



MASS  
INTENTIONS

April 19, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Dorothy Riordan  
(Sharon & Ed Grove)

Sun. April 19<sup>th</sup>

*Divine Mercy Sunday*  
Jean Machamer  
People of the Parish

Mon. April 20<sup>th</sup>

Sara Loftus

Tues. April 21<sup>st</sup>

Healing from Addiction

Wed. April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Beverly Housammann

Thurs. April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Chic Chiccino  
(Anne)

Fri. April 24<sup>th</sup>

Rose Reedy

Sat. April 25<sup>th</sup>

Special Intentions for  
Father Hoke on his 44<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary as a Priest

**First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the faithful listened intently to the teachings of the apostles. They lived a communal life, sharing all property in common and praying and taking their meals together.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

In this first letter from Peter, he speaks to the Christians with great joy and confidence, reminding them that through Christ's resurrection, they have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

After his resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who is absent, sees Christ later and believes in His resurrection after feeling His wounds. Christ admonishes Thomas by saying, "You became a believer because you saw Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and believed."

**Second Collections**

April 26 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal

May 3 - Our Faith, Our Future

***Happy Anniversary to Father Hoke!  
April 24<sup>th</sup> will be his 44<sup>th</sup> year as a Priest.***



**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.

**From Your Pastor,**

**HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN IN DEED!**

*Here is our faith and our rock that we hang onto in all of life's problems sorrows and challenges, in order to grow in grace. We are having very difficult times, we don't know when this trial will be over, but we know we need the Lord, and we can depend on the Lord. If we come to Him, He will not reject us but reach out to us in His Mercy.*

*This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, our parish's normal time for Eucharistic Adoration for Forty Hours. We won't be able to be together for three days of prayer and adoration but please come together this Sunday at 3:00 pm to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, watching on EWTN, or join us on line, on our parish Face Book at 3:00 pm this Sunday. If you would put all your trust in Jesus, as the Father's Gift of Divine Mercy, then great blessings come upon us and upon the whole world. Say often those very simple word "Jesus, I trust in You", our lives will have the grace necessary to overcome this pandemic, and all its problems. Trust in Jesus, long for Jesus, hope in Jesus and we will be doing the one thing that must be done to bring us recovery and victory over this evil, that of sincere Prayer and Trust in Jesus' Sacred Heart.*

*There are so many kindnesses you are showing one another, continue to think of others and reach out to others in need even just a simple card, or phone call. If you know of anyone in the parish family or in the community in need of support let us know, call the office or e-mail the office your concerns. We will get through this together.*

*Blessed are you who have not forgotten the financial needs of the parish, your mailed in and dropped off offerings are keeping us going and fills me with hope that you have not forgotten us,*

*Thank You,  
In Christ, Fr. John D. Hoke.*

**Tithing Envelopes:** 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.

**On line giving** has been made available on the Diocesan webpage, please remember this is only temporary due to the current measures taken to ensure social distancing. Visit our webpage to access the link. We encourage you to continue mailing your contributions directly to our parish. By mailing your offering we are able to record your offerings for those who will request a contribution statement at the end of the year.

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

**Thank you** to our many volunteers who generously and continuously offer their time and talent. Each and every one of you are a true blessing!

**The January Financial Statement** has been made available on our church website. If you would like to view, please visit [www.stjoseph.org](http://www.stjoseph.org). It is located under Events & News, then click on News to view.

#### **Prayer against Coronavirus**

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

*Pedro de la Cruz*