

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: \$3,877.00

Repair & Maintenance: \$691.00

Second Collections

January 28 – Our Faith, Our Future

February 4 – Propagation of the Faith Membership

February 11 – Poor Missions

February 18 – Our Faith, Our Future

February 25 – Repair & Maintenance

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sat., Jan. 27th** 4:00 PM *St. Angela Merici, Virgin*
Bob Zacker requested by his wife Diane
- Sun., Jan. 28th** 8:00 AM *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
People of the Parish
- 11:00 AM Mary Wise requested by Marian & Tom Lang
- Mon., Jan. 29th** 9:00 AM Special Intentions of the Laurie & Patrick Woodling Family requested by Sherry Mabus
- Tues., Jan. 30th** Alfred Wilver requested by his wife Louise
- Wed., Jan. 31st** 6:00 PM *St. Johns Bosco, