



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 1, 2020

First Saturday

9:00 AM Mary Umpstead
4:00 PM Sonya C. Shultz
(Family)

Sun. Feb. 2nd

**The Presentation
Of the Lord**

8:00 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Raymond Leitzel
(Tracie)

Mon. Feb. 3rd

9:00 AM Christine Strout

Tues. Feb. 4th

9:00 AM Mark Andrews
10:00 AM *Rosary at Milton Rehab*

Wed. Feb. 5th

7:00 PM *Saint Agatha*
Godofredo 'Fred'
Tabada Mendoza
(Angie Peterman)

Thurs. Feb. 6th

9:00 AM *Saint Paul Miki*
Beverly Hausammann

Fri. Feb. 7th

8:30 AM *Rosary*
9:00 AM Healing from Addiction

Sat. Feb. 8th

4:00 PM Gregory Lamprinos
(Merrill & Connie Buehler)

Sun. Feb. 9th

**5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Harold Prentiss
(Ed & Carole Barsis)

February 2, 2020 Presentation 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:	\$3,430.70
Last Year:	\$3,826.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

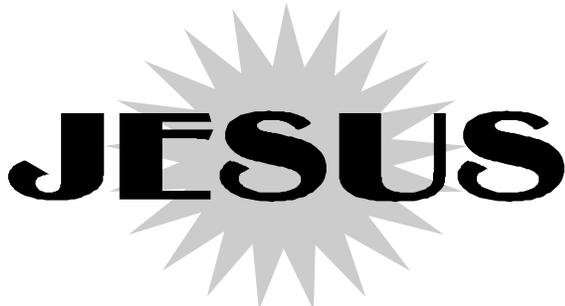
The prophet Malachi speaks to us about God sending a messenger "to prepare the way" and that God will suddenly come and appear at the temple.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus became like us. He shared fully in our humanity. By his death he freed us from the fear of death. Because Jesus was tested by suffering, he is able to help those who are also tempted.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

According to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. They offered a sacrifice according to the law, "a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons." Simeon, a holy and righteous man, took the child into his arms and praised God. Simeon then spoke to Mary. He told Mary that Jesus "is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel." Anna, a prophet of great age, praised God and spoke of the child who came for the redemption of Jerusalem.



Second Collections

Feb. 2 – Propagation of the Faith
Feb. 9 – Black and Indian Poor Missions
Feb. 16 – Repairs & Maintenance

From Your Pastor,

Has it really been 40 days since Christmas Day? Just like that. How times flies. It doesn't matter how fast or how slow time goes, what matters is what we think of time, what do we do with time. In our faith perspective time is a gift from God for us to get ready for a timeless presence of God, for an eternal God-centered life. This Sunday we have the special gift of celebrating on this Sunday the 'Feast of the Presentation of the Lord', which is February 2nd every year.

With lighted candles we will go forth to meet the Lord in the Holy Liturgy, as Simeon and Anna went forth to meet Him in the arms of His Holy Mother in the temple. Both Anna and Simeon were old and awaiting the coming of the Messiah. Once they saw the light in the babies face, they knew the light had come upon the world that would cast out the darkness. They knew their lives had been fulfilled with joy and peace.

At Baptism the Godparents are entrusted with a lighted candle to be given to the newly baptized, saying, 'keep this light, protect it, that when the Lord comes you may come out to meet Him'. We do not know the day or the hour, but our prayer is that when that the Lord comes we will go out with grace filled hearts and clean souls to welcome Him.

Kolby Bryant and his beloved daughter did not know that last Sunday would be the last day before they would be called to go out to meet the Lord. Kolby was not ashamed of his Catholic faith, he said it kept him going when we was in darkness. He knew his weaknesses but he also knew where to find the light to get out of the dark places. He was at Our Lady, Queen of the Angels Parish for Sunday Mass that Sunday, the day of his death. Kolby Bryant knew how to play and pray, to win the game, to prepare for the Lord. Go to Mass, Go to Mass, Go to Mass to learn how to be ready to go out to meet the Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen

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.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY: Margarita Bellido, George Baran, Christine Koons, Bernice Yocum, Keith Robenolt, George Sarfine, Abram Koons Sr., Tom Robenolt, Theresa Folk, 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.

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.

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
Feb. 22, 23	Cherry Pie Sale

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.

WEIS & GIANT GIFT CARDS: Please consider purchasing Weis or Giant gift cards this week to buy your groceries. **The proceeds from last weekend were \$36.25.**

Happy 100th Birthday Evelyn Smith; Many parishioners enjoyed helping Evelyn celebrate last Sunday. Her birthdate is February 12th. If you wish to send her a card, Evelyn's address is 22 Old Orchard Road, Milton PA 17847

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Sometimes questions arise about music/hymn selection. The Church asks us not to sing at Mass, but rather sing 'the' Mass. This is the reason much music remains the same for entire seasons, not just to make us confident in our song, but also to mark a 'unity of season'. The Church has Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Holy Week and Easter. One difficulty with selecting worship aids, i.e. the booklet in the pew, is that one is bound to the changes publishers make. They spend thousands of dollars in promoting their products. And being a for-profit entity, they find ways to protect their copyrights. One option is taking hymns that have been sung for hundreds of years and changing the texts in order to claim new copyrights. This can produce less appealing texts that drift from orthodox Catholic theology. There is also a push in certain publishing circles to subtly make texts evolve into questionable theology, something we avoid in this parish.

We are scripturally commanded to worship God in song but sometimes we drift into popular feel good music with amateurish texts. While many contemporary song writers have musical training, most are not trained in or competent hymn composers, writing melodies and texts too difficult for regular people to sing easily.

Is the music changing in our parish? Yes, but by a little at a time. During the music director's less than two months, we experimented with hymn selection, organ volume, mic settings and numbers of leaders. We are gradually settling into a comfortable spot.

As hired by and under the direction of the pastor, the music director will be selecting more 'hymn style' music as opposed to 'songs'. Hymn style is easier for large groups to sing. Songs with refrains are used more for the Communion procession and places where the singing leaders can take the verses while the people need sing only the refrain. Some new refrains will soon come about for you, but they are very short and easy to memorize if one will simply try.

Many hymn melodies are repeated in our hymnal. The melody for Alleluia! Sing to Jesus has four different hymn texts using that same tune. And...there are four hymns texts sung to the familiar Ode to Joy.

During this Lenten season you will discover several different hymn texts using the same melodies. So are we really only singing new music? Well.....

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.

Attention Catholic Young Adults:

"Adoration and Apps" is a Catholic Young Adult Group (ages 21 to 39). On the third Friday of each month, we meet for 45 minutes of adoration and then walk to a local bar for appetizers and drinks.

The spring dates for 2020 are as follows: Feb 21, March 20, April 17 and May 15. We meet at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church in Lewisburg and walk to Bull Run Tavern around 8pm for apps and drinks and pool! You are welcome to come for all of it, or some! Questions? Email Kelsi,

kac056@bucknell.edu.