



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 29, 2020

4:00 PM Terry Derr

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

8:00 AM People of the Parish

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

Mon. March 2nd

9:00 AM Anna Leitzel
(Vince & Mary Emery)

Tues. March 3rd

9:00 AM Robert Bastain Jr.

Wed. March 4th

6:00 PM Healing from Addiction
Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM

Thurs. March 5th

9:00 AM Angela Masseria
(Elizabeth Muscarella
Family)

Fri. March 6th

8:30 AM *First Friday*

9:00 AM Rosary
Germaine Reid

Sat. March 7th

9:00 AM *First Saturday*
Christopher Diehl
M/M Andrew Skerda
(Stephen Skerda)

4:00 PM

Sun. March 8th

8:00 AM **2nd Sunday of Lent**

11:00 AM People of the Parish
Charles Dickerman
(Mark & Renee)

March 1, 2020 First Sunday of Lent

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:	\$3,159.00
Last Year:	\$3,543.00
Pork Chop Dinner:	\$2,253.00 (profit)

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God, Him alone shall you adore."

Second Collections

March 8 – Repairs & Maintenance

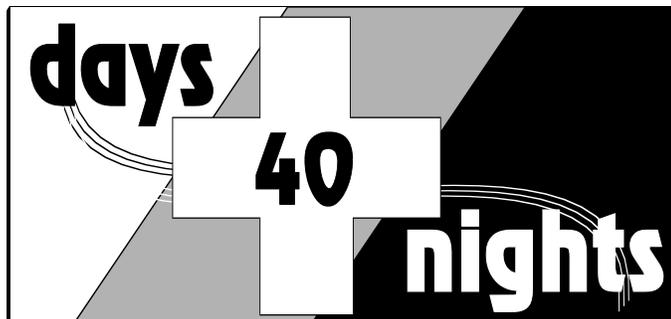
March 8 – Diocesan Annual Appeal Begins

March 15 – Love of Neighbor

Lenten Offerings

Easter Flowers

Operation Rice Bowl



Friendly Reminder: Turn your clocks AHEAD 1 hour before retiring to bed next Saturday evening. Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8th.

From Your Pastor,

“LENT: A TIME TO BE TEMPTED, TO PRAY, FAST AND GIVE ALMS”

This could be one of the best Lents we have ever offered to God. Considering what the spiritual temptations are that are facing us this year: to give up and abandon our Catholic Faith, or to abandon our support for the Church of Harrisburg and maybe even our support of your parish and pastor. The temptations are there, well founded and powerful. Some of our brothers and sisters are already separated from us, no longer come to Holy Communion or give any give any support to the parish. Let us pray for them this Lent, as well as pray for ourselves, as we might be considering not belonging or giving. Let us make this struggle to remain united in mercy and forgiveness to those who have hurt us, into a spiritual sacrifice of charity for all victims of clerical sexual abuse, may our spiritual struggle be an offering to the Lord for their healing and recovery. May they no longer live in the shadows in fear and shame but feel the love and mercy of the Lord. May our prayers help them.

Regarding the temptation to not give to the old ‘Lenten Appeal’ now the Annual Diocesan Appeal, the one who will be hurt and suffer is not those of the past who did these horrific sins against youth, but you and me. By not giving you will increase the burden of your pastor to come up with the funds to pay for amount allotted to our parish. We must pay this bill, either from direct donations from you or by trying to find the money in our ordinary giving. If you do give an extra offering in the ordinary collections instead of the Lenten appeal, that increased donation, through the parish, will cause the parish to have a higher goal from the diocese next year.

But you will also hurt your chance to grow in grace, to become more perfect in the eyes of your heavenly Father, to forgive and give when it is difficult to be kind.

The bishop you have now and your pastor did not do any of these shameful offenses. Now, there are safe guards in place to help prevent this from ever happening again. None of the charities supported by the Lenten Appeal are used to cover up and pay out hush money. That ugliness is over, thanks be to God.

I know many of you are hurt, rightfully so, but please pray and fast over your decision of how to give alms this Lent. Face the temptation and overcome it with prudent charity.

ST JOSEPH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION will be held on Sunday, March 22nd. Forms are on the bulletin board for your convenience. Place your completed reservation form along with payment in an envelope marked ‘Feast Day Celebration.’ Reservations are due back with your donation by March 15. Doors open at Noon and meal will be served at 12:45.

Next weekend we will kick off the 2020 Diocesan Annual Campaign, formerly known as the Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal with the in-pew solicitation. Rooted in Faith is the theme for the 2020 Diocesan Annual Campaign. We have been asked by Bishop Gainer to prayerfully consider a pledge to this effort. As a parish we benefit in a number of ways: shared administrative services like payroll and accounts payable to Human Resources to outreach ministries that are led by the Diocese, and implemented at the parish level. By our collective efforts from parishioners and parishes throughout the Diocese, a multitude of programs and ministries are offered to those in need. We are relying on your generous support to insure that these programs and ministries continue. I thank you in advance for your loyal and steadfast support. Our parish has been assessed a goal of \$31,844.00. Your pledge may be paid monthly through December. Coupon booklets will be mailed from the Diocese for your convenience. Once our goal is met, all additional monies will be refunded to our parish.

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

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

The Diocese of Harrisburg's 2020 Men's Conference March 28, 2020 "Catholic Men Defenders of the Faith". Forms are on the bulletin board, take one; fill it out on paper or on line.

March 16, Early Birds: \$35.00, March 23 Regular: \$40.00, March 28, at the door: \$50.00 Let Fr. Hoke know if you need help with the registration fee, we really want to see as many men go as possible. If you register, let us know so as to plan a car pool. Keynote Speaker, Dr. William Donohue, President of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights For more information www.hbgdiocese.org/men

<u>St. Joseph Happenings</u>	
March 6	Fish or Shrimp Dinner
March 8	Diocesan Annual Appeal Begins
March 13	Fish or Shrimp Dinner
March 20	Fish or Shrimp Dinner
March 22	St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration

ADVENT – HOMES FOR CHRISTMAS: Your donations totaled \$5,718.00! Funds have been sent to Cross Catholic Outreach. Thank you for your generous contributions.

SOUP AND THE WORD LUNCHEONS sponsored by the Milton Ministerium will be held Wednesdays during Lent at 12 Noon. Again this year, First Presbyterian Church Milton is hosting these luncheons.

CRS Operation Rice Bowl: This Lenten season, we encountered the hope of the Resurrection and shared it with our neighbors most in need. Please make your checks payable to St. Joseph Church. Place in an envelope marked RICE BOWL and place in the collection. Thank you. For additional information, visit crsricebowl.org

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.

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.

<p align="center"><u>Council of Catholic Women</u> 1936 - 2020</p> <p><u>Food Bank Collection</u> area in confessional. Items needed include Cereal, Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, Fruits and Vegetables along with Nonperishables, toiletries</p> <p><u>Migrant Outreach Collection for CSIU</u> Small sized toiletries, razors <u>Soda tabs</u> for Ronald McDonald House <u>Box tops for Ed</u> for Milton schools, parochial school <u>Facebook-</u> https://www.facebook.com/ccwmilton <u>Website-</u> http://stjosephmilton.org <u>CCW PRAYER SHAWLS:</u> 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.</p>

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.

WEIS & GIANT GIFT CARDS: Please consider purchasing Weis or Giant gift cards this week to buy your groceries. **The proceeds from last weekend were \$25.00.**