



MASS
INTENTIONS

January 26, 2020
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 25, 2020

4:00 PM Special Intentions for
the Buehler Family
(Barb & Family)

Sun. Jan. 26th

3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Sandra Popson
(Daughter Maureen Shepard)

Mon. Jan. 27th

St. Angela Merici

9:00 AM Christine Strout

Tues. Jan. 28th

St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00 AM Janet Marie Jones

Wed. Jan. 29th

Christopher Diehl

Thurs. Jan. 30th

Harold Prentiss

9:00 AM *St. John Bosco*

Fri. Jan. 31st

Robert Bastain Jr.

9:00 AM *First Saturday*

Sat. Feb. 1st

Mary Umpstead

9:00 AM Sonya C. Shultz

4:00 PM (Family)

Sun. Feb. 2nd **The Presentation of
The Lord**

People of the Parish

8:00 AM Raymond Leitzel

11:00 AM (Tracie)

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:	\$2,854.00
Last year:	\$3,620.00
Repairs & Maint.:	\$ 638.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but the promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the "day of Midian."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others, Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be "fishers of men."

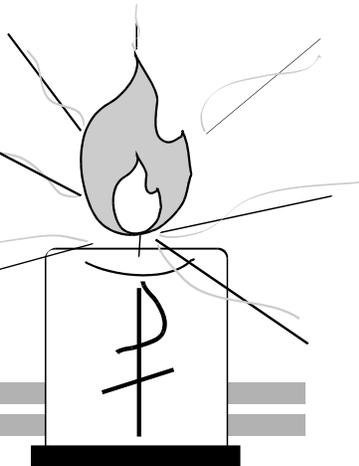
Second Collections

Feb. 2 – Propagation of the Faith

Feb. 9 – Poor Missions

*Sanctuary Candle is for the Special Intentions of
Elizabeth Muscarella, requested by the Frank &
Sandy Muscarella Family*

The people
in darkness
have seen
a great light



From Our Pastor

God's first words of revelation were not on paper but in and through all creation; His word goes out from the rising of the sun to its setting throughout the whole world. Look at creation and you see, hear and feel the message of God's harmony and unity and ones in creation. This Sunday and especially next Sunday, 'The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord', forty days after the Nativity, gives us a strong teaching by contrasting the image of light and darkness. God's light shall shine upon those who sit in darkness in the shadow of death.

The importance of proclaiming the Gospel is an essential part of this enlightenment. God speaks to His people through Holy Scripture and the Traditions of the Church. It is not easy to go against the false lights of our age, but this we must do. We know that history repeats itself; we must point out what has been done and will be done if evil is not confronted. There is a common thread that runs through the sins of racism, slavery, segregation, and anti-Semitism, the holocaust, and the right to abortion. All three deny the light of God's truth, accepting popular secular values as if from God. They are also totally unscientific and irrational in their basis and conclusions. Each one of these falsehoods teaches that one group or person should have the right to use power to harm and even destroy another person. It states: that a particular person in power or race or stage of development is superior to another and has the right to declare the weaker person as inferior and maybe even legislate extermination of 'life unworthy of life'.

Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln share a birthday, but that is all they shared in common, they could not be more different. Not long ago I heard an address from a liberal college professor singing the praises of these two men, proposing the fallacy that both men had greatly enhanced the quality of life, bringing forth a light for the nations for the Twentieth Century and for all ages to come. Darwin was a racist who believed that non-whites were a lower level of animal development. This teaching has been used to reduce humanity to a bloody dogfight, letting the strong prevail. The choice is ours, which light will we follow.

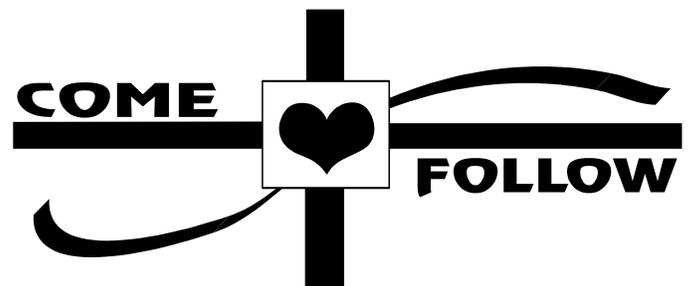
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. shortly before his assassination said that the worst evil is not what

bad people do but what good people let them do and give approval.

Jesus declares His people to be the Light of the World. God help us to fulfill that calling.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH MEMBERSHIP FEBRUARY 2: By our Baptism, we are called to share our faith with our family and friends, with our neighbors, indeed, with the whole world. Next Sunday, we are invited to make a special commitment as missionaries. We are invited to join the worldwide mission of Jesus by joining the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, reaching out to the people of the world in more than 1,100 mission dioceses.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY: Margaritta Bellido, 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.



