



February 23, 2020
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 22, 2020

4:00 PM Gregory Lamprinos
(Jim & Sandy Koser)

Sun. Feb. 23rd **7th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Betty Kruper
(Daughter Linda)
People of the Parish

11:00 AM

Mon. Feb. 24th
9:00 AM Lisa Reichelderfer

Tues. Feb. 25th
9:00 AM Sara Loftus

Wed. Feb. 26th
12 Noon *Ash Wednesday*
Harold Prentiss

Mass w Ashes
7:00 PM Germaine Reid

Mass w Ashes

Thurs. Feb. 27th
9:00 AM Betty Dickerman
(Mark & Renee)
Rockwell

Fri. Feb. 28th
10:00 AM Betty Hausammann

Sat. Feb. 28th
4:00 PM Terry Derr

Sun. March 1st **First Sunday
of Lent**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Gregory Lamprinos
(Bob & Jo Ann Bender)

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:	\$4,099.00
Last Year:	\$3,442.00
Reprs & Maint.	\$ 892.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Lord urges Moses to tell the Israelite Community to love their neighbors as themselves. They should bear no grudge or hatred against another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul, once again, reminds the Corinthians that they are the temple of God, and, as such, must avoid internal disputes and wrangling. He tries to make them realize that they belong to Christ and that the Spirit of God dwells within them.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

In this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to do an extraordinary thing – to love their enemies and to pray for their oppressors.

Second Collections

Easter Flowers

Lenten Offerings

Operation Rice Bowl

March 1 – Our Faith, Our Future

March 8 – Repairs & Maintenance

March 15 – Love of Neighbor



From Your Pastor,

Here we are already at the gate of 'The Season of Lent', not to be confused with the gate of hell, as it is really the gate that leads us to heaven. But initially the shock of an authentic Lent can be harsh on our comfort zone.

This week begins Lent with Ash Wednesday; please do all you can to get to Mass. If you have no sinner to pray for, then you can come and pray for your pastor. Truly, we are all in the need of prayer.

Let us be positive, consider what we are called to become; the salt and the light of Christ, the temple of God, the planters/laborers and co-workers of God in the work of salvation. Wow, think about that great gift.

Please read St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 3, the entire chapter not just the short selection in today's liturgy. Be sure to read the scary parts. Can you imagine that God will set our house on fire. Our spiritual temple that we have built will be tested by fire, that which is of worthy quality will survive, and then what is built of lesser substance and sacrifice will go up in flames. Our souls, being saved by grace, will not be destroyed, but all else will. It will be as if we have survived a house fire, standing before God in our night garb. Who would want to spend eternity in such an array of embarrassment? The choice is ours, day by day we knit and darn, build brick by brick or straw and sticks the temple of God. Lent is here to help us to do the best we can do and have something worthy of God to live in for all eternity.

Remember the three pillars that we build our spirituality, Prayer/ Almsgiving / and Fasting, all three will bless us with a successful Lenten building project. Please begin by praying, and fasting asking God to touch the hearts of our parish family to give generously to the Lenten/ Annual Diocesan Appeal.

This past year the parish received back from the diocese \$12,867., as refund over our goal of \$32,000. This year our goal is a little less, \$31,844. Before we make our appeal, let us come to God in prayer and fasting, then we will know the power of God's grace to be vested in spun silver and gold, our sacrificial giving unto the Lord. God Bless

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.**

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY: Lisa Ressler, 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.*

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

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.*

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.

CCW meeting is March 1st at the parish center. The meeting is after the 11:00 mass in the multi-purpose room. We will have a light lunch then we will be putting together Easter candy bags to hand out to the children after the Masses on Easter Sunday. Please bring bags of candy or drop them off at the Rectory porch in the gray box by Feb 29th.

Hope to see you there!
Mary Rose Knelly

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 CONFESSIOAL. THANK YOU.

Knights of Columbus 2020 Scholarship Award:

The Monsignor George J. Breckel Council #4824 Scholarship was established this year (2020) to provide financial support to a graduating male or female senior or student currently in attendance at a post-secondary school, who is a member of Sacred Heart, Lewisburg, St. George, Mifflinburg or St. Joseph's, Milton.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student with preference given to the following:

1. Students who have a direct relative (father, step-father or custodial grandfather) of a current dues paying member of the Monsignor George J. Breckel Council #4824)
2. Students of deceased members of the Council who were in good-standing at the time of passing.
3. When no applicants are available who meet either of the above criteria, the scholarship may be awarded to another deserving student who is a member of any of the above churches.

The applicant must be enrolled on a full-time basis (course load of 12 credits per semester) as an undergraduate or graduate student for the upcoming academic year. There will be one \$750 scholarship award. Students must apply every year. In addition, a student may re-apply and re-compete in future years for the award. A minimum overall grade-point average of 2.5 is required.

The submission deadline is April 30, 2020. Please contact David Zelner, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, at 570-523-1790 or Mike Patterson at 570-522-0127 for an application packet or for additional information. Subsequent to the deadline date, the Scholarship Committee will review all prospective recipients and the application packets will be presented to members at the May monthly Council meeting