

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.

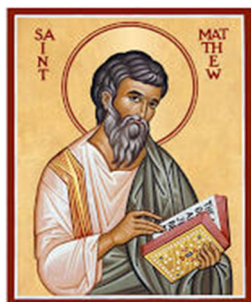
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 24 / 25, 2021

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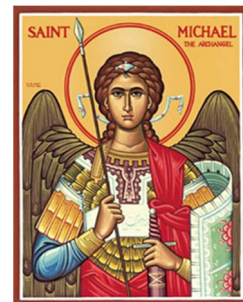
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Parish Website: minersvillecatholic.com

Diocesan Website: www.allentowndiocese.org

Nativity B.V.M. High School

570-622-8110

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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, 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

Monday, 26 July - Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the B.V.M.

8:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Joseph Barnetsky*
Theresa Rizzardi

Tuesday, 27 July -

8:00 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ *George J. Ryan*
Jeremy, Brenda, Gehrig & Shea

Wednesday, 28 July -

8:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Margaret D. Moffitt*
Moffitt Family

Thursday, 29 July - NO MASS

Friday, 30 July - St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Denise L. Kennedy*
Mother-in-Law, Rose Kennedy

Saturday, 31 July - Vigil Mass for The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Michael's

4:00 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Michael Keyso*
Bill, Jean & Mark Angelo

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

Sunday, 1 August - The Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Matthew's

8:30 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Charles P. Stablum, Sr.*
Ronnie and Mary Ellen Renninger

10:30 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Mary Santai*
John and Judy Ruddy

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 17th & 18th = \$ 4,722.00

This week the second collection is for
General Repairs

Next weekend the second collection is for
Utilities

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

***Morgan Basement
Waterproofing***

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

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

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



Ask Father: News Release on Obligation for Catholics to Attend Mass as of August 15

With vaccination rates rising and nearly all Coronavirus restrictions lifted, Bishop Alfred Schlert has joined bishops around Pennsylvania in determining that the obligation for Catholics to attend Mass will resume on August 15.

“We thank God that this terrible pandemic has continued to ease, and that people in our communities have been able to begin reclaiming a sense of normalcy in their lives,” Bishop Schlert said. “We also thank God that Catholics can once again get back to their normal and regular attendance at Mass.”

Here is a joint statement issued today (7/15) by the Bishops of Pennsylvania:

“As life returns to normalcy in so many ways, each Catholic Bishop in Pennsylvania will reinstate the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Bishops had dispensed you from this obligation in March of 2020 as the developing coronavirus pandemic required people not to assemble in group settings. Now, with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is again possible for the faithful to assemble for the Eucharist and the time for us to lift the dispensation from the obligation.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days comes from our Baptism as Christians. Baptism compels Christians to unite themselves with Christ at the altar in his saving Sacrifice of the Cross. “Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2182).

This is the foundation for the law of the Church that binds Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days (Code of Canon Law, canon 1247) and the Christian way fully to observe the Third Commandment, to keep holy the Lord’s Day (Deuteronomy 5: 12; Exodus 31: 15; Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2180-2181).

This obligation, as is always the case, does not apply to those who are seriously ill, have a serious health risk, as well as those who have serious anxiety of being a part of large groups at this time. Likewise, the obligation does not apply to those who care for those who cannot attend Mass in person (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2181). Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ in his worship of the Father of us all. Those who are legitimately excused are also encouraged to view a broadcast of the Mass which is intended for those who cannot participate in person.

As your Bishops, we welcome this moment of the reinstatement of the obligation for all Catholics in Pennsylvania. This is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus to us in his Holy Body and Blood as well as the joy of gathering together as people of faith.”

Catholics around Pennsylvania received a dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation on March 12, 2020, as part of a comprehensive series of safety measures designed to limit the spread of disease at the height of the pandemic. Diocesan schools switched to remote learning on March 13, 2020.

On March 16, 2020, Bishop Schlert temporarily suspended public participation in Mass, but asked that churches around the Diocese remain open so that the faithful would have a place of refuge for private prayer in a time of great uncertainty and anxiety.

With social distancing and other safety measures in place, Masses reopened to the public on June 1, 2020, subject to capacity limits, and on August 31, 2020, all diocesan schools reopened for in-person learning. Masses at all parishes are now open for all with no capacity limits.

As always, Catholics are not obligated to attend Mass if they are ill, if they believe they have been exposed to a contagious illness, if they have serious underlying

health conditions, or if they are confined to their home, to the hospital, or to a nursing facility.

The Diocese will continue to monitor virus conditions and guidance from medical experts and public health officials, and will adjust its precautions if necessary to protect the health of the faithful and the clergy.

The 30th Annual St. Joseph Center for Special Learning Golf Classic

will be held on Friday August 20, 2021 at Mountain Valley Golf Course, Barnesville, PA with registration and lunch at 11:00 a.m., golf at 1:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:00 p.m. Register and pay online by Tuesday, August 10th at:

www.stjosephctr.com

Annual 40-Hours Eucharistic Devotions

We have scheduled our Annual 40-Hours Eucharistic Devotions for Friday, November 5, Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7. Please join us for our devotions as we continue to celebrate this Year of the Real Presence. More information to follow.

NATIVITY B.V.M. HIGH SCHOOL

is accepting applications for the position of:

* **Math Teacher (full/part time) ~ Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics/Math Education is required with certification.**

Interested candidates for the 2021-2022 school year should send resume, certifications and all clearances to:

Nativity BVM High School
Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal
One Lawtons Hill
Pottsville, PA 17901
or lsabol@nativitybvm.net

Heating and Air Conditioning

Please do not touch the thermostat controls in Parish Buildings—this includes our Churches. Certain staff members have been given the authority to change the settings, but no one else should touch any temperature controls. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Browse and Bid

**Friday, August 20th
5:00pm – 8:00 pm**



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**Saturday, August 21st
4:00pm – 8:00 pm**

Holy Family Parish Center at Hillcrest 631 Minersville – Llewellyn Highway

Auction – Sunday, August 22nd
Doors open 11:00 AM - Auction 2:00 PM

**Large Table Items
55" TV, Money Tree, Lottery Tree,
Tub of Cheer, Rocking Chairs & Accessories, Chromebook, Yeti Cooler**

Many Theme Baskets and other large items
Food will be served Saturday & Sunday

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

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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

† Sacred Heart

*In Memory of George J. Ryan
Wife, Nettie*

Flower Intentions:

*In Honor of Anna Rita Kozura (B-day)
Family*

Mass When Away from the Parish

With the lessening of the COVID-19 restrictions, many more people are traveling. This is a friendly reminder that we never take a vacation from our faith, and we need to attend Mass when away. Thankfully, there is a great website to find a Mass anywhere in the world—masstimes.org. Use this and worship

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.)

Back-to-School Blessing

It's hard to believe, but the summer is already half over. Our children will be returning to school in a little over a month. We will be offering a special Back-to-School Blessing on the weekend of August 28-29 at all of our Parish Masses. There will also be a small gift

Holy Family Parish AA Meetings

We are excited to announce that Holy Family Parish will be hosting Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on Mondays at 7:00 PM beginning on Monday, August 2. The meetings are open to everyone and will be held in our Parish Office & Religious Education Center using the Lewis Street entrance.