

# MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sat. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00AM</b>	<b>First Saturday</b> Mary Umstead
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Mary Szempliski (Husband, Richard)
<b>Sun. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>11:00 AM</b>	All Souls <i>Presentation of</i> <i>Fillippeli/Ferlazzo Gift</i>
<b>Mon. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	George & Pauline McGee (McGee Girls)
<b>Tues. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	Mark Andrews
<b>Wed. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>All Souls</b>
<b>Thurs. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	Chic Chiccino & Clark Fisher (Anne)
<b>Fri. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	Ray Leitzel (Vince & Mary Emery)
<b>Sat. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>4:00 PM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sun. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	All Souls
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Ebba Preyer (Geri & Ralph)

**Mass Locations-** *Until further notice, all masses except for Sundays 11 a.m. will be held at the church. The Sunday 11 a.m. Mass will be held at the Parish Center.*

**All Souls-** A total of \$731.00 was collected at the Masses this past week. Thank you for your generosity. This collection was deposited into our Love of Neighbor Account.

**NOVEMBER 8, 2020**  
**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

## 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:	\$5,502.00
All Saints	\$1,570.00
Last Year:	\$4,456.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

### First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Regarded as personifying God's power, Wisdom is readily and easily found by those who seek her.

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Thessalonians, who fear that those who have died will miss Christ's return, are comforted by Paul's assurance that those "who have died in Christ will rise first."

### Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

In the parable of the five sensible bridesmaids and the five foolish bridesmaids, Jesus emphasizes the fact that we must always be ready for the coming of Christ because in his words, "You know not the day or the hour."

### Second Collections

**Nov. 8- Repairs & Maintenance**

**Nov. 22-Matthew 25**

Please contact the church office at 570-742-4356 if you have had a change in your address, telephone number or email address. This information is needed to keep you informed on location changes due to inclement weather, parishioner updates and special information to be distributed to Parish. Thank you.

*From our pastor,*

*Now that we are entering upon the long dark winter season and we see all sorts of signs of harvest, surrender, dying and resting in the earth; the Church has the opportunity to get our attention, to teach the truth that all that we see in this life is passing away, that to all creature's death will come. To us Christians, this is not a cause of depression or despair, but a cause of hope and peace. We know that we shall go to a better kingdom. We are told this unfortunate truth, in order to prepare us for success.*

*We need to be ready, how we live our life and how we prepare for death is one of the gifts of wisdom. With Holy Wisdom we make not only smart choices for this life but also for the life to come. We will over the days, months and years of our life take on a certain image and likeness. We will come to resemble the Old Adam, or the New Man, the Lord Jesus.*

*At the time of our death, what we have made of our self is then what we shall be. Even if we have a strong likeness of the image of Christ, this imperfect image will be perfected. God is so merciful; He wants us to be the best we can be for all eternity.*

*What is built into God's likeness will be tried by Holy Spirit Fire, what was of God will remain; what was unworthy of God will be destroyed. Read First Corinthians, Chapter Three to see the importance of wisdom in order to be building a temple that is worthy of the Lord.*

*This final stage of perfecting, purifying and sanctifying is what we call Purgatory. It is a sign of God's great mercy to us poor imperfect sinful followers of the Lord. We know that not by our efforts but by the grace of God we will be perfected. To stress the fact that we alone cannot finish the job, God has taught us that we will need the community; the Church, the prayers of the Faithful Ones, the offering of the Holy Mass in order to be made complete in the Lord.*

*Many of you came to one of the three Masses I celebrated for 'The Poor Souls' on All Souls Day. Those who benefited by your prayers will bless you and pray for you. All my prayers for them were also a request for them to pray for our nation. My flask is full, I am thankful and at peace*

*as I await the people's choice on this Election Day. I know that the poor souls we have prayed for are now praying for us. May we have the wisdom to know how to live in peace and in harmony with one another, as one nation under God. May the Poor Souls help us to find peace.*

*Fr. John D. Hoke*

**REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK  
IN YOUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY:**

Dawn Butters  
Taylor Treibley  
Barbara Coup  
William Cameron  
Marilyn Vargo  
Joan Bittler  
Jane Woodcock  
Scott Zerrenner  
John Zerrenner  
Tresha Sudol  
Ed Arndt  
Andrea Rea Young  
Dr. Weisner  
Anna Lee Fagnano  
James Tomedi  
George Baran  
Bernice Yocum  
George Sarfine  
Tom Robenolt  
Rita Prentiss  
Connie Buehler  
Matthew Rosboschil  
Jackie Rando  
Geri Preyer  
Marie Lindner

Jack Wasilewski,  
Richard Oppel  
Vickie Youman  
Bridget Emery  
Matt Mousley  
Emily Myerson  
Allen Treibley  
Nathan Young  
Evelyn Young  
George Sudol  
Kirsten Koons  
Mike Walters  
Rita Patynski  
Abram Koons Jr.  
Lisa Ressler  
Christine Koons  
Keith Robenolt  
Abram Koons Sr.  
Theresa Folk  
Aiden Barsis  
Mason Reeder  
Charlotte Farrell  
Mary Rose Knelly  
Harriet Moore

PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD



### **Congratulations!**

Hannah and Hailey Seebold are the recipients of the Father Filippelli and Ferlazzo Family Gift. Their applications were reviewed by Parish Council and based on the criteria outlined were gifted \$500.00 each. Congratulations!

