

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:	\$3,642.00
Mission Collection	\$1,005.00

Second Collection

Nov. 1st – All Saints

Nov. 7th – Our Faith Our Future

Nov. 21st - Matthew 25

Nov. 28th – Love of Neighbor

During the Month of November, we will be asking For Contributions to purchase Christmas gifts for Our shut-in parishioners and Nursing Home Residents.

If you wish to give, please take an envelope marked Christmas gift for Shut-in and Nursing Home Residents, complete and return.

Thank you so very much for you generosity.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 31, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. Oct. 30th

4:00PM

Jack Wasilewski
(Ken & Andria Laurence)

Sun. Oct. 31st

8:00 AM

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary Szempliski
(Husband, Richard)

11:00 AM

People of the Parish

Mon. Nov. 1st

Noon

6:00PM

All Saints

Poor Souls @ Church

Poor Souls @ Church

Tues. Nov. 2nd

9:00AM

Noon

6:00PM

All Souls Day

Poor Souls @ Church

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Poor Souls @ Parish Center

(Following Mass there will be a candlelight vigil where we will process to the cemetery, to gather at the Crucifix)

Wed. Nov. 3rd

6:00PM

St. Martin de Porres

Lois & Maynard Schnyder

(Tracie Leitzel)

Thurs. Nov. 4th

9:00AM

St. Charles Borromeo

Rosina & Joseph Muscarella

(Frank Muscarella Family)

Fri. Nov. 5th

9:00AM

Ardita Brown

(Ken & Andria Laurence)

Sat. Nov. 6th

9:00 AM

4:00PM

First Saturday

All Souls

Mary Szempliski

(Husband, Richard)

Sun. Nov. 7th

8:00 AM

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Msgr. Vincent Topper

11:00 AM

People of the Parish

Happy Birthday to Charlotte Farrell who celebrates her birth during the month of November

From your pastor,

Many years ago when I was a young priest serving as Catholic Chaplain at Penn State's Medical School and Medical Center in Hershey PA, I was asked by a Jewish family to come and be present at the bed side of their dying mother. They could not locate a Rabbi, so they thought the Catholic Priest might do. They asked me to pray the 'Shema', Hear oh Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with your soul, and all your strength." This prayer/ pious creed is the corner stone of Judaism. It was there to center all of the other laws rituals and traditions around this one solid article of faith. A faithful Jew would say this prayer at least twice a day, morning and night. St. Joseph would have taught the boy Jesus to say this prayer as the Holy family prayed together. To this day, a devoted Jew will hope to have this prayer/creed said at the time of their death. Without changing this prayer the Lord Jesus adds to it the second great commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Finally at the Last Supper, Jesus gave us the new commandment, "To love one another as I have loved you." Not by our own strength but by faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the Holy Spirit to be able to fulfill this commandment, by the Grace of God we are perfected and made into saints, holy ones who love God and love our neighbor. Most of us will die without completing the working of the Holy Spirit, we die lacking in love of God and neighbor. But in God's mercy, the friends of God, although lacking in complete love, hope and faith, are perfected in Purgatory.

November 1st is all saints Day, there are two Masses to honor and ask your family member, those who have been made saints by God to pray for you, that you and your loved ones will also become saints of God. November 2nd, All Souls Day, there are three Masses available for you to attend. The last Mass Tuesday evening, 6:00pm will be at the parish Center, followed with a procession to the New Crucifix, to pray for all poor souls buried in our cemetery. Please come. What better way do you have to love the Lord Your God, and love your neighbor?

Fr. John D. Hoke

Readings for October 31, 2021

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses commands the people to love and fear God, and always keep the commandments that they were given. He tells them to observe all statutes so that they will continue to grow and prosper, and tells them that they must love God with all their soul and strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Under the old covenant there were many priests, but Jesus will now remain high priest forever because he will live forever, and always be available to those who want to be saved. He does not need to offer sacrifice every day for the sins of his people, because he offered himself up in payment for their sins.

Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

One of the scribes asked Jesus which commandment is the first, and he replied that the first is to love and honor the Lord and no one else. Jesus explained that they must love God with all their heart, and love their neighbor. The scribe agreed that loving God completely and loving one's neighbor is better than any sacrifice they could make.

