# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD April 4, 2021

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

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# 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:

\$4,404.00

Love of Neighbor:

\$ 804.00

Last Year:

\$1,205.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

## **Second Collections**

April 4<sup>th</sup> Our Faith Our Future April 25<sup>th</sup> –Catholic Home Missions

## St. Joseph's Annual Eucharistic Adoration Devotions

April 11, 12. 13

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2:00 pm. Divine Mercy Service 3:00pm

Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Exposition after 10:00am Mass, all day adoration, Benediction at 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 13<sup>th,</sup> Exposition after the 10:00am Mass, all day adoration, Benediction at 7:00pm

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. April 3<sup>rd</sup> HOLY SATURDAY

**1:00 PM** Blessing of Food & Baskets @

Church

8:00PM Easter Vigil @ Church

Sun. April 4<sup>th</sup> EASTER BLESSINGS

8:00 AM Easter Blessings @ Church
11:00 AM Easter Blessings @ Center

Mon. April 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM

Peggy & Chic Chiccino

(Anne)

Tues. April 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM

David Kozicki

Wed. April 7<sup>th</sup>

**6:00PM** Alfred Aliotta (Mary Aliotta)

Thurs. April 8th

9:00AM David Kozicki

Fri. April 9<sup>th</sup>

9:0AM Richard & Jean Machamer

(Dave, Deb, Leslie & Bill)

Sat. April 10th

4PM Raymond Leitzel

(Wife, Tracie)

Sun. April 11<sup>th</sup> DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00 AM Greg Shepard

(Mother, Maureen)

11:00 AM People of the Parish

**2:00PM** Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament

**3:00PM** Divine Mercy Service



#### From Our Pastor,

Alleluia Alleluia, A Blessed and Holy Easter to you and to your loved ones. May the joy of this day over flow into your hearts and homes bringing peace and joy for many days to come.

There is so much that I give thanks to God for at the beginning of the Easter Season.

I thank God that your faith and love of Christ in His Church and in His Sacraments have brought you through this very difficult year.

Some of you need more prayer and grace to step out and to restart, rebuild and restore your membership in Christ's Worshipping Body. You know in your heart that sitting at home in your pajamas sipping your coffee and falling asleep in your easy chair is no longer the only way, or the best way to celebrate your Catholic faith. Please try to realize that the Easter Mystery cannot be separated from the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Do what you can do and you will feel better about your faith.

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, we will celebrated the great mercy of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We will have our regular Sunday Mass time, but we will also have a 3:00p.m Divine Mercy Service Sunday afternoon.

This is traditionally our parish's Annual Eucharistic 40ty Hours. We will do what we can to restore this tradition by having adoration during the day and a special Benediction Service Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Details are in the bulletin. Saturday April 24th is my 45 Priesthood Ordination. I give thanks to God that the Lord has blessed me to be priest all these past years. I will be away part of that week visiting family. But I will be back to say the weekend Masses. Because of the COVID 19 restrictions there will be no large social gathering celebrating in April.

I am looking at another time for my family and you dear people to come together and socially gather to celebrate God's many blessings these past 45 years. It will not be as big and involved as 5 years ago for my 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. But it will be a very appropriate gathering considering all the new restrictions we have because of the COVID 19. Face it, life has changed but is not over. We must go on and adapt. Others are helping me to pick another date this summer for a gathering.

As soon as we get some sense of what the state will allow in the near future, and what works for my family, then I will let you know. But let us rejoice and be glad it is Easter. Amen

Fr. John D. Hohe

#### **READINGS FOR APRIL 4, 2021**

## The Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

The early Church came to know the presence of the Risen Lord while the eating and drinking with the Him. As it was then so it is now, we come to experience the power of the Risen Lord in the Holy Eucharist. He will to be with us as He came to the Apostles on the first Easter.

#### Psalm 118

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. "

Try to remember this psalm refrain and say it often today and throughout the entire Easter Season. To be an Easter Christian is to be a rejoicing Christian.

#### Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven where Christ is seated at God's right hand. How many times we spend all of our times concerned with what is worldly and give little concern for what is heavenly.

#### John 20:1-9

What they found was an empty tomb and the left behind burial cloths, but it was enough for John to believe. For those without faith there will never be enough proof, but to those who do believe no proof is needed. Faith is not only the working of the mind but also the wonder of a loving heart.

# Remember those who are sick in your prayers, especially:

Jack Wasilewski Vickie Youman Joan Bittler **Kurt Livingston** Tresha Sudol George Sudol Abram Koons Connie Buehler Jackie Rando Marie Lindner Donald Reigel Ed Zerrenner Sister Laura William Cameron Mindy Lamprinos Joseph Masseri Marie Luzenski Shirley Rauch Billy Spaulding Mia Wendt Charlotte Farrell Judy Reese

Margaret Koons request we pray for the 11 on her personal prayer list.

PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

April 4<sup>th</sup> No CCD- Happy Easter
May 23<sup>rd</sup> -First Holy Communion
June 6<sup>th</sup> -The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ,
Corpus Christi- Four Confirmants will receive the
Sacrement of Confirmation, Celebrant
Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, DD,JCL

<u>Filippelli/Ferlazzo Gift:</u> Any graduating senior interested in applying for the Fr. Filippelli / Ferlazzo Gift can get an application from the church office. Deadline for applications is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## ST. JOSEPH LENTEN FISH DINNER

Bank Deposits: \$4,095.00, \$5,124.00, \$5,351.00, \$4,912.00, \$5.336.00 & 5,434.00. At the end of the Lent expenses will be calculated and profits will be shared.

#### **FILLED CHICKEN BREAST DINNER**

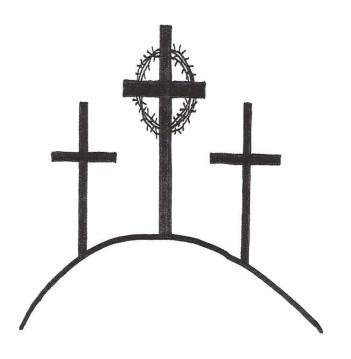
Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>
4-6:30p.m.
St. Joseph Parish Center
854 Cemetery Road, Milton, PA
(We will not be taking phone orders)

Take out Dinner will include: Filled Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes with gravy, Fresh Corn, Applesauce and Dessert. \$12.00

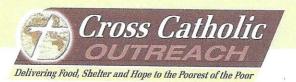
#### **THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**

The 2021 campaign is underway. In addition to Father Hoke's messaging, you may visit the Diocese Harrisburg website at <a href="https://www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-campaign">www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-campaign</a> there you will find you 2020 gifts in action, a message from Bishop Gainer, 2021 goal and a tab to donate.

Our Parish goal is \$29,837.00. Our assessment did not change from last year.



## YOUR OFFICIAL 2020 GIVING SUMMARY



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February 26, 2021

Rev. John D. Hoke St. Joseph's Catholic Church 109 Broadway St. Milton, PA 17847-1703

Dear Fr. Hoke,

I want to thank you personally for your commitment during what was a very challenging year. Friends like you are critical to our mission to mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform poor families and their communities for the glory of Jesus Christ.

For your records, below is a summary of your generosity to the poor in 2020.

Date

Gift Purpose

Amount

3/2/2020

Kobonal Housing

\$5,718.00

2020 Total Gifts = 1

2020 Total Dollars = \$5,718.00

I know that you will recognize your contributions to the poor as more than a tally of donation amounts because they have empowered the Church to manifest the love of God and build Christ's Kingdom, both in heaven and here on Earth.

I pray you are blessed by the good news God revealed through his son, Jesus Christ — the light of the world — and I thank you for bringing glory to his great name. May God richly bless you in this new year!

In Christ,

James J. Cavnar

President

Tax requirements state that a receipt is required to receive a tax deduction, and that we must document if you received any goods or services in return for this gift. If that is the case, the amount of your donation that exceeds the fair market value of any goods and services you received is tax deductible. Please retain this letter as your receipt and our confirmation that you did not receive goods or services from us in exchange for your gift.

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## Hello from Kathy Piaskowski,

I found the following when I was going through my Mother's things. And I thought you might enjoy it while soaking up this Spring weather.

Happy Easter,

Kathy

## Planting Your Spring Garden

For The Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas

- 1. Peace Of Mind
- 2. Peace Of Heart
- 3. Peace Of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

- 1. Squash Gossip
- 2. Squash Indifference
- 3. Squash Grumbling
- 4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

- 1. Lettuce Be Faithful
- 2. Lettuce Be Kind
- 3. Lettuce Be Patient
- 3. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden Is Complete Without Turnips

- 1. Turnip For Appointments
- 2. Turnip For Service
- 3. Turnip To Help One Another

To Complete Our Garden, We Must Have Thyme

- 1. Thyme For Each Other
- 2. Thyme For Family
- 3. Thyme For Friends

Water Freely With Patience and Cultivate With Love There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap What You Sow.

Pass It On!!











