

# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH OF MINERSVILLE

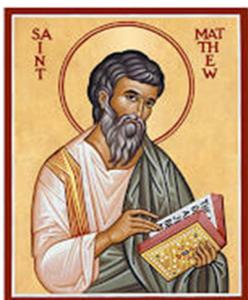


Holy Family Parish of Minersville is a Christ-centered sacramental family, modeled after the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We are dedicated to growing in our faith, spreading the Gospel in our community, preserving our rich traditions while looking to the future and living as disciples of Jesus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

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 3/4, 2021

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**Parish Website:** [minersvillecatholic.com](http://minersvillecatholic.com)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org)

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

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

**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 3 July - Vigil Mass for The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Michael's

4:00 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Darlene Spotts*  
Joe and Betty Jean Lazarchick

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

**Sunday, 4 July - The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Matthew's

8:30 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Daniel and Mary Sullivan*  
Alphonse G. Santarelli

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

**Monday, 5 July** - St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest  
**8:00 AM ~St. Matthew's ~**

**Tuesday, 6 July** - St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr  
8:00 AM ~St. Michael's ~

**Wednesday, 7 July** -  
8:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~

**Thursday, - 8 July -**  
**NO MASS**

**Friday, 9 July** -  
St. Michael's ~ *William J. Parker*  
Wife, Madeline

**Saturday, 10 July - Vigil Mass for The Fifteenth 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 ~ *Susan Dunleavy*  
Husband, Mike

**Sunday, 11 July - The Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Matthew's

8:30 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Lisa and Jacob Shaak*  
Family

10:30 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Elmer F. Heffner, Jr.*  
Sister, Carol and Nephew, Bobby

**HOLY FAMILY 50 / 50**

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

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

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*Collection Amounts For*  
**June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> = \$6,180.25**

This week the second collection is for  
**Cemetery Maintenance**

Next weekend the second collection is for  
**Fuel and Heat**

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to our Online givers as well!

**BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC  
ANNUAL APPEAL**

We need the support of all of our parish families to reach 100% participation. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at:

**BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.**

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METAL WORK**

Thank you for sponsoring an ad,  
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**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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org)

**YOUTH PROTECTION DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR**

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS ~ Secretary for Youth Protection ~ [prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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

**CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE**

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting ~ [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) 800-276-1562



### **Ask Father: Can you help us to understand the liturgy better?**

*Great question – the Eucharist is the source and summit of our existence. I am so pleased that you have a desire to understand it better and as such grow in your faith. I found a great exposition on the liturgy in Our Sunday Visitor. As it is lengthy, I will use this article over a couple weeks. Today we will start with the first half of the Mass -The Liturgy of the Word.*

#### *Introductory rites*

- The Mass begins with a procession of, at minimum, the priest into the sanctuary. The priest and any one who accompanies him represents the congregation, and their journey symbolizes the Christian journey through life to the heavenly courts.
- Oftentimes, at the front of the procession, one of the servers (a crucifer) carries a crucifix symbolizing that Jesus is our “leader to salvation” (Heb 2:10).
- The Mass then officially begins with the priest and people making the Sign of the Cross, a gesture that dates back to the first century of Christianity and summarizes the Christian belief in a Trinitarian God who descended from heaven to earth, who is now seated at the right hand of the Father, and whose death on a cross opened heaven’s gates.
- This is followed by a greeting. The priest may echo St. Paul’s words in 2 Corinthians 13:13, “The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”
- The people respond, “And with your Spirit,” acknowledging that the priest stands there in the person of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Penitential rite: Next, following the example of the tax collector in Luke 18:10-14, who Christ commended for approaching God by first crying out, “O Lord, have mercy on me a sinner,” Catholics acknowledge our sinfulness and ask God’s forgiveness.
- The Gloria is said/sung on Sundays outside of Advent and Lent and all other Solemnities. Part of the Church’s liturgy since A.D. 128, the Gloria is the hymn of praise the angels sang at Christ’s birth, and that John heard in heaven (Lk 2:13-14, Rv 15:4). The hymn is a doxology, literally “word of praise,” a prayer expressing the Church’s great joy in God becoming man and revealing himself to us.
- After the Gloria, comes a brief opening prayer called the Collect.

