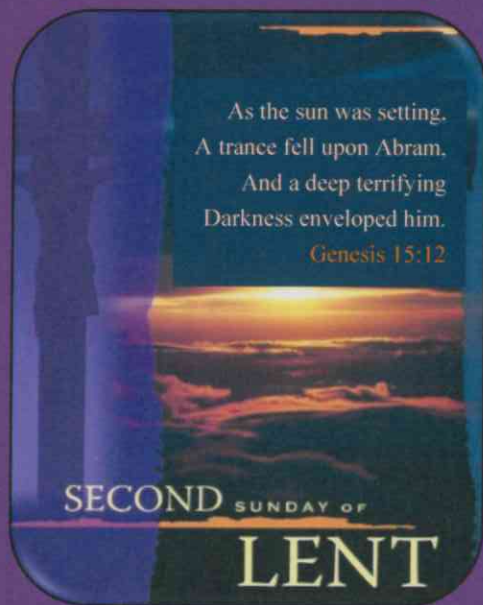


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St. Joseph is a Tithing Parish

God's Plan for Giving

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

Sunday Collection: \$5,097.00

Repair & Maintenance: \$912.00

Ash Wednesday: \$576.00

Second Collections

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 Wohlheiter Family.*

Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Mar 4th 4:00 PM	<i>St. Casimir/ First Saturday</i> Diane Rasmussen by Geri Preyer
Sun., Mar. 5th 8:00 AM	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> People of the Parish
11:00 AM	In Memory of Angela Masseria by Frank Muscarella Family
Mon., Mar. 6th 9:00 AM	Betsy Trate by Bonnie & Tony Lupo
Tues., Mar. 7th 9:00 AM	<i>St. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs</i> Paul Zerbe by Vickie & Joe Youmans
Wed., Mar. 8th 6:00 PM	<i>St. John of God, Religious</i> Jacqueline Zerbe by Vickie & Joe Youmans

Following Mass - Stations of the Cross

Thurs., Mar. 9th 9:00 AM	<i>St. Frances of Rome</i> Special Intention of Dashawnda Russell by Bonnie & Tony Lupo
Fri., Mar. 10th 9:00 AM	Rosemary & Donald Sheeche by Kelly & Jim Sheeche
Sat., Mar 11th 4:00 PM	Ray Leitzel by Mary & Vincent Emery
Sun., Mar. 12th 8:00 AM	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> Lola Beniot by Amy & Willis Beaver
11:00 AM	People of the Parish

Lew Bogle Died Saturday, February 25th.
Our condolences to his daughters, Jessica
and Stephanie, and the entire Bogle Family.
May He Rest in Peace.

From Your Pastor.

We are only eleven days into Lenten journey, but right up front, in order to give us encouragement is a glimpse of our final destination, the Transfiguration. At the end our journey we will see the Lord in glory and our own glory through, with and in Him.

The Transfiguration marks “the beginning of the end” of Our Lord’s earthly life. After the Transfiguration, the Lord will set His face toward Jerusalem and begin the ‘death march’ towards the Holy City. What begins in God’s call to Abraham to go forth is completed in the Beloved Son’s sacrifice, death and resurrection. He, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life has made a path for us to enter into and to follow Him all the way to the moment of our own death.

2nd Timothy 1:8b-10 is also encouragement for us to follow the Lord and His Evangelist, “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.” Lent gives us many opportunities to bear a hardship for the sake of the Gospel. There are many choices before you. Whatever you do, let it make these Forty Days stand out as a very special time of being with the Lord in His hardships.... Be with Him in Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer.

Thank you all who came for adoration on Monday-Tuesday, what a joy to see this new source of grace in our parish. Also thank for all who have opened their hearts to give to the DAC, the Old Lenten Appeal, it is a blessing for our missions in the diocese, our bishop, the seminarians and for our parish and your pastor.

