



MASS  
INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11, 2020

4:00 PM Lloyd Wolf  
 Sun. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> **Baptism of the Lord**  
 8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 11:00 AM Pearl Gerbino  
 (Geri Preyer)

Mon. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00 AM Jim Jackson  
 (Family)

Tues. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00 AM Mark Andrews

Wed. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>  
 7:00 PM Healing from Addiction

Thurs. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00 AM Janet Marie Jones

Fri. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> *St. Anthony*  
*Kramm's Milton*  
 10:00 AM Beverly Hausammann

Sat. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>  
 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sun. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM Lisa Reichelderfer  
 11:00 AM Harold Prentiss  
 (Rita Patynski)  
 12:30 PM *Spanish Mass*



**January 12, 2020**  
**The Baptism 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:	\$3,928.00
Our Faith, Our Future:	\$1,040.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$1,426.00
Sunday Offerings:	\$3,454.00
(Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup> )	
Christmas Offerings:	\$7,079.00 (to date)

The above are bank deposit amounts

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

**Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38**

In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurion to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

**Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him."

**Second Collections**

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

From Your Pastor,

Here we are putting the finishing touch on our Christmas tree, with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Who would have thought that one could be born and grow up to be 30 years old and be Baptized, all in 19 days, but then again He is God. It does seem a little strange if we are thinking in the terms of the flesh, but we are being taught by the Holy Spirit to think in the ways of the spirit. The birth of Jesus is celebrated to open our hearts to the wonderful mystery of our own birth in the Spirit, when we became a new creation, when we were born again in Holy Baptism. Truly we become children of God by being baptized, the birth of Jesus teaches us how wonderful it are to become children of God. Otherwise our Christmas celebration might become merely a matter of sentimentality and nostalgia and about the feast of worldly pleasure rather than about the heavenly banquet, about the wedding feasting of the Lamb.

Please check out our new parish web site, it is so easy to use. For bulletins click the tap at the top labeled 'ABOUT', it will open up to you about all that is going on in the parish. Keeping up a web site is a lot of work, so let us pray for those who keep it going week after week.

Next weekend begins a week of pray for Christian Unity; let us keep the need for reunion and unity in the Body of Christ in our prayers.

Thank you so much for making our parish Christmas/Epiphany Party a great success; for all who did the work, both preparing the hall and the meal, those who spent time in the pit doing the pots and pans and dishes, and all who brought those wonderful salads and desserts and of course all who came out to say publicly 'I love my parish' by coming out and celebrating together as a parish family.

We were down, seriously down, in our Christmas Offering. We had budgeted for \$10,000.00, but the offering was a little more than \$7,000.00. So this makes it even more important to sell those February Lottery Tickets to make up for the loss. I know we can do it, you always do.

**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.

Please check out our webpage at [Stjosephmilton.org](http://Stjosephmilton.org). The web page is under a new web provider ([ecatholic.com](http://ecatholic.com)) which allows us to have more information available to the viewers. Mass times and changes for Holy Days will be available on the home page. There is the Parish calendar so everyone knows what is happening during the month. The Council of Catholic Women and Religious education also have their own calendar. Pictures of recent events will be posted. Also check out the news page for current events. The bulletins can be accessed as well as the current Ministry schedule. Do you want to know who is on our Parish Council and Finance Committee? Check it out Do you have changes to your mailing address, phone number, or want to add an email address? Choose Contact Us and fill it out. We will make the changes.

*Cross Catholic Outreach "Homes for Christmas" or "No Room at the Inn". During Advent, we asked for donations to help build a home in Haiti. A home can be built for as little as \$3,000.00. Your offerings totaled \$5,563.00! Thank you for your generosity.*

**St. Joseph Happenings**  
**Jan. 16 Pastoral Council**

**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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**WEIS & GIANT GIFT CARDS:** Please consider purchasing Weis or Giant gift cards this week to buy your groceries. **The proceeds from last weekend were \$27.50.**

A Men's Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and February 29<sup>th</sup>, the winner will receive \$1,000. On February 14<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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](mailto:stjoemilton@verizon.net) or talking to Father Hoke for more information.