

# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH OF MINERSVILLE

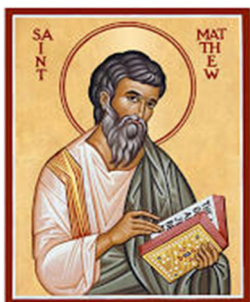


Holy Family Parish of Minersville is a Christ-centered sacramental family, modeled after the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We are dedicated to growing in our faith, spreading the Gospel in our community, preserving our rich traditions while looking to the future and living as disciples of Jesus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

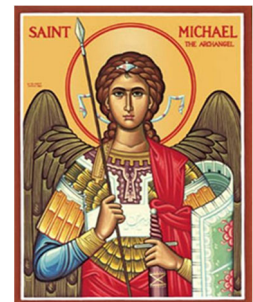
## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 17 / 18, 2021

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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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570-622-0106

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570-622-4638

**Parish E-mail address:** [HolyFamilyParishMinersville@gmail.com](mailto:HolyFamilyParishMinersville@gmail.com)

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

**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 17 July - Vigil Mass for The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Michael's

4:00 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Helen Carr*  
Blum Family

5:30 PM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Mr. & Mrs. Herman DiSarro*  
Daughter, Tina and Family

**Sunday, 18 July - The Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Matthew's

8:30 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *People of the Parish*

10:30 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Carter Larkin-Kukta*  
Rita Larkin

**Monday, 19 July**

8:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Josephine Yonosky*  
Charlotte Mickshaw

**Tuesday, 20 July - St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr**

8:00 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ *George J. Ryan*  
Wife and Family

**Wednesday, 21 July - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor**

8:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Helen Gelches*  
Joe and Marge Glovich

**Thursday, 22 July - NO MASS**

**Friday, 23 July - St. Bridget, Religious**

8:00 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Daniel W. and Georgia Brady*  
Estate

**Saturday, 24 July - Vigil Mass for The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Michael's

4:00 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Haney and Sirko Family*  
Daughters, Judy, Maureen & Sharon

5:30 PM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Thomas Donlen*  
Bob and Anne Miller

**Sunday, 25 July - The Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Matthew's

8:30 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Mr. and Mrs. David Appleby*  
Mary Jane Appleby and Lynda Gage

10:30 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Francis J. Lavin, Jr.*  
Friends

**HOLY FAMILY 50 / 50**

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

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

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*Collection Amounts For*  
**July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> = \$6,335.00**

This week the second collection is for  
**The Church in Central & Eastern Europe**

Next weekend the second collection is for  
**General Repairs**

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to our Online givers as well!

**BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC  
ANNUAL APPEAL**

At this time, 105 Holy Family Parish families have pledged \$12,578.00. This equals a participation rate of 8.75%. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach 100% participation. Please remember, every gift counts and 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.**

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

***Dr. Calvin D. Stoudt***

***Orthopedic Specialist***

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](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 (cont.)?**

We complete our journey through the liturgy with the second half of the Mass – The Liturgy of the Eucharist, from the Lord’s Prayer through Dismissal.

- The Lord’s Prayer: In preparation for holy Communion, the congregation stands and, with the priest, prays the Our Father. This prayer, taught by Jesus to his disciples in Luke 11:1-4, has been a part of the Mass since at least the second century. It’s there both as a reminder that our relationship with God is essentially familial — he is our Father — and as an act of supplication for “our daily bread” — the Holy Eucharist.
- The sign of peace: Christ adjured his followers that before they could approach the altar, they first needed to be reconciled with their brother (Mt 5:23-24). Likewise both Paul and Peter instructed the early Christians to “Greet one another with a holy kiss.”
- The Agnus Dei and Domine, Non Sum Dignus: In Revelation, the saints and angels worship the Lamb, and in John 1:29 we hear John the Baptist cry, “Behold the Lamb of God.” That is exactly what the congregation does as the Agnus Dei or “Lamb of God” prayer is uttered. Three times, using a formula of prayer introduced into the Mass by the seventh-century Syrian pope, St. Sergius, we implore Christ, the Lamb of God, for mercy.
- The congregation answers in turn with the Domine, non sum dignus, the words of the centurion in Matthew 8:8: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” That answer, like the centurion’s, is an act of faith, a profession of belief that there are no wounds of mind, body, or soul which Christ cannot heal.
- Holy Communion: Healing comes in holy Communion, when the faithful receive the Body and Blood of Christ.
- The rite today is an exact image of the early Church’s. As St. Ambrose in the fourth century wrote, “The priest says to you, ‘The Body of Christ’ and you say, ‘Amen.’”
- Communion may be received by all Catholics in good standing with the Church, who are not in a state of mortal sin and who have fasted for at least one hour.
- It may be received on the tongue or in the hand, with a solemn bow preceding reception.
- Communion is frequently offered under both species, Body and Blood, but the faithful need only receive under one kind to receive the fullness of both.
- After all have received Communion, the priest cleanses the Communion vessels, and offers a brief prayer.
- The dismissal: Then, almost too quickly, it’s over. The priest dismisses the congregation, blessing them once more with the Sign of the Cross and charging them to live what they have received.
- To do that, he says the same words which have dismissed the faithful since the days of the catacombs: *Ite, missa est*, translated as “The Mass is ended.”
- The appropriate time to leave Mass is after the Priest and liturgy team have reached the back of the Church (NOT BEFOREHAND).

### **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.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**



**September 27, 2021**

Diocese of Allentown—Annual Golf Tournament  
Steel Club



Proceeds to benefit Seminarian &  
Catholic School Education

### **BASKET AUCTION TIME ~ WE NEED YOUR HELP**



**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021**

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 items), large baskets that are lightly used and new items to make baskets.

**PLEASE** do not use old, used or expired items in your baskets.

You can drop off your donations (baskets, gift cards, money, etc.) at Hillcrest Parish Center from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm every Thursday starting July 1<sup>st</sup> through August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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

### **COVID-19 Restrictions Update**

In accordance with the CDC, Commonwealth of PA and the Diocese of Allentown, the following COVID-19 guidelines are in effect for Holy Family Parish of Minersville: Masks are no longer required in any Parish facility (you may wear a mask if you choose), we will begin using our Parish Intention Book at Mass, Holy Water will be returned to the Holy Water Fonts, Altar Servers will be utilized effective September, all other Parish activities will be returned to normal. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance to both Churches for those who wish to use it. The Sign of Peace and distribution of Holy Communion via the chalice will continue to be suspended until further notice. Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

## 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**

† **Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Special Intention*

Sally Gober

† **Saint Joseph**

*For the Health of Mrs. Jean Messaros  
Family*

#### **Flower Intentions:**

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

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

† **Sanctuary**

*Special Blessing for a Friend*

Special Friend

† **Holy Family**

*Special Intention*

Family

#### **Flower Intentions:**

*Special Intention  
Friend*

### **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:**

Wed. July 21	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thurs. July 22	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thurs. July 22	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Tues. July 27	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wed. July 28	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wed. July 28	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Thurs. July 29	9:00 am - 12:00 pm

***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)***

### **Homebound Visits**

With the ease of COVID-19 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.)