# Easter Flower Collection

#### In Honor of:

Joe & Marilyn (Kline) Vargo Viola Barsis

## In Memory of:

George, Betty, & Vincent Yost
Harry Ulrich
Sandy Martin
Raymond Leitzel
Lois Schnyder
Terry W. Derr
Tom & Peg Wertz
M/M Joseph B. Lupo
M/M Raymond B. Russell Sr.
Micharl, Larry & Jack Russell

Steven, Nathaniel & Dominic Wendt

Francis & Shekina Lupo

Janita Russell Chester Soltys, Sr. Julia Soltys

John Levengood LaRue Levengood Genevieve Evans

Patricia & George Rocktashel

Donald E. Kocher, Sr. Berryman Family Boiardi Family

Genny & Dave Rheppard

Grady Miller John Blase Robert Kirby Richmond Kirby Ed Griffith

Doris & Bob Sykes William McNair Gene Camp Bobby Ridley

## Requested by:

M/M Joesph Vargo M/M Edwin Barsis

## Requested by:

M/M Barry Ulrich M/M Barry Ulrich M/M Barry Ulrich Tracie Leitzel Tracie Leitzel Tom & Stefanie Shaw Tom & Stefanie Shaw Tony & Bonnie Lupo Tony & Bonnie Lupo Tony & Bonnie Lupo Tony &Bonnie Lupo Tony & Bonnie Lupo Tony &Bonnie Lupo M/M Chester Soltys, Jr. Anne & George Rocktashel Anne & George Rocktashel Marilyn & Paul Boiardi Marilyn & Paul Boiardi Twila & Jim Kurtz Twila & Jim Kurtz Sue & Larry Blase Sue & Larry Blasé Sue & Larry Blasé Diane & Bob Sykes

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## In Memory of:

Bill Brown Betty Kruper Joe Kruper Joesph S. Vargo Ann Krowski John Vargo

Mary Vargo Hudack Alex Krakowski

Mary Krakowski Nebrotski Helen & George W. Havash

**Edwin Barsis** 

Uhrinek & Havash Family Barsis & Krosick Family

Ann, Robert & Loretta Moutino

Palmer & Helen Batman

Roanld Batman
Baby Boy Leech
Matthew Mousley
Anna May Kinkaid
Jams F. Reilly
Tholma & Bill Mousle

Thelma & Bill Mousley

Peg & Ed Quin Elizabeth Reilly

Emery Brothers: Michael, Joseph,

Charley & David

Charles, Sr & Ann Emery Charles & Harrette Fazio

Paul Emery
Ray & Ann Leitzel
Charles & Ann Emery
Raymond Leitzel
Bertha & Bill Leitzel
Tom & Peg Wertz
John & Thelma Shaw
David & Irene Douton
William & Lois Craig

## Requested by:

Linda Brown Linda Brown Linda Brown M/M Joseph Vargo M/M Joseph Vargo M/M Joseph Vargo

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M/M Edwin Barsis M/M Edwin Barsis M/M Edwin Barsis M/M Edwin Barsis M/M Edwin Barsis

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Robin Leech
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Patty Mousley

John Emery John Emery John Emery

Vince & Mary Emery Vince & Mary Emery Vince & Mary Emery Vince & Mary Emery Vince & Mary Emery Terry & Peg Shaw Terry & Peg Shaw

Dr. & Mrs. Michael Craig Dr. & Mrs. Michael Craig

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## In Memory of:

Henry & Mary Ruth Stewart

Aunt Mae

Al Fisher

**G&G** Livermore

**G&G** Weber

**Andy Wiggins** 

M/M William Sarvis

M/M Paul Miller

Elizabeth Miller

Richard Pryer

Paul Luzenski

Edward & Josephine Kufta

Dr. Mary Belle Lontz

Robert Seebod, Sr.

**Judy Gorton** 

**Greg Shepard** 

Mary Szemplinkski

## Requested by:

Marni & Paul Stewart

**Deb Mathias** 

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Marie Luzenski

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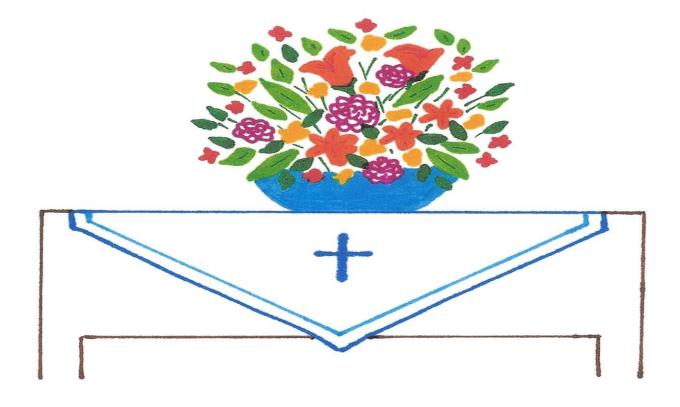
Michele & Robert Seebold

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Kathy & Jeff Gorton

Maureen Sheppard

Richard Szemplinski



## Restored Altar

In April of 2018, the Sisters of Christian Charity closed Holy Family Convent in Danville and moved back to the Mother House in Mendham, NJ. The Sisters asked Fr. Hoke, if we would be interested in any statues on the property for our Church or Church grounds. The Sisters sold Holy Family Convent and grounds to Geisinger for use as office space and parking, and any thing left on the grounds would be destroyed in the construction.

