



# MASS INTENTIONS

**March 15, 2020**  
**Third 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:	\$4,475.00
Last Year:	\$4,290.00
Repairs & Maint.	\$ 945.00
Fish Dinner:	\$3,005.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

**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 Preyer)

**12:30 PM** Spanish Mass

**Mon. March 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 AM** Robert Bastian Jr.

**Tues. March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 AM** Jim Jackson  
(Family)

**Wed. March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 PM** In Honor of St. Joseph  
(Frank Muscarella Family)  
*Stations of the Cross*

**6:30 PM**

**Thurs. March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 AM** Vincenzo Viterbo  
(Giesi)

**Fri. March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 AM** Milton Rehab  
Mary Umpstead

**Sat. March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**4:00 PM** M/M Chester Borysowski  
(Stephen Skerda)

**Sun. March 22<sup>nd</sup>** **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**11:00 AM** Sara Loftus  
(Ed & Carole Barsis)



### **First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7**

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

### **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

### **Gospel: John 4:5-5-42**

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

### **Second Collections**

*March 15 – Love of Neighbor*

*Lenten Offerings*

*Easter Flowers*

*Operation Rice Bowl*

*Sanctuary Candle is In memory of Ray Leitzel, requested by Mary and Vince Emery.*

**Until further notice, mass at Rockwell is cancelled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month.**

**From Your Pastor,**

Today's lessons deepen our understanding of the graces received in the Holy Season of Lent that of satisfying the thirst of God, as Jesus says to the Samaritan women at the well, 'give Me a drink', later on the cross He says 'I thirst'. How can this be, God Who has everything has become human and places Himself in the human condition of needing longing and seeking our humble faith, hope and love for Him? Yes, God longs for our love and care given to Him through the humanity of Jesus.

As we discover our longing for the many creature comforts; food, drink shelter security and affection, we also become aware of our spiritual longings for truth, goodness, beauty and holiness. In the passage of the woman at the well, we see that before we are even aware of our spiritual thirsts, we need to become aware of our spiritual losses, our broken sinful nature. The woman will find the springs of eternal life as she finds revealed before her, her sinfulness.

Most interesting is the fact that she admits her sins, tells everyone that she now has faced her sinfulness and it is by that admission that she witnesses, that she becomes an evangelist. Others will invite this 'truth teller' Jesus into their homes, He will tell them the truth of their sins and they too will become believers.

Here is the greatest, the most amazing grace; by facing the 'truth teller', Jesus Our Lord and Savior, we find peace and discover within us a flowing spring, a source of life welling up inside of us. Please pray for me and for one another that we come to find out thirst, our brokenness by preparing for a good holy Confession this Lent.

The Holy Water Font is empty, dry as a bone! We will miss the Holy Water during this health scare and good prevention policy. We have been asked to empty our fonts. As you still come to the font, in a good habit of doing so for a blessing, now bless your selves with dry fingers and long for the grace of healing and sanctification.

May we thirst for Jesus as He has thirst for us.

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

*Again this weekend you will have an opportunity to pledge to the 2020 Diocesan Annual Campaign using the in-pew solicitation. Rooted in Faith is the theme for this 2020 Campaign. 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. Last weekend, \$7,661.00 was pledged. We will accept pledges through Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>. After this date, you may continue to pledge by contacting the diocese at 717-657-4804 ext. 336. For Visa or MasterCard visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/das](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/das) and select the appropriate parish to receive your gift/pledge or use the phone number above. This year, all refunds from the Diocesan Annual Campaign will be applied to the cost of replacing all the HVAC Units in the Parish Center. We have already replaced four units. The total cost for all the units will be over \$25,000.*

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. Stations start at 6:30 at the church.

**REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY:** Elizabeth Muscarella, 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.**

**St. Joseph Happenings**

March 22 St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration  
March 27 Fish & Shrimp Dinner  
April 1 Stations of the Cross @ 6:30PM  
Presented by the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
CCD students  
April 2 Penance Service @ 7 PM  
April 3 Fish & Shrimp Dinner  
April 5 Palm Sunday  
April 9 Holy Thursday  
April 12 Easter

**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.

**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.

*Thank you to the many parishioners for the  
Birthday Cards! They are greatly appreciated.  
Stephen Skerda*

*Harrisburg Council of Catholic Women invite all  
Women of the diocese to attend the 9th  
Annual Prayer Shawl Retreat. March 21st 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.  
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6256*

**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 \$30.00.**

**Silent Directed 24 Hr. or Weekend Retreat,  
April 3-5** Register for a Silent, Directed Retreat,  
presented by Sr. Jean Marie Holup, SS.C.M. at St.  
Cyril Spiritual Center in Danville, from 7PM -  
7PM, on Apr 3 - 4, or come for the weekend. The  
retreat will be in a contemplative atmosphere, which  
will be enhanced by **Eucharist**, Spiritual Direction,  
and quiet reflection. For more details and to  
**Register by Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>** call (570) 275-0910 or visit  
[www.sscm.org](http://www.sscm.org)