

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.

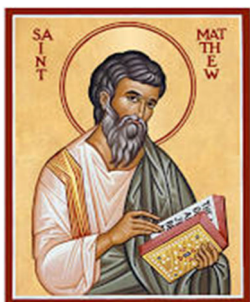
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
November 20/21 2021

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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, 20 November - Vigil Mass for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Matthew's

4:00 PM ~ St. Matthew's~ *People of the Parish*

5:30 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Lillian M. Heffner*
Charles and Elaine Brobst

Sunday, 21 November - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Michael's

8:30 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Alma Stramaitis*
David and Deb Sinko

10:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Eddie and Margaret Stack*
John Romanick

Monday, 22 November - St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ *Elizabeth V. Quinn*
Family

Tuesday, 23 November - St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ *David Moore (38th Anniversary)*
Family

Wednesday, 24 November - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ *Beth Cieslak*
Lynda and Jack Gage

Thursday, 25 November-- St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

NO MASS

Friday, 26 November -

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ *Dolores Gleason*
Larry and Lorraine Palko

Saturday, 27 November - Vigil Mass for the First Week of Advent

Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Matthew's

4:00 PM ~ St. Matthew's~ *People of the Parish*

5:30 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Stanley Scheib*
Wife and Children

Sunday, 28 November - First Week of Advent

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Michael's

8:30 AM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Irene Collins*
Russ and Kathy Horoschak

10:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's ~ *Isabel V. Thompson (Birthday)*
George and Jean Heffner

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
November 13th and 14th = 6,347

This week the second collection is for
General Repairs
Next weekend the second collection is for
Food Pantry Collection

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to our Online givers as well!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Quandel Concrete

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

2022 Mass Book



The 2022 Mass Book is open 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: I recently attended a service at a Protestant Church and they add, “For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever” at the end of the Our Father. Why don’t we?

Great question! The Lord’s Prayer can be found in the Gospels according to Matthew and Luke (though the one we use during the liturgies is from Matthew). Our Lord, when asked by his disciples, told them: “This is how you are to pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil’” (MT 6:9-13). Neither the Matthean nor the Lukan versions include the sentence, “for thine...”

The “for thine...” part is called a doxology and we do find practices of concluding prayers with a short, hymn-like verse which exalts the glory of God. In the early Church, the Christians living in the eastern half of the Roman Empire added the doxology “for thine...” to the Gospel text of the Lord’s Prayer when reciting the prayer at Mass. The official Catholic Bibles, including the Vulgate, the Douay-Rheims and the New American Bibles have never included the doxology.

In the Western Church and in the Latin Rite, we see great importance placed on the Lord’s Prayer at Mass, from the writings of St. Jerome, St. Gregory the Great, the Commentary on the Sacrament of St. Ambrose, and St. Augustine. In all instances, the Church saw this perfect prayer which our Lord gave to us as a proper means of preparing for Communion and none of this evidence includes the doxology.

The English wording of the Lord’s Prayer that includes the “for thine...” was based on the version of the Bible produced by Tyndale (1525) and promoted by King Henry VIII when he separated himself and the Church of England from the Catholic Church.

So, contrary to what some detractors of the Catholic Church sometimes claim (that we are not faithful to Sacred Scripture), we are indeed being very faithful to the words used by Jesus himself and relayed to us by St. Matthew under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Holy Family Community Outreach

The next **food pantry distribution** is on Wednesday, December 1st 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.

Christmas Giving Tree

Our Parish Giving Tree will begin November 19th and go through December 5th. Please pick a tag from the tree for one of the Nursing Homes, and/or local organizations requesting our help for the less fortunate at this special time of the year.

Bring the item **already wrapped** with the tag attached to it and place it under the tree. Due to the lack of storage space, Catholic Charities would prefer donations of Gift Cards to: Walmart, Target, Boscov's, Kohl's and any other stores that sell Baby items to allow Catholic Charities to purchase the items needed. Please place your gift card in an envelope, and place it under the tree in the **SPECIAL BOX** labeled "**Catholic Charities.**" If you have any questions, please see Sister Catherine Therese.

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

Catholic Women's Society of Giving
Peace, Joy... Advent

Rediscovering the peace and joy of Advent that so often gets lost in Christmas to do lists.

Saturday, December 11th

St. Mary's Church, Kutztown

To register contact the Office of Stewardship and Development at 1.800.831.4443 by December 8th.

Pierogies & Kielbasa for Christmas

Frozen pierogies and Kielbasa for sale for Christmas

Pierogies \$8.00 per dozen

Kielbasa \$9.00 per ring

Pre-orders only by December 10th

Call Debbie @ 570-617-2174

Pick up – December 17th – Hillcrest Hall 11:00 AM – 1:00 pm or 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Help needed to make Pierogies

All are welcome!

Sunday, December 12th 2:00 pm

Monday, December 13th – time to be determined

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.

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
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
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?”

Assumption BVM School Open House

Discover what Assumption BVM School has to offer at our OPEN HOUSE!

Sunday, November 21st 2021
11:30 AM until 1:00 PM
112 South 7th Street
Pottsville PA 17901
Main Entrance on Howard Avenue

For questions or more information, please contact Mrs. Tara Mengel at 570-622-0106.

DEVOTIONAL LAMP INTENTIONS

St. Matthew the Evangelist Church of HOLY FAMILY PARISH

† Sanctuary

*In Loving Memory of Walter Yonosky
Eileen DeStefano*

† Blessed Virgin Mary

*In Love Memory of David Moore
Family*

*Special Intention
Sally Gober*

† Sanctuary

*In Loving Memory of Cindy Semerod (1st Birthday in Heaven)
Sister, Lynn Ann*

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

*In Loving Memory Edward Herbert
Dotty Kull*

† Blessed Virgin Mary

*In Loving Memory of Anna Dukment
Joe and JoAnn*

*In Loving Memory of Richard DeStefano
Eileen DeStefano*

Flower Intentions:

*In Memory of Anna Dukment
Joe and JoAnn*