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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 16, 2025

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Weekdays: Mass is celebrated at 8 AM Monday through Friday.
Adoration & Benediction Fridays, after the 8 AM Mass.
Confessions are scheduled for Saturdays, from 3 to 3:40 PM and by appointment.
Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

Sat.	Nov.	15	4:00 pm	+Agnes Zock req. by Frances Uhrine
Sun.	Nov.	16	8:00 am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30 am	+Walter Seder req. by Carmie & Family
Mon.	Nov.	17	8:00 am	+Ronald Barnish req by People Helping People
Tues.	Nov.	18	8:00 am	+Ryan Steele req. by Sacred Heart Ushers Club
Wed.	Nov.	19	8:00 am	+Dolores Chappell req. by Sacred Heart Ushers Club
Thurs.	Nov.	20	8:00 am	+Michael Bryja req. by Sacred Heart Ushers Club
Fri.	Nov.	21	8:00 am	+Jennifer Schrift req. by Adam & Pam Skomra
Sat.	Nov.	22	4:00 pm	+Greta Jones req. by Anissa, Marty & Family
Sun.	Nov.	23	8:00 am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30 am	+Dan, Marge & Marsha Bimle req. by Lisa & Family

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Walter Seder** requested by Carmie & Family
The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Greta Jones** req. by Anissa, Marty & Family.

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END OF THE YEAR SPECIAL TICKETS FUND RAISER...COST IS \$10.00 PER TICKET

Church Flooring Project: The project was discussed over 10 years ago when the Portage Churches were merged into one site. I am following up on that plan. We will remove the original asbestos tiles from the main body of the Church, the vestibule, the choir loft, the two sacristies and the hallway behind the altar and the two stairways on the West side of the Church. It will be replaced with industrial grade tile and carpet tile. The total cost is \$125,000.00. Work will begin on Monday, January 5th and is expected to be completed by Monday, March 2nd. Funding for the project comes from monies I received from donors who know me from other parishes where I served (\$60 K plus), recent fundraisers, money in our capital improvements account and donations we will receive from this year's #iGiveCatholic (or Giving Tuesday) campaign. *#iGiveCatholic will go live for online donations on Tuesday, November 18th and will run through Tuesday, December 9th.* All that is donated stays in our parish! This year, the Sacred Heart Ushers Club generously pledged to match all donations up to \$15,000! So, please make a donation between those two dates via the website ([Holy Family Parish, Portage, PA | #iGiveCatholic](http://HolyFamilyParish.Portage.PA/#iGiveCatholic)), the button on our website (www.holyfamilyportage.org) or via the special envelopes in the Church or contact the parish office. Thank you so much for your support and please pray that the project goes smoothly. Fr. Tom

SYMPATHY – Our Parish Family wishes to extend their sincerest sympathy to the Tomaselli Family on the death of Monsignor Samuel Tomaselli, John Bandzuh & Kathleen Gaudlip on the death of their sister Franceska Norwich, Larry McCabe on the death of his brother Dave and the Sossong Family on the recent death of Hilda. May they rest in the Peace of the Lord.

Angel Tree: We have tags available in our church vestibule. Gifts can be delivered to Bethany UMC. Gift recipients will pick up their gifts on Wednesday, December 10 from 1-3 at Bethany UMC, Farren St. **If you have questions, please leave a message for Wendy Girard at Bethany UMC 814-736-8651.**

PARISH FINANCES – The stats of week 11/09/2025

Sunday/Monthly	\$6,091.00
Children	23.75
Loose	58.00
Holy Day	147.00
All Souls	192.00
Church Improvement	100.00
Catholic Charities	143.00
Military Services	407.00
Energy	441.00
World Mission	50.00
Total	\$7,652.75

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Nov. 16 – Pinochle Card Party 1-4 PM Parish Hall
Nov 29-30 – Land of Peace and Donut Weekend
Dec. 3 – Advent Memorial Service 7:00 PM
Dec. 6 – Breakfast with Santa 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Turkey Bingo Profit \$3,355.35 Thank you!
Hurricane Relief \$ 720.00 Thank you!

Religious Education

- **Safe Environment lesson:** Sunday, December 14, 2025. The prepared lesson package is ready. This year, we need volunteer parents/guardians to help teach about the safe environment for our students. Interested? Kindly call the Re. Ed. office or the Rectory at 814-736-4279 Ext. 104. Thank you. God bless you.
- **How will you Prepare for the coming of the King??** Join our “Waiting Well” Advent prayer group! Sessions will be held Mondays in Advent thru Zoom, December 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 6:00 PM. Get a registration form by emailing Francine Swope at fswope@dioceseaj.org. Deadline is November 24th. A journal will be provided at \$6 to \$9.

Child & Youth Protection: All Parish volunteers & personnel are required to have themselves fully cleared. Clearances are to be renewed every **FIVE years**. Stop by the rectory office or Call Sr. Vivian @ 814-736-4279 ext. 104 to check what clearance you need to update. Sr. Vivian will walk you through the process in case you need assistance

Kick-Start to Bereavement Ministry: Our parish is establishing a bereavement ministry for those who have lost loved ones. The first event is on Wednesday, December 3rd. We invite anyone who is coping with the loss of a loved one to attend a simple evening prayer service followed by light refreshments. Approaching the Holidays, many need a little help to see the light of Christ through their loss. This service could be that for you! The second event is our “Comfort Connection Potluck” on Dec. 7th from 2-4 pm in our Parish Hall. The purpose of this event is to socialize with others who have also experienced loss. We hope to get feedback/suggestions on directions for this ministry to better serve the needs of those experiencing grief. A sign-up sheet will be on the credenza if you plan to attend. We need a count due to the parish preparing the main dish. You are welcome to bring a side dish. Please indicate what you will bring.

November 29 & 30 Land of Peace, a nonprofit organization will be speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Their goal is to help the poor and needy families of Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Visit: www.landofpeace.org

Want to help Holy Family Parish and leave a lasting legacy for yourself, your family, or a loved one? Contribute to one of the three Endowments set up for the benefit of the Parish.

- *The Independent Catholic Foundation Endowment was originally established to benefit St Joseph School but has been changed to benefit Holy Family Parish.
 - *The Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Cemetery Perpetual Care Endowment is administered at the Independent Catholic Foundation and provides funds for the ongoing maintenance of the cemeteries in Portage that were originally established by individual Catholic churches.
 - *The Neal and Marjorie Stager Endowment for the benefit of Holy Family Parish was established by family members and is administered at the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies.
- More information is available in a brochure in the back of the church and on the parish website.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA –December 6, in the parish hall from 10:00am to 12:00pm. All children of the parish up to and including third grade are invited. There will be breakfast, crafts, participation in a Nativity story and a gift from Santa. A parent must accompany their child for this event. Registration is required and it will be on the credenza in the back of the church or you may call the parish office 814-736-4279 to register. Looking for student and adult volunteers to help decorate the hall Friday December 5 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Help is also needed on Saturday, Dec. 6 beginning at 9:30 am. If you are volunteering, please sign up on the sheets in the vestibule.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – SALUTE TO VETERANS - The Rotary Club of Portage is sponsoring a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast today, Nov. 16 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Senior Activity Center,



JUBILEE CELEBRATION CALENDAR
NOVEMBER: For The Prevention Of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find support, care and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life. Amen.