#### *The readings*

- ◆ When the Word of God is proclaimed from the pulpit, Christ is really and truly present to his people. This encounter with Christ in his Scriptures has, since the days of the apostles, occupied a central place in the liturgy, with Catholics seeking to heed St. Paul’s admonition that “Faith comes from what is heard” (Rom 10:17).
- ◆ The first reading is generally drawn from the books of the Old Testament, the Scriptures of ancient Israel that tell of salvation history’s beginnings and point forward to the promised Savior.
- ◆ Next comes a selection from the Psalms. In ancient Israel, the Psalms were sung antiphonally, with a cantor singing a series of lines and the congregation responding with a repeated line. This is how Jesus and his mother prayed the Psalms, and this is how Catholics today continue to pray them.
- ◆ The second reading comes from the books of the New Testament, which were primarily letters from the Apostles to the Christian communities of the ancient world, and which were, from the start, intended for a liturgical setting.
- ◆ Then, a priest or deacon proclaims the Gospel, meaning “Good News.” Taken from one of the four Gospels in the New Testament, the Gospel often echoes themes from the earlier readings, demonstrating the Church’s ancient understanding that the New and Old Testaments are only fully understood in light of each other.
- ◆ In the homily, the priest follows the example of Christ on the road to Emmaus, explaining and interpreting the Scriptures. Sometimes this interpretation is biblical, sometimes theological, sometimes moral or catechetical (Lk 24:13-35). Always, however, again in imitation of the Emmaus encounter (where Christ “was made known ... in the Breaking of the Bread”), it should prepare the congregation for or point us toward what is about to follow: the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

- ◆ Before the second part of the Mass begins, however, the congregation first rises to make our profession of faith. The Credo, literally “I believe,” is a summation of Catholic belief. Each word is weighted with meaning and was the subject of much theological wrestling in the first three centuries after Christ.
- ◆ The Creed most commonly recited today is the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, having emerged from the Councils of Nicaea (325) and Constantinople (381). When Catholics proclaim the Creed, we do so as a testimony to our personal faith, as well as to the unity of the Faith across space and time. It is a sign of communion with Catholics in the next pew, in fourth-century Antioch and in the heavenly courts.
- ◆ The Creed is followed by the prayers of the faithful or the general intercessions of the Mass. In obedience to St. Paul’s request in 1 Timothy 2:1-3, the Church offers “supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving for everyone,” beginning with petitions for the needs of the Church, then public authorities and those oppressed by any need, and finally the local community.

### **Part-time Administrative Assistant**

Holy Family Parish of Minersville is seeking a part-time administrative assistant who will be responsible for performing a variety of administrative tasks to support the Parish. The position is responsible for answering inquiries via walk-ins, emails and telephone calls, assisting with preparation of the weekly bulletin and preparing paperwork for weekly liturgies as well as other administrative related tasks. Candidates must be proficient in Microsoft Office and Publisher as well as demonstrate strong communication and organizational skills. The desired applicant is to have prior administrative experience, preferably in a religious institution and must be able to pass diocesan mandated background checks. Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Applicants are requested to submit a cover letter and resume to Fr. Stokes, Pastor at Holy Family Parish of Minersville, 538 Sunbury St., Minersville, PA 17954.

### **Please join us for our “Eucharist Bible Study”**

to deepen our understanding and belief in the true Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, which is the ‘source and summit of Christian life’” (CCC 1324). Our mission, especially during this Year of the Real Presence, is to increase our love, devotion, and reverence for Our Eucharistic Lord Who is present, body, blood, soul, and divinity, at every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We will build a more concrete foundation of why we are Catholic in doing so. By exploring the prefiguring of the Eucharist in the Old Testament and the fulfillment in the New, we will come to appreciate this amazing gift that brings Heaven to earth on the altar and gives us the privilege of intimate union with Our Lord in the Eucharistic feast. During this Year of the Real Presence in our Diocese, and in light of the startlingly lack of belief in the Real Presence among Catholics, it is imperative that we understand the reality of the most treasured aspect of our faith. *Meetings will be Tuesdays, June 29, July 6, and July 13 at 6:30pm in St. Matthew's*



### **Homebound Visits**

With the ease of COVID19 restrictions, we are resuming our Homebound visits. However, due to the length of time since our last visits (over a year), we are requesting that you contact the Parish Office if you are homebound and would like to have a visit for Holy Communion.

