



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday, May 12, 2018

4:00 PM *Mother's Day Blessings*

Sun. May 13th The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM *Mother's Day Blessings*

11:00 AM *Mother's Day Blessings*

Mon. May 14th

9:00 AM Jack Russell

Tues. May 15th

9:00 AM Helen Seksinsky
(Stan & Mary Alicia)

Wed. May 16th

7:00 PM Alfred Aliotta
(Elizabeth Muscarella
Family)

Thurs. May 17th

9:00 AM Pauline & George McGee
(McGee Girls)

Fri. May 18th

10:00 AM *Kramm's Milton*

Sat. May 19th Ronald Batman

4:00 PM For the Sick and Suffering

Sun. May 20th **Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 AM Eugene Caicco

11:00 AM People of the Parish

12:30 PM Spanish Mass

May 13, 2018
Ascension of the Lord

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: \$3,790.00

Last Year: \$4,272.00

Our Faith, Our Future: \$ 839.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus had appeared many times to His disciples after his resurrection. On this final occasion, Jesus' departing message is that they will soon receive the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work. No sooner does he say this, he is taken up to heaven before their eyes.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that God may grant wisdom and enlightenment to the Ephesians so that they may know the great hope to which they are called. Every power has been given to Christ who now reigns in heaven. He is the "head of the Church, which is His body."

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus told His disciples to go and spread the gospel to every creature, to the world. Jesus also spoke of the signs that will accompany those who believe in Christ. After he spoke with them, He was taken into heaven and took His seat the right hand of God.

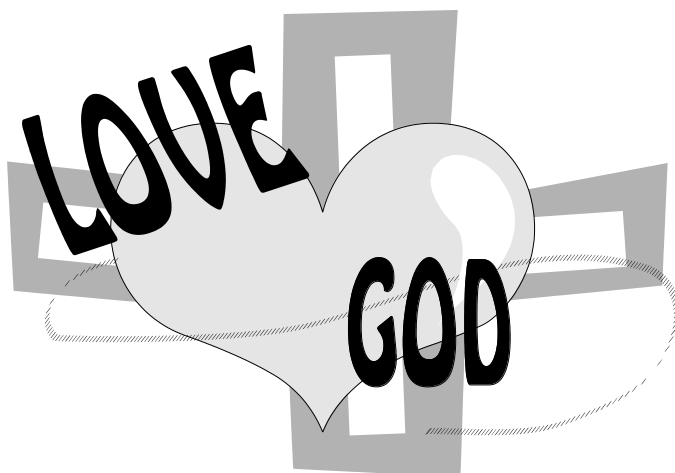
Second Collections

May 13 – Mother's Day

Repairs & Maintenance

May 20- Pentecost

May 27 – Love of Neighbor



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Madeline Zimmerman who died recently. May she enjoy eternal peace in heaven with Christ.

Mother's Day Envelopes: You may give anytime during the month of May to the Mother's Day Collection. Offerings will be placed in our Love of Neighbor Fund. The office made a mistake scheduling 3 envelopes on Sunday May 13th. Sorry for the inconvenience.

From Your Pastor,

Although not listed in the official Roman Liturgy, MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION, is very fitting during the Easter Season. If Easter is all about our totally sacrificial, loving, life giving, all merciful Son of God and Son of Mary, then it is easy to see the face of Christ in the face of our mothers. Perhaps, our mother's face is the first image we have of love, security and joyful acceptance when we come into the world. She is our introduction to the eternal love of God. Mothers are not perfect, they are not meant to be, as they do not have perfect children. We love mom not because she is perfect or always right but because she opens us to the mystery of the one Who is perfect and that is the best thing anyone can do for another. It would be strange to celebrate and honor our mothers of nature if we failed to honor our mother of grace, the Most Holy Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our mother too. May is certainly the month to honor Mother Mary, may all the beauty and abundant life seen felt and smelt in this month of May open our hearts to the beauty of Mother Mary.

Why is May chosen as the month in which we exercise a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin? The first reason is because it is the time when the earth bursts forth into its fresh foliage...the blossoms are upon the trees, and the flowers are in the gardens. For such gladness and joyousness of external nature is a fit attendant on our devotion to her who is the mystical rose and the house of gold."

