

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 1, 2021

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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St. Joseph is a Tithing Parish God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity, our people
returned to God the following:

Sunday Collection: \$ 2,530.00
Love of Neighbor \$ 820.00
The above are bank deposit amounts

Second Collections

Aug. 1st—Our Faith Our Future
Aug. 9th—Repair & Maint.
Aug. 15th—Assumption



Don't forget to sign-up for our annual parish picnic. Sign-up sheet on both bulletin boards. Our picnic will be on Saturday, August 14th, beginning with Mass in the Grove.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. July 31 st 4:00 PM	<i>St. Ignatius</i> Beatrice Gharrett (Joe & Vickie Youmans)
Sun. Aug. 1 st 8:00 AM	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Gloria Haluska (Seebold Family)
11:00 AM	Victoria Palacios (Julio & Margarita Bellido)
Mon. Aug. 2 nd 9:00AM	<i>St. Eusebius & Peter</i> Giovania Conigliaro (Giusi Viterbo)
Tues. July Aug. 3 rd 9:00AM	Special Mass intentions for Helen Choplick's 80 th Birthday (Michael & Sandra Jospheon)
Wed. Aug. 4 th 6:00PM	<i>St. John Vianney</i> Gary Regelman
Thurs. Aug. 5 th 9:00AM	<i>Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary</i> Jack Wasilewski (Flora ZuRussell)
Fri. Aug. 6 th 9:00 AM	<i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> Jack Wasilewski (Vince & Cynthia Waskilewski)
Sat. July Aug. 7 th 9:00 AM	First Saturday Jack Wasilewski (Helen Choplick)
4:00 PM	Special Mass Intentions for Father Hoke's Birthday
Sun. Aug. 8 th 8:00 AM	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gloria Haluska (Seebold Family)
11:00 AM	Richard Penella (Geri Preyer)

From your Pastor,

In the Navy Chaplain's School, one my instructors, a Rabbi, said the best parts of the scriptures are the questions. ??? The first question in the Bible is from God asking, Adam and Eve "where were you?" Good question for all of us to answer today as we consider returning to attending Holy Mass in the flesh.

This Sunday we have another question, coming from those who were following the Lord Jesus, the Rabbi. They asked, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"

This should also be our sincere question to the Lord. To them and to us, the Lord replies, "This is the work of God that you believe in the One He sent." It all comes back to Jesus and goes forth from Jesus to us again and again. Notice, the great challenge to believe in the One who was sent by the Father is to believe in the Holy Eucharist, to believe that Jesus is the bread of life come down from heaven.

Think about this, in order for us to do the works of God we must put absolute trust in Jesus, in His teachings that He is the Bread of Life come down from heaven. This great work of God is accomplished at every Mass. When you come to Holy Mass, especially on Sunday, you are accomplishing the works of God. This gift of Jesus, of Himself, His Body and Blood is the power-wash, to wash away the old sinful man and to become a new creation in Christ, "centered in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth".

There we have it, so simple, yet so hard for many to grasp; to do the work of God is to 'Do Eucharist'. Without the Eucharist we cannot completely do the work of God. Without the Eucharist we do not receive 'our daily bread' come down from heaven. Let us pray that many of our beloved brothers and sisters will return to join us to do the work of God.

Fr. John D. Hoke

Readings for August 1, 2021

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Israelites complain that Moses led them to the desert and there is no food for them there. Then the Lord told Moses he would rain down bread from heaven so the people might know that Al, the Lord, am your God. God did as he had promised and in the morning the people found the bread that he had given them.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Paul tells the Ephesians that they must give up their old way of life and live in accordance with the truth that Christ has brought them. He reminds them to acquire a spiritual way of thinking, and to remember that they are made in God's image and act accordingly.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

The people Jesus had fed on five loaves of bread follow him, and Jesus tells them they should not be looking for perishable food, but for spiritual food. The people want a sign that they should believe in him. He explains that he is the bread of life, and anyone who believes will not experience hunger or thirst. The people did not fully understand that he was speaking in the spiritual sense, and not of actual food.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Please do not forget to sign up for the annual pilgrimage to to Honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 5th. Please see Sign-up sheet on bulletin boards. It will be a wonderful day to join fellow catholics at the beautiful National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Remember those who are sick in your prayers, especially:

