



January 5, 2020
The Epiphany of the Lord

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 Offerings:	\$4,770.00
(Dec. 22 nd)	
Christmas Offerings:	\$6,550.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

Saturday, January 4, 2020

First Saturday

9:00 AM Lloyd Wolf

4:00 PM Harold Prentiss

(Bonnie & Tony Lupo)

Sun. Jan. 5th *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 AM Rudy Muscarella
 (Elizabeth Muscarella
 Family)

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Mon. Jan. 6th

9:00 AM Mark Andrews

Tues. Jan. 7th
9:00 AM Robert Bastain Jr.

Wed. Jan. 8th
7:00 PM Gregory Lamprinos
 (Phil & Maureen Krepps)

Thurs. Jan. 9th
9:00 AM Rose Ann Meslener

Fri. Jan. 10th
9:00 AM Harold Prentiss
 (CCW)

Sat. Jan. 11th
4:00 PM Lloyd Wolf

Sun. Jan. 12th *Baptism of the Lord*
8:00 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Pearl Gerbino
 (Geri Preyer)

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
 Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
 Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

Second Collections

- Jan. 5 – Our Faith, Our Future*
- Jan. 12 – Aid to the Catholic Church in Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa*
- Jan. 19 – Repairs & Maintenance*

Sanctuary Candle is In Memory of
Genevieve Walter from Husband

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Mary Umpstead who died recently. May she enjoy eternal peace in heaven with Christ.



Next week, we will take up the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries. It will help support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in these regions.

From Your Pastor;

Happy Epiphany, today we celebrate the historical event of the arrival of the Magi coming from the east to give honor and worship to the newborn king. We are not sure how long after His birth, after the visit of the shepherds that the Wise Kings arrived. Scripture tells us that the star had first appeared three years earlier, that is the reason King Herod had all baby boys three years and younger killed. We are told that when they came to Bethlehem they entered a house. And so it seems that the Holy Family had moved out of the stable, the cave shelter for farm animals into a humble home. We are also told that that the night the kings left an angel told St. Joseph to flee to safety in Egypt. And so it seems that the presentation in the temple would have already taken place 50 days after the Nativity. There is much we just don't know, but we do know that this baby boy was the light and would shine out to the whole world and draw all nations into His blessings.

May the Epiphany Light shine in your hearts and in your homes, may the blessing of God come upon your homes this new year and remain with you in your coming and going, with the rising of the sun to its setting. Please take time this Sunday to take the blessed holy card to place over your front door.

The holy card reads: (20 + C + M + B + 20)

Thank you all who will come and all who have helped plan and labored for the parish's celebration of Epiphany. A full gathering of parishioners is a sign that we are not customers at a spiritual food stand, but members of a parish family who enjoys getting together with one another. Hope to see you there, if not have a blessed Epiphany Day.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY: Mary Ann Carter, Margaritta Bellido, Patricia Starcher, George Baran, Christine Koons, Bernice Yocum, Keith Robenolt, George Sarfine, Abram Koons Sr., Rita Prentiss, Aiden Barsis, Connie Buehler, Mason Reeder, Maria Harper, Matthew Rosboschil, Charlotte Farrell and Jackie Rando, If you would like to have a name announced in the bulletin or if someone is well and we can remove their name, please call the parish office. After six weeks of prayer, names will be removed. If further prayer is needed please call the Parish Office at 570-742-4356 to reinstate name. Thank You. **PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD.** We pray for those who are ill or need special intentions. If you would like to add someone to the Parish Prayer List or Parish Shut-in List, please contact the parish office. Thank You.

Cross Catholic Outreach "Homes for Christmas" or "No Room at the Inn". During this time of Advent, we are asking again this year for donations to help build a home in Haiti. A home can be built for as little as \$3,000.00. To date, your offerings totaled \$3,387.00! Thank you for your generosity.

Cookie Sale to Feed the Hungry: To date, sales totaled \$2,905.00. Thank you for helping feed the hungry.

<u>St. Joseph Happenings</u>	
Jan. 10	Filled Chicken Breast Dinner
Jan. 16	Pastoral Council

A **Men's Group** meets the 1st Tuesday of every month upstairs at the parish office (107 Walnut Street) from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Contact Bob Engleman at 570-412-3707 for any questions. Thank you.

February Lottery Calendar

We are running the February Lottery Calendar again this coming year. Tickets are available from Harriet Moore (570-412-3769), Stefanie Shaw, Sara Mull, Jill Bertanzetti, Shawn Moore, Mary Moser, Vince Emery, or on the rectory porch after Masses. All winning numbers are determined by the 7 P.M. Pennsylvania Daily Lottery Pick Three Drawing. On February 1st and February 29th, the winner will receive \$1,000. On February 14th and February 26th, the winner will collect \$2,000. Sunday winners will collect \$200. On the remaining days, the winner will receive \$150. Cost is \$20 per ticket. Tickets are also available at the parish office.

Elizabeth Ministry-Food is Love: This ministry takes its name from the time when our Blessed Mother visited her cousin, Elizabeth to offer support and caring. Members of this ministry make meals for people who are ill, have just had a baby, or need short term meals provided. For a meal need, contact Sandy Muscarella at 570-742-7051.

WEIS & GIANT GIFT CARDS: Please consider purchasing Weis or Giant gift cards this week to buy your groceries. **The proceeds from last weekend were \$51.25 and \$37.50 (Dec. 22nd).**

Council of Catholic Women

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Food Bank Collection area in confessional. Items needed include Cereal, Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, Fruits and Vegetables along with Nonperishables, toiletries

Migrant Outreach Collection for CSIU

Small sized toiletries, razors

Soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Box tops for Ed for Milton schools, parochial school

Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/ccwmilton>

Website- <http://stjosephmilton.org>

CCW PRAYER SHAWLS: Any parishioner who can knit or crochet, please think about making prayer shawls. If anyone in the parish knows of someone that needs a prayer shawl, please contact a CCW member or officer.

2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: If you would like a contribution statement for 2019, **place your request in a SELF ADDRESSED – STAMPED- BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.** Deadline for request will be January 29th. Offerings for 2019 must be processed in our computer system BEFORE we can honor statement requests. *You must request your statement as addressed above.* Thank you.

THE MILTON FOOD BANK IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF DONATIONS. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN GROCERY SHOPPING. IN ADDITION TO CANNED OR BOXED FOOD ITEMS, BABY ITEMS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED. DIAPERS, BABY WIPES AND BABY FOOD TO MENTION A FEW. BOXES FOR YOUR DONATIONS ARE LOCATED IN THE CONFESSORIAL. THANK YOU.

PARISH OFFICE: Until further notice - office will be open Monday and Wednesday – 9 AM to 3:30 PM and Tuesday 9 AM to Noon. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Barb Geiswite

Employment Opportunity

Office Position. Part-time to start. Will lead to 4 days per week to take over for Barb. Must have computer and math skills, detailed work ethic, and enjoy working with parishioners.

Apply for position by e-mailing your resume to stjoemilton@verizon.net or talking to Father Hoke for more information.