



MASS  
INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21, 2020

4:00 PM M/M Chester Borysowki  
(Stephen Skerda)

Sun. March 22<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Sara Loftus  
(Carole & Ed Barsis &  
Landon)

Mon. March 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 AM Peggy and Chic Chiccino  
(Anne Chiccino)

Tues. March 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Mary Umpstead

Wed. March 25<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM Lisa Reichelderfer

Thurs. March 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM George Geib  
(Ed & Carole Barsis)

Fri. March 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Christopher Diehl

Sat. March 28<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM Bob Kirby  
(Kevin Hallahan)

Sun. March 29<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:00 AM Christopher Basinger  
(Geri Pryer)

March 22, 2020  
Fourth 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:	\$3,022.00
Last Year:	\$3,690.00
Love of Neighbor	\$ 767.00
Fish Dinner:	\$3,717.00 (deposit)

The above are bank deposit amounts

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as "children of light" in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds "done in darkness."

**Gospel: John 9:1-41**

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a "sinner," but the blind man said, "He is a prophet." Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

**Second Collections**

*March 29-Catholic Relief Services*

*April 5- Our Faith & Future*

*Lenten Offerings*

*Easter Flowers*

*Operation Rice Bowl*

**Jesus**

*The Sanctuary candle is In memory of Eugene Caicco, requested by his wife, Carolyn*

*To Father Hoke and all of my fellow parishioners at St. Joseph. Thank you for all the cards and gifts that made my birthday so special.*

*Marilyn Boiardi.*

*From Your Pastor,*

*I am writing this column on Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day, the feast day of the patron saint of our diocese. It was the first time I can ever remember offering Mass with no one else present for Mass, of course there were the angels, saints and the Most Holy Trinity present, but I very much missed and longed for my parish family. I will continue to offer the Holy Mass, the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Liturgy of the Hours throughout the day, paying in our beautiful but locked up and empty church.*

*Let us learn from this great Lenten Sacrifice, how much we long for the Lord, how much we are in need of God's mercy. May St. Patrick and St. Joseph pray for us that we will learn as a nation and as a church the need to pull away from the world and to turn to God.*

The Church is closed, for at least two weeks, maybe more. For the first time since Fr. Hoke came to St. Joseph's nine years ago, our church doors are locked. There can be no public Masses during this lock down, no individual visitation of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Hoke will say a private Mass every day, but no one other than Father and the angels and saints should be with him while he offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

All meetings and fundraisers are canceled on parish property. No Fish/Shrimp Dinners for at least the next two weeks. This includes religious education: C.C.D. and Adult Education. This lock up is done in holy obedience to Bishop Gainer.

The bulletin will be available on the web. Hard copies will not be printed. Please encourage anyone who needs help to call the rectory for assistance. The staff will get back to them and try to do what they can to help.

Let us realize this Lent is going to be the most sacrificial and dramatic Lent of our lifetime. We won't even have Holy Communion or our community gathering in prayer. But be sure to pray every day, watch and pray the Mass on TV, or online. Say the rosary every day. Pray as if only prayer will restore us and act and work as if your good sense and calm spirit is what the nation needs in order to recover.

Bless Bless, Fr. Hoke

The parish St. Joseph's Feast Day Dinner is postponed, more details will be coming out. We will hold your reservations and deposits until we announce our new date for the parish feast day celebration.

**REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY:** Elizabeth Muscarella, James Tomedi, Lisa Ressler, George Baran, Christine Koons, Bernice Yocum, Keith Robenolt, George Sarfine, Abram Koons Sr., Tom Robenolt, Theresa Folk, Rita Prentiss, Aiden Barsis, 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.

**St. Joseph Happenings**

April 5	Palm Sunday
April 9	Holy Thursday
April 12	Easter

**O God**



**I believe**