

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4, 2021

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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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 Collection: \$ 2,662.00
Repair & Maintenance: \$ 671.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

Second Collections

July 4th – Our Faith Our Future
July 11th-Repair & Maintenance
July 18th-Cemetery Repair
July 25th – Love of Neighbor

REST IN PEACE

Evelyn Smith passed away on June 23rd. Her funeral
will be on Friday, July 9th at 11AM. May Evelyn
enjoy eternal peace in Heaven with Christ.

OFFICE HOURS

On July 1st the office hours will be changing.
Monday 9:30AM-3:30PM, Tuesday 9:30AM-3:30PM
and Wednesday 9:00AM-Noon

The Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in
observance of Independence Day.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. July 3 rd 9:00AM	<i>First Saturday</i> David Tule & Dr. Martha Bryden (Sherry Mabus)
4:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sun. July 4 th 8:00 AM	<i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Joseph Poponiak (Wife, Eleanor & Daughters)
11:00 AM	Arthur Fuller (Geri Preyer)
Mon. July 5 th 9:00AM	<i>St. Anthony Zaccaria</i> Patricia Flanagan
Tues. July 6 th 9:00AM	<i>St. Maria Goretto</i> Germaine Reid (Donna Reid)
Wed. July 7 th 6:00PM	Gary Regelman
Thurs. July 8 th 9:00AM	Lois Schnyder
Fri. July 9 th 9:00 AM	<i>St. Ausustine Zhao Rong</i> Liesel Hoffman
Sat. July 10 th 4:00 PM	<i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Anthony & Chic Chiccino (Anne)
Sun. July 11 th 8:00 AM	15th Ginny Azinger (John & Lola Benoit)
11:00 AM	Richard Szemplinski

COVID UPDATE FROM BISHOP GAINER

*Bishop Gainer is lifting the Covid-19 masking
mandate and all other restrictions, effective June
28th. If you wish to continue wearing a mask, you
are welcome to do so. You will be encouraged, if
unwell to refrain from attending Mass in person.
While restrictions are being lifted, the dispensation
from the obligation for attending Mass remains in
place.*

From Your Pastor,

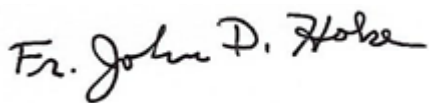
Dear Family in Christ, all the lessons this Sunday speak about the great mystery, that the 'Truth' of God is rejected by the many, few will accept it. Ezekiel tells us he was sent to the "Hard of face, 'flint-faced' and obstinate of heart. The Lord Jesus tells us that His own relatives, the town's persons, rejected Him from His native place. St. Paul shares with us his own inner struggle to preach the truth, being made weak by the attack of the angel of Satan. It is not an easy task to preach the gospel. It is hard enough to get the 'flint faced ones' of our own church to let go of their social programming and political view to let go and be open to the 'Gospel of Life'.

Now, in these days the Federal Government is pushing back and making it more difficult to preach the truth as taught by the Apostolic Church/ Tradition, and the recent teaching of the Popes and Bishops of the USA. No longer do we have just a resistance to receive the Truth; there is also very powerful blockage to send out the truth. The Catholic truth is no longer going to be allowed to be sent forth, as our teachings are now called "HATE SPEECH". If you defend traditional Catholic teachings; moral standards and values of human sexuality and family life, then you will be attacked as being Un-American, and un-acceptable.

We are now engaged in a great political battle testing if our traditional values will remain free to be preached and lived in the Land of the Free.

Could it be: These are the worst of times, these are the best of times, this is the time we need to decide whether or not we will give up our freedom or to fight with the 'Spirit of 1776', for religious freedom.

Have a blessed Independence Day Weekend. Please pray for Religious Freedom while you are eating your hotdog, and ask God to deliver America from the Evil One. Amen



Readings for July 4, 2021

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First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Ezekiel is moved to respond to the call of God and to accentuate his teaching with a direct reference to the Word of God.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul had questioned the value of his suffering, and God replied, "My grace is enough for you, for strength is made perfect in weakness." Paul then realized that although he was weak against persecution, he was strong in faith.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a

Jesus could do little for those in his own part of the country, for their lack of faith in him was so great. Therefore, he spent much of his time teaching in neighboring villages instead.

