

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.

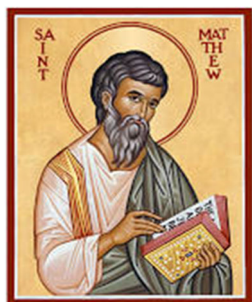
THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 6/7, 2021

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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, 6 November - Vigil Mass for The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Matthew's

4:00 PM ~ St. Matthew's~ *Barbara Wisnosky*
Husband, Richard

5:30 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Joseph and Mary Canfield*
Family

Sunday, 7 November - The Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time~ Children's Mass

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Michael's

8:30 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Margaret and Gus Moffit*
Dr. and Mrs. Augustine Moffit

10:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *People of the Parish*

Monday, 8 November -

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ *Mary Husla*
John Romanick

Tuesday, 9 November - The Dedication of Lateran Basilica

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ *Joseph B. Boran*
Estate

Wednesday, 10 November - St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ **NO MASS-Priest Workshop**

Thursday, 11 November~ St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
NO MASS-Priest Workshop

Friday, 12 November - St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ **NO MASS-Priest Workshop**

Saturday, 13 November - Vigil Mass for The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Matthew's

4:00 PM ~ St. Matthew's~ *Anna and John Morgalis*
A former neighbor

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

Sunday, 14 November - The Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Michael's

8:30 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Elmer F. Heffner Jr.*
Rita Gemmell

10:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *John F. Hudock*
John and Jill Cullen and Family

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.

Collection Amounts For
October 30th and 31st = \$4,590

This week the second collection is for
Fuel and Heat
Next weekend the second collection is for
Religious Retirement

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to our Online givers as well!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Mammoth Materials

Thank you for sponsoring an ad,
making our bulletin possible.

2022 Mass Book



The 2022 Mass Book is open as of October 15th, 2021. Please fill out a Candle and Mass sheet located in St. Michael and St. Matthew Churches as well as the Parish Office. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office.

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: Why should I get married in the Church?

This is a great question and unfortunately, many couples are choosing “destination weddings” or simply going to a justice of the peace. I found a great essay on why we should get married in the Church:

When we ask couples who are preparing for marriage, “Why do you want to get married in the Catholic Church?” sometimes the answers include.... “It is a family tradition”, or ... “it is the right thing to do”, or “our family expects it”. But there are deeper and more important reasons why a Catholic should get married in the Catholic Church:

Helps Us Fulfill Our Baptismal Promises

Getting married in the Catholic Church **helps us to fulfill our Baptismal Promises**. These are those promises that our parents and godparents did for us before God in our Baptism and that later in our life were renewed by us when we celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation.

Gives Us Graces

Getting married in the Catholic Church **gives us graces**. First there is an increase in *Sanctifying Grace*, which makes the couple spiritually stronger. Also, the couple receive *Sacramental Grace of Matrimony*, which:

- Perfects the natural love of husband and wife;
- Elevates this love to a supernatural level which far surpasses mere mental and physical compatibility.
- Gives to marital love a sanctifying quality, making it an instrument for growth in holiness and marriage a path to sainthood.
- Imparts conscientiousness in the begetting and rearing of children.
- Gives prudence in the innumerable problems consequent upon family life.
- Enables husband and wife to adjust to one another’s shortcomings and to bear with one another’s faults.

Creates A Bond Between the Spouses

Getting married in the church, **creates a bond between the spouses**, “*From a valid marriage arises a bond between the spouses which by its very nature is perpetual and exclusive; furthermore, in a Christian marriage the spouses are strengthened and, as it were, consecrated for the duties and the dignity of their state by a special sacrament.*” (CCC1638) So we can say that there is a special strength that is created when a couple gets married in the Catholic Church.

These are only a few of the many reasons why it is important for Catholics to get married in the Catholic Church. We hope that through the preparation for marriage and in your married life you will discover the great benefits that this Sacrament will bring to your union.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2020/BY CLAUDIO MORA

Help Needed

We are beginning to prepare for the Bob Mulhall Memorial Lottery Calendar that is held annually in March. We are in need of help selling the calendars before and after all weekend masses and out in the community. Please contact Katie in the parish office (extension 1) or send an email to holyfamilyparishminersville@gmail.com to sign up!

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important parish fundraiser!

***New Year's Eve Dinner & Party
Featuring Entertainer & Piano
Man — Tommy Zito***

Holy Family Parish Center at Hillcrest
631 Minersville – Llewellyn Highway, Minersville,
PA 6:00 – 10:00 PM, Friday, December 31, 2021

Adults \$25 / Children (5-17) \$10 / 4 and under Free
**Tickets can be purchased after Mass or by
contacting the Parish Office**
BYO beer and wine (no hard alcohol); water, coffee,
tea & hot chocolate provided.

Former child recording artist, member of groups Uproar,
Magnum and RCA recording group Aviator, and summer
entertainer for 10 years at Resorts Casino Hotel will be
performing an evening of audience requests of music from the
40s up to today. Tommy is also a multiple year winner of "Best
Summer Entertainer" and "Best All Around Performer" Lehigh
Valley, PA Music Awards.

Attention Altar Servers

Altar servers are being reintroduced into Masses
Please contact the Parish Office with your Mass
preference if you are a returning altar server.

We are also looking for new altar servers. Children
who have received their First Communion are in-
vited to sign up to become new altar servers.
Please contact the office.

Readers Needed for Mass

We are in need of more Readers for Masses.
Please contact Father Stokes if you are interested.
What a wonderful way to serve your Parish.

CYO BASKETBALL

Due to the lack of CYO Basketball by other parishes
in Schuylkill County and a low signup rate, we have
decided to postpone CYO Basketball until next year
(2022). We will keep you updated for signups next
year.

Holy Family Parish AA Meetings

Holy Family Parish is hosting
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on Mondays at
7:00 PM. Meetings are open to everyone and will be
held in our Parish Office & Religious Education
Center using the Lewis Street entrance.

Lights / HVAC in our Churches

We kindly ask that you do not turn on Church
lights or mess with the heating and air-
conditioning units in the Church when visit-
ing. We have noticed this happening recently
on weekdays. We leave our Churches open
during the day so parishioners can make visits
to the Blessed Sacrament and pray, and we
hope to be able to continue this practice.
Please help us out.

Holy Family Community Outreach

The next **food pantry distribution** is on
Wednesday, November 17th from 10:00 AM to
12:00 Noon. Please enter our Parish Office
Building using the back door from the parking lot
on Lewis Street.

We are once again joining together to provide
Thanksgiving Dinner to those in need. The Holy
Family Community Outreach is collecting turkeys,
the fixings, and gift cards to local grocery stores.
Representatives will be at each mass the weekend
of November 13th and 14th collecting donations.

Thank you for supporting Holy Family
Community Outreach in our efforts to help the
needy in our community!

Young At Heart will meet for lunch on Monday,
November 29th at 12:00 Noon at Palermo's for
their Christmas lunch.

Sisters of St. Joseph Chances Now Available

SSJ Annual Chance Drive
to benefit Saint Joseph Villa.

Grand Prize— \$10,000 also 5 prizes of \$500 each!
Donation— \$5 each or \$20 for a book of 5 chances!
Winners will be drawn on December 5th, 2021.

Purchase your tickets online at
<https://bit.ly/3yg4gRO> or by placing a check or cash in
an envelope with
Attention: Sister Catherine and your name, address,
and phone number. Please make checks payable to
Sisters of Saint Joseph.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Tuesdays 5:45 to 7:15 pm

Coordinator: Sr. Catherine Therese Brennan, SSJ
E-mail ~ HolyFamilyK6Prep@gmail.com
Grades K – 6

PREP NEWS:

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)
Interested adults wanting to share our Faith with the youth of our Parish, please contact

Sister Catherine Therese as soon as possible @ 570-544-4741 x 4.



CONFIRMATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Tuesdays 5:45 to 7:15 pm

Coordinator: Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy, SSJ
Email ~ HolyFamilyConfirmationPrep@gmail.com
Grades 7- 8

Virtual Mandated Reporter Training

Any Prep volunteers that still need to complete this required Mandated Reporter Training, please contact the office or Sister Catherine for dates, times, and registration information.



Angel Sharing Program for Christmas

All parish children are asked to donate an unwrapped gift by Tuesday, November 23rd, to bring Christmas Joy to a child in need. Gifts can be **new** clothing, shoes, toys, games, puzzles, jewelry, teenage items, and baby items for ages newborn to age 14.

Ask yourself, “Would I want to receive the Christmas Gift I am donating?”

DEVOTIONAL LAMP INTENTIONS

St. Matthew the Evangelist Church of HOLY FAMILY PARISH

† Sanctuary

In Loving Memory John F. Hudock
John and Jill Cullen and Family

† Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention
Sally Gober

Flower Intentions:

† Blessed Virgin Mary

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

St. Michael the Archangel Church of HOLY FAMILY PARISH

† Sanctuary

Stanley Scheib
Wife and Children

† Blessed Virgin Mary

In Loving Memory of Constance Motko
Robert and Ruth Kirwin

Flower Intentions:

Special Intention
Joe and JoAnn Holochuck