mail access. Limited to 30 attendees.

Please register at: www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0

Tuesday, March 9 = 6:00pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday, March 25 = 1:00 pm to 4:00pm

***Any questions, please e-mail Janice
Woolley at: jwoolley@allentowndiocese.org***

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER Schedule



Thursday, April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM -
St. Michael's

Night Prayer - 11:00 PM - St. Michaels

Friday, April 2

Good Friday Liturgy - 3:00 PM -
St. Michael's

Saturday, April 3

Blessing of Easter Foods - Noon -
St. Matthews

Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM - St. Matthew's

Sunday, April 4

Easter Mass - 8:30 AM - St. Matthew's
Easter Mass - 10:30 AM - St. Michael's