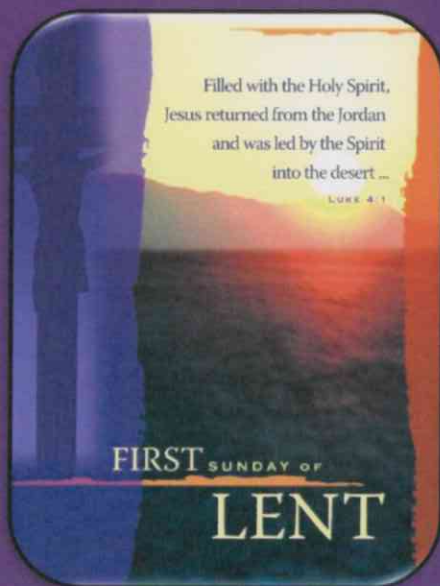


## St. Joseph Catholic Church



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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 Collection: \$2,917.00

Our Faith, Our Future: \$663.00

#### Second Collections

February 26, 2023 – Repair & Maintenance

March 5, 2023 – Our Faith, Our Future

March 12, 2023 – Repair & Maintenance

March 26, 2023 – Catholic Relief &

Love of Neighbor

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week  
for the Deceased Members  
of the Buehler Family.*

## First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sat., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 PM**

Elizabeth & Rudolf Muscarella  
by Frank Muscarella Family

**Sun., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM**

*First Sunday of Lent*

David Zardus

by Amy & Willis Beaver

**11:00 AM**

People of the Parish

**Mon., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

*St. Gregory of Narek*

Daniela Felice

by her parents Sandra & Jesus

**Tues., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

Richard Krakovitz

by Bonnie & Tony Lupo

**Wed., Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**6:00 PM**

Lola Benoit

by Vickie & Joe Youmans

*Following Mass - Stations of the Cross*

**Thurs., Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

Paul Boiardi

by Bonnie & Tony Lupo

**Fri., Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

*St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

Bonnie Kauffman

by Carole & Ed Barsis

**Sat., Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

*St. Casimir/ First Saturday*

Jacqueline Zerbe

by Vickie & Joe Youmans

**4:00 PM**

Diane Rasmussen

by Geri Preyer

**Sun., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

People of the Parish

**11:00 AM**

In Memory of Angela Masseria

by Frank Muscarella Family

### 40 HOURS DEVOTION THIS WEEK

#### **Our Lady of Hope**

863 W. Chestnut St., Coal Township

Sunday, February 26 – 6:00 PM

Monday, February 27 – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 28 – 6:30 PM

## From Your Pastor.

The Olympic Games begin with the passing of the torch and the call, "Let the games begin". Now, let the Great Lent begin? Another command, reflecting the nature of what we began on Ash Wednesday is, "**Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.**"

Whether we see Lent as a great competition between light and darkness, or see it as a battle, a campaign against spiritual evils, we need to take it seriously – For the sake of our salvation, the salvation of our loved ones and for the glory of Christ Crucified, He who will come in glory.

The weapons are old but not outdated, used throughout biblical history, that of FASTING, ALMS GIVING, AND PRAYER. Here we find the weapons to do battle against the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and pride of life. 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:15-16 Jesus faced these three temptations after having fasted and prayed for Forty Days in the desert.

We will also join Him and spend these days in battle against the evil One. Let us pray for one another that all our family will find ways, no matter how small, to fast, give alms and pray.

*Fr. John D. Hoke*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration will be held each Monday at St. Joseph's Church beginning, February 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9 o'clock Mass, and the Eucharist will remain on the altar until

Benediction immediately preceding Tuesday morning's Mass. Sign up sheets are also posted on the bulletin boards.



### 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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading

*Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*

Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17*

A prayer for mercy

### Second Reading

*Romans 5:12-19*

Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous.

### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 4:1-11*

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



Our Catholic schools and Religious Education programs bring truth, beauty and goodness to life and help form the youngest disciples.

Outreach programs like Respect Life ministries bring hope, compassion and kindness to pregnant women, new mothers and families.

Restorative Justice, hospital chaplaincy programs and the many services offered by Catholic Charities assist those in need. Your gift, in conjunction with others in your parish and throughout the Diocese, bring us *Together in Faith, Together in the Eucharist*. I ask you to prayerfully consider your gift, your blessings, to the 2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign.

- Bishop W. Ronald Gainer



### SOUP & THE WORD 2023

Wednesday, March 1st

Pastor Diven, Hope Church  
Held at the First Presbyterian Church,  
Walnut Street, Milton  
12:00 – 1:00





## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember those who are sick  
in your prayers, especially:

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Bob Bender           | Malysa Lenig      |
| John Bender          | Sue Lindner       |
| Lew Bogle            | Marie Luzenski    |
| Luke Boyd            | Michael McHale    |
| Dolores Caicco       | Andrew Mikowski   |
| Leslie Cameron       | Dave Moser        |
| Helen Choplick       | Melinda Oliveri   |
| Ronan Erb            | Mary Ruth Palmer  |
| Irene Hamilton       | Gloria Reeder     |
| John Heimbach        | Joan Rudloff      |
| Cheryl Hrapowicki    | Dashawnda Russell |
| Michael Hrapowicki   | Larry Seibert     |
| Betty Johnston       | Patricia Starcher |
| Christine Koons      | Enza Welker       |
| Margaret Helen Koons | Vickie Youmans    |
| Andria Laurence      | Andrea Rae Young  |

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.

