



February 24, 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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:	\$ 3,442.00
Repair & Maint.:	\$ 933.92
Last Year:	\$ 3,873.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
 Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
 Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust and the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38
 Jesus explains that loving only people is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us. Instead, we should emulate God by being compassionate and non-judgmental, even towards individuals who hate and mistreat us.

Saturday, February 23, 2019

4:00 PM Jack Russell
 (Bonnie & Tony Lupo)

Sun. Feb. 24th **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 For Loving families
 People of the Parish

8:00 AM
11:00 AM

Mon. Feb. 25th
9:00 AM Joe Maturani

Tues. Feb. 26th
9:00 AM John Neumayer
 (Ralph Preyer)

Wed. Feb. 27th
7:00 PM Eleanor Valushin

Thurs. Feb. 28th
9:00 AM Larry Russell

Fri. March 1st *First Friday*
8:30 AM Rosary

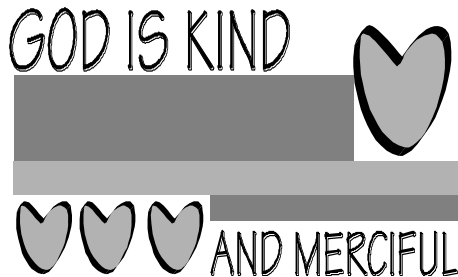
9:00 AM Tony Kaminski

Sat. March 2nd *First Saturday*
9:00 AM Tony Amedei
 (Anne Chicchino)

4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sun. March 3rd **8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM George Hogan
11:00 AM Charles Perry
 (Reese Family)



Second Collections
March 3 – Our Faith, Our Future
March – Lenten Offerings
Operation Rice Bowl

Ash Wednesday, March 6th
12 Noon Service with Ashes and
7 PM Mass with Ashes

From Our Pastor,

Here we are already at the end of the Second Month of the New Year, two/twelve's done. Rolling along. March will be here before next week. Please take notice that Ash Wednesday is a little more than a week from now, 3-6-19. Give some thought to how you want to spend a prosperous fruitful Lent; bearing good fruit that will last onto the end of the ages.

Sunday March 24 is our St. Joseph's Feast Day dinner and social, please be sure to sign up, the green forms are on the bulletin board, get them filled in, make your donation and get them back as soon as you can, deadline is Sunday 17th. There will be entertainment and games for all ages, plan to come and have a great time, more than just eating and running off, plan to meet new parish friends. Give it a try, you will like it.

Also get the word out that once again Sacred Heart of Jesus parish, Lewisburg and our parish is sponsoring for the whole community a free showing of the Hollywood production. "Paul, Apostle of Christ, just released last year. The movie is at the Campus Theater, Market St. Lewisburg, and Saturday March 30th, 1:00 p.m. No charge; we do encourage all participants to bring donations of non-perishable food for the Central PA Food Bank. Or you can make a monetary donation for the Food Bank. What a great way to get together as family and friends from all church groups to see a professional movie to deepen our respect for all that the early Church had to endure for the sake of the gospel.

Let us at least pray, fast and do penance that we grow in our Lord's grace and imitation of Jesus' mercy, to even forgive those who offend us or have hurt us. Not that we allow intolerable abuse, but that we will remain in control of our hurts, so as to be able to pray for the salvation and the good of those who have injured us. 'To sin is human to forgive is Divine.'

2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to all Parishioners who participated in giving to the Annual Appeal. Thank you who answered our call to increase their giving so that the Appeal Refund received would be applied to Our Faith Our Future. We have received over \$32,000 from the Diocese in refund. This will be utilized towards the building of our handicap restroom.

We ask all parishioners to consider their 2019 giving to the Diocesan Annual Campaign. We call upon all who sacrificially give for a second time to do so with the building of our handicap restroom in mind.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY:

Jean Machamer, Ed Pagan, Carole and Ed Barsis, Gerry Roskovensky, Linda Beckman, Abram Koons Sr., Christine Marie Koons, Andrea Rea Young, Bernice Ann Yocum, Keith and Zenith Robenolt, , Earl Weaver, George Sarfine, Lisa Reichelderfer, Mary Poremsky, Harold and Rita Prentiss, Aiden Barsis, Merrill and Connie Buehler, Mason Reeder, Maria Harper, Matthew Rosboschil, Charlotte Farrell and Jackie Rando, If you would like to have a name announced in the bulletin or if someone is well and we can remove their name, please call the parish office. After six weeks of prayer, names will be removed. If further prayer is needed please call the Parish Office at 570-742-4356 to reinstate name. Thank You. **PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD.** We pray for those who are ill or need special intentions. If you would like to add someone to the Parish Prayer List or Parish Shut-in List, please contact the parish office. Thank You.

Youth Group will be selling "HE IS RISEN " Car magnets for Lent. Each magnet is \$5.00 and will be sold after all weekend masses until they are all sold. Get yours early before they run out!

ST JOSEPH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION will be held on Sunday, March 24th. Reservation forms are available on the bulletin board. Forms are due back with your donation by March 17th.

LENTEN FISH OR SHRIMP DINNERS WILL BEGIN FRIDAY, MARCH 8. We are always in need of volunteers to help with the Dinners. Donations of Desserts are greatly appreciated!

<u>St. Joseph Happenings</u>	
March 1	Rosary at 8:30 AM
March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 8	Lenten Fish or Shrimp Dinner

Elizabeth Ministry-Food is Love: This ministry takes its name from the time when our Blessed Mother visited her cousin, Elizabeth to offer support and caring. Members of this ministry make meals for people who are ill, have just had a baby, or need short term meals provided. For a meal need, contact Sandy Muscarella at 570-742-7051.

A Men's Group meets the 1st Tuesday of every month upstairs at the parish office (107 Walnut Street) from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Contact Bob Engleman at 570-412-3707 for any questions. Thank you.

WEIS & GIANT GIFT CARDS: Please consider purchasing Weis or Giant gift cards this week to buy your groceries. **The proceeds from last weekend were \$7.50.**

FYI	
March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 8	Lenten Fish or Shrimp Dinners Begins
March 10	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 10	1st Sunday of Lent
Mass will be at 6:00 PM Wednesday's during Lent followed with Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM.	
March 13	Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM
March 17	Lenten Appeal Begins
March 24	St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration
April 14	Palm Sunday
April 18	Holy Thursday
April 21	Easter Sunday

Council of Catholic Women

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Food Bank Collection area in confessional. Items needed include Cereal, Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, Fruits and Vegetables along with Nonperishables, toiletries

Migrant Outreach Collection for CSIU

Small sized toiletries, razors

Soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Box tops for Ed for Milton schools, parochial school

Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/ccwmilton>

Website- <http://stjosephmilton.org>

CCW PRAYER SHAWLS: Any parishioner who can knit or crochet, please think about making prayer shawls. If anyone in the parish knows of someone that needs a prayer shawl, please contact a CCW member or officer.

St. Cyril Spiritual Center, 1002 Railroad ST in Danville, PA, will sponsor a Lenten Day on March 16, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Sr. Catherine Nerney, SSJ, Ph.D., will present the theme "Forgiveness and Reconciliation: The Great Work of Love in a Wounded World" This retreat will focus on stories, divine and human, through which we hope to recognize the face of the God , beckoning us to receive the gift and share the great work of love that is forgiveness and reconciliation. Register online at www.sscm.org with paypal or call (570) 275-3581 by the Mar. 8th deadline.