

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent



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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: \$4,512.00

Second Collections

March 2023 – Lenten Offering

March 2023 – Easter Flowers

March 26, 2023 – Catholic Relief

April 2, 2023 – Love of Neighbor

*The Sanctuary Candle burns
this week for the deceased members
of the Buchler Family.*

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March 26, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Mar 25th *The Annunciation of the Lord*
4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sun., Mar. 26th *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
8:00 AM Thomas Sullivan
by Amy & Willis Beaver

11:00 AM Paul Boiardi
by Geri Preyer

Mon., Mar. 27th
9:00 AM Charlotte Farrell

Tues., Mar. 28th
9:00 AM Robert Bucher

Wed., Mar. 29th
9:00 AM For the Conversion of Sinners
by Father Hoke

6:30 PM **Stations of the Cross**
lead by CCD students

**Note the time change. Father Hoke will be
hearing confessions at St. Pius, Selinsgrove this
evening.**

Thurs., Mar. 30th
9:00 AM George Meslener

Fri., Mar. 31st
9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving
by Patty Mousley

Sat., Apr. 1st *First Saturday*
9:00 AM Barbara Sforza

4:00 PM Diane Rasmussen
by Ms. Geri

Sun., Apr. 2nd *Palm Sunday*
8:00 AM Lola Benoit
by Margaret Cochran

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Richard Wilver Died This Past Week.
Our Condolences to His Mother Louise and
to His Brother and Sister-In-Law Cory and
Wendi. May He Rest in Peace.

From Your Pastor,

Just one full week until the Great Feast! HOLY WEEK begins next week with Passion Sunday, (Palm Sunday). In our Catholic Spirituality, our ancient tradition, Holy Days and Feasts are not like a secular anniversary or holiday observance. For the secularist, the event is only remembered and appreciated in various ways. In our Catholic faith, the event is made present in the Mystery of Salvation. Somewhat like a sacrament, these sacramental days have the old original presentation by the preached word. Those images and lessons thankfully remain, but the greater hidden reality is the mystery of re-presenting the event here and now, until the end of time. Break free from the secular limited human experience of just recalling, and leap with your faith to enter the fourth dimension, being here and now, and beyond time, touching eternity.

Please put in your schedule time to go and to see the doctor or go to the gym and seek healing of your soul. Please go to Reconciliation/Confession/Penance... You will do yourself and your loved ones a favor. All week the Lord is waiting for you in the Confessional.

Please give a second look at our posted schedule for adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. It is good to have more than one person for each hour, for back up support. But it is alive and bearing good fruit.

Please note that on Sunday, April the 16th, the 11:00 AM Mass will be on Broadway, not at the Parish Center, for the opening of our **Parish Annual Eucharistic Devotions**. Thank You.

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

*Thank you from Steve Sherda
for the Birthday Wishes.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

God will open the graves and
restore the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130:1-8

With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

March 25th & 26th

Reveal Christ's Love

This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sister in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Learn more about the collection at
usccb.org/catholic-relief.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION



Whether it has been a month, a year, a decade or longer, you are invited to return to the Father and be healed, forgiven and loved.

Confessions will be held the week of March 26th at the following churches:

Monday, March 27th – St. Joseph, Danville
Tuesday, March 28th – St. Monica, Sunbury
Wednesday, March 29th – St. Pius, Selinsgrove
Thursday, March 30th – St. Joseph, Milton
Friday, March 31st – Sacred Heart, Lewisburg
Several priests will be available.
Beginning time is 7:00 PM

ST. JOSEPH PARISH TRIDUUM SCHEDULE HOLY WEEK-OVER-VIEW 2023

Monday, April 3rd, 9:00 AM Mass through
Tuesday, April 4th, 9:00 AM Mass
24 Hours Adoration.

Fr Hoke will be away after the morning Mass on Monday for the Mass of the Oils. Please come and pray for vocations as all the priests will be with the Bishop at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This is a wonderful way to support your bishop and priests.

Wednesday April the 5th, 6:00 PM Mass
followed by Stations of the Cross
Confessions will be heard after Stations.

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 5th,
7:00 PM at the Parish Center
Solemnity of the Lord's Supper

Following the service, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00. Confessions will be heard after the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the garden shrine, about 8:15 until all are heard by 10:00.

