

MASS  
INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 15, 2020

4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sun. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Mon. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> *President's Day*

9:00 AM Prayers for Our Country

Tues. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM George Geib (Pastoral Council)

Wed. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Germaine Reid

Thurs. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Jean Machamer

Fri. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> *St. Peter Milton Rehab*

10:00 AM Rose Ann Meslener

Sat. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 PM Gregory Lamprinos (Jim & Sandy Koser)

Sun. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Betty Kruper (Daughter Linda)

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**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:	\$3,411.00
Last Year:	\$3,943.00
Black & Poor Missions:	\$ 862.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

**First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20**

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom—the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

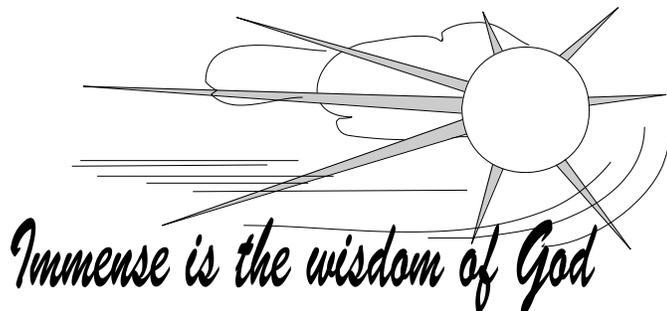
**Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery

**Second Collections**

*Feb. 16 – Repairs & Maintenance*

*March 1 – Our Faith, Our Future*



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

From Our Pastor,

Today's lessons from Holy Scripture calls us to take an 'extremist view' of our discipleship, Jesus does not change the law, as if doing away with it; He makes the law of Moses even more demanding.

To be a follower of Jesus is to be an extremist. Rev. Dr. Martin King Jr. reminds us to grow for the sake of love and justice by his 'Letter from a Birmingham Jail', as he wrote, "I gradually gained a bit of satisfaction from being considered an extremist. Was not Jesus and extremist in Love?" Now we see the Rev. Dr. King as a hero, a role model. Not a saint but as one who was trying to become a saint by radical extremist love, non-violent extreme demands that American society must change. He said no American has the right to do what was against the nature of God.

We are called to be extremist, but extremist for what and against what? Today there are two different extremist views regarding the legalization of abortion. One side says it is evil and that no citizen should have the right to do evil against the defenseless. The other side is now proposing the unrestricted right to abortion to be an essential right, a noble right under the constitution. Some members of that party use it as a test of true orthodox membership in their party, saying no one who goes against unrestricted abortion can be a member of their party in good standing.

I pray for both of our major political parties, we need two very strong active parties to have a good balance in government for the good of all our citizens. Please be a radical extremist in whatever party you belong to, push the envelope to the edge, demand that we think the unthinkable, that all life from conception to natural death are worthy of our respect and protection under the law.

All of our great American heroes and heroines were extremist, they were not afraid to upset others by pressing forward with extremist views of love, as Jesus teaches.

A VERY SINCERE THANK YOU to Father Hoke and all parishioners who provided us with very delicious meals for the past month. Thank you and God bless,  
Steve Skerda & Mike Walter

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

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

**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.***

**CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP will be March 8th. All Christmas decorations will be removed. If there is any decorations you want please remove them before March 8th.**

<b><u>St. Joseph Happenings</u></b>	
<b>Feb. 20</b>	<b>Pastoral Council</b>
<b>Feb. 22, 23</b>	<b>Cherry Pie Sale</b>
<b>Feb. 26</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>Fish or Shrimp Dinner</b>
<b>March 4</b>	<b>Mass @ 6 PM</b>
	<b>Stations of the Cross @ 6:30</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Rosary @ 8:30 AM</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Fish or Shrimp Dinner</b>
<b>March 8</b>	<b>Diocesan Annual Campaign Begins</b>

### **FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR**

In a few weeks we begin the holy season of Lent. There are changes to the Liturgy, most especially with the music. Following is a quotation from the Roman Missal: *During Lent, it is not permitted to decorate the altar with flowers, and the use of musical instruments is allowed only so as to support the singing. Nevertheless, Laetare Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts are exceptions to this rule.*

What will this mean at our parish? On February 23<sup>rd</sup> we say goodbye to the Alleluia. The organist will end the last few weeks of the season with rousing orchestration from the organ. As we enter the most solemn time of the year, the music will become more subdued. The organist will often play only the melody softly behind the singing, just enough to support the congregation's sung prayers, i.e. the hymns! The organ may even drop out while the congregation continues to sing acapella, led by the volunteer singers from the choir...but keep singing! Additional instruments will not be used, except on occasion a 'wind' instrument might be used to play the melody softly under the people as the leader.

