

The flowers on St. Joseph's altar have been designated by Anne Shelleman in memory of Phil Leonard.

## Mass Intentions

- Sat. Richard J. Smith
- Sun. The People of the Parish  
Charles Buhl
- Mon. Fabian Lawrence
- Tues. Msgr. Vincent Topper
- Wed. William "Fred" Gossage
- Thurs. Frank & Mary Lawrence & deceased family
- Fri. Living & deceased members of Earl T. & Dorothy Brady family
- Sat. Kathy Strausbaugh
- Sun. The People of the Parish  
Russ Shriver

**Please note:** there are no public Masses. All scheduled Intentions will be celebrated by Father Howard.

**You may still order Easter flowers.** You can call the Parish Office at 717-637-2721 or, there is a box on the front porch of the Parish Office for envelopes, Easter flowers, correspondence... The box will be checked daily.

The Readings for this Sunday are: **First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10 – 13a. **Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14 and the **Gospel** John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38.

### How do I make an act of Spiritual Communion?

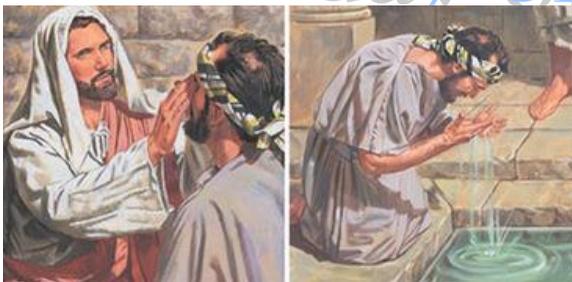
Like the acts of contrition, faith, hope, or love, there are traditional prayers already composed. However, sometimes we do not have the prayer memorized. In those cases, using your own words to make a profession of faith in the True Presence of Jesus Christ, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Most Blessed Sacrament while expressing your desire in receiving Him is sufficient.

### A traditional act of Spiritual Communion

This act was composed by Saint Alphonsus de Liguori.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



John 9: Jesus heals man born blind  
"Go wash and see"

Here is a good article. It even shows that many saints made Spiritual Communion.

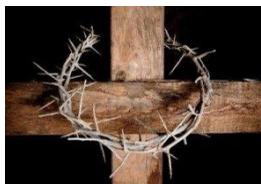
<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/armstrong/if-you-cant-receive-communion>

**The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Catholic Senior Girl for her freshman year at an accredited college, university, or trade school.** Applicants must be sponsored by a Mother or Grandmother/Guardian who is a member of a Parish Council of Catholic Women, is a resident of the Harrisburg Diocese, and must meet all conditions established by the Scholarship committee. Anyone interested in applying should contact your Parish CCW President for an application or Joyce Scott, Scholarship Chair, 717-737-0927 or email to: [joynbob10@aol.com](mailto:joynbob10@aol.com). The application deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Tender Care Pregnancy Consultation Services will have a "Walk for Life" on Sat. May 9<sup>th</sup> (as of now) at The Brethren Home Nicarry House 2990 Carlisle Pike New Oxford.**

Registration is at 9:00a.m. and the walk begins at 10:00. It is a 2 mile walk and you can bring the family. There will be children's games and refreshments. For more information and registration go to the website: [www.tendercare.org/events](http://www.tendercare.org/events) or call 717-633-1200.

**Mark your calendar for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Retreat set for July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>.** The retreat is again being held at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Md. Reservations will be accepted beginning in May. Point of contact for this great spiritual weekend is: Dick Bettendorf, [rjbette@comcast.net](mailto:rjbette@comcast.net) or (717) 259-5577.



## Prayers from the Procession in Time of Epidemic or Plague

Let us pray.

Hear us, O God, our Savior, and by the prayers of glorious Mary, Mother of God, and ever a Virgin, of St. Sebastian, your martyr, and all of the saints, deliver your people from your wrath, and in your bounty let them feel certain of your mercy.

Lord, mercifully heed our supplications, and heal our infirmities of body and soul; so that knowing your forgiveness may we ever rejoice in your blessing.

We beg you, Lord, to hear our sincere pleas, and graciously to avert this plague which afflicts us; so that mortal hearts may acknowledge that such scourges come from your wrath and cease only when you are moved to pity; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Please know you all are in Father's daily prayers for health and safety. He asks that you keep him in your prayers. God bless.