Good Friday, April 7th,
2:00 PM at the Church
The Passion of the Lord,

with reception of Holy Communion.

Confessions will be heard after the service until 4:00 PM and again from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Father encourages Parishioners to privately pray the Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday, April 8th

Confessions from 12:00 noon until 1:00 PM.
Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets at 1:00 PM.

The Easter Vigil Mass, April 8th at 8:00 PM
At the Church on Broadway

Easter Sunday, April 9th

Morning Masses

8:00 Mass at the Church on Broadway.

11:00 Mass at the Parish Center.

After Mass is the Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

MERCY SUNDAY ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

April 15-16-17

Saturday, April 15th, 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 16th, 8:00 AM Mass.

The 11:00 AM Mass will be
at the Church on Broadway.

At the end of the 11:00 Mass, we will have the opening of our Eucharistic Devotions with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all afternoon.

At 3:00 we will close the devotions with Divine Mercy Chaplet, Sermon and Benediction.

Monday, April 17th, 9:00 AM Mass followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the evening Benediction Service.

Monday Evening Service, 7:00 PM with Benediction and Closing of Devotions.

No 24-Hours of Adoration all night
Monday into Tuesday morning.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick
In Your Prayers, Especially:

Pat Behan	Marie Lindner
Bob Bender	Sue Lindner
John Bender	Marie Luzenski
Luke Boyd	Michael McHale
Dolores Caicco	Andrew Mikowski
Leslie Cameron	Dave Moser
Helen Choplick	Melinda Oliveri
Mike Enright	Mary Ruth Palmer
Ronan Erb	Gloria Reeder
Giovanna Fanella	Joan Rudloff
Irene Hamilton	Dashawnda Russell
John Heimbach	Larry Seibert
Betty Johnston	Patricia Starcher
Christine Koons	Diane Sykes
Margaret Helen Koons	Enza Welker
Nicole Lamprinos	Bill Woodling
Andria Laurence	Vickie Youmans
Malysa Lenig	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.



A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY

Although the Church had a bell tower, it never had a church bell and in 1915, Father Mahony installed the present bell which was donated and blessed by the Right Reverend Monsignor J. J. Koch, Vicar General of the Diocese, and a former pastor.

Father Mahony was an inspiring leader and under his care the parish flourished spiritually and temporally. The parish was free of debt and the people were harboring images of a parochial school when he was appointed pastor of the St. Joseph's Church in Locust Gap in 1925.

Reverend John Nichols was appointed to Milton in 1925. He was a scholarly and energetic priest with many talents – but taking care of finances wasn't one of them. He built and furnished the present large sacristy, re-stuccoed the parish hall, laid a cement sidewalk along the Walnut Street properties, painted the exterior of the Church, remodeled and refurbished the rectory, repaired the house on Walnut Street (this is the house that stood beside the garage – area that is now parking). He visioned everything as needing improvement or replacement and when he left the parish in 1928, there was a debt of \$27,000 which was to embarrass the parish for many years.

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 70 visitors this coming week.

SIXTH LENTEN FISH DINNER

Friday, March 31st

Last chance for 2023 to get this delicious dinner. Breaded Haddock Fillet, Roasted Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Coleslaw, Roll & Dessert. All for \$14.00

Takeout between 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM.

Thank you to all who have supported these dinners by helping with the prep and the serving. And special thanks to all who have purchased the dinners.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

March 29, 2023 – Students lead the Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM
May 4, 2023 – National Day of Prayer
May 12, 2023 – Filled Pork Chop Fundraiser
May 14, 2023 – Mother's Day
May 18, 2023 – Ascension Thursday
May 28, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday
First Holy Communion



SOUP & THE WORD 2023

Wednesday, March 29th



Pastor Tim H, Community Mennonite Fellowship
Held at the First Presbyterian Church,
Walnut Street, Milton
12:00 – 1:00

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Heart of Mercy Counseling Ministry (Sisters of the Good Shepherd) in the Danville area has two licensed therapists available to serve adults for individual or couples counseling. In-person or virtual counseling options.

Please contact either one of them to schedule an appointment if you are seeking counseling based in Catholic teaching:

Sr. Mary Frances Altavilla, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 410-245-0870 faltavilla@hotmail.com

Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette, Licensed Professional Counselor, 352-328-8145 guadalupe531@aol.com
(in Coal Township on Mondays)

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.