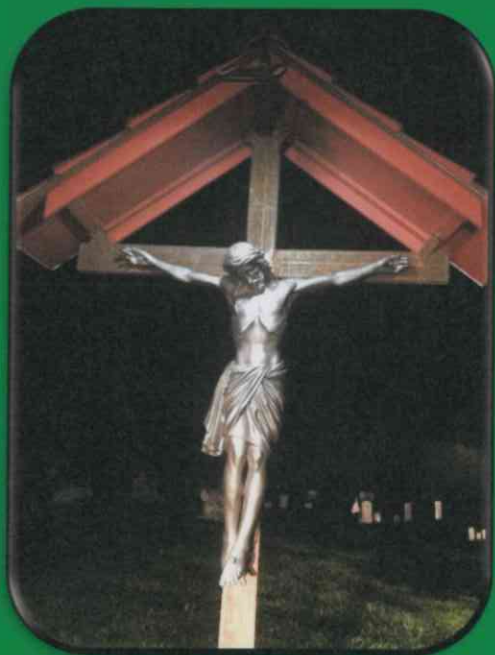


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St. Joseph is a Tithing Parish

God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity,
our people returned to God the following:

Sunday Collection: \$5,823.44

Repair & Maintenance: \$743.00

Filled Pork Chop Income: \$3,081.79

Second Collections

November 20 – Matthew 25

November 27 – Our Faith, Our Future

Our Condolences to Louise, Wendy and
Corey Wilver and the other members of the
Wilver Family. Alfred Wilver died
November 17th. May he rest in peace.

Christ the King Thirty-fourth Sunday In Ordinary Times

November 20, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Nov. 19th

4:00 PM

Anniversary Remembrance of
Geri & Ralph Preyer's 56 years

Sun., Nov. 20th

8:00 AM

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*
Joseph Popniak
by his wife & daughters

11:00 AM

People of the Parish

Mon., Nov. 21st

9:00 AM

*Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
All Souls

Tues., Nov. 22nd

9:00 AM

Saint Cecilia
Dewey Olsen
by the McGee Girls

Wed., Nov. 23rd

6:00 PM

Saint Clement
Saint Columban
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
All Souls

Thurs., Nov. 24th

10:00 AM

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac
* * * **Thanksgiving Day** * * *
All Souls

Fri., Nov. 25th

9:00 AM

Saint Catherine of Alexandria
All Souls

Sat., Nov. 26th

4:00 PM

*Here Ends the Year
of Grace 2022*
People of the Parish

Sun., Nov. 27th

8:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent
All Souls

11:00 AM

Bonnie & Tony Lupo
Celebrating their 58th
Wedding Anniversary

From Your Pastor.

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King. It is the culmination of all the Sundays since the First Sunday of Advent, November 2021, a year ago. We might say this is the top of the mountain, the great achievement of grace, prayer and sacrifice for fifty-two weeks. Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we are seeking the coming of the Kingdom of God, which will only come about through Jesus the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Here is the great paradox: He is king, yet lower servants have made Him a slave and condemned Him to a shameful death, yet He is the King Who ruled from His throne on the cross. He is the High Priest, yet He becomes the sacrifice He offers on the cross and at every Eucharist. He is the Judge of all, yet He is tried and found guilty by sinful judges. He is the Truth, Who is rejected by liars and deceivers. How can He claim to rule the world and the universe that has rejected Him and cast Him aside?

This is the paradox that seems to be a contradiction, yet it is the mystery of truth, light and peace. The mystery of the cross turns everything upside down and inside out. Often you might be driving in the country and see high on the side of the road three crosses. We Christians know what this means. We know the meaning of the middle cross. It separated the one on the right and the one on the left. Which cross would you want to be your place of death and judgement? The one criminal only thought of himself and had no respect or faith in Jesus, the other put his faith in the hidden power of the Crucified King saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!" He was a thief, who stole heaven, he was the only person to be canonized by Jesus, who declared that he would be in heaven with Jesus forever.

Sometimes it is extremely hard to make Jesus our king and put faith and trust in His kingship. Let us pray that we might have the wisdom and the faith of the good thief and turn to Jesus in faith and trust.

Thank you for all the good you do for Jesus by loving and serving the poor and your support for His Church and our dear little parish of St. Joseph. Let us get ready for our New Liturgical Year next Sunday. HAPPY AND BLESSED Thanksgiving for you and your loved ones. See you at the Lord's Thanksgiving table.

Fr. John D. Hoke

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Samuel describes how all the tribes of Israel went to David in Hebron and said they were his bone and his flesh and it was he who led them back to Israel. The Lord told David he would be a shepherd to His people. David made an agreement with the elders and was anointed king.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Paul explains to the Colossians that God has made them fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light and that through the Son we have redemption and forgiveness of sin. He describes Jesus as the image of the invisible God, the head of the church and in Him all things hold together.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Jesus is mocked by the crowd as he hung on the cross. Above him was an inscription that read "This is the king of the Jews." One of the men being crucified with Jesus tells Him to save them and Himself, while the other asks that he be remembered when Jesus is in his kingdom. Jesus said in reply, "Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



CONFESSIONS

At the Church

Saturday from 3:15-3:45
before the 4 o'clock Mass.

Sunday from 7:15-7:45
before the 8 o'clock Mass.

Or by Appointment

MISSALS ARE HERE

If you ordered a *Breaking Bread Missal* for 2022-2023, you can pick it up on the back tables. Missals are labelled. If you would still like to purchase one, call the office 570-742-4356.

Donation for the missal is \$5.00



THE LORD IS KING;
HE IS ROBED IN
MAJESTY.

