

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:	\$2,473.00
Matthew 25	\$1,112.00

SECOND COLLECTION

Nov. 28th – Love of Neighbor
Dec. -Christmas Flowers
Dec.5th - Our Faith Our Future
Dec. 12th – Retired Religious Fund
Dec. 19th -Repair & Maint.
Dec. 25th-Christmas



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. Nov. 27th 4:00PM	All Souls
Sun. Nov. 28th 8:00 AM	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Yost Family (Elaine & Barry Ulrich)
Mon. Nov. 29th 9:00 AM	Gloria Haluska (Seebold Family)
Tues. Nov. 30th 9:00AM	<i>St. Andrew</i> All Souls
Wed. Dec. 1st 6:00PM	Gloria Haluska
Thurs. Dec 2nd 9:00 AM	Shirley Horwedel (Marilyn & Paul)
Fri. Dec. 3rd 9:00AM	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i> Matthew Mousley
Sat. Dec. 4th 9:00 AM	<i>First Saturday</i> Rose Reedy
4:00PM	Robert Kirby (Sue & Larry Blase)
Sun. Dec. 5th 8:00 AM	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Matthew Mousley (In loving memory your wife, Patti)



*The Sanctuary candle burns
with special intentions
for Connie Buehler requested
by her family.*

From your pastor,

This past week I have prayed for you and for your families that you would have a blessed Thanksgiving gathering. But the holidays (holy days) are more than one day, so I continue to pray for you that you have a blessed Advent/Christmas season and New Year. Let us pray for one another that we are open to all the graces the Lord offers to us in this holy season.

As we enter into the Advent season, let us try to keep the ancient practice of waiting for Christmas, to anticipate the Nativity by looking back to the way He first came, the way He comes now, and the way He will come at the end of time. We need to try to look beyond just the present expectations; shopping and decorating and cooking and football. We need to look back and forward. All of us will one day experience the second coming, either as a cosmic event, the end of the world, or as a very personal event, the end of our earthly life.

Let us get ready for the King, He has com, is coming right now, and will come at the end of time. The best garland to hang for Christmas is holiness, righteousness, justice, and charity. Please pray for the grace to make a good Confession/Reconciliation. There is a schedule for the Deanery in the bulletin. Please consider giving to the effort to support the poorest of the poor in Haiti, this year we will be supporting a sister parish, adopted through the diocese by Sacred Heart of Jesus parish Lewisburg. Because of the situation in Haiti this is the best way to get funds directly to those who need it without any administration processing fees.

We are still working on gifts for our shut-ins, envelopes in the back of the church.

More than money, please consider giving to the Lord the greatest gift you can give, the gift of yourself. Try to attend as many Daily Masses as you can this Advent. But especially try to pray while you are at home and on the run. Be sure to keep your hymnal close by for lessons and hymns that open you to the Word of God, Who has become flesh. Let us pray for one another that we will all be well prepared for the Nativity of the Lord.

Fr. John D. Hoke

READINGS FOR
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

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>

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ruth Seksinsky
Jeanne Cavaliere
Marie Lindner

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	Larry Rudy
Gloria Reeder	

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS
will be on Wednesday, December 8th, Masses at
9:00 AM & 6:00PM at the church

Advent Penance Schedule
All Services are at 7PM

Monday, December 13 th -	St. Joseph, Danville
Tuesday, December 14 th -	St. Monica, Sunbury & St. Joseph and St. Mary, Berwick @ St. Mary's
Wednesday, December 15 th -	St. Pius, Selinsgrove & Christ the King, Benton
Thursday, December 16 th -	St. Joseph, Milton & St. Columba, Bloomsburg
Friday, December 17 th -	Sacred Heart, Lewisburg

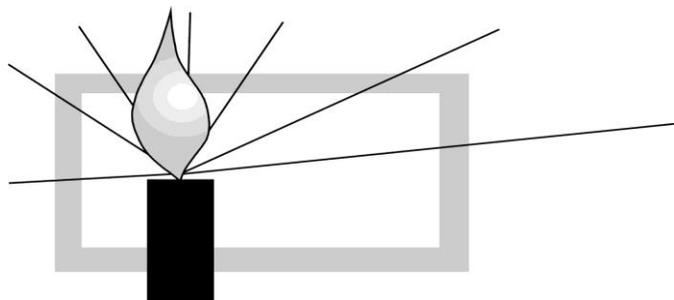
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

*All Masses during the weekend of December 12th
will be held at the church due to our Annual 300
Club Fundraiser.
Thank you for your understanding.*

2021 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for making pledges to the DAC 2021, if
you have not satisfied your payments, please do so
by the end of this year.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 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.

NO ROOM AT THE INN

Envelopes will be made available at both entry tables for those who would like to participate with our annual "No Room at the Inn" giving.

Father Hoke will give details in his message from your pastor regarding this collection that will begin the end of this month and run through December.



THANK YOU

Fr. Hoke and my St. Joseph family, I want to thank you all for the cards, phone calls and prayers during my past illness with Covid. Sometimes we don't realize the power of prayer with the things we are faced with. But with God's will we are always comforted. Thank you so much & God bless you always. Jerry Swanger

COOKIES FOR HAITI

Buy A Cookie Tray and Combat World Hunger on
Dec 11 & 12

Buy a \$15 cookie tray and feed 270 starving children in Haiti. Our church will be selling cookie trays to support The Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger. The **cookie trays** make wonderful hostess gifts and affordable gifts for friends and colleagues. The cookie trays are only \$15 each and have 24 cookies; 8 chocolate chip, 8 peanut butter & 8 snickerdoodle, Hershey's chocolates and are beautifully gift wrapped. Last year's donation efforts provided food for 1.6 million children as part of **Cross Catholic Outreach's** school feeding program in Haiti. Because the cookies are great tasting and the proceeds do so much good, over 78 tons of trays of cookies have been sold so far. Please buy a tray or two. Contact **the church office** at **570-742-4356** for more information or if you would like a large number of cookie trays for business or Christmas gifts.

NOTRE DAME CHORALE TO PERFORM AT CATHEDRAL

Save the Date! Everyone is invited to an evening of beautiful music on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, as the Notre Dame Chorale commence their 2022 Winter Tour. The Chorale performance will begin at 7 p.m. at Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg. This is their first performance as part of the Winter Tour, which is leading up to the Chorale's international tour in May 2022. The Chorale is being hosted by the Notre Dame Club of Harrisburg. The event is free but donations will gratefully be accepted.