

MASS
INTENTIONS

February 3, 2019
Fourth 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:	\$ 4,026.00
Last Year:	\$ 4,414.80

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 14-19 God tells Jeremiah that he was chosen to be a prophet to the nations before he had even been born. He also promises him strength and protection, providing Jeremiah does as God ask.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Paul discusses the importance of love and claims that one who possesses any gift, but lacks love, has nothing. He explains that true love never fails, although knowledge or other talents can fail to endure in the same manner. Paul says that three things last: "faith, hope and love, the greatest of these being love."

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, at first appealing to all who were present. But he knew that they would be expecting him to do the things he has already done in other towns. He reminded them of other prophets who had preached and gained acceptance in foreign places instead of their home towns. This angered the people, who expelled him from town.

Saturday, February 2, 2019

The Presentation of the Lord

9:00 AM Special Intentions
For Doctor's & PAs
4:00 PM Raymond Leitzel
(Tracie)

Sun. Feb. 3rd

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Special Intentions for
For Our Military

Mon. Feb. 4th

9:00 AM Tony Kaminski

Tues. Feb. 5th

9:00 AM *Saint Agatha*
Joe Kruper

Wed. Feb. 6th

7:00 PM *St. Paul Miki*
Pat Rosboschil

Thurs. Feb. 7th

9:00 AM Special Intentions for
Staff Members

Fri. Feb. 8th

9:00 AM *St. Jerome & St. Josephine*
Joe Maturani

Sat. Feb. 9th

4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sun. Feb. 10th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Special Intentions
For Loving Families
11:00 AM Thomas Such
(Rita & Harold Prentiss)



Second Collections

Feb. 3 – Propagation of the Faith
Feb. 10 – Black and Indian Poor Missions

From Your Pastor,

This Sunday, we begin the month of February, which will bring us half way through winter. Yes it's true! For the daylight is getting longer, and the darkness is shrinking. We just celebrated on First Saturday the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord; I wish more of the parish family had taken advantage of this teaching moment to have a greater appreciation of the Christmas season. In liturgical mystery we celebrated and re-presented 'the Presentation of the Lord', 40th day of his life after birth. We blessed all the candles to be used in the church, plus the candle oil to burn, to be sacrificed in our daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The candles symbolize our vocation to become the light to the world. If we are not being consumed, poured out, burnt up as a sacrifice to the Lord, we are not living out our Baptismal Vocation. What is most popular is usually most useless, the Christmas lights and decorations make us feel good but do not ask anything of us, all we have to do is just look at it and enjoy it. This is not the call of the Gospel: To be Baptized, Confirmed and to be a people of the Eucharist is to be a person who is living out the dying and rising of Christ, day by day.

I have been blessed to be your pastor for 7 years. At this time in my life, almost 70years, I daily examine my actions and my lack of action for the given day; what sins have I committed, and what good have I failed to do, how can I grow in grace. How can I turn from sin and seek to do the good that needs to be done. More than ever, I realize that the pastor, the anointed preacher of the Word, the ordained priest is for the many the only voice crying out with the truth. God has pushed me, against my comfort, to where I didn't want to go. If I do not cry out and accept rejection, then who will cry out with the truth. Having said that, I must apologize for using too much vinegar and not even enough honey to win over our brothers and sisters who find it no problem or concern of conscience to support the execution of abortion at all stages of growth in the womb and even after live delivery. How I said the truth might become more of an issue that what I said. But forget me, think about the One Who was presented by His mother in the temple and offered on the cross for our salvation. Because salvation comes in small packages, in every life coming from the womb.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY: Ed Barsis, Gerry Roskovensky, Linda Beckman, Abram Koons Sr., Christine Marie Koons, Andrea Rea Young, Bernice Ann Yocum, Keith and Zenith Robenolt, 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.

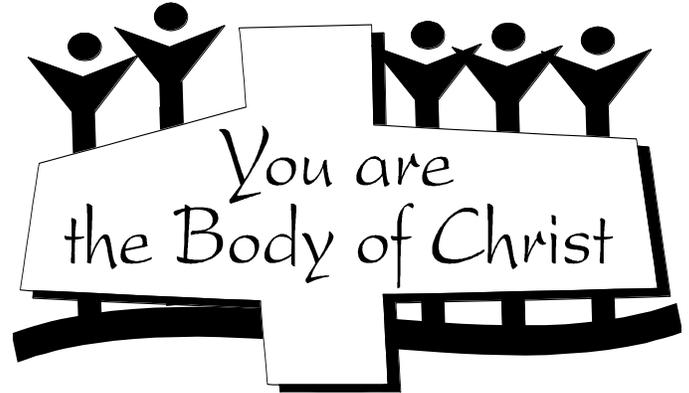
If you would like to receive text alerts on your phone concerning important Parish announcements like cancellations or venue changes due to inclement weather, visit our homepage at www.stjosephmilton.org or Facebook at St. Joseph Milton PA. Follow the link provided and be sure to follow the on screen prompts. Signup takes only a few minutes. For technical help, email Shawn Moore at smoore@sjnra.org

If you would like to receive email alerts concerning important Parish announcements, please send your email address to annechic109@gmail.com.

ALSO when we attempted to notify Parishioners of the venue change for the weekend of 1/19 and 1/20, we found that many phone numbers in the parish directory have not been updated. If your phone number and/or address have changed, please include a note in the collection basket to help us update our records.

You may also call the parish telephone number at 570-742-4356 and listen to the message that Father has recorded.

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!



A FILLED PORK CHOP DINNER will be held on Friday, Feb. 8th at the Parish Center from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Volunteers are always needed and donations of desserts are very much appreciated.

CHERRY PIES: Our great parish bakers are honoring our presidents with homemade cherry pies. No orders will be taken. First come first served. \$10.00 each. Pies will be sold February 16 & 17 after all weekend masses.

<u>St. Joseph Happenings</u>	
Feb. 8	Filled Pork Chop Dinner
Feb. 21	Pastoral Council @ 6:00 PM
March 1	Rosary at 8:30 AM
March 6	Ash Wednesday

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.

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.

WEIS & GIANT GIFT CARDS: Please consider purchasing Weis or Giant gift cards this week to buy your groceries. **The proceeds from last weekend were \$33.75.**

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.

THE MILTON FOOD BANK IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF DONATIONS. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN GROCERY SHOPPING. IN ADDITION TO CANNED OR BOXED FOOD ITEMS, BABY ITEMS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED. DIAPERS, BABY WIPES AND BABY FOOD TO MENTION A FEW. BOXES FOR YOUR DONATIONS ARE LOCATED IN THE CONFESSONAL. THANK YOU.