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**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 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:	\$7,318.25
Our Faith Our Future	\$ 747.00
Last Year:	\$ 4,485.00

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 13th

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

Sun. March 14th

4th Sunday of Lent
Daylight Savings Time Begins

8:00 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Bea & John Gharett
(Son, Paul)

Mon. March 15th

9:00 AM Anna Showers
(Geri Preyer)

Tues. March 16th

9:00AM Ann Reynolds
(Elizabeth White & Family)

Wed. March 17th

6:00PM *St. Patrick*
Paul Zerbe
(Joe & Vicki Youmans)

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

Thurs. March 18th *St. Cyril*
9:00 AM Vincenzo Viterbo
(Giusi Viterbo)

Fri. March 19th *St. Joseph*

9:00 AM In Honor of St. Joseph
(Frank Muscarella & Family)

Sat. March 20th *Happy Spring!*

4:00 PM Shirley Horwadell
(Joe & Vicki Youmans)

Sun. March 21st **4th Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Shirley Knelly
(Mary & Dave Moser)

2 Chronicles 36, 14-17. 19-23

God's Mercy is often a one, two, three punch: Know you have sinned, suffer and be sorry for your sins, and wait for God's mercy.

Psalms 137; Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

I prefer the old translation, "May my tongue cleave to my palate, if I ever forget You my God. The Exile was more than a punishment; it was a testing of how much faith Israel would have after all was lost. Will I stop praising God if I have to suffer the loss of everything?"

Ephesians 2; 4-10 We are truly, God's handiwork, created in Christ to lead a life of Good deeds. At the end of our life we will realize it is God, Who did it all, yet did it with our free will and participation in His grace.

John 3:14-21, Every Christian knows John, 3-16, but do you know how God gives us His Son? Yes, at Holy Mass. By looking upon Jesus, raised up in His death and resurrection in the Holy Eucharist, we reach out to receive God's gift of eternal life.

Second Collections

March 14th – Repair & Maintenance

March 21st – Catholic Relief Services

March 28th-Love of Neighbor

From Your Pastor:

History is a great teacher of how the love of God weaves together both justice and mercy to prepare for us a priceless wedding garment. God's mercy never ignores justice, nor does His justice ignore mercy, both are present together.

Note, 2 Chronicles 36:21: "Until the land has retrieved its lost Sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." That comes out to about 25,500 Sabbaths restored.

Consider how President Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Speech explains to the nation why the Civil War has gone on for such a long bloody time of suffering:

"Yet, if God wills that it continue, until all the wealth piled by the bond-man's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash, shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said "the judgments of the Lord, are true and righteous altogether. This is the insight of one of America's greatest presidents. Yes, God wanted to reunite the nation, but only after it had paid justly for its crimes of racial slavery. American slavery was different from slavery in Biblical-Times; it was racial rather than merely economic.

Today, as Congress prepares to pay for abortions, we need this insight to realize that eventually America will have to pay for her sins against the destruction of innocent human life. Because of God's justice there is much we will have to suffer in order to be restored to God's grace.

John 3:14-21, Here the Lord compares His death and resurrection, of being lifted up so that all who look upon Him in faith will be saved, as coming into the light so that our wicked needs will be seen. To see our sins upon the one Who loved us so much is going to be the strongest of purgatory's cleansing events. In this Lenten Season, please come to the cross, to find the light of the resurrection. Let us confess our sins and be saved. Pray for me as I pray for you.

Fr. John D. Hoke

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
MaryRose Knelly	Jack Knelly

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

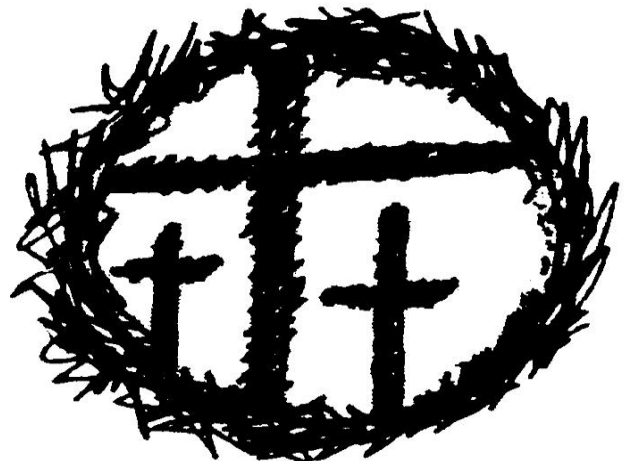
PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD

Special Notice

On this coming Friday, March 19th, *St. Joseph Feast Day*, all Catholics are released from the obligation to abstain from eating meat.

I hope many of our people will come to Mass at 9:00a.m. to celebrate our parish's Patrons Feast Day, especially since this is the Year of St. Joseph.

Come and pray that this will not negatively effect our Fish Dinners. Love You, Fr. Hoke



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. *Forms are available on entry tables at Church and Center*

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.

THANK YOU!

A Huge Thank you to St. Joseph's fish dinner volunteers. Each week our faithful show up at the center and give countless hours of their time. These volunteers, their commitment and time given does not go unnoticed. *Like Jesus, they are filled with Zeal for the work entrusted Him!*

God Bless You!!!

THANK YOU!

Jack Wasilewski and Family wish to thank all who sent cards and calls to help celebrate his birthday. It is so wonderful to belong to a caring loving parish. Thanks again, Jack & Family

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

March 14th 3rd & 4th Grade Penance

April 4th No CCD- Happy Easter

June 6th –The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi- Four Confirmants will receive the Sacrement of Confirmation, Celebrant

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, DD,JCL

Filippelli/Ferlazzo Gift: Any graduating senior interested in applying for the Fr. Filippelli / Ferlazzo Gift can get an application from 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, 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. *The deadline to register with office is Wednesday, March 16th. Thank you!*



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. Any money above the assessed goal will go toward Our Faith Our Future.

- 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.

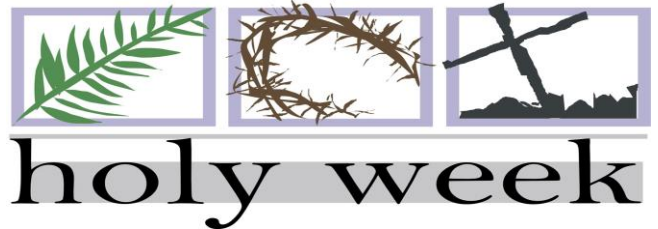
EVANGELIZATION SPEAKER SERIES

The March installation of the Truth, Beauty, and Goodness Virtual Evangelization Speaker Series will be on March 22 from 7-8 pm. The presentation is entitled: *Defense Against the Dark Arts: Common Heresies and How to Counter Them*, by Fr. James Lease, STL. Fr. Lease is the Pastor of St. Catherine Laboure Parish, Harrisburg. Registration is free, though free will donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated. Registration deadline is March 19 at 12 noon. All who register will receive a link to the presentation approximately one week after registering.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Merrill Buehler
Marilyn Boiardi
Connie Buehler

Steve Skerda
Rita Prentiss
Mike Walter



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

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

Monday, March 29th
9:00AM Mass @ Church

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

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

Thursday, April 1st Holy Thursday @ Center
7:00PM-Mass of the Last Supper
Adoration and Visitation of the Blessed Sacrament until 8-11:00PM
Confessions will be heard after Mass until 9:00p.m.

Friday, April 2nd Good Friday @ Church
12:00-1:30PM-Confessions
2-3:00PM- Exaltation of the Cross & Holy Communion
7:00PM-Stations of the Cross followed
Confessions will be heard after Stations

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

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

