

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 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:	\$4,335.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 664.00
Last Year:	\$4,333.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

Lent is a time to grow in holiness, it reminds us that listening to and following God is very hard: requiring great faith and sacrifice.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. March 6th

9:00 AM Joseph Brown
(Joe & Vicki Youman)

4:00 PM Warren Reynolds
(Geri Preyer)

Sun. March 7th

8:00 AM **3rd Sunday of Lent**
People of the Parish
11:00 AM Grady Miller
(Jack & MaryRose Knelly))

Mon. March 8th

9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Novak
(Geri Preyer)

Tues. March 9th

9:00AM Lois Schnyder

Wed. March 10th

6:00PM Marie Bezdecki
(John & Mary Zalot)
6:30PM Stations of the Cross

Thurs. March 11th

9:00 AM Ed Wilhour

Fri. March 12th

9:00 AM **Michael Frederick**

Sat. March 13th

4:00 PM Madeline Zimmerman
(Joe & Vicki Youman)

Sun. March 14th

8:00 AM **4th Sunday of Lent**
People of the Parish
11:00 AM Bea & John Gharett
(Son, Paul)

Exodus 20; 1-20... The 10 words/commandments. Three for love of God, seven for love of neighbor. Easily said hard to live. Without this foundation there is no salvation. Why would God have mercy upon us if there were no commandments?

First Corinthians 1: 22-25... You will know you are in an Apostolic Church, if it proclaims in word/action and in art and music the 'Lord Jesus Christ Crucified'. If we don't except the way of the cross we will find no reason or comfort in our own suffering. The cross of Jesus makes meaningful all that we suffer.

John 2:13-25.... Jesus quotes Psalm 69, he explains why He is insulted and blasphemed. Because of Zeal for the Father's house. Jesus purifies the temple at the beginning of His ministry according to John's gospel. The work of Christ is to purify the House of God that means you and me.

Second Collections

- March 7th – Our Faith Our Future**
- March 14th – Repair & Maintenance**
- March 21st – Catholic Relief Services**
- March 28th-Love of Neighbor**

From your pastor,

“ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE CONSUMES ME”

Jesus quoted Psalm 69 to explain why He is doing what he is doing. Why He will be crucified. Even though it will turn people against Him, He cannot stop loving the House of the Father. He is willing to die out of love for the Father’s house.

In our world the ‘House of the Father’ is the Catholic Church, the Diocese, the local parish, St. Joseph’s Milton. Here we have the first three commandment and the seven commandments come together. To keep the commandments is to love both God and neighbor and the most blessed way for you to do this is by loving and supporting the humble little parish of St. Joseph.

As I pointed out last week, our Bishop Ronald Gainer and our diocese and parish is part of something much greater than congregational centeredness. We are Catholic, reaching out to the whole world. Imagine that, our support for Cross Catholic raised over \$300,000,000. Yes! To have zeal for the House of God is to have zeal for the whole world.

Personally speaking, this is what makes me tick tock. I am consumed with zeal for the Catholic Church, and because of this love, I try to have love for all who are loved by God. Only a pure holy merciful Church will be able to be a true light to the nations and bring honor to God and mercy to the world.

What does St. Joseph have to do with this? Did Jesus not see how righteous and faithful his father Joseph was to ‘The Law’ and to keeping all it’s teaching in the home, carpenter shop and local community? Go to a workshop and see how the details do make a difference. Measure twice and cut once. Know how the pater, Joseph would have set the example to his son Jesus to be filled with zeal for the work entrusted to Him.

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Remember those who are sick in your prayers, especially:

Jack Wasilewski	Vickie Youman
Joan Bittler	Kurt Livingston
Tresha Sudol	George Sudol
Abram Koons	Connie Buehler
Jackie Rando	Marie Lindner
Donald Reigel	Ed Zerrenner
Sister Laura	William Cameron
Ed Arndt	Mindy Lamprinos
Joseph Masseria	Marie Luzenski
Frank Muscarella	Billy Spaulding
Mia Wendt	Shirley Rauch
Margaret Koons request we pray for the 11 on her personal prayer list.	

PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD

REST IN PEACE

Sister M. Cyrilline Biel, SS. C.M. passed away on January 1025, 2021. Please remember Sister Mary Cyrilline in your prayers as she served as a witness proclaimer and builder of God’s Kingdom for 68 years. May Sister Cyrilline rest in peace.

THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The 2021 campaign is underway. In addition to Father Hoke’s messaging, you may visit the Diocese Harrisburg website at www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-campaign there you will find you 2020 gifts in action, a message from Bishop Gainer, 2021 goal and a tab to donate.

Our Parish goal is \$29,837.00. Our assessment did not change from last year.

- For your convenience envelopes will be located at the back of the Church on the entrance table and in Parish Center at the entrance table.
- You may have received a mailing from the diocese with an enclosed pledge/gift card. You can complete and mail directly to the diocese for processing or place in contribution basket.

ST. JOSEPH LENTEN FISH DINNER

Every Friday, during Lent
Dinners available between 4-6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Please drive up to the CCD entrance side of the parish center and someone will take your order. *(We will not be taking phone orders)*
Take-Out dinner will include: fish, tarter sauce, potatoes, macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, cole slaw, applesauce and dessert for \$12.

ST. JOSEPH HAPPENINGS

Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of the parish for significant savings. Gate admission for Regular is \$75.80; our price is \$40.95 (ALL ages 3+). *ADD-ON discount Hersheypark Meal Tickets at a savings of up to 10% off retail prices - \$12.99 each and *ADD-ON Snack Vouchers - \$4.50 each

Tickets purchased in 2021 are valid for any single day of operation throughout the 2021 calendar year, expiring on our final day of operation, January 2, 2022. Reservations are required for all guests visiting the park and can be made online once an individual has their tickets.

Please visit www.hersheypark.com/reservations to choose your day of visit. Orders must be received at the parish by **Friday, April 30, 2021**. Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of **May 24, 2021**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please prepare your children for penance by an examination of sins.

5th & 6th Grade Penance 3/7/21

3rd & 4th Grade Penance-3/14/21

April 4th No CCD- Happy Easter

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 27th Palm Sunday
4:00PM-Vigil

Sunday, March 28th Palm Sunday
8:00AM-Mass
11:00AM-Mass

Monday, March 29th
9:00AM Mass

Tuesday, March 30th
9:00AM -Mass,

Wednesday, March 31st
6:00PM-Mass
Stations of the Cross
Confessions will be heard after Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 1st Holy Thursday
7:00PM-Mass of the Last Supper
Confessions until
9:00PM-Adoration and Visitation of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00PM

Friday, April 2nd Good Friday
1:30-2:30PM-Confessions
3:00PM- Exaltation of the Cross & Holy Communion
7:00PM-Stations of the Cross followed & Confession

Saturday, April 3rd Holy Saturday
1:00PM-Blessing of Food & Baskets
8:00PM- Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4th Easter
8:00AM-Easter Blessings
11:00AM- Easter Blessing



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Merrill Buehler
Steve Skerda
Marilyn Boiardi
Rita Prentiss
Connie Buehler
Mike Walter



Happiest of Birthdays to YOU! May your day be filled with everything that brings you joy!

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.

The Litany of St. Joseph and The Prayer to St. Joseph, Terror of Demons prayer cards are available in the back of the church. Please help yourself.

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, the church telephone number is 570-742-4356. 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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2021 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Monsignor George J. Breckel Council #4824 Scholarship was established to provide financial support to one deserving male or female graduating senior, or prior year graduate, who is a parishioner from either Sacred Heart Church, Lewisburg, St. George Church, Mifflinburg, or St. Joseph Parish, Milton, and who is accepted to attend, or is attending, a college, university, nursing school, or technical school. One \$750 scholarship will be awarded, with preference given to a graduating high school senior, for attendance, as a full-time (12 credit hours or more per semester) undergraduate or graduate-level student, during the entire upcoming academic year at a post-secondary school (includes attendance at an accredited nursing or technical school). Applicant must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) from high school or college/university/nursing school/technical school. Submission deadline is April 30, 2021. An application packet can be picked up from the Sacred Heart Parish Office or by contacting David Zelner, at 570-523-1790/ davidz@dejazzd.com, or Mike Patterson, at 570-490-1682/pattersonmj@gmail.com, or contact David or Mike for additional information. Applicants will be notified of their selection/non-selection by June 15, 2021.