MATTHEW 25 COLLECTION

November 20, 2022

“As Catholics, we are called to open our hands and our hearts in order to recognize Jesus in the poor. When we give to others, especially the poor, we are giving to Christ. That is what Jesus promised in Matthew 25 when He said, ‘Whatever you did for one of these least, you did for me.’”

– Bishop Ronald W. Gainer

Seventy-five percent of the monies collected will be distributed to programs within the Diocese to address the needs of the poor. Twenty-five percent of the monies will be returned to parishes for their use in assisting others. The Matthew 25 Collection replaces the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Gifts can be made by using our parish envelope, or online at hbgdiocese.org/matthew25, or by texting m25 to 844-954-3967.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 24, 2022-Thanksgiving

Mass at 10:00 AM at the Church

November 27, 2022-First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2022-Christmas Tree Lighting
in Lincoln Park at 7:00 PM

December 3, 2022-Breakfast with St. Nick
St. Joseph Parish Center

Drive through 10:00-11:00 AM
December 7, 2022

Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception
6:00 PM at the Church

December 8, 2022-Immaculate Conception
Holy Day Mass 12 noon at the Church

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve

Mass at 5:00 PM at the Church

Christmas Carols at 10:00 PM at the Church

Mass at 10:30 PM at the Church

Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day

Mass at 10:00 AM at the Church

Saturday, December 31st New Year's Eve

Mass at 4:00 PM at the Church

Sunday, January 1st New Year's Day

Mass at 8:00 AM at the Church

Mass at 11:00 AM at the Parish Center

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SHUT-INS AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

We are asking for contributions to purchase Christmas gifts for our shut-in parishioners and nursing home residents. If you wish to give, please take an envelope marked Christmas Gift for Shut-in and Nursing Home Residents, complete and return.

If you wish to purchase a gift, please contact the office, and we will give you the information. Please do not include this contribution with your weekly offering. Thank you so very much for your generosity.

WEATHER & EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Just a Heads Up!!

Hopefully you have signed up with Shawn Moore semoore83@gmail.com or had your name added to the church email notification by emailing annechic109@gmail.com. Father will hold all weekend Masses at the Parish Center **if there is snow, sleet or freezing rain**. Check social media when in doubt.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember those who are sick in your prayers, especially:

Please contact the church office (email, call or place a note in the collection basket) if you would like to have a name added to the prayer list. The names appearing on the list are to be on for two months. You are welcome to have a name reinstated. Please spell the person's name and include your name with the request.

Bob Bender
Lew Bogle
Luke Boyd
Dolores Caicco
Helen Choplick
John Heimbach
Betty Johnston

Bonnie Kauffman
Christine Koons
Andria Laurence
Ray Leaser
Malyssa Lenig
Bonnie Lupo
Michael McHale

Andrew Mikowski
Dave Moser
Joseph Muscarella Sr
Melinda Oliveri
Gloria Reeder
Judy Reese
Joan Rudloff

Dashawnda Russell
Larry Seibert
Patricia Starcher
Betty Underwood
Enza Welker
Vickie & Joe Youmans
Andrea Rae Young

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

One day in the Fall of 1621, four settlers were sent to hunt for food for a harvest celebration. The Wampanoag Indians heard gunshots and alerted their leader, Massasoit, who thought the English might be preparing for war. Massasoit visited the English settlement with 90 of his men to see if the war rumor was true.

Soon after their visit, the Native Americans realized that the English were only hunting for the harvest celebration. Massasoit sent some of his own men to hunt deer for the feast and for three days, the English and native men, women, and children ate together. The meal consisted of deer, corn, shellfish, and roasted meat, different from today's traditional Thanksgiving feast. They played ball games, sang, and danced.

Although prayers and thanks were probably offered at the 1621 harvest gathering, the first recorded religious Thanksgiving Day in Plymouth happened two years later in 1623. On this occasion, the colonists gave thanks to God for rain after a two-month drought.



♥♥♥FEBRUARY LOTTERY♥♥♥

Harriet Moore has exhausted her contacts, so we need folks to buy/sell the last 50 tickets. Only take the number of tickets that you can sell. Please help in November because there are so many activities in December. **They make great Christmas presents.**

*Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary
to Cheryl and Dave Rheppard.*

A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY

From 1848 to 1853, Milton was without a resident pastor. Father Flannigan completed a church at Danville, and Milton became a mission church as Danville was more centrally located for the pastor to reach the different missions. In 1853, Milton again had its own pastor when the Reverend Basil Shorb was assigned to care for the growing parish. He remained in Milton about a year and was succeeded by the Reverend George Gostenschnigg. [Chris Welker read about him on the *CCD Walk through the Cemetery on All Souls Day*. Chris' talk was published in last week's bulletin.]

Reverend Emil Stenzel and Reverend Michale Muhlenberger succeeded Father Gostenschnigg. Very little is known about their time in Milton.



The next pastor was Reverend John Koch. Born in France in 1840, he came to America in 1862 in answer to the plea of Bishop Wood of Philadelphia for missionary priests. He was immediately enrolled in the Seminary of St. Charles

Borromeo where he concentrated on the study of German and English. The week before Christmas, he was ordained Deacon, and on the 17th of February 1863, he was raised to the Holy Priesthood. Immediately, he was appointed as chaplain of the Government Hospitals of Philly.

Then in November 1863, he became resident pastor of St. Joseph's Church Milton. He had charge of five churches and fifteen missions. He was one of those especially gifted men of God who had great talents for developing both the physical and spiritual life of a parish. He only remained at Milton for three years. Seeing the opportunity to obtain a piece of property adjacent to the Church, in 1870, he purchased a parcel of ground about 41 feet by 41 feet lying between Broadway and Walnut Street and deeded it to the parish in 1875. The present rectory stands on this very ground.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

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If you would like to make an announcement in the bulletin, please contact the office via phone message, email or note in the collection basket.