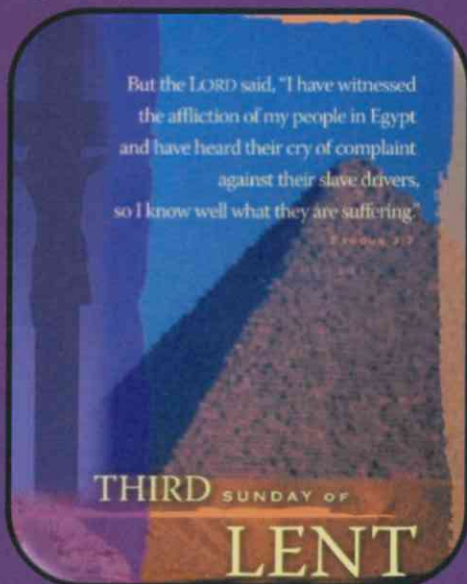


## St. Joseph Catholic Church



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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: \$4919.00

Our Faith, Our Future: \$620.00

Sent to Immaculate Conception Community,

Haiti: \$7515.00

#### Second Collections

March 12, 2023 – Repair & Maintenance

March 2023 – Lenten Offering

March 2023 – Easter Flowers

March 26, 2023 – Catholic Relief &

Love of Neighbor

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

## Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Mar 11<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM

Ray Leitzel

by Mary & Vincent Emery

Sun., Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM

*Third Sunday of Lent*

Lola Beniot

by Amy & Willis Beaver

11:00 AM

People of the Parish

Mon., Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM

Robert Wolf

by Bonnie & Tony Lupo

Tues., Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM

Paul Boiardi

by Vickie & Joe Youmans

Wed., Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM

Gene Caicco

by his wife Carolyn

*Following Mass - Stations of the Cross*

Thurs., Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM

Paul Boiardi

by Amy & Willis Beaver

Fri., Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM

*St. Patrick, Bishop*

Jack Russell

by Bonnie & Tony Lupo

Sat., Mar 18<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM

*St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop*

Edwin Johansen

by Eleanor Poponiak

Sun., Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Vincenzo Viterbo

by his daughter Giusi Viterbo

11:00 AM

In Honor of St. Joseph

by Frank Muscarella Family

*Happy Birthday This Week.*

*Jim Seksinsky*


**The Parish Office will be closed  
Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## From Your Pastor.

This Third Sunday of Lent begins to open us to three incredibly special Gospel teachings from St. John. Today and for the next two Sundays we will be looking at the hidden meaning behind the Sacraments of Christian initiation. Only a community of Christians who have come into existence from the sacraments, existed on the sacraments and who live daily proclaiming the sacraments would be able to get as excited as Catholics do over the Women at the well. Others will hardly get it.

The excitement is that Jesus is thirsty for our love and this causes us to be very thirsty for Christ's love in the Blessed Sacrament. There are only two times in the Gospel that we read that Jesus was thirsty, here at the well and on the cross. Because He loves us so much in the Eucharist, as we come to Him, His thirst is satisfied and our thirst for Him overflows like a great fountain from within our hearts. So come to Him at Mass - often, not just once a week or once in awhile, and come to Him in our 24 Hours of parish adoration. He will be delighted and so will you. This past Monday/Tuesday, I continue to fast and pray that you will get hungry for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

*Fr. John D. Hoke*

 **Bishop Gainor has granted us a dispensation: We do not have to abstain from meat this Friday!**



### 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 19<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading

*Exodus 17:3-7*

God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 95:1-2,6-9*

Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord.

### Second Reading

*Romans 5:1-2,5-8*

Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

### Gospel Reading

*John 4:5-42*

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration will be held each Monday at St. Joseph's Church following the 9 o'clock Mass, and the Eucharist will remain on the altar until Benediction immediately preceding Tuesday morning's Mass. You don't have to sign-up to visit, but please sign-in. Let's try for 60 visitors this coming week.

## REASONS TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

You are greatly needed! *"The Church and the world have a great need of eucharistic adoration."*

This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. *"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love."*

Jesus is counting on you because the Eucharist is the center of life. "Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that the sacrament of love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all the manifestations of worship due him shall be given back 'love for love' and truly become the life of our souls."

-- Pope John Paul II



## SOUP & THE WORD 2023

Wednesday, March 15th



Speaker: Pastor Jamie & Pastor Mike  
First Baptist 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
Luke Boyd	Marie Luzenski
Dolores Caicco	Michael McHale
Leslie Cameron	Andrew Mikowski
Ronan Erb	Dave Moser
Giovanna Fanella	Melinda Oliveri
Irene Hamilton	Mary Ruth Palmer
John Heimbach	Gloria Reeder
Cheryl Hrapowicki	Joan Rudloff
Michael Hrapowicki	Dashawnda Russell
Betty Johnston	Larry Seibert
Christine Koons	Patricia Starcher
Margaret Helen Koons	Enza Welker
Nicole Lamprinos	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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

March 15, 2023 – Evening Mass  
*Followed by Stations of the Cross*  
March 16, 2023 – Parish Council Meeting  
March 17, 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> Fish Dinner  
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 12, 2023 – Filled Pork Chop Fundraiser  
May 28, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday  
First Holy Communion

## EASTER EGG HUNT

We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy - candy that will fit into a plastic egg. Please drop off donations at the CCD office at the Parish



Center, or the basket marked Easter Egg Hunt Donation in the back of the Church.

## CONFIRMATION

March 4, 2023 at St. Pius X Church, Selinsgrove, PA



Congratulations to the students in our 2023 Confirmation Class. Pictured are Tyler Murray, son of Stephanie & Toby Murray; Sam Hopp, son of Jessica Boyer and grandson of Jim Konyar; Madison Drollinger, daughter of Kerry & Greg Drollinger; Ella Swanger, daughter of Curtis Swanger and granddaughter of Susie & Jerry Swanger.