Birtright of Sunbury

At Birtright, we understand the challenges related to unplanned pregnancies. Birtright is available to women for as long as they need us. We offer love, friendship, and support to women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. Birtright is interdenominational and is not involved in any political activities, or lobbying. Birtright's focus is on loving the mother, reminding her that there is hope and ensuring she is not alone.

During the month of October we will be accepting infant/baby items and monetary donations in an effort to support our local agency in Sunbury.

Please consider giving.

For more information on Birtright, please visit birtright.org/sunbury

Remember those who are sick in your prayers,
especially:

Vickie Youman	Marie Lindner
Joan Bittler	Kurt Livingston
Tresha Sudol	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
Frank Dominick	MaryRose Knelly
Nicole Lamprinos	Diane Sykes
Sue Ozosky	Peggy Birdsall
Anna Lee Fagnano	Joan Rudloff
Landon Tanner	Abram Koons Jr
Lew Bogle	Frank Dominick
Jeanne Cavaliere	George Underwood
Gloria Reeder	

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

Knights of Columbus Council #4824 Coat Drive

Collection boxes will be placed in the Church & the
Parish Center to collect new and slightly used coats
for those in need, from infant to adult. The coats
will all be professionally cleaned prior to delivering
them to local charities as the weather turns cold.
Your generosity continues to support many in our
surrounding communities. When I was naked, you
clothed me...

If you wish to make a monetary contribution, please
make checks out to 'Knights Of Columbus Council
4824' and put in an envelope in the offering baskets
addressed to Kevin Wendt c/o Knights of Columbus

300 Club Tickets

There are only a few 300 Club Tickets available.
To ensure you get your ticket to the event of the
year, see Anne R. , Vince or Stefanie after mass!

You won't want to miss out on socializing, over-
indulging in great food and wining cash!

**Good luck to all who
purchased a ticket!**

Pumpkin Rolls

The youth of our church will be sponsoring a
pumpkin roll sale to benefit the C.C.D. program.
Pumkin rolls are \$10. Each and will be available
after Masses on the Weekend of November 20th
and 21st.

Please use order form attached, place your order
marked CDC Pumpkin Roll in an envelope and place
in collection basket.

Deadline to order is November 14th.

Thank you for supporting our CCD programing.

CCD PUMPKIN ROLL ORDER

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

QTY: _____

TOTAL AMONT ENCLOSED: _____

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 31st – Happy Halloween
Monday, November 1st All Saints
Tuesday, November 2nd All Souls
Sunday, November 7th -Daylight Savings Ends
Thursday, November 11th- Veterans Day
Friday, November 12th Filled Pork Chop Dinner
Saturday, November 13, 2021- Catechetical Conference
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
January 21, 2022- National March for Life
April 2, 2022- Men's Conference

Diocesan Catechetical Conference November 13th Livestream and In-Person

All are invited to the Annual Diocesan Catechetical Conference on Saturday, November 13, at the Diocesan Center. The theme is *Catechizing for Conversion*. Great workshops with an outstanding lineup of speakers. Keynote speaker is Scott Sollom, Professor of Catechetics at Franciscan University. The day also includes Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer, Confessions, Vendors, and lunch. In-Person and Virtual options available. Register by November 10th at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/catechetical-conference/>

Fundraiser Corner

Filled Chicken Breast Dinner-Total Expenses: \$2,390.67, Total Deposit: \$4,457.00, Estimated Profit: \$2,066.33

Bosco's

Thank you to those who purchased a gift certificate for Bosco's Department store. The church made \$85.00.

Filled Porkchop Dinner

Friday, November 12, 2021

4-6:30PM

\$12.00

Filled Porkchop, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Fresh Frozen Corn, Applesauce, Dinner Roll and Dessert

Take Out Only

We are not accepting phone orders

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>

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a financial background? Love looking at balance sheets and deciphering what they mean? Looking for a volunteer opportunity where you can use your expertise and help the greater good? The Matthew 25 Committee is looking for new committee members with a financial background to help review grant applications for community organizations who are applying for funding. The committee meets annually to assess applications and determine funding requests. Committee members are assigned several organizations to interview to understand the annual requests and ensure that the requested funds will be used for food, clothing and shelter needs. If you are interested in learning more about this committee and how you could help, please contact Kim Roche, Director of Stewardship & Development at the Diocese at (717) 657-4804, ext 245 or via email at kroche@hbgdiocese.org.