

November 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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:	\$5,364.00
Matthew 25	\$ 898.00
Last Year:	\$3,449.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

- 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)
- Mon. Nov. 30th**
9:00 AM Ed Wilhour
- Tues. Dec. 1st**
9:00 AM Shirley Horwedel (Paul & Marilyn Boiardi)
- Wed. Dec. 2nd**
Helen & Stanley Seksinsky (Ruth & Jim)
- Thurs. Dec. 3rd**
9:00 AM Catherine Buehler
- Fri. Dec. 4th**
9:00 AM Harold Prentiss
- Sat. Dec. 5th**
9:00AM First Saturday
4:00 PM Poor Souls
Bob Kirby (Sue & Larry Blase)
- Sun. Dec. 6th**
8:00 AM People of the Parish
- 11:00 AM Curtis Aimino (Renee & Mark Dickerman)

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

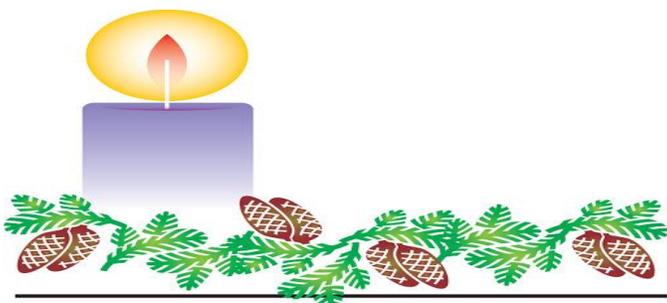
Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

Second Collections

- Dec.-Christmas Flowers
- Dec. 6-Our Faith Our Future
- Dec. 13-Retired Religious Fund
- Dec. 20- Repair & Maint.



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

From our pastor,

Blessed and Holy Advent Season to you and to your loved one.

Advent is a holy time of 'Waiting' for the coming of the Lord. But it is not waiting around doing nothing, as if we have no role to play in the coming of the Lord.

Let us use the letters of the word, WAIT: WORK, ADVANCE, INTERNALIZE and THANKSGIVING.

Work: the Liturgy is the work of the people for the glory of God and for the good of all in need. For your own good, 'Go to Holy Mass', daily Mass if possible. How is it that you are out and about in many places but attending Holy Mass?

Works of Charity, remembering what we do for the least of our brethren we do to the Lord. Thank you for all who took the 40 requests for giving tree. Yet, we have a great challenge to build a home in Haiti, No room in the Inn'. We also have the No Cookie -Sale to feed the hungry. Both envelopes are in the back of the church.

Please don't forget the least of the brethren, our parish, St. Josephs. Since I have been pastor, the Christmas Offering has gone down year after year. Please don't keep putting coal in my Christmas stocking. Have Christmas Charity for your pastor; please give a very generous Christmas Offering this Christmas.

All the holiday work that you do, please take time to offer to God and reflect upon what this work has to do with the coming of Christ into your heart and the soul of your loved ones.

Advance: We are not living for the present moment; we live for the sake of the Kingdom that is not yet here. All that we do is not for now but for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. If He is here, then He tells us, He is not here yet.

Internalize: The best way to prepare for the coming of the Lord is to purify our souls, and repair the potholes and make smooth and way for the Lord. This means time alone in prayer. It means a good Confession. It means changing our internal life before we decorate the front door.

Thanksgiving: In all things give thanks to the Lord. One of the highest forms of praise of God is giving thanks. May our hearts be filled with Thanks Giving to the Lord on Christmas Day and through-out the whole year.

Let us pray for one another.

Fr. John D. Hoba

**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	Donald Reigel
Ed Zerrenner	

PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD

With Deepest Sympathies

Marie Lindner's sister, *Caroline Purcell* passed away, last week. Our deepest sympathies to Marie and her family. May Caroline enjoy eternal peace in Heaven with Christ.

On Saturday, November 21st *Patricia Flanagan*, wife of Joseph and mother of Sharon passed away. Our deepest sympathies to the Flanagan family. May Patricia enjoy eternal peace in Heaven with Christ.

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.

Wreaths for Veterans

This weekend our church youth will be placing wreaths on the graves of our Veterans. Please take time to stop by St. Joseph Cemetery to offer prayers for our dearly departed loved ones.



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.*