

# 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.

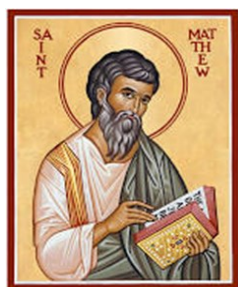
## First Sunday of Advent November 26/27, 2022

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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

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](mailto:HolyFamilyParishMinersville@gmail.com)

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

Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 26— Vigil Mass for First Sunday of Advent**

Confession 3:15 PM ~ St. Matthew's

4:00 PM ~ St. Matthew's~ *Wally and Josephine Yonosky*

Eileen DeStefano

5:30 PM ~ St. Michael's ~ *Isabel V. Thompson (Birthday)*

George and Jean Heffner

**Sunday, November 27— First Sunday of Advent**

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Michael's

8:30AM ~St. Michael's~ *Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gallagher*

Rose Ann Petrusky and Mary Anne McMillan

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

**Monday, November 28—**

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ *Joseph and Katie Hudock*

Frances Hudock

**Tuesday, November 29—**

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ *Charles and Anna Butler*

Estate

**Wednesday, November 30— St. Andrew, Apostle**

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ *Walter and Mary Zitka*

Walther, Kathleen, and Gregory Zitka

**Thursday, December 1—**

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ *Mary Canfield*

Ruth McNalis

**Friday, December 2—**

NO MASS

**Saturday, December 3— Vigil Mass for Second Sunday 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 ~ *Josette Makidi*

The Schubert Family

**Sunday, December 4— Second Sunday of Advent**

Confession 7:45 AM ~ St. Michael's

Children's Masses

8:30AM ~St. Michael's~ *Jane Chapman*

Robert and Kathleen Frantz and Karen Chapman

10:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's~ *Family of Martin and Elizabeth Lutchkus*

Doreen Smith

Parish Staff

Katie Cartwright

Director of Parish Life

Assistant to the Pastor

Sr. Catherine Therese Brennan, SSJ

Assistant to the Pastor

Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy, SSJ

Assistant to the Pastor

Heather Capuano

Finance/ Bookkeeping

Donald Bowers

Maintenance Foreman

Frank Kuchta

Music Ministry

Greg Senich

Music Ministry

Jane Yourey

Music Ministry

**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.

The October 50/50 winner was Mr. Thomas Symons!  
Congratulations!

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*Collection Amounts For*

**November 19th and 20th will be published at a later time due to publication deadlines.**

This weekend the second collection is for **Food Pantry Collection**

Next weekend the second collection is for **Parish Maintenance**

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**YOUTH PROTECTION DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR**

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

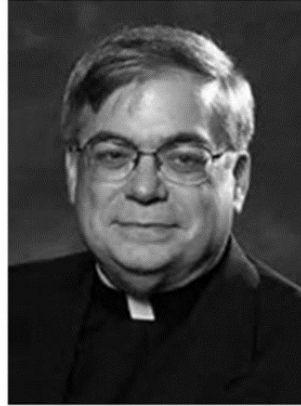
Diocese of Allentown 1515 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive P.O. Box F Allentown, PA 18105-1538 610-871-5200 Ext. 2204

**LOCAL SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR** ~ Katie Cartwright ~ 570-544-4741

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Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert  
5th Bishop of Allentown  
is coming to Holy Family Parish of Minersville!



Bishop Schlert will be the principal celebrant  
of the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 4  
(our monthly Children's Mass)



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



Take a chance on 2  
Christmas Lottery Trees!

Each tree has \$150 cash and  
\$150 in lottery tickets!

Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20  
Tickets can be purchased at  
weekend Masses or in the office.

Drawing: Monday, December 12th



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

**Tickets can be purchased after Mass or by contacting the Parish Office  
(570) 544 – 4741**

Adults \$30 / Children (5-17) \$10 / 4 and under Free

BYO beer and wine (no hard alcohol); water, coffee, tea and hot chocolate provided.

### Parish Activities and Events

#### Pilgrimage to Italy - April 2023

Holy Family Parish will be hosting a pilgrimage to Italy from April 23 to May 2, Please join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, great food, spiritual renewal and the opportunity to experience Italy as part of Holy Family Parish of Minersville. Please contact the Father Stokes for more information. **Only six spots left! Don't miss out!**

#### Pierogi and Kielbasa Orders for Christmas

Please come help us! Pierogies will be made on Sunday, December 4th.

