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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:	\$5,527.00
Love of Neighbor	\$ 785.00

SECOND COLLECTION

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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)
Mon. Dec. 6th 9:00 AM	<i>St. Nicholas</i> Gloria Haluska (Seebold Family)
Tues. Dec. 7th 9:00AM	<i>St. Ambrose</i> Nello Peter Papi (Christine Wendt)
Wed. Dec.8th 9:00AM	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary</i> Jack Seksinski (Gary Martin)
6:00PM	Liesel Hoffman
Thurs. Dec. 9th 9:00 AM	<i>St. Juan Diego</i> George Sudol
Fri. Dec. 10th 9:00AM	Michael Frederick
ALL WEEKEND MASSES AT CHURCH DUE TO 300 CLUB	
Sat. Dec. 11th 4:00PM	<i>St. Damasus</i> Mary Ellen Bartholomew (Tracie Leitzel)
Sun. Dec. 12th 8:00 AM	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> Gloria Haluska (Seebold Family)
11:00 AM	Mary Ann Osuch (Irene Fisher)

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

From your pastor,

This Second Sunday of Advent, in cycle C, gives us the interesting image of a new exodus out of slavery to sin, to come back home to Jerusalem as royal blessed children of the king. God will provide a new roadway back home, lowering the high mountains of false pride and earthly glory and filling in the depressions and lowliness caused by guilt. The lowly spirit will be raised up and the lofty and proud will be brought low. Yet all will be filled with a strong sense of joy and peace knowing that the Lord has come to save us. St. Paul's letter to the Philippians is known as the epistle of joy, twelve times he mentions 'rejoice in the Lord'. Advent should be a joyful season, yet a deep spiritual joy from doing what St. John the Baptist did, that is 'serious soul-road construction'. Let us pray that by the encouragement of everyone and the help of one another's prayers we might make a spiritual journey to Bethlehem.

We enjoy great road systems in our nation, it did not happen overnight or by chance, it was the result of much planning and sacrifice by those who have come before us. If our children and grandchildren will have a clear straight smooth road for their journey to God, we need to prepare now. One of the greatest needs the Church has, is that of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Diocese has a special fund raiser called "Fishers of Men", to raise money in support of our seminarians. There used to be a dinner in Harrisburg with donors and seminarians, because of the COVID this is no longer possible. But the need remains. Please consider taking an envelope with the request for Fishers of Men and drop off in the offertory during this season. I hope to be able to raise at least a thousand dollars, the cost of sponsoring one table. We can do this and help Fr. Jonathan P. Sawicki help our seminarians. Make it a spiritual gift of prayer asking God to hear us as we pray for vocations to the priesthood. Also, there is the new 2021-2022 daily prayers for seminarians and for our ordained priest. It is a very simple way to remember to pray for our vocations and our priests. I know I need your daily prayers and so does all our priests need pray. Please consider taking one of the 'Pray for our Priests' cards. Next Sunday because of the 'Three Hundred Club' at the Parish Center, the 11:00 a.m. Mass will be on

Broadway. Thank you for helping us out with this minor issue.

Happy Advent, please pray for me

Fr. John P. Hobbe

Readings for December 5, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

Congratulations

to the

Newly Baptized

McKenna Elisabeth Mortimer, daughter of Stephanie and Tim Mortimer was baptized on November 28th she was surrounded by her family.

McKenna may your baptism
be the beginning of your journey of faith!

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, December 8th- Immaculate Conception
Saturday, December 11th 300 Club
Tuesday, December 21st-Winter Begins
Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 25th Christmas
January 21, 2022- National March for Life
April 2, 2022- Men's Conference

CCD

There will be no CCD on Sunday, December 26th & Sunday, January 2nd. Class will resume on January 9th. Enjoy your Christmas Break

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.

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

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.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a contribution statement, place your request in a SELF ADDRESSED – STAMPED- BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE IN THE COLLECTION BASKET. Deadline for request will be January 29th.

Offerings for 2021 must be processed in our computer system BEFORE we can honor statement requests. You must request your statement as addressed above. Thank you.



Inclement Weather

Mass Locations may change due to the weather, and at times these changes may occur at the last minute. Please be sure to check your e-mail, facebook and our parish website for change notices. Mass will be available via livestream as well.



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.