



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

**October 4, 2020
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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:	\$3,226.00
Education	\$ 681.00
Last Year:	\$3,639.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

This passage about the failure of the Lord's vineyard is a metaphor for the ingratitude of the people of Israel and Judah. In tones of sadness and rebuke, the Lord asks, "What more was there to do for my vineyard?"

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

In a moving appeal to the Philippians, Paul exhorts them to embrace all that is pure, decent, and admirable; then God's peace will be theirs.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

In another rebuke to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus recounts a parable in which the owner of a vineyard leases his vineyard to tenant farmers. When the owner sends his servants and even his son to claim his rightful share of the crops, the tenants kill all of them. With some bitterness, Jesus warns the chief priests that "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people that will yield a rich harvest."

Second Collections

Walk in the Spirit Oct. 3&4th-10&11th

Oct. 4- Our Faith Our Future

Oct. 11-Repair & Maint.

Oct. 18-Mission Sunday

The sanctuary candle burns in memory of Len & Rita Little, requested by their children.

- Sat. Oct. 3rd**
9:00AM **FIRST SATURDAY**
 Steven Rheam
 (Bonnie & Tony Lupo)
3:30 PM *Rosary: Respect Life*
4:00 PM Joan Amino
 (Renee & Mark Dickerman)
- Sun. Oct. 4th**
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM *Rosary: Respect Life*
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM *Rosary: Respect Life*
11:00 AM Adeline Pedron
 (Maureen Shepard)
- Mon. Oct. 5th**
9:00 AM *Blessed Francis Xavier*
 In honor of St. Francis of Assisi
 (Frank & Sandy Muscarella)
- Tues. Oct. 6th**
9:00 AM *St. Bruno*
 Mark Andrews
- Wed. Oct. 7th**
9:00 AM *Our Lady of the Rosary*
 Rev. Vincent Topper
- Thurs. Oct. 8th**
9:00 AM Bea Gharrett
- Fri. Oct. 9th**
9:00 AM *St. Denis*
 Donna Konyar
 (Husband, Jim)
- Sat. Oct. 10th**
10:00AM *Respect Life Mass*
Benediction
Rosary Procession
Lunch on Rectory Porch
3:30 PM *Rosary: Respect Life*
4:00 PM David Emery
 (Vince & Mary Emery)
- Sun. Oct. 11th**
7:30 AM *Rosary: Respect Life*
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM *Rosary: Respect Life*
11:00 AM Harold Prentiss

From our pastor,

This Sunday, the First Sunday of October is always 'Respect Life Sunday' and so it is this year. This is not a political party endorsement but a faithful preaching of the Word of God, as understood in both Jewish and Christian Tradition and clearly defined in the Catholic teachings throughout 2000 years of preaching and living the teaching of Christ. Both the popes and saints have faithfully articulated that human life begins at conception and is made by God and is deserving of our protection and respect.

The American Bishops clearly taught in 2019 that 'the Right to Life' is not just one of many various respect life issues. It is the bedrock and the most essential building block of a human society. If we turn our back on the need to protect the innocent defenseless unborn we will be rejecting the rock upon which all others respect life issues are built.

Of all the nations in the world, only atheistic communist China is as liberal and supportive of unrestricted abortion, at any stage, as the USA. China has made it a public policy to make abortion a major part of population control, and we are not far behind. Planned Parenthood, a population control agency is the largest provider of abortion in the nation. Once you justify in your mind the taking of the life of the unborn, then you can justify the taking of the life of the recently born and then the aged who have become like babes in need of merciful care. Look at all the other attacks on human rights in China, it goes back to the atheistic belief that human life is not sacred, it is disposable, to be canceled and aborted when it meets the needs of the state.

I realize this year year's election is very troubling for many of us. But please stop and pray and think for a moment: this election is not a possibility to outlaw abortion, no way is that possible. But it is a very real opportunity to keep abortion from become even more government supported and respected. The results of this election will determine whether or not the 'Hyde Amendment' is canceled, which prevents taxpayers from paying for abortion. The Dred Scott decision did not legalize slavery, but it extended the rights of slave owners to force the free states to turnover escaped slaves to their slave owners.

In a few weeks you will have an opportunity to either hold the abortion industry back or to extend its power and prestige.

You love and respect human life, thanks be to God. Please don't allow Satan to confuse you in thinking a Catholic can be sincerely prolife and fail to hold back the abortion industry. May the Archangels; St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael, protect us from the ancient liar and killer, the Evil One.

