

MASS  
INTENTIONS

March 8, 2020  
Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 7, 2020

*First Saturday*

9:00 AM Christopher Diehl  
4:00 PM M/M Andrew Skerda  
(Stephen Skerda)

Sun. March 8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:00 AM Charles Dickerman  
(Mark & Renee)

Mon. March 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Patricia Rosboschil  
(Joan Drumm)

Tues. March 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Feliciana McHale  
(Angie Peterman)

Wed. March 11<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM Harold Prentiss  
6:30 PM *Stations of the Cross*

Thurs. March 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Vito Viterbo  
(Vincenza Viterbo)

Fri. March 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM George Geib  
(Tony & Bonnie Lupo)

Sat. March 14<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM Tuduy Family  
(Maureen Shepard)

Sun. March 15<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:00 AM Special Intentions for  
Ron & Terry Basinger  
(Geri Pryer)  
12:30 PM Spanish Mass

**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:	\$4,333.00
Last Year:	\$4,290.00
Our Faith, Our Future:	\$1,038.00
Fish/Shrimp Dinner:	\$3,262.19 (profit)

The above are bank deposit amounts

**First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a**

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10**

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ did for them everlasting life.

**Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them.

**Second Collections**

*March 8 – Repairs & Maintenance*

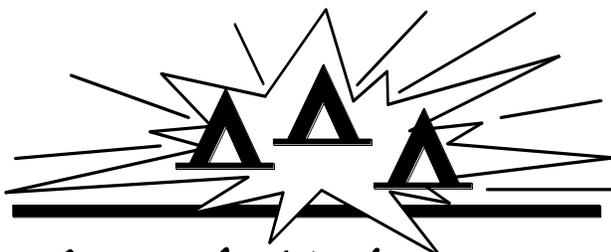
*March 8 – Diocesan Annual Appeal Begins*

*March 15 – Love of Neighbor*

*Lenten Offerings*

*Easter Flowers*

*Operation Rice Bowl*



*Let us build three tents*

*Thank you for making our cherry pie sale a success. We are grateful to those who purchased the pies and for the donations.*

From Your Pastor,

Here we are already in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, I hope you are praying for me as I am praying for you, may we together walk through this dark desert valley into the beautiful garden of Resurrection and New Life. The gospel account of the 'Transfiguration' is very important in our Catholic Spirituality, it even has it's own feast day and has been added by Pope Saint John Paul II as one of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. So let us take a look and see why it is so important.

In the spiritual life, we need to realize that what we perceive to see is not really what something is. Sight and human experience are deceptive, only the Divine Word of God is complete truth. It is the voice of the Father that helps the apostles to realize Who Jesus really is, "My beloved Son, listen to Him!" And also, the Transfiguration is to help us get ready for the scandal of the cross. Right before this event, Jesus predicts His crucifixion and urges us to follow Him. The sight of suffering and loss is hard to accept, only by His good example and the supernatural graces of the Paschal Mystery do we have the power to die to self, to give our self away, 'In With and Through Him'.

Our Lenten Prayers, Fasting and Almsgiving transform us by the inspiration of His Transfiguration. By the grace of Transfiguration, please give to the Lenten Appeal, now called the Annual Diocesan Appeal. What seems to appear as a loss to you, will be actually a gaining of Christ's grace, and transfiguration and transformation of our lowliness into the glory of Christ, Our Risen Lord.

In our parish church, why are the sacred images veiled, covered up from our sight? No one reason, but several good benefits come from the veiling. Absence makes the heart grow fonder! When we do not have what we love to have, then when we have it once again we love and value it even more. Because of our attachment to sin, we are always in a veil, we sinners see dimly, as if through dirty glass, and the death that comes from sin shrouds over our perception of reality. Actually, because of sin we are 'dead men walking'.

The light of the Easter Resurrection is to help us to see differently. Who knows, perhaps when we come to Mass at Easter, maybe you will see your own face and the faces of our parish family in the sacred images. In Christ, all is made new.

*Friendly Reminder: Wednesday evening Mass will be at 6:00 PM followed with Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM through Lent.*

**ST JOSEPH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION will be held on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Forms are due back with your donation by March 15. Doors open at Noon and meal will be served at 12:45. Extra forms are on the bulletin board.

*This weekend we 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 2019 Diocesan Annual Campaign. We have been asked by Bishop Gainer to prayerfully consider a pledge to this effort. 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 sometime in May for your convenience. Once our goal is met, all additional monies will be refunded to our parish.*

Please come out and share the season of Lent with our 7th & 8th grade CCD class. April 1st, our Confirmation class, (7th & 8<sup>th</sup>) will read the Stations of the Cross readings. This is our fourth year doing the readings. Fr. Hoke will be away hearing confession. Stations start at 6:30 at the church.

<b><u>St. Joseph Happenings</u></b>	
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

**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.**

**A Men's Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

**SOUP AND THE WORD LUNCHEONS** sponsored by the Milton Ministerium are 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](http://crsricebowl.org)

*Harrisburg Council of Catholic Women invite all Women of the diocese to attend the 9th Annual Prayer Shawl Retreat.* March 21<sup>st</sup> at Good Shepherd Parish, Camp Hill. Catered Lunch for a cost of \$10.00. Registration due by March 16, 2020. Call Mary Rose Knelly for more information and for carpooling 570-412-6256. See Bulletin Board for details.

*Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 95th Convention. "Rejoice and Be Thankful"* Saturday April 25th, 2020, from 8:00am - 4:00pm at The Diocesan Center at 4800 Union Deposit Rd, Harrisburg, PA. Speaker will be Sarah Christmyer. See Bulletin Board for more Details. Call Mary Rose Knelly for carpooling 570-412-6256.

**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.

**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 GROCERY GIFT CARDS:** Please consider purchasing Weis gift cards this week to buy your groceries. **The proceeds from last weekend were \$17.50.**

**Enjoy a Lenten Day Retreat, "A Spirituality of Non-Violence",** presented by Sr. Anita M. Constance, at St. Cyril Spiritual Center in Danville, from 10AM – 3PM, March 21<sup>st</sup>. This Lenten Day of reflection, prayer, and sharing is an opportunity to lean into the love of God and learn how to transform the areas of subtle violence within our lives and discover the grace in our limitations and faults. For more details and to Register by Mar. 13th, call (570)-275-3581 or visit [www.sscm.org](http://www.sscm.org)