



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**

Bob Kirby  
(Kevin Hallahan)

**Sun. March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
People of the Parish  
Christopher Basinger  
(Geri Preyer)

**Mon. March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Rose Ann Meslener

**Tues. March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Germaine Reid

**Wed. April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Feliciana McHale  
(Ann & George Woodling)

**Thurs. April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mark Andrews  
*First Friday*

**Fri. April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Christine Strout

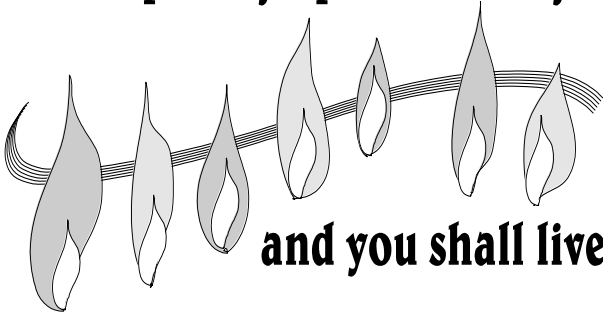
**Sat. April 4<sup>th</sup>**

*First Saturday*  
Greg Shepard  
(Mom Maureen)  
People of the Parish

**Sun. April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Palm Sunday**  
Germaine Reid  
In Memory of My  
Deceased Sisters  
(Grace Bentlage)

## I will put my Spirit within you



## and you shall live

## March 29, 2020 Fifth 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:

NO REPORT AT THIS TIME

The above are bank deposit amounts

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11**

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

**Gospel: John 11:1-45**

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

### Second Collections

*March 29-Catholic Relief Services*

*April 5- Our Faith & Future*

*Lenten Offerings*

*Easter Flowers*

*Operation Rice Bowl*

*Holy Thursday*

*Holy Land/Good Friday*

*Sanctuary candle is for the  
Special Intentions of Eric Powell,  
requested by Tom and Marian Lang*

Stations of the Cross presented by the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade on April 1, 2020 has been cancelled.

From our pastor,

We are now at the Fifth Sunday of Lent, there are only six, and so next week is Holy Week. Who would have ever thought this Lent up in their mind and heart, the Lent of Lents, when the whole world observed in Quarantine, forty days of separation from the World. Who knows when it will be over?

If the quarantine is lifted on Palm Sunday we will be ready with blessed Palms. We must wait and see, and Easter too. If there is no public celebration of Palm Sunday there will be blessed palms on the porch of the rectory, but no need to come out as the holy palms will be waiting for you once the quarantine is lifted.

The Parish Sunday Mass is on Youtube and also on St Joseph Facebook page. I am not sure about the Triduum, as the services are longer and we had problems with just posting a shortened Mass. Please go to the TV to watch on EWTN, or on line with the Diocese of Harrisburg Web Page, they have daily Masses and will have the Easter Triduum from the Cathedral with the Bishop.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation during quarantine:** I will be hearing Confession in the front yard of the rectory as follows. There will be a tent to enter for Confession, directions for you to follow to keep a safe distance and to disinfect before and after, and to have privacy for Confession.

**Confessions will be heard as follows:**

First Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00-11:00

First Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:00

*The Blessed Sacrament will be enthroned on the rectory porch from 9:30-11:30am, with Benediction.*

Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00-3:00pm. *In the event the church must remain closed then Confessions will be heard on the front yard.*

**Holy Week Confessions:**

Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 12-1pm and 6-7pm.

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 12-1pm and 6-7pm.

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 12-1pm and 6-7pm.

**ONLY if we are allowed to have a public celebration of The Easter Triduum** the times will be as follows: Holy Thursday, 7:00p.m. and Good Friday 2:00p.m. and Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, 8:00p.m. Confessions will heard after the Holy Thursday and Good Friday service.

**If there are NO public services:** then confessions will be heard on the front yard.  
Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00p.m- 1:00p.m., and 6:00p.m to 7:00p.m.  
Holy Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00-1:00p.m.

**Please offer up your spiritual longing as a sacrifice to the Lord to pray to be delivered from this pandemic evil, pray for me as I do pray for you.**

**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,

**Church Office is closed** due the mandated quarantine. For emergencies, please call 570-742-4356. If no one answers, please leave a message.

**Tithing envelopes and Diocesan Annual Campaign** (formally known as Bishops Annual Lenten Appeal) **Pledges/Gifts.** In this time of crisis the church still depends on your support. Please mail your tithing envelopes to St. Joseph Church, 109 Broadway Street, Milton, PA 17847. Please return your intended pledge/gift to the Lenten Appeal as soon as possible. On a piece of paper, please write the amount of your total pledge/gift and enclose with your check, made payable to St. Joseph Church. Thank you.