

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Sat. Jan. 16^{15h}

4:00 PM Donna Konyar

Sun. Jan. 17th

8:00 AM *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
People of the Parish

11:00 AM Ed Wilhour

Mon. Jan. 18th

9:00 AM *Martin Luther King Day*
Tony Kaminski
(Joe & Vicki Youmans)

Tues. Jan. 19th

9:00AM William Gallagher
(Wife, Helen)

Wed. Jan. 20th

9:00 AM *St. Fabian & St. Sabastian*
In memory of Jim & Donna
Konyar's Wedding
Anniversary (Jim)

Thurs. Jan. 21st

9:00 AM *St. Agnes*
Charles Berkheimer

Fri. Jan. 22nd

9:00 AM *Day of Prayer for Legal
Protection of Unborn
Children*
Matthew Mousley

Sat. Jan. 23rd

4:00 PM *St. Vincent & St. Marianne
Cope*
Patricia Flanagan

Sun. Jan. 24th

8:00 AM *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
People of the Parish
11:00 AM Germaine Reid
(Marie Grass)

Second Collections

January 17th- Repair & Maint.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17, 2021

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:	\$3,142.00
Aid to Catholic Church	\$ 541.00
Last Year:	\$3,390.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

This powerful story describes Samuel, who at the time was the servant of the high priest. The Lord called out to Samuel, who twice thought Eli had called him. They gradually realized that it was the Lord who called for him. So the third time Samuel answered and the Lord remained with Samuel as he grew.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Paul explains to the Corinthians that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He tells them to avoid lewd conduct, and glorify God by keeping their bodies pure.

Gospel: John 1:35-42

John told two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They turned and followed him, immediately curious and attracted to him. Andrew told his brother Simon about Jesus. Simon also came to meet Jesus, who renamed him Cephas, or Peter.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

On Monday, a total of \$7,199.00 was mailed to Cross Catholic Outreach, supporting "Homes for Christmas" and a total of \$1,105.00 was mailed to "The Cookie Sale". ***Thank you so much for your contributions- your generosity is remarkable!***

We will continue to keep the families who will benefit from your generosity in our prayers.

From Your Pastor,

This Second Sunday and coming week in Ordinary Time will be a time to stop and remember the past and to pray for the future. Monday, 18th is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Friday, 22nd is Day of Prayer for the legal Protection of the Unborn.

We need to remember that at one time it was legal proper and acceptable to consider human beings worthy of slavery and segregation. Now it is legal, proper and acceptable to consider the life in the womb to be worthy of destruction.

We would do well to take courage and inspiration from the American Indian, the Afro-Americans and persecuted Jews, to never give up. We need to be willing to greatly suffer for the sake of making America safe for all Americans, both the pre-born and born.

Even in the 1850s, when the right to have slaves was in full control, no one ever thought of having the taxpayer, the citizen pay for the right to have a slave. Now in our so called enlighten age, our government will ask, will force all citizens to pay for abortion on demand.

I will personally make Wednesday, the 20th, Inauguration Day a day of prayer and fasting. May all Americans of good will for all, pray that there be a change of heart, as to respect an individual 's conscience, not to support the taking of the life of the Unborn. May God have mercy on America and upon Joe Biden. Perhaps we could begin by trying to understand why each side thinks the way they think. Let both sides look to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who said, "No one has the right to do evil!" Abortion is doing evil to another human being. The most important right is the right to life. So says the American Bishops. Amen

Fr. John D. Hoke

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

Jack Wasilewski	Vickie Youman
Joan Bittler	Kurt Livingston
Evelyn Young	Dr. Mike Weisner
Tresha Sudol	George Sudol
Rita Patynski	Rita Prentiss
Anna Lee Fagnano	Abram Koons
Connie Buehler	Charlotte Farrell
Jackie Rando	Marie Lindner
Harriet Moore	Vicki Howell
Donald Reigel	Ed Zerrenner
Dolores Caicco	Sister Laura
Beth Onesci	William Cameron
Ed Arndt	Mindy Lamprinos
Joseph Masseria	

Margaret Koons request we pray for the 11 on her personal prayer list.

PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD

Please pray every day for all members of the Body of Christ at St. Joseph's Milton, pray in a distinct way for all who are burdened with poor health. Please keep this bulletin close to pray for our parish shut-ins, and those in serious poor health, and may they pray for you.

Our Prayer List is for special prayer needs; it is a list of special requests for those who are in grave need of prayer. We welcome the names of those in great need of prayer. If I do not personally know the on-going condition of the person, the name will be removed from our prayer list eight weeks after their enrollment. If a member of the parish wants to give us an up-date and have a person re-enrolled, then we will be happy to do so.

