



MASS
INTENTIONS

Saturday March 16, 2019

4:00 PM Chic Chiccino
(Anne)

Sun. Mar. 17th **2nd Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Special Intentions for
Diane Dienzo
(Geri Preyer)

12:30 PM Spanish Mass

Mon. Mar. 18th *St. Cyril*

9:00 AM Eleanor Valushin

Tues. Mar. 19th *St. Joseph*

9:00 AM Vincenzo Viterbo
(Daughter)

Wed. March 20th

6:00 PM George Hogan
6:30 PM *Stations of the Cross*

Thurs. Mar. 21st
9:00 AM In Honor of St. Joseph
(Muscarella family)
Rockwell

Fri. March 22nd
10:00 AM For Evangelization

Sat. March 23rd *St. Turibius*

4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sun. March 24th **3rd Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM Jim Maturani
(Larry & Ann Maturani)

11:00 AM John Neumayer
(Geri Preyer)

Call upon God's name



Yahweh - I Am - Yahweh

March 17, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

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:	\$3,835.00
Last Year:	\$4,151.00
Reprs & Maint.:	\$ 958.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 775.28
Fish Dinner:	\$3,362.00
	(after expenses)

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

Second Collections
Diocesan Annual Campaign
Lenten Offerings
Easter Flowers
March 31 - Love of Neighbor

From Your Pastor,

Thank you for your prayers, as my Lenten Journey is going better than I could have expected, it is by your prayers for me that the grace of God has been received and used. But as my friend told me, who had broken his Lenten Penance three days into the walk, that he had a dream and God told him, 'Don't worry it is still early in the game, first quarter. Besides that, the game would go into three days overtime until the victory is won. Sounds good to me. Never give up, it is worth the fight, the race is long but it is the end that matters. So let us keep praying for one another.

By Alms Giving, Prayer and Fasting we do as Christ instructed His disciples in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew, chapters 5 and 6, it is the teachings of the new Moses, Jesus the new lawgiver. Not to take His teachings seriously is a serious problem. So let us go for the gold.

This Sunday at all the Masses, the parish will make its annual appeal, formerly known as the Lenten Appeal. Our assessment from the diocese is a little higher than last year's assessment; it is \$32,000.00. Be assured the diocese will not use any of the offerings to pay off court expense or settlements in any payments for clergy sex abuse cases. I will say more about this in my homily. All funds received will go to works of charity and education and a small amount to run the diocese. We have been very successful in the past few years as being able to use this appeal to bring extra revenue into our parish. It is a win, win for the diocese and for the parish and for you and for me. May the blessings of St. Patrick be upon us.

Our parish will be taking up a free will offering this weekend for the victims of the tornado destruction in Beauregard, Alabama. You can give this weekend or put your offering in an envelope with your name, so as to be credited for the offering, dropping it off at the office by Tuesday of this week. We will send a check to St. Michael's Parish, for them to give out money and gift cards to those in need.

Let us trust as we give Alms, that God will give to us greater blessings.

SOUP AND THE WORD LUNCHEONS

sponsored by the Milton Ministerium are held Wednesdays at 12 Noon. Again this year, First Presbyterian Church Milton is hosting these luncheons. March 20th guest speaker will be Father Hoke.

This weekend we will kick off the 2019 Diocesan Annual Campaign, formerly known as the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal with the in-pew solicitation. Faith Forward is the theme for the 2019 Diocesan Annual Campaign. We have been asked by Bishop Gainer to prayerfully consider a pledge to this effort. As a parish we benefit in a number of ways: shared administrative services like payroll and accounts payable to Human Resources to outreach ministries that are led by the Diocese, and implemented at the parish level. By our collective efforts from parishioners and parishes throughout the Diocese, a multitude of programs and ministries are offered to those in need. We are relying on your generous support to insure that these programs and ministries continue. I thank you in advance for your loyal and steadfast support. Our parish has been assessed a goal of \$32,000.00. Your pledge may be paid monthly through December. Coupon booklets are mailed from the Diocese for your convenience. Once our goal is met, all additional monies will be refunded to our parish.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY: Mark Andrews, Tom Shutt, Barry Bickle, Frank Rhone, Marion Fisher, Geri Preyer, Abram Koons Sr., Christine Marie Koons, Andrea Rea Young, Bernice Ann Yocum, Keith and Zenith Robenolt, Earl Weaver, George Sarfine, Ed Pagan, 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. **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.

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.

St. Joseph Happenings

March 17 Diocesan Campaign Begins
March 21 Pastoral Council @ 6 PM
March 22 Fish / Shrimp Dinner
March 24 St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration
March 29 Fish / Shrimp Dinner
April 2 Rosary at Milton Rehab 10:00 AM
April 5 Rosary @ 8:30 AM
April 7 CCW luncheon/meeting 11AM @ Parish Center after 11:00 mass

The Card-making Craft Day has been postponed until Monday, March 25th from 9:00 to 3:00 in the Parish Center. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Anne Chiccino (570-742-8425 or annechic109@gmail.com)

Fish/Shrimp Dinners: Please commit to helping by signing up on the bulletin board. **We will have sign-up sheets for each week so that you do not have to make a commitment for all six weeks.** Meet some new people while helping your Parish out. We could use: *Four or five people to wait on tables* - you would be taking the order and submitting it to the kitchen, and then getting the drinks, applesauce or coleslaw and rolls & butter.

Four or five people to take the dinners to the tables.

Two or three "bus" people - you would clean off the tables and then re-set them

Four or five people at the end of the evening (around 6:30) to collect the flowers, sweeteners, salt & pepper and unused place setting, clean the tables and put the chairs up to prepare for floor cleaning.

Two or three people to work at the dessert table.

St. Joseph Milton, and Sacred Heart Lewisburg are presenting "Paul, Apostle of Christ" Saturday, March 30th @ 1:00 PM @ The Campus Theatre, Lewisburg. Presented in honor of all the pastors, "Preachers of the world". Admission is free to the public. A free will offering of money or non-perishable food will be donated to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.

WEIS & GIANT GIFT CARDS: Please consider purchasing Weis or Giant gift cards this week to buy your groceries. **The proceeds from last weekend were \$27.50.**

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.

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.

CCW Meeting at Parish Center April 7, 2019 at 12:30 pm. A light lunch will be served.

We will be making Easter gift bags for the children of the parish. Please donate Easter candy like you have done in the past for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 94th Annual Convention, Saturday 5/11/2019 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA Notice will be on the Bulletin Board. Contact Mary Rose Knelly at 570-412-6356