

# St. Joseph Catholic Church



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## St. Joseph is a Tithing Parish

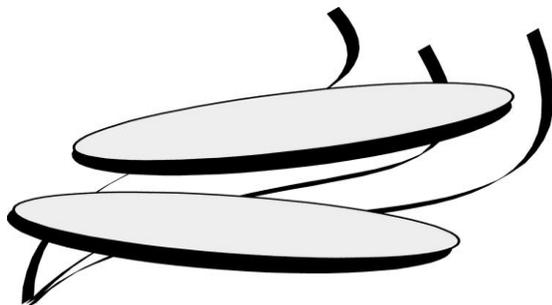
### God's Plan for Giving

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

Sunday Collection:	\$4,612.00
Love of Neighbor:	\$ 576.00

## Second Collection

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> –Our Faith Our Future  
Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>- Repairs & Maint.  
Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> - Matthew 25  
Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – Love of Neighbor



## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 7, 2021

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM 4:00PM	<i>First Saturday</i> All Souls Mary Szempliski (Husband, Richard)
Sun. Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM	<i>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Rev. Msgr. Vincent Topper
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Mon. Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	All Souls
Tues. Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup> 9:00AM	<i>The Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i> Pauline & George McGee (The Girls)
Wed. Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> 6:00PM	<i>St. Leo the Great</i> Mario Caicco (Carolyn Caicco)
Thurs. Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup> 9:00AM	<i>St. Martin</i> William Lang (Tom & Marian Lang)
Fri. Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> 9:00AM	<i>St. Josaphat</i> Chic Chicchino & Clark Fisher (Anne)
Sat. Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> 4:00PM	<i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</i> People of the Parish
Sun. Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM 11:00 AM	<i>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> All Souls Jim Brown (Nephew, Tom & Marian Lang)

### Birthright of Sunbury

Thank you for your contribution to Birthright. A total of \$898.00 was collected from parishioners and \$102.00 was added from love of neighbor a total gift of \$1,000.00. Thank you so much for your generosity.

From your pastor,

We have just celebrated 'All Saint's Day' and 'All Soul's Day', very appropriate for this time of harvest and the ending of another year. Our evening Mass for all Soul's Day, with over 53 luminaries forming a lighted path to our new cemetery crucifix, was a very inspiring spiritual event. We ended the service with those who wanted to, taking luminaries to the graves site of their beloved ones. It was a faith-filled site of heavenly beauty on earth. I hope we have begun a new tradition in our parish for All Soul's Day.

Eventually, our earthly lives end, and so in faith we look to the harvest of our faith-filled labors, counting on the mercy of God for the gift of life on high. The Scripture Lessons stress the need to be good stewards. From the gospel lesson we have a new perspective on offertory giving. As the Lord Jesus sits and watches those giving to the temple treasury, He stresses a new way of looking at the offertory. It is not how much one gives to God but how much a believer gives back to God in proportion to what God has given to them. To Jesus, the sincere acceptable gift is based on faith and charity, not on one's income.

At Mass, the offertory is not just taken up for the sake of saving the parish, so that our bills are paid, it is also for the sake of our own salvation. Yes! This is the Gospel Truth: God gives to us, so that that we might give back to God an acceptable offering, in faith and in thanksgiving for what God has given to us. It is not how much you give to God, it might be a humble widow's mite, if so then it is very acceptable. We need to examine, for our own sake, how much of what God has given to us are we willing to give back to God in faith and trust that He will take care of us.

This weekend, the Finance/Stewardship committee has provided a summary of this past year, July 2020-July 2021, finance report. Thanks be to God, and thanks to those who give as good stewards, we have ended the year in the black, all bills are paid, and we have some savings. However, this is not only because of your offertory giving, but also because of

our fund raising, over \$35,000 for 2020-2021. If we had not had the fund raising, we would not be as well off financially.

*"Please, dear Lord, grant to us the day that we could use our fund raising to promote charity in the community and give more to the missions, rather than needing to spend it on our ordinary expenses."*

We have about 50 households that use offertory envelopes. If we could get more families to use envelopes and to give regularly, in a sincere spirit of faith-filled stewardship, then your pastor might not have to be begging at Mass for the parish to buy lottery tickets. I don't mind begging; I wish it was for the poor. Please, prayerfully consider using offertory envelopes. Even if you do not choose to use envelopes, please prayerfully consider giving a sacrificial amount in your offertory. The blessing would be two-fold; not only to put an end to the parish's dependence on fund raising but also an eternal benefit returned to you for your faith and charitable investment in God. Thank you for considering a change of heart.

Fr. John D. Hobbe

two  
small  
coins



## Readings for November 7, 2021

### First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah asked a widow for a cup of water and a piece of bread. She told him she was almost out of flour, and that she and her son would soon starve. Elijah told her not to be afraid, as God had told him the jar of flour would not go empty. So she did as he had asked and prepared bread from the last of her flour. As God had said, her jar did not go empty, and she and her son had plenty to eat.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

The high priests entered the sanctuary each year and offered a sacrifice, but not a sacrifice of their own blood. Just as people die once and are judged, Christ was offered up once for the sins of many.

### Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Jesus expressed disgust over the hypocrisy of some of the scribes for wanting special treatment from the people. He watched the wealthy put large contributions into the collection box, but explained that what they gave was surplus wealth, and not a real sacrifice. He told them the biggest donation was a small amount from a widow, because she had given up the only money that she had to live on.

## 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

## Boscov's

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

## 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>

Remember those who are sick in your prayers, especially:

Vickie Youman  
Joan Bittler  
Tresha Sudol  
Ed Zerrenner  
William Cameron  
Marie Luzenski  
Dolores Caicco  
Evelyn Young  
Judy Reese  
Mark Reeder  
Frank Dominick  
Nicole Lamprinos  
Sue Ozosky  
Anna Lee Fagnano  
Landon Tanner  
Lew Bogle  
Jeanne Cavaliere  
Gloria Reeder

Marie Lindner  
Kurt Livingston  
Connie Buehler  
Sister Laura  
Mindy Lamprinos  
Shirley Rauch  
Billy Spaulding  
Charlotte Farrell  
Carole Schrader  
Luke Boyd  
MaryRose Knelly  
Diane Sykes  
Peggy Birdsall  
Joan Rudloff  
Abram Koons Jr  
Frank Dominick  
George Underwood

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

## 300 Club Tickets are Sold Out

A big thank you to all who purchased a ticket.

**Best of Luck!**

## 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

## Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> -Daylight Savings Ends

Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>- Veterans Day

Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> Filled Pork Chop Dinner

Saturday, November 13, 2021- Catechetical Conference

Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> Day of Advent

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>- Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 300 Club

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas

January 21, 2022- National March for Life

April 2, 2022- Men's Conference

**DON'T FORGET TO TURN BACK YOUR  
CLOCK**



**Daylight Savings  
Time Ends**

## Diocesan Catechetical Conference November 13<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

## Christmas Gifts

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.

If you wish to purchase a gift, please contact the office and we will give information to buy a gift.

Thank you so very much for your generosity

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