Fr. John D. Hoke



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

40 HOURS DEVOTION

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

47 S. Market St., Mt. Carmel, PA
Sunday, March 19th – Tuesday, March 21st

SECOND 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



Please consider
making a commitment
to the 2023 Diocesan
Annual Campaign.
Your gift will provide
instruction for those
joining the Church,
support for Catholic
Education, magnified

evangelization programs and support for many
human services programs.

Please know that I am grateful for your loyal
and steadfast support of your parish and the
Diocese. If you are unable to give at this time,
please continue to pray for our priests, clergy and
religious who serve God. I will continue to
remember you and your family in my prayers. May
God continue to bless the Diocese of Harrisburg.

- Bishop W. Ronald Gainer



SOUP & THE WORD 2023

Wednesday, March 8th



Speaker: Pastor Stein, St. Andrew's 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	Sue Lindner
John Bender	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
Malyssa Lenig	

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.

LANCE CORPORAL ORIN GORTON



Orin's Mother Kathy reports: He completed Winter Warfare training in Bridgeport California. Here he was snow shoeing, which was one of his training exercises. He was in extreme cold temperatures. The coldest night was -27. He continues to enjoy his journey as a Marine. His

next training exercise will be in Sweden, in the coming months. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. ***Semper Fidelis!!!***

If you would like to write to him his address is:

LCpl Gorton
Echo Co 2D Battalion 8th Marines
PO Box 20103
Camp Lejeune NC 28542-0103

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

March 4, 2023 – Confirmation
At St. Pius, Selinsgrove
March 8, 2023 – 6:00 PM Mass
Followed by Stations of the Cross
March 10, 2023 – Third Fish Dinner
March 16, 2023 – Parish Council Meeting
March 18, 2023 – Men's Conference
Diocesan Center, Harrisburg
March 29, 2023 – Students lead
the Stations of the Cross
April 9, 2023 – **Easter Sunday**
Easter Egg Hunt following the 11 o'clock Mass
May 28, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday
First Holy Communion

BANKRUPTCY FINAL REPORT

Bishop Gainor reported in his recent letter, earlier this month the bankruptcy court in Harrisburg approved a reorganization plan which resolves clerical abuse claims pending against the Diocese of Harrisburg and related parties. Parishes, including St Joseph Church, and other related parties also participated in the bankruptcy reorganization plan and will receive various legal and financial protections provided under the plan.

By participating in the reorganization process and making a relatively modest financial contribution to the plan, parishes of the Diocese, including St Joseph Church, have received immunity from all claims for events alleged to have occurred prior to the effective date of the Plan.

Importantly, the reorganization also provides for a multi-million dollar fund to provide monetary restitution, counseling and other services to the victims of clerical abuse. More details about the reorganization plan may be found in question & answer and bullet-point summaries posted on the parish website and available on the tables at the back of the Church and Parish Center.

---Summary by St. Joseph Finance Committee

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.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



We would like to highlight the volunteer work of Deb Mathias. Deb is in charge of Parish rentals and as such she must keep track of security deposits, rental fees & insurance contracts and meet with the renters on their celebration day. In addition for years, she has been cleaning the facilities at the Picnic Grove.

Another volunteer job that she does is coordinate funeral luncheons. She has assembled a crew to set up the dining room, another to help with the food, and still another crew to clean up. She usually has little time to jump into action for these luncheons.

Deb helps with our monthly Senior/ Shutin meals, she sends birthday and get well greetings, and most importantly - she visits our shutins and is able to share the Eucharist.

As a long-time member of our St. Joseph Community, Deb has served on the Parish Council, been an Extraordinary Minister and a *volunteer* at all of our fundraisers. Thank you, Deb Mathias

Happy Birthday This Week,
Steve Skerda &
Marilyn Boiardi

THIRD LENTEN FISH DINNER

Friday, March 10th

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 tleitzell@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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

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/

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration will be held each Monday at St. Joseph's Church beginning, February 27th. 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.

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 1st & 2nd 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 3rd 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 knightsofcolumbus4824@gmail.com

We will carpool as needed for this exemplification.