Let us be reasonable: If we listed everyone who needs prayer on this list it would be longer than we could handle. Our Sunday Universal Prayers at Mass are of the greatest power for blessings for the sick. Pray at Mass with us. Yes, you should pray, and ask for prayers personally person to person, gather to pray together in the Lord, and only in a very serious need add the need to the prayer list.

Bless Bless, Fr. Hoke

ST. JOSEPH PARISHIONER NEWS

Anna Lee Fagnano is currently residing at Buffalo Valley Rehab. She'd love to hear from you. If you would like to send her a note, you may do so at: 189 Tressler Blvd., Lewisburg, PA 17837

Evelyn Smith is slowly recovering from Covid complications. She is staying with grandson, Jeff. If you would like to reach out to her the mailing address is 631 Red Hill Road, Milton, PA 17847. *Evelyn is planning on celebrating her 102nd birthday this February.*

Jack Wasilewski is slowly improving, he is regaining circulation in his legs. Please keep Joan in your prayers as she is caring for her beloved husband. If you would like to send a note to Jack and Joan, you can mail it to: 39 Center Street, Watsontown, PA 17777.

Frank Dominick will be celebrating his birthday the end of this month. *Happy Birthday, Frank!*

Al Wilver will be celebrating a birthday the end of this month, he will be 99 years old. *Happy Birthday, Al!*

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Angela *Bernadette* Barbato who received First Holy Communion and Confirmation on Sunday, January 10th. Angela is the daughter of



Maureen Barbato. Her sponsor is Elizabeth Brennan.

Angela was surrounded by her family and parishioners as she was

welcomed to the table of the Lord. *(Angela is pictured with her sponsor, Elizabeth, Fr. Hoke and mother, Maureen.)*

WELCOME

At the beginning of 2021 we welcomed Richard Cummings to our parish. Richard took over as our choir director and organist. He and his family currently reside in Muncy where he also plays the organ at



Resurrection Parish. Richard has an extensive background in music education. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Mansfield University and a Master in Education from the University of Scranton. Currently, Richard is a member of the administration team at St. John Neumann Regional Academy in Williamsport. Richard also is the drummer in the Pepper Street band. ***Richard welcome to St. Joseph- we as a parish are blessed to have you!***

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 17th –Ash Wednesday
Sunday, February 21st-First Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 14th Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, March 28th-Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 1st –Holy Thursday
Friday, April 2nd – Good Friday
Saturday, April 3rd –Holy Saturday
Sunday, April 4th –Easter

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2nd Grade First Penance-TBA
3rd & 4th Grade Penance-3/14/21
5th & 6th Grade Penance 3/7/21
7th & 8th Graden Penance-2/28/21
April 4th No CCD- Happy Easter

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a contribution statement for 2020, **please place your request in a *SELF ADDRESSED – STAMPED- BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.*** Deadline for request will be January 29th. Offerings for 2020 must be processed in our computer system BEFORE we can honor statement requests. *You must request your statement as addressed above.* Thank you.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

For your convenience, mass intention envelope requests have been placed in the back of the church or you may call the church office. If you take an envelope, please fill out and place in offertory basket. A staff member will be in touch with you regarding your request. Thank you for helping cut back on foot traffic in the church office during this time.

Speaker Series

Truth, Beauty, and Goodness Evangelization Speaker Series – Beauty and Culture in the RCIA

The next presentation of the Evangelization Speaker Series is on January 25, 2021 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm via Zoom. It is entitled, *Incorporating Beauty and Culture into RCIA*. Discover how to organically incorporate the aesthetics of our faith into RCIA. The presenter is Patty Fertal. Mrs. Fertal is a certified RCIA catechist through Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH. She has been the RCIA Director at St. Peter's Parish, Elizabethtown. To register see <https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/speaker-series>. Registration deadline is January 22 at noon. Registration is free. Free will offerings are appreciated.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, St. Joseph Church announces an adoption program for young and old alike.

The members of St. Joseph Parish will have the opportunity next weekend to “spiritually” adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4000 babies lose their lives in abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to “adopt”.

You may “adopt” a child individually or as a family by signing up during the weekend of January 24th. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the humanity he or she deserves. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great.

Each month for nine months participants will receive reports from the Legislation/Respect Life Commission of the HDCCW on the development of the adopted baby in the womb.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please “spiritually adopt” one and share the love of life that God has given to you.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

Please mark March 20, 2021 on your calendar for the *Annual Diocese of Harrisburg (Virtual) Men's Conference*.

All registered participants may view the conference at our Parish Center Multi-Purpose room. A free Lunch will be provided. The cost for conference is \$10.00 per person. You may register on-line or Church Office. If you register on-line and plan on attending live viewing at Parish Center, please let the office know so the appropriate amount food can be prepared. Thank you!