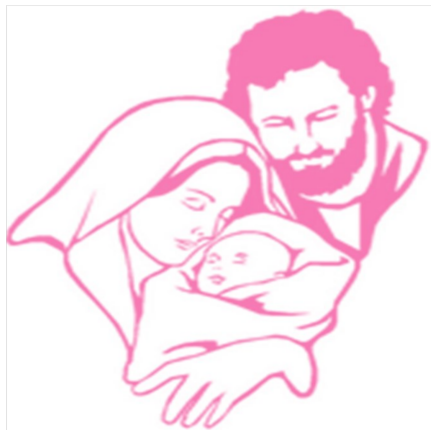


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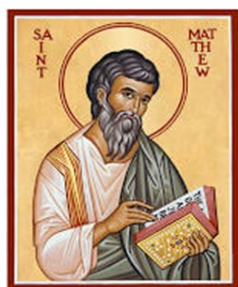


Holy Family Parish of Minersville is a Christ-centered sacramental family, modeled after the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We are dedicated to growing in our faith, spreading the Gospel in our community, preserving our rich traditions while looking to the future and living as disciples of Jesus Christ.

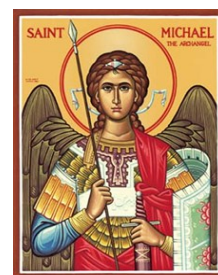
Third Sunday of Advent December 10/11, 2022

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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**

Parish Staff

Rev. Jason F. Stokes, M.Div., M.A.-- Pastor
Katie Cartwright-- Director of Parish Life/ Assistant to the Pastor

Sr. Catherine Therese Brennan, SSJ Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy, SSJ
Assistant to the Pastor Assistant to the Pastor

Heather Capuano
Finance/ Bookkeeping

Donald Bowers
Maintenance Foreman

Music Ministry:
Frank Kuchta
Greg Senich
Jane Yourey

Thank You to our
sponsor of
the week!
Mammoth

Collection amounts for...
November 26th and 27th
\$5,611

This weekend the second
collection is for

School Subsidy

Next weekend the second
collection is for

Local Poverty Relief

Monthly 50/50

\$1 per envelope
Your envelope is your ticket.
Please write your
name and phone number
on your envelope.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs.
Francis Poslosky
November 2022

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

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

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

Mass Intentions

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* By: 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)* By: Children and Grandchildren

10:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's~ *Andrew Slifko and Sarah and Joseph Hashin* By: Family

Monday, December 12— Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ *William Parker* By: Wife, Madeline

Tuesday, December 13— St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ *Rita Jefferson* From: Estate

Wednesday, December 14— St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ *Catherine Beury* By: Michelle Smith

Thursday, December 15~

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ *James and Edward Heffron* By: Georgine and Family

Friday, December 16— NO MASS

Saturday, December 17— Vigil Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent

Confession 3:15 PM~ St. Matthew's

4:00 PM ~ St. Matthew's~ *Richard Huntzinger* By: Steve and Joe Keitsock

5:30 PM ~ St. Michael's~ *Jim Rizzardi* By: Jim and Jo O'Brien

Sunday, December 18— Fourth Sunday of Advent

Confession 7:45 AM~ St. Michael's

8:30AM ~St. Michael's~ *Alma Stramaitis* By: Graeme and Samantha Sinko and Julian

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

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.

Perogie Making

Monday, December 12th at 9am volunteers are needed to
make perogies at the Parish Center.

Christmas Wafers

Christmas Wafers will be on sale in the back of Church
beginning December 17th. They can also be picked up in
the Parish office.. Cost \$5.

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 21st 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.

Devotional Lamp Intentions of Holy Family Parish

Mass Schedule

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



St. Matthew the Evangelist Church

† **Blessed Virgin Mary**
Special Intention
Sally Gober

† **St. Francis**
In Loving Memory of Cindy Semrod (2nd Anniversary)
Family

St. Michael the Archangel Church

† **Blessed Virgin Mary**
In Loving Memory of James and Elizabeth Brown
Daughter, Rita, and Family

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

Flower Intentions

In Loving Memory of James and Elizabeth Brown
Daughter, Rita, and Family