MEADOWBROOK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Proudly Presents

Guys and Dolls

Thursday, March 9 & Friday, March 10 – 7 PM

Saturday, March 11 – 2:00 PM

Purchase tickets at the MCS receptionist during school hours or at the door.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg Reorganization Plan Key Points

On Wednesday, February 15, 2023, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania approved the Joint Plan of Reorganization for the **Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg**. This Plan establishes how the **RCDH** will satisfy the claims filed against it, how it will emerge from bankruptcy, and how it will operate as an organization going forward. Through this Plan, the RCDH is renewing its pledge and commitment to assist abuse survivors, and its commitment to foster spiritual growth and pursue the mission of the Church in central Pennsylvania

- The Diocese settled 111 claims, totaling \$12,784,450, through the independent Survivor Compensation Program. Some abuse survivors chose not to participate and/or accept settlement offers. Further, with an ever-increasing number of lawsuits, to bring about some closure and finality, while providing financial support for as many survivors as possible, would be to do so under a Chapter 11 reorganization.
- The RCDH filed for reorganization on February 19, 2020. A month later, the courts, businesses, schools, churches, etc. were closed for in person operations due to the COVID-19 virus. The pandemic played a significant role in delaying this process.
- The Plan outlines how the RCDH and related entities will (a) establish a Survivor Compensation Trust, (b) provide funding to the Trust in an amount equal to \$7,500,000 to provide financial restitution for survivors of clergy sexual abuse, and (c) adopt enhanced child protection protocols. The financial restitution from the RCDH and related entities, insurance providers will also contribute \$10,750,000 to the Trust. The Plan also includes details on how the RCDH will operate moving forward and modifications to our Youth Protection policies.
- The RCDH intends to use proceeds from the sale of unused land, interest/dividends from our investments, proceeds from cost saving initiatives and contributions from the Ad Hoc Committee to pay for these settlements.
- The RCDH cannot take money given to the parishes to pay its portion of the settlement. The RCDH must fulfill its financial obligations included in the settlement by living within its means. In order to protect the parishes and Catholic schools from any potential future liability, *our pastors are independently participating in an Ad Hoc Committee and will be contributing a portion to the Trust. By participating in the Committee and contributing, our parishes, Catholic schools, and certain other related third-party entities, will be granted immunity from potential future costly legal actions.*
- The Diocesan Annual Campaign monies are contributions designated for the purposes, ministries and mission outlined in the annual Campaign materials. This includes support for our spiritual and educational ministries and programs, Catholic schools, Catholic Charities, and vocations. The materials for the Annual Campaign specifically state that *no gifts will be used to satisfy legal fees or settlement costs associated with clergy sexual abuse and this includes the costs associated with the RCDH reorganization.* The same is true for the other special collections of the Diocese, including the Pentecost Collection, Matthew 25, and the Catholic Communications Collection. All of these collections are designated for specific programs or specific purposes.
- The Diocese and Ad Hoc Committee will provide their portions of the Trust funding by March, 2023. The parishes, Catholic schools, and certain other related third-party entities are all separate legal entities; however, they were invited to participate in an Ad Hoc Committee during the reorganization process. On their own, the pastors and leadership of these groups entered into the Committee and offered to make a voluntary contribution toward the overall settlement. Through this contribution, all of these entities will be granted immunity from all potential claims/legal actions for past offenses.
- More than 60 proofs of claim were submitted during the reorganization process and may be eligible for financial distributions from the Survivor Compensation Trust.
- Through the reorganization process, the Diocese was able to bring finality to all historic or pre-existing claims against it that may have occurred prior to February 19, 2020. While we will continue to pray and support abuse survivors, as outlined in the Plan, these claims are now finalized and the Diocese can move forward with a renewed focus on its works of ministry, charity and evangelization.
- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg is committed to providing a safe environment for all children and vulnerable adults. Since 2002, the RCDH has had policies and procedures in place to ensure, as much as reasonably possible, that children are safe. Education, training and safe environment programs, stringent policies and procedures, and an annual audit of all youth protection efforts have been in place for decades. And pursuant to the Plan, the RCDH is adopting enhanced policies and procedures to better protect our youth.