

# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH OF MINERSVILLE

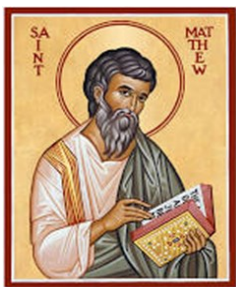


Holy Family Parish of Minersville is a Christ-centered sacramental family, modeled after the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We are dedicated to growing in our faith, spreading the Gospel in our community, preserving our rich traditions while looking to the future and living as disciples of Jesus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

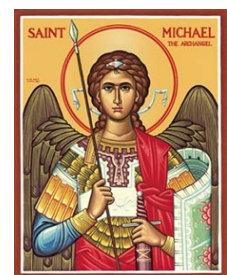
## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11th and 12th, 2023

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Dr. James P. Henninger ~ O.D. ~ Deacon



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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...

**February 4th and 5th**  
**\$6,584**

This weekend the second  
collection is for

**Convent Maintenance**

Next weekend the second  
collection is for

**General Repairs**

**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.**  
**Mark Quinn**  
**January 2023**

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)

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### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 11— Vigil Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Confession 3:15 PM~ St. Matthew's

4:00 PM ~ St. Matthew's~ *Danny Dutcavich* By: The Lescavage Family

5:30 PM ~ St. Michael's~ *People of the Parish*

**Sunday, February 12— The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Confession 7:45 AM~ St. Michael's

8:30AM ~St. Michael's~ *Thomas Kennedy* By: Wife, Rose, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

10:00 AM ~ St. Matthew's~ *Helen Marzas* By: John Grabusky

**Monday, February 13—**

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ *Michael and Mary DeStefano* By: DeStefano Family

**Tuesday, February 14— Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop**

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ *Margaret Moffitt* By: Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Genovese

**Wednesday, February 15—**

8:00 AM~ St. Matthew's~ *James J. Moore, Sr.* By: Evelyn Moore and Family

**Thursday, February 16—**

8:00 AM~ St. Michael's~ *Mary Harrington* By: Carol and John Grigalonis

**Friday, February 17— NO MASS**

**Saturday, February 18— Vigil Mass for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Confession 3:15 PM~ St. Matthew's

4:00 PM ~ St. Matthew's~ *Frank Maffei* By: Michael and Cindy Vuksta

5:30 PM ~ St. Michael's~ *Edward and Katherine Brady* By: M. Joseph Brady

**Sunday, February 19— The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Confession 7:45 AM~ St. Michael's

8:30AM ~St. Michael's~ *Florence Kobluskie* By: Janice Whalen

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

## **Ask Father: I am confused about how to receive Communion – what is the right way, in the hand or on the tongue?**

This is a good question and it is always good to refresh on the proper way to receive Communion. First and foremost, we must be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion. To do otherwise would be a sacrilege. To be in a state of grace means that we do not have any serious sins that have not been confessed. We see Christ in the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Gospel according to John instructing his Apostles (the first clergy of the Church) that whose sins they forgive are forgiven. Therefore, the priests are the ones to whom we must go to have our sins forgiven. I often hear the argument, “but I just feel I need to pray to God and he will forgive me.” Unfortunately this is a false argument – Jesus did not tell us to just pray to him and our sins would be forgiven. Instead he told us that we need to go to the priests for sacramental confession. This false argument comes out of the sin of pride – not wanting to say, out loud, in front of another, the sins we have committed. Remember the old saying, “The root of all sin is pride.”

So, assuming we have made a good confession and are now in a state of grace, how is it we are to receive Holy Communion? The proper posture for receiving Holy Communion is standing (not kneeling). We are to make a reverent bow (not a genuflection or any other gesture). We may receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hands – both being perfectly reverent and in line with the teaching of the Church.

A couple things to remember. When receiving on the tongue – stick out your tongue with an open mouth. Give the priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion a target – this will help mitigate the risk of the Sacred Host being dropped on the floor. When receiving in the hands: always use two hands, place the hand you intend to use to put the Host in your mouth on the bottom of the other hand, making a throne for our Lord. Never grab the Host from the priest or Extraordinary Minister. It would be more appropriate to receive on the tongue if you are unable to use two hands to receive as this will also mitigate the risk of dropping the Host.