Tyler's sponsor was Shawn Moore, Sam's sponsor was his Grandfather, Madison's sponsor was her Aunt Teresa, Ella's sponsor was Sara Mull. Three of the

students chose as their confirmation names, the name of the saint they portrayed in the *All Souls Day Walk Through our Cemetery*. Tyler chose Andrew, Sam chose Francis and Madison chose Grace. Ella chose Philip.

Bishop Gainor met with the candidates before the celebration, and he shared with Father Hoke how prepared and willing to volunteer the St. Joseph students were. Kudos to Michele Seebold & Chris Welker, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade CCD instructors.

Pictured right is Lillian Welker, who attends St. Joseph School in Danville. She was invited to join the "confirmation" choir, and she was asked to sing the Gospel Acclamation.





## A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY

The Reverend John A. Mahony was ordained in 1902. He came to Milton from Hanover in 1910. His first parish improvement was the cemetery. The land adjacent to the cemetery had been the site of the first church and rectory. Father Fitzpatrick



REV. JOHN A. MAHONY  
1916-1925

had planted an apple orchard on the unoccupied ground. When the new church was built on Walnut Street, the old church and rectory gradually fell into disrepair and disappeared but the orchard remained until about 1908 when it was made the *new section* of the cemetery.

The new section (the current "old" section closest to

Broadway Road) was laid out in 1908, but no provision was made for its upkeep. Father Mahony made the cemetery improvement his first project. He also brought to the attention of the County Commissioners the miserable condition of the township road along the cemetery.

Soon after his arrival, Devitt's Camp was opened as a TB sanatorium in 1912. Father Mahony provided for the spiritual care of the Catholic patients. He was not content with visiting these isolated and afflicted people merely on appointed days, but it was his joy to spend as many hours with them as he could arrange and comfort them with this priestly ministrations.

The interior of the Church had not been redecorated since it had been built, thirty years before. Father Mahony had it re-frescoed and it was to be thirty-five years before it was done again.

Copied from *the History of St. Joseph's Parish*  
1805-1956

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

### ST. PAULINE SPRING FLING RAFFLE

1150 Chestnut St., Kulpmont, PA

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – 12 to 5 PM

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – 5 to 8 PM

Friday, Marcy 17<sup>th</sup> – 12 to 6 PM

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – 11 to 5 PM

\$20 for a sheet of 26 tickets.

Food available on Friday & Saturday.

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Your gift, no matter the size, impacts those through-out our Diocese who benefit from the many ministries and programs that are funded through the Diocesan Annual Campaign.



### WAYS TO GIVE

ONE-TIME GIFT –

Make one gift payment or pledge payment.

SET UP A PLEDGE –

Gifts are processed on the first of the month.

RECURRING GIFT – set up a recurring gift which will be processed quarterly, monthly, or bi-weekly.

## 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/](https://hbgdiocese.org/mens-conference-online-registration/)

## FOURTH LENTEN FISH DINNER

☘ Friday, March 17<sup>th</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.

**New needs** – someone:

- to take the recycling,
- to cook the elbows for the macaroni,
- to make the Macaroni & Cheese,
- to drain the oil & clean the fryers.

If you can help out specific dates, please call the Office 570-742-4356 or email [annechic109@gmail.com](mailto:annechic109@gmail.com).

*Our Sister Parish*

# IMACULEE CONCEPTION

LALOUERE, HAITI

UPDATE: February 2023

## Sister Parish Mission Goals

- Reaching out to love our neighbors
- Travel to grow relationships and gain understanding
- Support of Catechists
- Support for feeding each student one warm meal/day
- Supplement Teacher Salaries
- Fund Catholic Education Programs & provide tuition assistance
- Provide School and Medical Supplies
- Support construction of Classrooms and a Rectory/Community Center



Immaculée Conception Church

Much progress has been made over the past 12 months despite the political upheaval and social unrest. Because of our tithe, coupled with generous private contributions, Fr. Junior has been able to continue his work in making needed improvements. The eastern half of the Rectory/Community Center is nearing completion and a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor has been added to the school building featuring four additional classrooms.

We are preparing to send this year's annual tithe to Fr. Junior before the end of March 2023. Anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution to our sister parish may do so at any time by contacting the Parish office. For security reasons any collected private donations are typically sent along with our Parish Tithe once each year. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish with "Sister Parish" in the memo line.

Please be aware that Fr. Junior continually offers his prayers and thanks for our support throughout the years. It is unknown when he will be able to thank us in person due to the prevailing insecurity in Haiti.

Please continue to pray for the health and safety of Fr. Junior as well as the students, teachers, and parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church. Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers.



### RECTORY/COMMUNITY CENTER



West



East



East (2022-present)

These photos illustrate the latest construction progress made on the east half of the Rectory/Community Center. This portion is intended to include a Kitchen, Meeting Room, Chapel, and Storage/utility areas. The west portion, constructed in 2017-2018, features two Bedrooms, two Baths, and an Office. Future plans allow for additional rooms to be built on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

### CLASSROOM BUILDING



Above left scene is a view of the newly built 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom walls. On the right is the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor nearing completion, essentially doubling the size of the school building.

The mission of the Haiti Sister Parish Committee is to follow the mission of Sacred Heart Parish, to enhance the Church community through education, prayer, and catechists with a purpose to fulfill the Baptismal promise to feed the mind, body, and soul.

Contact the Parish office to learn how YOU can help  
our brothers and sisters in Lalouere, Haiti.

**(570)523-3104**

**Merci, Merci!**