Care has been taken to select hymns that should be familiar to most, even using the same melodies on several weeks. Only a few very brief and easily sung refrains are being introduced this year, plus one 'oldie' is coming back.

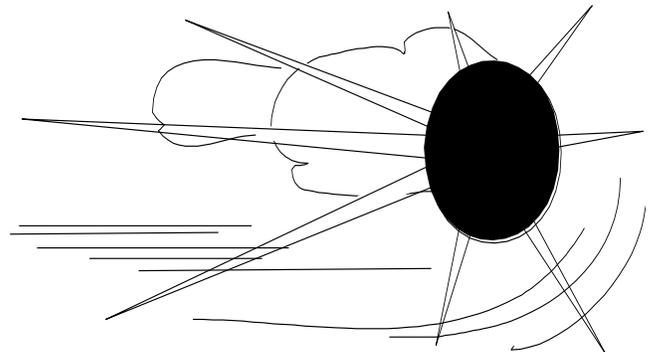
**Steubenville Conference for Adults 18+, June 5-7th, 2020:** How do we renew the church? We start with our own families. But first, we start within ourselves. If you are an adult (18+) and would like to attend a Steubenville Conference, now is your time! It is a beautiful weekend of renewal and life giving spirit filled with many speakers from whom to choose, numerous times in praise and worship with a live band, Eucharistic adoration like you've never experienced before, and celebration of the Mass daily. If you feel drawn towards a deeper experience of your Catholic faith like this, *or if you have any questions, please reach out to me or check out this link to the conference:*

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/ppc/>

*The group link to sign up under your ambassadors name (Mia Wendt) is below:*

<http://bit.ly/MiaWendtPPC20>

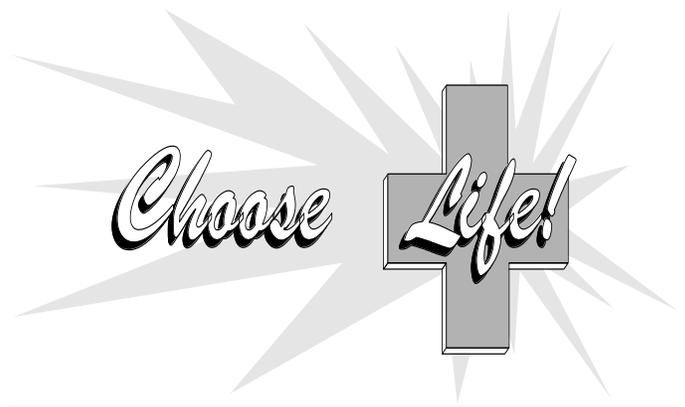
*Email any questions to: [m.wendt1721@icloud.com](mailto:m.wendt1721@icloud.com)*



**WEIS & GIANT GIFT CARDS:** Please consider purchasing Weis or Giant gift cards this week to buy your groceries. **The proceeds from last weekend were \$57.50.**

**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.

**Attention 8th grade to 11th-grade students!** If you wish to encounter God on a more personal level, then Franciscan University Summer Youth Conference is for YOU!! Attending a Catholic Youth Conference on the Franciscan University campus will be a life-changing experience. From June 19th to 21st, you will attend workshops, seminars, concerts and an Adoration Mass you will never forget! Motivational speakers will talk on topics that teenagers want to hear about. Imagine worshipping God with thousands of other Catholic teenagers all who want to be empowered and RESTORED! The cost is \$258.00 and includes conference fees, transportation, housing (boys and girls in separate dorms), meals on campus, and a group T-shirt. A deposit of \$90.00 will reserve your spot. *For more information or have questions contact Christine Wendt 484-529-3399. "RESTORE US, OH GOD; LET THEIR FACES SHINE, THAT WE MAY BE SAVED."*



**Register for a Silent, 24 Hr. "Bio-Spiritual Focusing" Retreat,** presented by Sr. Jean Marie Holup, SS.C.M. at St. Cyril Spiritual Center in Danville, from 7PM - 7PM, on Mar. 6-7. The retreat will be a directed session of "Bio-Spiritual Focusing", which is a practical way to tap into our body-spirituality, while discovering and honoring the wisdom God has put within us. For more details and to Register by Feb 23 call (570) 275-0910 or visit [www.sscm.org](http://www.sscm.org)

**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.

**Register for a Silent, Directed Retreat,** presented by LuAnn O'Connell, at St. Cyril Spiritual Center in Danville, from 7PM – 7PM, on Feb. 28-29, or come for the weekend. The retreat will be in a contemplative atmosphere, which will be enhanced by Eucharistic Liturgy, Spiritual Direction, and quiet reflection. For more details and to Register by Feb 21, call (570) 275-0910 or visit [www.sscm.org](http://www.sscm.org)

**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](mailto:kac056@bucknell.edu).