12:30 – Potato Peelers      1:00 – Potato Dicers  
1:45 – Potato ball rollers      2:00 – Pinchers

To order call Debbie – 570-617-2174

Pre orders only

deadline for orders is December 4<sup>th</sup>

\$8 for a dozen frozen perogies

\$9 a kielbasa ring

Pickup is Sunday, December 18th, from 11 to 1.

#### Young At Heart Club

The Young at Heart Club will meet for their Christmas Lunch on Monday, December 5th, at 12:30 at the Pottsville Zone.

### Help Wanted

#### Musician Needed

We are looking for an accomplished pianist and/or organist to help us with the music ministry of Holy Family Parish of Minersville. Main duties would include: accompanying and leading music for the 5:30 Mass (Saturday, St. Michaels). Additional opportunities include accompanying and leading music for other Parish Liturgical functions, including funerals and weddings. Please contact Fr. Stokes if you are willing to serve your Parish!

#### High School Student Help Needed

We are looking for two to four high school students who would like to help direct the Children's Nativity Plays before the 4pm and 6pm masses on Christmas Eve. This would be a fun way to fulfill community service hours! Please call or email the parish office if you are interested in helping.

*Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered for, and attended the Turkey Bingo! It was more successful than we could have ever imagined!  
Save the date:  
Ham Bingo Sunday, March 26th!*

### Holy Family Community Outreach

The next food pantry distribution is on Wednesday, December 7th 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.

On Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM in the Parish Center Office Cafeteria, we will be wrapping gifts for the needy of the area. We are in need of as much help as possible. Students are welcome and will receive Community Service hours for their volunteering time. Please bring your scissors, scotch and Christmas spirit.

#### Christmas Giving Tree

Our Parish Giving Tree will be in the vestibule of both churches starting November 21<sup>st</sup> through December 11th. 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. Catholic Charities is requesting gift cards to Walmart. Please place your gift card in a small envelope, and place it under the tree in the SPECIAL BOX labeled "Catholic Charities" or Birthright.

### Community News

The Rosary is said at Castle Green Grotto every Sunday at 3pm.

The Sisters of St. Joseph are currently selling chances for their annual cash prize drawing and St. Joseph Christmas Cards. Please see a Sister of St. Joseph for more information.

# Religious Education

Katie Cartwright, Director of Parish Life  
570-544-4741

## ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Tuesdays 5:45 to 7:15 pm  
Grades K – 6



## CONFIRMATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Tuesdays 5:45 to 7:15 pm  
Confirmation Coordinator: Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy, SSJ  
Grades 7- 8

### Angel Sharing Program for Christmas

All parish children are asked to donate an unwrapped gift by Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 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

Assumption BVM School is seeking a **Full-time First Grade Teacher, full or part-time maintenance person and substitute teachers** for the 2022-2023 school year. Please send application, resume, certification and clearances to Assumption BVM School to the attention of Mrs. Teresa Keating, 112 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Pottsville, PA 17901 or call 570-622-0106 for more information.

#### Nativity BVM

Nativity BVM High School is accepting applications for the immediate opening for the position of Full-Time or Part-Time Music Teacher. Additionally, there is an opening for a Part-Time Business teacher beginning January 9, 2023. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree and Teacher Certification required for both positions. Interested candidates should send resume, certifications, and all clearances to Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal, One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville PA 17901.

Our monthly Children's Masses will be held  
Sunday, December 4th at 8:30 and 10:00 AM

### Devotional Lamp Intentions of Holy Family Parish

#### **St. Matthew the Evangelist Church**

##### † Sanctuary

*In Loving Memory of Wally and Josephine Yonoksy*  
Eileen DeStefano

##### † Blessed Virgin Mary

*Special Intention*  
Sally Gober

##### † St. Anthony

*In Thanksgiving for Dr. Jennifer Anthony*  
Barbara Vicic

#### **St. Michael the Archangel Church**

##### † Sanctuary

*In Loving Memory of Isabel V. Thompson*  
George and Jean Heffner

##### † St. Therese

*In Loving Memory of Denise Frantz*  
The Family