Vickie Youman	Marie Lindner
Joan Bittler	Kurt Livingston
Tresha Sudol	George Sudol
Abram Koons	Connie Buehler
Ed Zerrenner	Sister Laura
William Cameron	Mindy Lamprinos
Marie Luzenski	Shirley Rauch
Dolores Caicco	Billy Spaulding
Evelyn Young	Charlotte Farrell
Judy Reese	Carole Schrader
Mark Reeder	Luke Boyd
Mike Knauer	Frank Dominick
MaryRose Knelly	Nicole Lamprinos
Diane Sykes	Skip Winters
Sue Ozosky	

Margaret Koons request we pray for the 11 on her personal prayer list.

PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD

TELEPHONES

In the latter part of August we will be going through an upgrade of our current phones. We will be eliminating the multiple phone lines used by the church and moving towards a on-line phone platform. The current telephone number of 570-742-4356 will remain. We will have an automated system where you will have to listen to prompts to reach the person you wish to speak with. Thank you for your patience as we make this transition.

PARKING LOT AT PARISH CENTER

The week of August 16, 2021 the parking lot at the Parish Center will be closed for resurfacing and relining. The Center will be open for 11:00 Mass on Sunday August 22.

ADORATION

Are you able to spend an hour a week with Jesus? The Adoration Chapel at the Basilica of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Danville needs adorers! We are re-opening soon with adoration hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Contact **Kathy 570-259-0725** or **Lisa 570-204-2501** for more information or go to <https://adoration24hours.wordpress.com>

THANK YOU

Louise Wilver would like to thank all the parishioners for the beautiful birthday cards.

300 CLUB

On Saturday, December 11th we will be hosting our Annual 300 Club event. If you are a ticket holder and would like to request your number, please do so by reaching out to the church office. This will be an exciting evening filled with fellowship, food and multiple chances of winning cash. Hope you can join us.

HELP NEEDED

Harvest Festival help needed. St. Joseph will be participating with Milton's Annual Harvest Festival by selling walking tacos and apple dumplings. Please consider volunteering at the stand and/or helping make apple dumplings

WEDDING PICTURES

Wedding Photos will be up July 10th, but you can still submit wedding photos after they go up. Looking forward to hearing from you. Enjoy our Parish history!

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED

Openings are available in our CCD program. If you would like to teach, co-teach, or just be a sub in our CCD program please call Anne Rocktashel at 570-713-4763. Classes meet one time per week for an hour.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Religious Education will continue to meet throughout the summer.

Adult Religious Education will meet at the Parish Center on the following Sunday's after the 8:00 Mass. August 8 & 22.

Please join us for a cup of coffee.

Thank you. Anne Frances

FEBRUARY 2022 LOTTERY

Tickets for the February lottery are printed! If you have a special number you would like, you may request it through the church office. Please know, requests for specific numbers will be dated and reserved on a first come first serve basis. Deadline to reserve tickets will be close of business on Monday, August 9th. We are also seeking members of our parish who would be willing to take packs of tickets to help sell. If you would like to get a jump start on purchasing a ticket they will be available at our parish picnic on Saturday, August 14th.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our parishioners who took the time out of their week and weekend to help with our annual chicken BBQ. Your help is greatly appreciated and we would not be able to have successful fundraisers without you.

May God Bless You!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 14th Mass
in the Grove followed by Father Hoke's Ordination
Celebration/Parish Picnic
Monday, September 6th- Labor Day
September 11th Milton Harvest Festival
September 18th Milton Harvest Festival
September 19th Catechetical Sunday
Wednesday, September 22nd- First day of Autumn
Friday and Saturday, September 24th & 25th
Parish Rummage Sale
Saturday, October 2nd Rosary Rally
Friday, October 8th-Filled Chicken Dinner
Saturday, October 16th -Women's Conference
Sunday, October 31st - Happy Halloween
Monday, November 1st All Saints
Tuesday, November 2nd All Souls
Thursday, November 11th- Veterans Day
Friday, November 12th Filled Pork Chop Dinner
Thursday, November 25th Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 28th -1st Day of Advent
Wednesday, December 8th- Immaculate Conception
Saturday, December 11th 300 Club
Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 25th Christmas

