

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 31, 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: \$3,969.00

Last Year: \$3,443.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

Sat. Jan. 30th 4:00 PM	Pat Coleman (Parish Council)
Sun. Jan. 31st 8:00 AM	<i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> People of the Parish
11:00 AM	James O'Hare (Geri Preyer)
Mon. Feb. 1st 9:00 AM	George & Pauline McGee (The Girls)
Tues. Feb. 2nd 9:00AM	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> Raymond Leitzel (Tracie Leitzel)
Wed. Feb. 3rd 9:00 AM	<i>Blessing of the Throat</i> James Stewart (Tracie Leitzel) Special Intentions for the Shut-Ins who cannot attend Mass
Thurs. Feb. 4th 9:00 AM	Catherine Buehler
Fri. Feb. 5th 9:00 AM	<i>First Friday</i> Feliciana McHale (Ann & George Woodling)
Sat. Feb. 6th 9:00AM	<i>First Saturday</i> Ed Wilhour
4:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sun. Feb. 6th 8:00 AM	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Donna Konyar (Husband, Jim)
11:00 AM	Rose Luznick (Geri Preyer)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and that they should listen to this prophet's words, for God has told him of this prophet. God also tells Moses that anyone who pretends to speak in his words, or speaks in the name of other gods shall die.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Paul tells the Corinthians how an unmarried man or woman is able to devote themselves fully to God without concern for the needs of a spouse. Paul explains that God wants to help them promote good and devote themselves more fully to God.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28
As Jesus was teaching, a man with an unclean spirit came to the synagogue and asked if Jesus had come to destroy them. Jesus ordered the spirit out of the man, who shrieked violently as the spirit departed. The people were amazed at the authority he had over the spirit.

Second Collections

Feb. 7th -Propagation of the Faith

Feb. 14th -Poor Missions

Feb. 21st -Our Faith Our Future

Feb. 28th -Repairs & Maint.

From Your Pastor,

Where Oh did January Go? This week, Tuesday the 2nd. We celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 40 Days after the Nativity, recalling that Mary and Joseph brought the Lord to His own temple. We will celebrate the Feast Day and bless candles and pray for all who are living out their Baptismal Graces in the Consecrated Life.

Tuesday will be a good day to offer the Prayer for Vocations, a copy of the prayer remains in the bulletin. Please cut it out and put in your prayer book. We need to remember to pray for vocations.

Thank you all who have signed up to pray daily for vocations. I am afraid that the three handouts made the prayer commitment seem too overwhelming. Actually, it only takes a little more than one minute to pray for a few priests and deacons and seminarians each day. I still have prayer cards to accept this one-minute a day gift to God.

When I am old and gone the parish will need another priest to come and continue the work of St. Joseph Parish. Think of how many generations before us would pray for and promote vocations, now it is our generation's task to pray and trust in God's gift of vocations.

Because this is the year of St. Joseph, on Tuesday, please ask the good saint to pray for all of our families, especially our children on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. He brought the Lord to the temple; he protected them as poor defenseless refugees in Egypt and then brought them out and returned to be head of their house in Nazareth for nearly 30 years.

May St. Joseph pray for and protect our families. Amen

Fr. John D. Hoke

Daily Readings

Monday

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

First Friday

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

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
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

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP



On Sunday, February 7th Christmas wreaths will be removed from the cemetery. If there any items you would like save, please remove. All Christmas wreaths/swags will be discarded.

A Prayer for Vocations

Loving and Generous Father, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the love and service of our Church and give us the grace and courage of Your Holy Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church of Harrisburg by raising up dedicated and generous servants from our parishes, schools, families, and friends who will serve Your people as priests, deacons, and consecrated women and men.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PARISHIONER NEWS

Our Deepest Sympathies to Jane Regelman and family on the passing of her husband, Gary. May Gary enjoy eternal peace in Heaven with Christ.

Dottie Robinson-Predix passed away over the weekend. She was able to be transferred to a hospital closer to her daughter in New Jersey. If you would like to send a sympathy card to Larry Predix, his address is 14 Sycamore Lane, Milton, PA 17847. Dottie's funeral arrangements will be in New Jersey.

Richmond Kirby passed away on January 17, 2021. Dick was a member of St. Joseph Church. Dick will be laid to rest on Saturday, January 30th in St. Joseph Cemetery. Dick is the Uncle of Sue & Larry Blase. May Dick enjoy eternal Peace in Heaven with Christ.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the worldwide Church on Sunday, February 2, 2021 and observed in our parishes on the weekend of February 6-7, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.



LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Many inquiries have been made regarding our annual Lenten fish dinners.

The possibility of these dinners resuming as "take-out" only is being considered. Before a definitive answer can be made, it is imperative that we have an idea of the number of volunteers willing to volunteer. If you are willing to help, please let Fr. Hoke know or contact the church office.

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!

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 7

By our baptism, we are called to share our faith with our family and friends, with neighbors, indeed, with the whole world.

We are invited to make a special commitment as missionaries. We are invited to join in the worldwide mission of Jesus by joining the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, reaching out to the people of the world in more than 1,100 mission dioceses.

In making this commitment, we pledge to...

PRAY daily for the missionary work of the Church, offering our personal crosses for missionaries and those they serve.

OFFER REGULAR FINANCIAL HELP in support of those who bring the "Good News" of Jesus to our brothers and Sisters in the missions.

Please say "Yes" to the special missionary call.

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

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

Attention!

Any graduating senior interested in applying for the Fr. Filippelli / Ferlazzo Gift can get an application from the church office.

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.

LOCAL AUTHOR-FR. MODESTUS

There is an author among us. His name is Fr. Modestus. He has written a very engaging book based on grace and his experiences as a hospital chaplain. It is an emotional journey for the author and for the reader. The indestructibility of God's infinite grace, hope, and love during periods of suffering are the cornerstones of his book, The title of the book is Grace In Horror. There are copies available in the St. Pius X parish office and after Masses. The cost of the book is \$20.00 for the paperback and \$31.00 for the hard cover. The book is also available on Amazon. Congratulations, Fr. Modestus! We are anticipating your next book. Look for his interview with The Daily Item.

Catholic Schools Week National Observance

January 31-February 6.