*Thank you for being open to my message.
Fr. Hoke*

October is Respect Life Month

This year's theme is "Live the Gospel of Life". In response to live out the Gospel of Christ, we will be saying the rosary before each weekend mass, during the month of October. *A huge thank you to those who have volunteered to say the rosary.*

On October 10, 2020 A Respect Life Mass will be held at 10:00AM, followed by Benediction, Rosary Procession and Lunch on the Rectory Porch. *Please make every effort to attend as it our responsibility to defend the innocent unborn.*

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY: Jack Wailewski, Taylor Treibley, David Torrey, Richard Oppel, Barbara Coup, Vickie Youman, William Cameron, Geri Preyer, Bridget Emery, Dolores Caicco, Marilyn Vargo, Matt Mousley, Carole Schrader, Emily Myerson, Jane Woodcock, Allen Treibley, Scott Zerrenner, Nathan Young, Mary Ann Carter, David Carter, Kathleen Jones, John Zerrenner, Evelyn Young, Tresha Sudol, George Sudol, Ed Arndt, Kirsten Koons, Andrea Rea Young, Mike Walters, Dr. Weisner, Rita Patynski, Anna Lee Fagnano, Abram Koons Jr., 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, Matthew Rosboschil, Charlotte Farrell and Jackie Rando. **PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD.**

St. Joseph Happenings

Respect for Life Rosary: before all masses during the month of October

Oct. 1st - February Lottery Ticket Sale Begins

Oct. 16th & 17th Parish Rummage Sale

Parish Rummage Sale

October- Friday 16th and Saturday 17th. We need clean useable items and clothing. You can pack up items in boxes and drop off any time at the front door of the Parish Center. This will be protected under cover, and we will check this spot every day for items to take back into storage. If I you have large items, please call Harriet More 570-412-3769 to arrange to have someone meet you at the Parish Center to store them away. Thank you and please do not use us a dumpster for waste items. We need your help, God Bless, Fr. Hoke

CCD students will be collecting for, "Walk in the Spirit ". Collections will take place after all Masses on October 3th & 4th, and 10th & 11th.

Walk in the Spirit was formerly, Crop Walk /Bridge Walk. Money collected will benefit the Salvation Army and Hand Up. All monies raised will be used to meet their needs in our community.

February Lottery Calendar

Will be for sale after mass, beginning October 4th. The Cost of the ticket is \$20.00. All winning numbers are determined by the 7 P.M. Pennsylvania Daily Lottery Pick Three Drawing

Due to Covid-19 most of our fundraising has been canceled, so please consider purchasing and taking tickets to sell. The sale of these lottery tickets, if all 1,000 are sold will provide "Our Church" \$10,000.00. Please contact the church office at 570-742-4356 to purchase or to obtain tickets to sell. Thank you!

WEIS & GIANT GIFT CARDS: Please consider purchasing Weis or Giant gift cards this week to buy your groceries.

Diocese of Harrisburg 6th Annual (Virtual) Women's Conference

On Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9a.m.- 12:15p.m. Registration cost is \$10.

The Theme is *Catholic Women: Our Place at the Table*. The Keynote is from Emily Stimpson Chapman, nationally known Catholic author, speaker, and blogger. The title of her address is: *Tasting the Love of God: Finding Healing and Joy at the Catholic Table*. Other featured speakers are Bishop Ronald Gainer and Mrs. Megan Murphy. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration as well as Praise and Worship music.

St. Joseph Church will be hosting a Virtual Conference, please contact the church office at 571-742-4356 to register as group. Covid-19 restrictions will be implemented.

Heart of Mercy Counseling Ministry (Sisters of the Good Shepherd), in the Danville area now has two licensed therapists available to serve adults: individuals or couples counseling. Fee based on sliding scale. Please contact either one of them to schedule an appointment if you are seeking counseling integrated with Catholic teachings: Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette, Licensed Professional Counselor 352-328-8145 OR Sr. Mary Frances Altavilla, Licensed Clinical Social Worker 410-245-0870. Check out our website: <http://www.heartofmercygs.org>

For Your Information

Please be sure to check out the bulletin board outside the restrooms at parish center and parish church. Due to Covid-19 we are making copies of our weekly bulletin in-house, and unfortunately not all information to be shared fits on our two page publication.