A FILLED PORK CHOP DINNER will be held on Friday, Feb. 14TH at the Parish Center from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Volunteers are always needed and donations of desserts are very much appreciated.

Thank you for sounding off, a good thing to do in a spirit of charity, seeking clarification and truth rather than gossip. It came to my attention at the January Parish Council meeting that there were questions about the large amount of money that was given to charities in the community in November. The money gifts to local needs came from the 'Jean Metzger Boiardi Trust'. Each year the parish receives a very generous check from this trust. The trust directs the parish to distribute the funds in our community, not to hold them for parochial needs. It prefers that the money go to help the poor and needy in the community, especially feeding the hungry.

Not sure why, but I failed to send those donations out in 2018, and so this past year, 2019, each donation was twice as large as before. In 2020 the donations will be half of what we gave this past November.

The deposit is made into our 'Love of Neighbor Fund' and I do use it for requests from those on the phone or at the door, which come to us directly asking for help. But the larger amount is given to those agencies already set up in the community to help the needy.

I have reduced the number of times we take up the 'Love of Neighbor Offering', knowing how some get very annoyed with additional offering requests. We take in from our parishioners about \$3-4,000 each year. If we had a very special need in the parish, I might consider asking you for an additional offering. But hopeful this will not be needed.

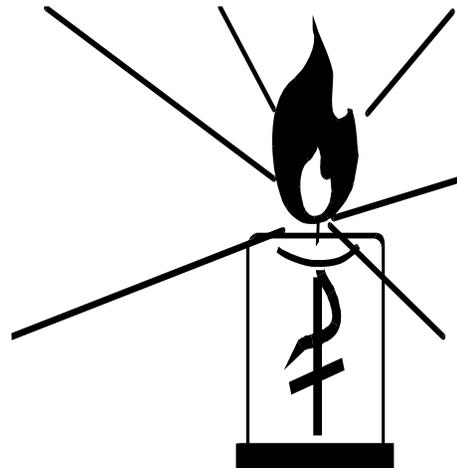
Because we are a Catholic Church, not just a local congregation, we have the call of Christ to reach out beyond our own community. As Jesus asked his fellow Jews. "Who was the real neighbor?" It was the Good Samaritan, reaching out beyond his race, religion and culture to a stranger in need. We do this with special offerings throughout the year. At Christmas we build a house for a poor family in Haiti and we feed hungry school children in Haiti. I can't think of any better way to teach our children the true meaning of Christmas than our charity to the poorest of the poor. I am sure you feel the same way. Thank you for asking, God bless you.

Fr. J D Hoke

St. Joseph Happenings

Feb. 4	Rosary, Milton Rehab @ 10 AM
Feb. 7	Rosary at 8:30 AM
Feb. 14	Filled Pork Chop Dinner
Feb. 20	Pastoral Council @ 6:00 PM

HOMEMADE CHERRY PIES: After all masses the weekend of February 22 and 23, homemade cherry pies baked by the women of the parish will be available for sale. Cost of each pie is \$10.00.



A Men's Group meets the 2nd 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.

FYI

Feb 26	Ash Wednesday
Feb 28	Fish/Shrimp Dinners begins
March 1	1 st Sunday of Lent
March 4	Station of the Cross @ 6:30 PM (Wednesday evenings during Lent)
March 7 & 8	Diocesan Annual Appeal begins
March 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins
April 5	Palm Sunday
April 9	Holy Thursday
April 12	Easter Sunday

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.

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

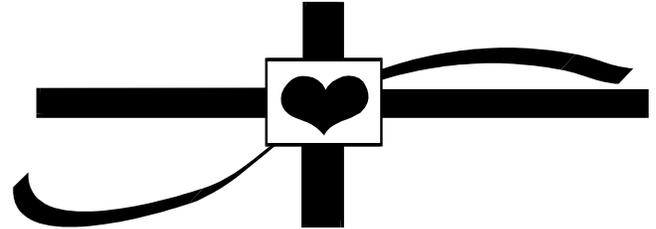
Box tops for Ed for Milton schools, parochial school

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.

WEIS & GIANT GIFT CARDS: Please consider purchasing Weis or Giant gift cards this week to buy your groceries. **The proceeds from last weekend were \$7.50.**



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 CONFESSINAL. THANK YOU.

Please check out our webpage at Stjosephmilton.org. The web page is under a new web provider (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.