### **Confirmation Congratulations**

On Sunday, November 1, 2020, Sean Brown, Carmine Muscarella and Timothy McGovern received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:00a.m. Mass. May this special day live forever in your heart.

### **Milton Area High School News!**

Congratulations to our very own Regi Wendt on being crowned Homecoming Queen at the Varsity Football Game on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Lottery Tickets**

Please consider purchasing lottery tickets for the month of February. Tickets are available after all Masses or you may call the church office to purchase tickets. The church has not been able to have fundraisers this year due to Covid-19. The church is counting on this vital fundraiser to help support our Parish.

### **Claims notice for victims of sexual abuse, and others with claims against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg.**

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, a Roman Catholic parish or Roman Catholic school within the geographical area of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, or have claims against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, you must file a claim, by November 13, 2020. You can contact the Diocese of Harrisburg, phone number 717-657-4804, [www.hgdiocese.org](http://www.hgdiocese.org), or <https://dm.epiq11.com/csae/redh/info>

### **Diocese of Harrisburg Annual (Virtual) Catechetical Conference**

Registration is now open for the November 14 Diocesan Catechetical Conference at [www.hbgdiocese.org/catechetical](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/catechetical). This year's conference is Virtual. It is open to everyone who loves the Catholic Faith, and to anyone who is seeking to know the truth, whether Catholic or non-Catholic. This year's theme is *Raising Up Holy Youth: Shaping our Future Saints*. Featured speakers are The Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis and Chairman-elect of the US Bishops' Evangelization and Catechesis Secretariat, Father John Szada, Diocesan Exorcist, Sister John Sheila Galligan, IHM, PhD, and Mrs. Kate Phenicie, Religion Teacher and Director of Spiritual Life at Delone Catholic High School. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and beautiful music. Cost this year is just \$10 per person. Please join us for this terrific conference!

*Let's Pray for our departed loved ones. Eternal rest, grant unto them O'Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

The names of those who have died this past year:

Sara Loftus	November 11, 2019
Mary Umstead	December 24, 2019
George Geib	January 10, 2020
Germaine Reid	January 13, 2020
Clare Wendt	January 25, 2020
Donna Konyar	February 5, 2020
Rose Reedy	February 10, 2020
Beatrice Gharett	April 19, 2020
Edward Wilhour	July 7, 2020
David Kozicki	August 3, 2020
Lois Schnyder	August 24, 2020
Maria Harper	August 25, 2020
Michael Frederick	August 27, 2020
Margaret Falls	September 28, 2020
Catherine Buehler	October 8, 2020

**Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Milton, PA**

**Financial Highlights for completed 2019-2020 Fiscal Year**

- **Sunday & Holyday Offerings Totaled \$221,041. 85.9% of our projections.**
  - Up \$2,415 from 2018-19 amount of \$218,626.
- **Fund-Raising Activities Income Totaled \$49,267. 72.4% of our projections.**
  - Covid-19 has caused us to cancel seven fund-raising events.
- **2019 Lenten Appeal resulted in a refund of \$12,962.**
  - Down \$19,214 from a record refund of \$32,176 in 2018.
  - 26.25% of Parishioners participated.
- **Repairs & Maintenance Income Totaled \$11,276; 75% of our projections.**
- **Our Faith Our Future Income Totaled \$8,954; 30% of our goal.**
  - Please give to this important fund with your monthly envelope.
- **Operating Expenses Totaled \$209,102 43% below projections.**
- **Transferred to Savings \$116,468.**
- **Replaced several HVAC Units in Parish Center Classrooms.**
- **Repainted Parish Hall & hallways. Updates to Parish Center kitchen counter.**
- **Change of lighting to LED Energy-saving lights at Parish buildings completed.**
- **Property line for handicap-accessible restroom in Church building in final stage.**
- **Ending Balance of \$70,194 to start our 2020-21 FY!**
- **In-House efforts have greatly impacted the cost of projects.**

Finance Members: Father Hoke; President, Frank Muscarella; Chairman, Amy Beaver, Tom Lang, Cheryl Rheppard, George Rocktashel, Chris Welker

**Thank you parishioners for your sacrificial giving.**