Cardinal John Henry Newman

Try to see God in the beauty of May, in the face of the Blessed Virgin and in the face of all of our Mothers.

Happy Mother's Day

Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal: Please remember the commitment you made to the Lenten Appeal. Monies collected over our assessment will be refunded back to the parish and will be utilized for the purpose of a handicapped bathroom and repairs to the handicap entrance. YOU MUST MAIL your payment to – The Diocesan Office of Development, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710. Coupon Booklets are mailed from the Diocese. Thank you.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY: Sara Loftus, Joan Rudloff, Roni Fish, Brianna Fish, Linda Zimmerman, Jeanne Waltman, Patricia Starcher, Suzette Edghill, Tom Lang, Jean Machamer, Lisa Reichelderfer, Harold Prentiss, Aiden Barsis, Connie Buehler, Mason Reeder, Maria Harper, Matthew Rosboschil, Joe Maturani, 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.

ALTAR SERVER CLASS: Any student in 4th grade or 10 years old, and is interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Michele Seebold at 570-713-5827, or Anne Rocktashel at 570-713-4763.

WEIS & GIANT GIFT CARDS: Please consider purchasing Weis or Giant gift cards this week to buy your groceries. The proceeds benefit our Alpha Omega Youth Group. **The proceeds from last weekend were \$56.25.**

St. Joseph Happenings

May 13 Happy Mother's Day
May 17 Pastoral Council at 6:00 PM
May 28 Memorial Day
10 AM Mass at Cemetery

Elizabeth Ministry- 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. Here's where we need your help! We have 2 sign-up sheets in the back of the church, for anyone interested in being on the committee to help with organizing the ministry, and for anyone who could provide a meal. Meals can be something made up fresh like a casserole or soup, make ahead casseroles that are frozen ready to go, or a takeout meal from a restaurant. More details will be coming in the following weeks! Please consider helping out with this ministry! If you have any questions you can contact Sandy Muscarella at 570-742-7051 or Brenda Reeder 570-713-5473.

Planning Ahead

It is not too early to be thinking about the Chinese Auction Fund Raiser. It will be held Saturday, June 9th. We appreciate your help with filled baskets, gift cards, new items and time & talent donations. If you don't have a basket, Harriet has extras. (*Used items will go to the Rummage Sale.*) Contact Harriet for details at 570-742-3464.

We are looking for help with the Gardening: planting, watering and weeding. Again, we would appreciate help with any of these areas. Contact Anne at 570-742-8425 if you can help.

THE MILTON FOOD BANK IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF DONATIONS. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN GROCERY SHOPPING. IN ADDITION TO 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 CONFESSIOANAL. THANK YOU.

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>

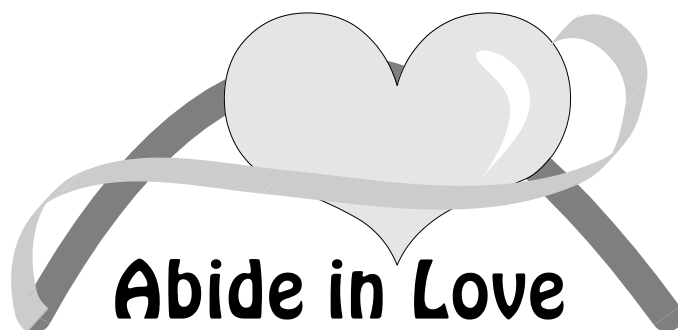
Website- <http://stjosephmilton.org>

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.

May 12th and 13th: CCW will be selling carnations for Mother's Day. Proceeds will be donated to Birthright.

May 20th: Annual Breakfast for the CCW. It will be held at the parish center at 10:30 AM. Men of the parish will do the cooking. All women and girls are invited. Speaker information to follow.

First week of June will be the end of the year CCW Dinner at Pine Barn Inn, Danville. New officers are needed. Details to follow.



HELP NEEDED: Our parish is in need of someone to clean the rectory and parish office on a weekly basis. Eight hours per week. If you are interested, please talk to Father Hoke.