

# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH OF MINERSVILLE

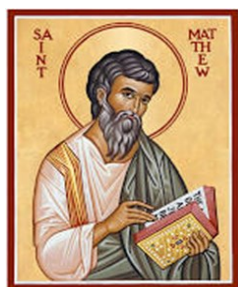


Holy Family Parish of Minersville is a Christ-centered sacramental family, modeled after the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We are dedicated to growing in our faith, spreading the Gospel in our community, preserving our rich traditions while looking to the future and living as disciples of Jesus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

## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 17/18, 2022

Parish Office 538 Sunbury Street, Minersville, PA 17954 -1016  
Office (570) 544 - 4741 Fax (570) 544 - 4742

Rev. Jason F. Stokes ~ M.Div., M.A. ~ Pastor  
Dr. James P. Henninger ~ O.D. ~ Deacon



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Minersville, PA 17954



538 Sunbury St.  
Minersville, PA 17954

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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**

## 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!

**C-Well Optical**

Collection amounts for...

**December 3rd and 4th**  
**\$6,650**

This weekend the second  
collection is for

**Local Poverty Relief**

Next weekend the second  
collection is for

**Insurance**

**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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org)

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

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING  
SERVICE Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting ~  
[www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) 800-276-1562

### Mass Intentions

**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*

**Monday, December 19—**

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ *David Sincavage* By: Wife, Barb

**Tuesday, December 20—**

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ *Donald R. and Kevin Meadows* By: Rita T. Meadows

**Wednesday, December 21— St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ *Anthony, Kathryn, and Marie Tomalonis* By: Walter, Kathleen, and Gregory Zitka

**Thursday, December 22~**

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ *E. and M. Murphy and A. Murphy* From: Estate

**Friday, December 23— St. John of Kanty, Priest— NO MASS**

**Saturday, December 24— Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord**

4:00 PM ~ St. Michael's~ *Mary R. Fitzpatrick* By: Children and Grandchildren

6:00 PM ~ St. Matthew's~ *People of the Parish*

10:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ *Lillian A. Thur* By: Madeline and Mike Spirko

**Sunday, December 25— The Nativity of the Lord**

9:00a AM ~St. Michael's~ *Jim Rizzardi* By: Len and Julie O'Connor

# Mass Schedule



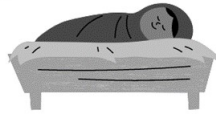
## Christmas

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



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## 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!**

### 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 Parish!

### Young at Heart Club

The Young at Heart Club will meet on Monday, January 2nd at Noon at Trish's Restaurant— weather permitting.

### 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. 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 St. Joseph Christmas Cards. Please see a Sister of St. Joseph for more information.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, an intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion, will be held February 10, 11, and 12, 2023. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, 610-435-1541, ext. 373. You may also email Carol at [carolswavely@ptd.net](mailto:carolswavely@ptd.net). Deadline for registration is February 3, 2023.

# 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 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.

## Devotional Lamp Intentions of Holy Family Parish



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

† **Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Zitka Family*

*Special Intention*  
Sally Gober

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

† **Sanctuary**  
*In Loving Memory of the O'Brien and McCormick Families Family*

† **St. Anthony**  
*In Loving Memory of Joseph P. Gleason Wife, Teresa*

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