## EASTER EGG HUNT



We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy - candy that will fit into a plastic egg. And we need donations of plastic eggs. Please drop off donations at the CCD office at the Parish Center, or the box marked Easter Egg Hunt Donation in the back of the Church.

## WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

During Eucharistic Adoration, the faithful pray to Jesus Christ, who is present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist, also referred to as the Blessed Sacrament, is typically kept in a tabernacle at your parish church.

While it is true that you can pray to God anywhere and that He is always within you, it is especially powerful to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. In the presence of the Eucharist, we pray to the power and sacrifice that it represents — the body of Jesus, who gave His life so that we may live.

--- Oblates of the Virgin Mary ([omvusa.org](http://omvusa.org))

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

March 1, 2023 – 6:00 PM Mass  
*Followed by Stations of the Cross*  
March 3, 2023 – Second Fish Dinner  
March 5, 2023 – Confirmation  
At St. Pius, Selinsgrove  
March 16, 2023 – Parish Council Meeting  
March 18, 2023 – Men's Conference  
Diocesan Center, Harrisburg  
March 22, 2023 – Students lead  
the Stations of the Cross  
May 28, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday  
First Holy Communion

## DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 18, 2023, the Diocese of Harrisburg will host its annual Men's Conference at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Marcel LeJeune, President and Founder of Catholic Missionary Disciples will offer the keynote address. Breakout session presenters include Marcel LeJeune, Bishop Gainer, Fr. Ryan Fischer, Deacon Armando Torres, and Deacon Virgilio Centenera.

\$35 Registration (deadline 3/13)

\$50 Walk-In Registration (3/18)

Cost includes breakfast and boxed lunch choices of standard, gluten free, and vegetarian.

To register online: [hbgdiocese.org/mens-conference-online-registration/](http://hbgdiocese.org/mens-conference-online-registration/)

**Knights of Columbus** invite all area practicing Catholic men, age 18 and over to join their local council.

Exemplification of new members and current members who hold 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> degree are invited to participate in the ceremony on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at Holy Angels Church, Kulpmont, PA starting at 1:00PM.

Revised procedures immediately take men to their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree status. Families and friends are invited to witness the ceremony. Contact any member of the K of C to register or our council email at [knightsforcolumbus4824@gmail.com](mailto:knightsforcolumbus4824@gmail.com)

We will carpool as needed for this exemplification.



## A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY

Father Breckel was reassigned to St. Joseph, Milton in 1902. In 1904, the Parish burned its mortgage and was finally debt-free. The Flock commemorated their centennial, May 14, 1905 with a Solemn High Mass. Former pastor, Father Ganss preached the sermon on that memorable occasion.



THE BEGINNING OF THE SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD IN AMERICA  
127 NORTH FRONT STREET, MILTON, PA.

With the missionary spirit of a true apostle, Father Breckel opened his rectory to the Society of the Divine Word and gave them their first home in the United States. Two priests and three brothers had been persuaded to come to America by Monsignor Anthony Kaul of Lancaster to establish an industrial school and orphanage.

It was he who recommended the "church farm" in Chillisquaque as an ideal site. The Society remained here for a number of years and for a time rented a home at 127 North Front Street. When it became apparent that legal difficulties would make the transfer of the "church farm" a problem, the Society moved to Illinois and there flourished extensively.

Following Father Breckel's time at St. Joe's Milton, Reverend James Barr became the next pastor. Ordained in 1875 by Bishop Shanahan, he came to Milton in 1907. A sickly man, he died in less than four months. Father Edward McClary succeeded him in May 1908. He was ordained in 1902, and like Father Barr, he was sickly. He died at the home of his sister in 1910.

Happy Birthday  
Merrill Buehler

## SECOND LENTEN FISH DINNER

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our menu is breaded fish & tartar sauce, roasted potatoes, macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, roll & dessert. Everything will be takeout, and the cost is \$14.00.



We continue to request your help with cakes – contact Tracie Leitzel [tleitzel1@ptd.net](mailto:tleitzel1@ptd.net). Cakes can be dropped off Thursday or Friday mornings. We have heard from lots of volunteers. However, several folks cannot commit for all six weeks. If you can help out specific dates, please call the Office 570-742-4356 or email [annechic109@gmail.com](mailto:annechic109@gmail.com).



## CATHOLIC GROUP CRUISE TO ALASKA

July 2-9, 2023

For more information  
and group rate call  
Shelly at Dream Born  
Travel 407-901-0190.

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

## CEMETERY HISTORY



The Wohlheiter Family Tree on our church bulletin board was incomplete – *the board was too small*. More names were added.

At the left, is Father Anthony Wiggins – part of the Wohlheiter family tree.

Current parishioners Merrill Buehler & Susie Reich Swanger are members of this grand family.

## MILTON HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Drama Club presents CHICAGO (Teen Edition)

Friday, March 3 – 7 PM

Saturday, March 4 – 1 PM & 7 PM

Sunday, March 5 – 2 PM

Ticket info: [showtix4u.com/event-details/69278](http://showtix4u.com/event-details/69278)