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
Ed Zerrenner	Sister Laura
William Cameron	Mindy Lamprinos
Marie Luzenski	Shirley Rauch
Dolores Caicco	Billy Spaulding
Evelyn Young	Charlotte Farrell
Judy Reese	Helen Beaver
Gloria Haluska	Carole Schrader
Mark Reeder	Luke Boyd
Mike Knauer	Frank Dominick
MaryRose Knelly	

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

PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Religious Education will continue to meet throughout the summer.

Adult Religious Education will meet at the Parish Center on the following Sunday's after the 8:00 Mass. July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22.

*Please join us for a cup of coffee.
Thank you. Anne Frances*

PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars, on Saturday, August 14th at 4PM Mass will be held in the Grove, and immediately following we will host our annual Parish Picnic and celebrate Father Hoke's Anniversary of his Ordination. *Schedule of Events will published soon!*

THANK YOU

Erma Dominick would like to thank everyone for all of the birthday wishes received. She is incredibly grateful for you thoughtfulness.

WORKS OF MERCY CAMP

Looking for any student or parishioner who might be willing to donate time in working within our Parish and Community. We are hoping to do a three day camp. Each day will start with Mass. Day one, job within our community. Day two, job within our church community. Day three, job for our church. Each job should take no longer than 2-3 hours. Jobs will include, grass cutting, weeding, small painting jobs. If there is an interest, more information will be available. Please contact Anne Rocktashel, or call the church office .Any Confirmation student in need of hours will get hours for work.

Please remember church office is open Mon., Tues., & Wed.

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED

Openings are available in our CCD program. If you would like to teach, co-teach, or just be a sub in our CCD program please call Anne Rocktashel at 570-713-4763. Classes meet one time per week for an hour.

WEDDING PICTURES

Wedding Photos will be up July 10th, but you can still submit wedding photos after they go up. Looking forward to hearing from you. Enjoy our Parish history!

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

Food is Love

If you know someone who has just returned from a hospital stay, has had an illness in the family or any special circumstance that someone may need a meal provided, please contact Sandy Muscarella at 570/742-7051. Also, we are still looking for people interested in providing a meal, homemade or takeout, or delivering. Please contact Sandy if you are interested in either.

HELP NEEDED

Harvest Festival help needed. St. Joseph will be participating with Milton's Annual Harvest Festival by selling walking tacos and apple dumplings. Please consider volunteering at the stand and/or helping make apple dumplings.



CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, July 31st

11- 2p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Center

854 Cemetery Road, Milton, PA

(We will not be taking phone orders)

Take out Dinner will include: ½ Barbecued Chicken,
Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans,
Applesauce, Dinner Roll and Dessert. \$12.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 4th Independence Day

Saturday, July 31st –Annual Chicken BBQ Dinner

Saturday, August 14th Mass

in the Grove followed by Father Hoke's Ordination
Celebration/Parish Picnic

September 11th Milton Harvest Festival

September 18th Milton Harvest Festival "Parade
Day"

September 19th Catechetical Sunday

Friday and Saturday, September 24th & 25th
Parish Rummage Sale

Saturday, October 2nd Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 16th –Women's Conference

Navigating the World of the Family with Special Needs

The Diocesan Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities is hosting a no-cost virtual workshop, **Navigating the World of the Family with Special Needs**, on Saturday August 28, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. until noon, via Zoom. This educational workshop is intended to help parents and caregivers address the question "What is the key to special needs planning?" Topics include Financial/Estate Planning, Special Needs Trusts, Guardianship, Wills and Letter of Intent. To register, please email your name and phone number to lkiley@hbgdiocese.org no later than August 25, 2021 or call 717-657-4804 ext.322 with questions.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happiest of birthdays to you

Barbara Swartz

Louise Wilver

Lew Bogle

SURVAY SAYS...

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the survey regarding the move of Saturday 4PM Mass time to the Parish Center. At this time, Father Hoke is reflecting on the replies, and since there has been an update to the gathering size and vaccination details related to Covid-19, we will continue to keep this Mass at the Church. Please keep posted for more details to follow.

