

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.

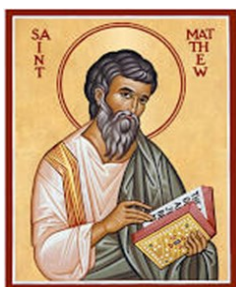
Second Sunday of Advent December 3/4, 2022

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Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMichaelDefendUs

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**

Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday, December 5—

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ *Holy Family Memorial Fund*

Tuesday, December 6— St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ *Rita Purcell*
Barbara Lagaza

Wednesday, December 7— St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ NO MASS
7:00 PM~ St. Matthew's~ *Stanley Graf Jr.*
Barbara Graf

Thursday, December 8~ Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ *David G. Doyle*
Mom and Dad
7:00 PM~ St. Michael's~ *Susan Dunleavy*
Michelle (Dunleavy) Mayes

Friday, December 9— St. Juan Diego

NO MASS

Saturday, December 10— Vigil Mass for Third 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~ *James and Elizabeth Brown*
Daughter, Rita, and Family

Sunday, December 11— Third Sunday of Advent

Confession 7:45 AM~ St. Michael's
8:30AM ~St. Michael's~ *Cathleen Carroll Moran (2nd Anniversary)*
Children and Grandchildren
10:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's~ *Andrew Slifko and Sarah and Joseph Hashin*
Family

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!

Collection Amounts For
November 19th and 20th = \$5,231

This weekend the second collection is for
Parish Maintenance

Next weekend the second collection is for
School Subsidy

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

BGs Value Market

Thank you for sponsoring an ad and 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.allentowndioocese.org

YOUTH PROTECTION DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS ~ Secretary for Youth Protection ~ prusso@allentowndioocese.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

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting ~ www.ReportBishopAbuse.org 800-276-1562

Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Plays

We are ecstatic to announce the return of the Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Plays! All parish children are invited to share the story of Jesus' birth at one of the Christmas Eve Masses. Children should attend the practice for the Christmas Eve Mass that they will be attending. To sign up please call 570-544-4741 ext. 5 or email holyfamilyparishminersville@gmail.com.



St. Michael's 4PM

Practice: Sunday, December
18th after 8:30 Mass

St. Matthew's 6PM

Practice: Sunday, December
18th after 10AM Mass

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

2023

Holy Family Parish Center at Hillcrest

631 Minersville – Llewellyn Highway, Minersville, PA
6:00 – 10:00 PM, Saturday, December 31, 2022

**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.

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!**



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

Community News

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

The Sisters of St. Joseph are currently selling St.
Joseph Christmas Cards. Please see a Sister of St.
Joseph for more information.

Pierogi and Kielbasa Orders for Christmas

To order call Debbie – 570-617-2174

Pre orders only

deadline for orders is December 4th

\$8 for a dozen frozen perogies

\$9 a kielbasa ring

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

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

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.

Christmas Giving Tree

Our Parish Giving Tree will be in the vestibule of both churches 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.

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

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 7th 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.

Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00pm - St. Matthew's
Thursday, December 8 at 8:00am - St. Michael's
Thursday, December 8 at 7:00pm - St. Michael's

Christmas

Saturday, December 24 at 4:00pm - St. Michael's
Saturday, December 24 at 6:00pm - St. Matthew's
Saturday, December 24 at 10:00pm - St. Matthew's
Sunday, December 25 at 9:00am - St. Michael's

Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 at 4:00pm - St. Matthew's
Sunday, January 1 at 8:30am - St. Michael's
Sunday, January 1 at 10:00am - St. Matthew's

PEACE ON EARTH



Devotional Lamp Intentions of Holy Family Parish

St. Matthew the Evangelist Church

† Sanctuary
In Loving Memory of Stanley Graf, Jr.
Barbara Graf and Daughters

† Blessed Virgin Mary
Special Intention
Sally Gober

St. Michael the Archangel Church

† Blessed Virgin Mary
In Loving Memory of Leary Family
Joan Versavage

In Loving Memory of Sophie Angelo
Rita T. Meadows

† St. Therese
In Loving Memory of Denise Frantz
The Family