The Eucharist is the TRUE BODY, BLOOD, SOUL and DIVINITY of Jesus Christ. As such, we must take care to treat it with reverence, care and attention. And we must always humbly follow the teachings of the Church, submitting our will out of obedience.

## **The CHOSEN Season 2**

No matter where you are at in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you!

Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on earth with him – the disciples, Mary his mother, the Pharisees, the children, those he healed. What would that look like? Now you can experience it! The Chosen is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, The Chosen allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him. The Chosen stays faithful to the Gospels and at the same time tells us a story that is in between the lines of scripture. This T.V. series brings to life those people that are mentioned in the Bible, using the historical context of life at the time of Jesus. The series does not contradict scripture, but instead puts life around it so that we as viewers can imagine, “What was life like with Jesus.” It really could have been this way.

We believe that as you encounter the characters in The Chosen each week for the next eight weeks, you will build a new curiosity about the life of Jesus and those that followed him when he walked the earth. This series has the potential to give a better understanding of Jesus as God and man. We will show Season 2, an episode a week for 8 weeks followed by a group discussion. Our hope is that as we encounter the characters in The Chosen, we are able to relate to the them, leading us in a closer relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior. The Chosen is a fresh look at the Gospels for those who have been reading the stories for years or for those who are just curious about who Jesus is and was.

Holy Family Parish will present The Chosen starting Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Center at Hillcrest in Minersville from 6pm-8pm. Light refreshments provided. Please register by contacting Julie Reiner at [reiner90@comcast.net](mailto:reiner90@comcast.net) or call the parish office by February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Parish Information and Events

Keep an eye out for the Lenten Schedule of Parish Events coming soon!

### Blessing of Houses

An annual blessing of the home is a great tradition in the church in many parts of the world. In the USA, many people have a custom of blessing the house when someone moves into a new house. In addition to this, it is also a great tradition and practice to invite your Pastor to do a house blessing annually.

So, how to get your house blessed? Sign up using the signup sheets located in the vestibules of our Churches. Include your contact information and a member of the Parish Staff or a volunteer will reach out to you to schedule a convenient date and time for Father Stokes to come and bless your house.

### Final Call!

#### 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.

### 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!



## **Holy Family Parish needs your help!**

Cooks with Collars voting is happening until February 20th! Every vote for Father Stokes helps Holy Family Parish! Plus every \$10 vote earns you a raffle ticket to win a dinner prepared by Father Stokes at the rectory for you and four guests! The office will keep track of the donations and will draw a winner at the end of the competition.

### Community News

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

The Diocese is hosting a Women's Lenten Retreat on Tuesday, March 14th at Holy Cross Parish, New Philadelphia from 6 to 8pm. To register call 610-866-0581 ext 2022.

# 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

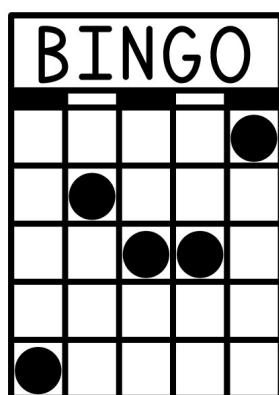


## CONFIRMATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

### Sacrament Schedule

Confirmation: Monday, March 27th  
First Communion: Sunday, May 7th, at 8:30am or 10am



## Ham Bingo Sunday, March 19th

Additional tickets can be purchased in the office.

We are in need of volunteers.

Sign up in the back of the Church or call the office.

### Devotional Lamp Intentions of Holy Family Parish

#### St. Matthew the Evangelist Church

##### † Sanctuary

*In Loving Memory of Lawrence Tex  
Gelches*

Wife, Rosalie, and Children

##### † Blessed Virgin Mary

*In Loving Memory of Francis Leister  
Dolores and Francine*

*Special Intention*

Sally Gober

#### St. Michael the Archangel Church

##### † Sanctuary

*In Loving Memory Sister Regina Adams  
Joe and JoAnn Holochuck*

##### † Holy Family

*In Honor of Rich Engleman  
Rose Kennedy, GERALYN and Joe Griffin,  
and Family*