**Young adults** ~ once you turn 18 years old and are not attending college and if you still live at home or nearby and intend to continue worshipping at Holy Family Parish please contact the Parish Office to register as an adult member.

Parish Office Number 570-544-4741 (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

### **BASKET AUCTION TIME ~ AND YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**



We appreciate ALL the help you have given us in the past. We are asking for your help again this year. The following would be greatly appreciated: Ready made Baskets, Gift Cards from local businesses, Monetary donations (to help defray the cost of purchasing large item), large baskets that are lightly used and New items to make baskets. **PLEASE** do Not use old or used items in your baskets.

You can drop off your basket or items at Hillcrest Parish Center between 6:00 pm ~7:00 pm every Thursday starting July 1<sup>st</sup> up until August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

This is our second biggest Parish Fund Raiser and your help is needed and we are so thankful. Any question you can call Theresa @ 570-527-7035 (after 2:00 pm) or Jean @ 570-640-0140

## ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### PROGRAM

Coordinator: Sr. Catherine Therese Brennan, SSJ  
E-mail ~ HolyFamilyK6Prep@gmail.com

**Grades K – 6**

PREP will return in the fall – have a great summer!



## CONFIRMATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### PROGRAM

Coordinator: Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy, SSJ  
Email ~ HolyFamilyConfirmationPrep@gmail.com

**Grades 7- 8**

PREP will return in the fall – have a great summer!



## DEVOTIONAL LAMP INTENTIONS

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

† Sanctuary

*In Honor of Fr. Leo Maletz's 48th  
Anniversary of Ordination.*

† Blessed Virgin Mary

*Special Intention  
Sally Gober*

† Saint Joseph

*For the Health of Mrs. Jean Messaros  
Family*

† Saint Francis of Assisi

*In Loving Memory of Travis Newton (30th B'day)  
Mom and Dad*

#### **Flower Intentions:**

*In Loving Memory of Jean R. Lauck  
Daughter, Carol and Son, David*

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

† Sanctuary

*In Loving Memory of John Piccico  
Anna, Marie and Georgine*

† Divine Mercy

*In Loving Memory of Rich Krasnitsky  
Wife, Annamary*

† Saint Patrick

*In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Quinn  
Daughter, Cathy*

#### **Flower Intentions:**

*Special Intention  
Joe and Jo Ann*

#### **PFSA virtual Mandated Reporter Training**

Virtual training meets all requirements for training on recognizing and reporting child abuse at no cost.

**Please select one of the following dates to register:**

*These sessions must be attended LIVE in order to receive credit.*

*Questions can be directed to [training@pa-fsa.org](mailto:training@pa-fsa.org)*

Thurs. July 1st 9am-12pm    Tues. July 6th 9am-12pm

Wed. July 7th 9am-12pm    Wed. July 7th 6pm-9pm

Thurs. July 8th 9am-12pm    Thurs. July 8th 1pm-4pm

#### ***All Aboard!***

#### ***"We're Getting on Track with Jesus"***

At Holy Family Parish Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> To Friday, ~ July 16<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

At the Parish Office Building

All students Grade 4K - 6 are invite to attend.

Register ASAP by calling

Sr. Catherine Therese

@ 570-544-4741

Hurry! Don't Delay. See you soon!



#### **The Minersville Crafty Quilters ARE BACK!**

Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 P.M.

at Holy Family Parish Office. Please

use the back door on Lewis Street

(schoolyard). We are an outreach

program that makes home items for

charitable groups in our area. *We are*

*looking for new members.* You don't need to

know how to sew, all you need is a pair of scis-

sors. Come and join us for 2 hours of fun and

socialization. If you are interested please contact

Jean at 570-544-3609 or Kathleen at 570 544-

4600 or just show up on Wednesday from 6:00

p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the back door of the Parish

Office on Lewis St.