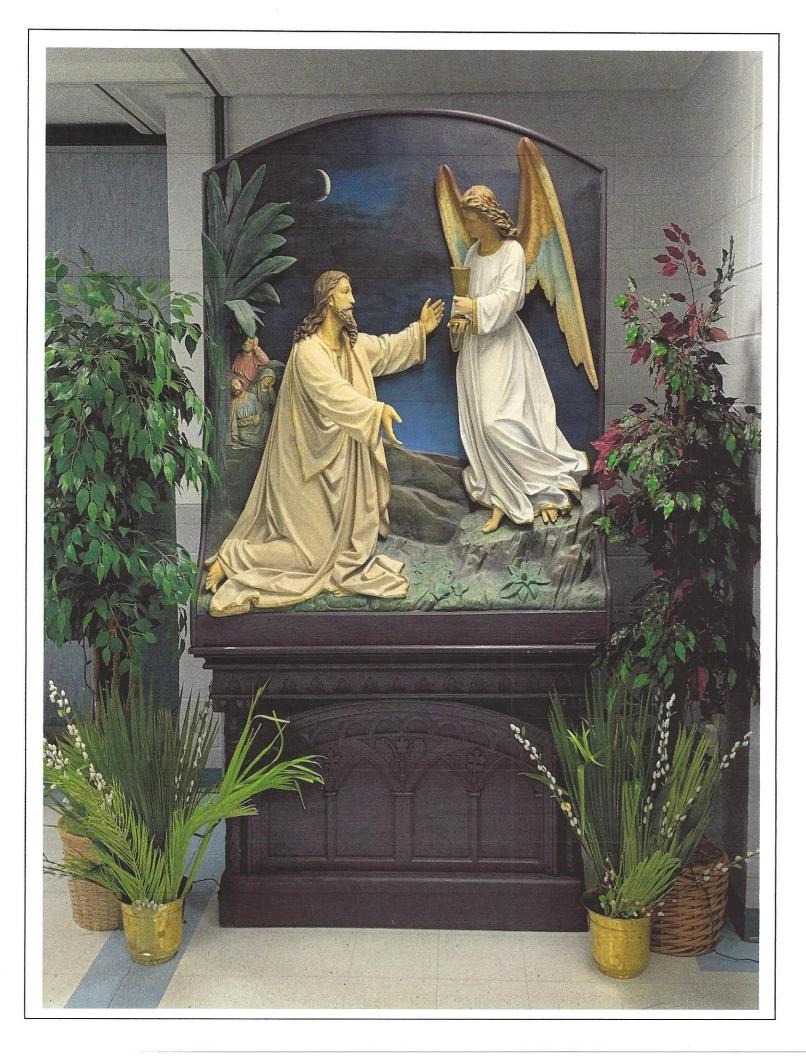
The altar in the photos graced an old small cemetery chapel designed to give proper respect for the deceased sisters the night before their burial on the grounds of the Convent. The Chapel in its day must have been beautiful. The walls were all ornately painted reflecting 1800 European religious art. The frames of what at one time housed exquisite stain glass windows were now just empty frames. The older sisters still remember using the chapel during funeral times and spending hours in vigil the night before the burial.

One of our artistic parishioner's, Doug Bertanzetti was asked to restore the altar to its original splendor. The altar depicts Jesus suffering, His Agony in the Garden. While the disciples slept, Jesus prayed, an Angel appears to him, holding a cup. Jesus accepting The Father's will of, suffering the Agony, the Passion, and the Surrender of His life for our salvation.

The altar is now restored and at the Parish Center, and will be used by the parish for the first time at the end of the Holy Thursday Service for Adoration. Recalling how Jesus went out to the Mount of Olives to prayer before His arrest. He asked His disciples to spend an hour with Him in prayer that they would have the courage to remain faithful to Him. Adoration will be held on Holy Thursday from 8:00-11:00 P.M., after the Mass of the Lord's Supper.









## **Gospel Today**

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | John 20:1-9

On the very first Easter morning Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and another disciple found Jesus' tomb empty — He has risen... Alleluia!

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Easter	Removed	Greatest
Morning	Risen	Eternal
Joy	Disciple	New
Jesus	Emtpy	Life
Lord	Tomb	Alleluia
Stone	Kingdom	Resurrection

Alleluia ... Alleluia ... Alleluia



The Lord is Risen, the Kingdom has come... He has given US new life!

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The Highest Holy Day • Alleluia • The Greatest Feast

## EGGS ARE A SYMBOL OF...

The Resurrection, the shell cannot contain the chick as the tomb could not contain the risen Christ.

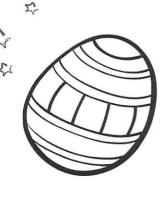
Of new life, reminding us of the new eternal life we find in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.











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- color the eggs -