



November 22, 2020
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE
UNIVERSE

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:	\$3,585.00
Last Year:	\$4,611.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

This passage beautifully describes how the Lord God, as shepherd, will tend his flock. He will rescue those who are lost, bring back those who stray, heal the sick, and "pasture" all.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Paul once again stresses the significance of Christ's resurrection in the total divine plan, emphasizing that Christ's rising means that those who believe in him will also rise after death. Christianity, he argues, is meaningless if it concerns only this life on earth. In the end, even death will be destroyed, and "God will be all in all."

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to "one of my least brothers" they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his "least," they fail to do to him.

- Sat. Nov. 21st**
4:00 PM Ed Wilhour
 (Bonnie & Tony Lupo)
- Sun. Nov. 22nd**
8:00 AM *Our Lord Jesus Christ*
 All Souls
- 11:00 AM** Adeline Pedron
 (Maureen Shepard)
- Mon. Nov. 23rd**
9:00 AM *St. Clement*
 Special Intentions-Kurt
 Livingston (Geri Preyer)
- Tues. Nov. 24th**
9:00 AM *St. Andrew*
 Mark Andrews
- Wed. Nov. 25th**
7:00PM *St. Catherine*
Thanksgiving Vigil
 Intentions: All Souls
- Thurs. Nov. 26th**
9:00 AM *Thanksgiving*
 Intentions: All Souls
- Fri. Nov. 27th**
9:00 AM All Souls
- Sat. Nov. 28th**
4:00 PM Special Intentions-Deb
 Swanger (Geri preyer)
- Sun. Nov. 29th**
8:00 AM *1st Sunday of Advent*
 All Souls
- 11:00 AM** Warren Reynolds
 (Geri Preyer)

With Deepest Sympathies- On Tuesday, November 17th Matt Mousley, husband of Patty passed away. May Matt enjoy eternal peace in Heaven with Christ.

Second Collections
Nov. 22-Matthew 25

The Matthew 25 Collection allows the Diocese of Harrisburg to address the basic needs of food, shelter and clothing on a local level through food banks, soup kitchens and other parish-supported projects that assist those in need.

From our Pastor,

This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, is the final Sunday of 2020, next Sunday we begin a new year of walking with the Lord for 364 days. What a blessing it is to belong to a Liturgical Church with the riches of readings, prayers blessings and feast days that unites the disciples of Jesus to all of the mysteries of salvation. A very good reason to be a Catholic Christian. Thank You God.

Speaking of 'thankfulness', this week will be our nation's beloved holiday, Thanksgiving Day. I hope that in spite of restrictions on gatherings many of you will be able to come together and show a spirit of thankfulness towards one another and to God. This year the parish will celebrate two separate services, a 7:00 pm Vigil Mass and then a 0900 am Thanksgiving Morning Mass. Many of you have said they would like to come to Mass but the morning time is cooking time, so now you can come the evening before. Let us do all we can to offer the most perfect Thanksgiving Meal, that of the Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice. There should be plenty of room with good spacing with an extra Mass. Please come.

Please note in the bulletin that we will have our traditional appeals for Christmas Charity this Advent, as we have in the past, with a few changes. Because of the COVID we will not ask you to do the buying and wrapping, we will take care of that. We do need your generous support. Please notice the envelopes in three different baskets, 1. One is for our parish shut-ins, 2. Second is for the No-Cookie Sale for Haiti, 3. Third basket is for donations to the 'No Room in the Inn'. You can still give to the 'No Room in the Inn' in January. That gives you a break and time to give in the New Year.

Last year our parish gave \$5,718.00 for the 'No Room in the Inn' and we gave \$ 2,905.00 for the Cookie Sale for World Hunger. We might not be able to give as much this year, but we will still give what we can and the Lord will bless us for our love of the least of the brethren. This COVID has been especially hard on the poor. They have no security net to catch them. But they have us. Thanks be to God

Fr. John D. Halse

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

Dawn Butters	Jack Wasilewski
Geri Preyer	Richard Oppel
Barbara Coup	Vickie Youman
William Cameron	Bridget Emery
Marilyn Vargo	Matt Mousley
Joan Bittler	Emily Myerson
Jane Woodcock	Allen Treibley
Nathan Young	Kurt Livingston
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
Jackie Rando	Mary Rose Knelly
Harriet Moore	Marie Lindner
Vicki Howell	Ed Zerrenner

PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD

Help Me Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; When I have work, help me to remember the jobless; When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all; When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer, And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency; bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help; By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.

Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
Let the perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

The names of those who have died this past year:

Sara Loftus	November 11, 2019
Mary Umstead	December 24, 2019
George Geib	January 10, 2020
Germaine Reid	January 13, 2020
Clare Wendt	January 25, 2020
Donna Konyar	February 5, 2020
Rose Reedy	February 10, 2020
Beatrice Gharett	April 19, 2020
Edward Wilhour	July 7, 2020
David Kozicki	August 3, 2020
Lois Schnyder	August 24, 2020
Maria Harper	August 25, 2020
Michael Frederick	August 27, 2020
Margaret Falls	September 28, 2020
Catherine Buehler	October 8, 2020

Parishioner Logistical Update

Please contact the church office at 570-742-4356 if you have had a change in your address, telephone number or email address. This information is needed to keep you informed of location changes due to inclement weather, parishioner updates and special information to be distributed to Parish. Thank you

Music Minister Wanted

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milton PA is in need of an organist/choir director beginning January 2021. Please contact the church office for more details.

Mass Locations

Until further notice, all masses except for Sunday 11 a.m. will be held at the church. The Sunday 11 a.m. Mass will be held at the Parish Center.

Christmas Giving

Gifts for our Shut-ins- We will be collecting a monetary donation of \$15.00 for our shut-in parishioners, including local nursing home residents. Envelopes will be made available for you to provide your gift. We will be accepting donations until December 6th.

No Room at the Inn- We will be collecting monetary donations for No Room at the Inn. Envelopes labeled will be made available at the back of the church. Last year we collected \$5,718.00.

The Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger- This year, due to the pandemic they have paused the sale of cookie trays. However, the need to feed starving people in Haiti and the US has grown during the pandemic, so a collection will be taken instead. Bishop Gainer is asking all parishes to participate. St. Joseph will be participating with the collection. We are asking a \$10.00 donation to replace the cost of the \$15.00 cookie tray. Envelopes will be made available at the back of the church for your donation.

St. Joseph Youth

Our youth will be placing wreaths on the graves of our Veterans on November 28, 2020. Donations would be greatly appreciated. A collection container will be at the back of the Church and on the table at the Center. Thank you for your contribution.

Lottery Tickets

Please consider purchasing lottery tickets for the month of February. Tickets are available after all Masses or you may call the church office to purchase tickets. The church has not been able to have fundraisers this year due to Covid-19. The church is counting on this vital fundraiser to help support our Parish. *Ticket sellers are needed to help make this a successful fundraiser. Please consider taking a few to sell to family and friends.*