

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday, February 8, 2020

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)

Mon. Feb. 10th *St. Scholastica*

9:00 AM Janet Marie Jones

Tues. Feb. 11th *World Day of the Sick*

9:00 AM Christopher Diehl

Wed. Feb. 12th
7:00 PM Sara Loftus

Thurs. Feb. 13th
9:00 AM Chic Chiccino
(Anne)

Fri. Feb. 14th *St. Cyril & Methodius*

9:00 AM Pat Rosboschil
(Joan Drumm)

Sat. Feb. 15th
4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sun. Feb. 16th **6th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Gregory Lamprinos
(Joe & Judy Reese)

11:00 AM Harold Prentiss
(Mary Rose Knelly)

12:30 PM Spanish Mass

February 9, 2020
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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:	\$ 5,229.00
Last Year:	\$5,914.00
Prop. of the Faith:	\$1,042.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our "dawn," our "rear guard," our "light" if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called "wisdom" of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

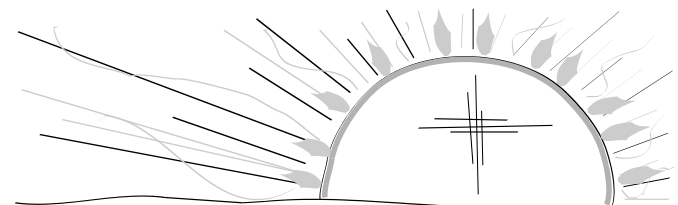
Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be "the salt of the earth." They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

Second Collections

Feb. 9 – Black and Indian Poor Missions

Feb. 16 – Repairs & Maintenance

Lenten Offerings



**Your light shall break forth
like the dawn**

The parish office will be closed Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day. Thank you.

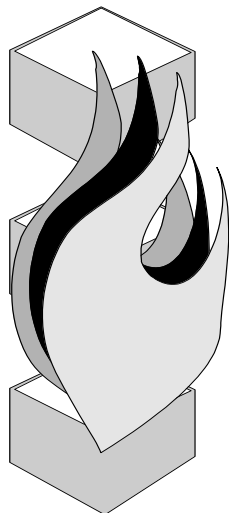
From Your Pastor,

Let us try something different. Try to think of an image of 'the Church', or image what you think of when the word 'Christian' comes to mind. How about what Jesus says in the gospel....You are salt and light. So think about it, a saltshaker and a light bulb have a better chance of putting us on the right path of true gospel discipleship than many other more common images of Christianity. Why salt? Salt was like gold in the ancient world, it was refrigeration of meat, kept food from rotting, it was used to cleanse and heal the body, and it brought a good taste out of a very common meal. It is interesting that the ratio of salt in our blood is the same ratio of salt in the sea. You have tasted your own blood, it is salty, right? We are full of salt without salt we die, as well as without water we die. Life is full of balances, both are needed. How about light? No light, then no sight, no color, no safety, no reading or writing or learning, no visual screens or moving about this beautiful world in the way that light allows us. So as you examine your quality of discipleship give it the saltshaker /light bulb test.

Take pride in our parish church, where we continue to proclaim in art forms the preaching of St. Paul, "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." One can only say, I know the Lord, if I know His crucifixion. The crucified Lord is forever the center of our spirituality. We are resurrection Christians only if we are Christians who are dying to sinfulness, who each and every day take up their cross and following Him.

Salt of the earth

Light of the world



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.*

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.*

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 26th. *The schedule will be a Noon Mass with Ashes and 7 PM Mass with Ashes.*

Beginning Wednesday March 4th, Mass will be at 6:00 PM followed with Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM.

St. Joseph Happenings

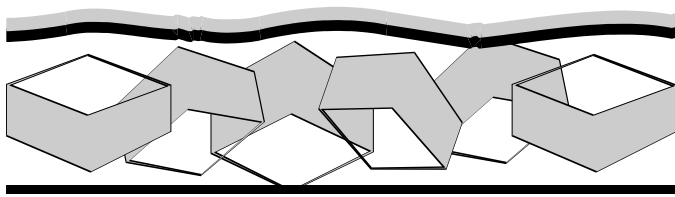
Feb. 14	Filled Pork Chop Dinner
Feb. 20	Pastoral Council @ 6:00 PM
Feb. 22, 23	Cherry Pie Sale
Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 28	Fish or Shrimp Dinner

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 \$15.00.**

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.

You are the salt of the earth



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.

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 CONFESSIONAL. THANK YOU.

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.

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.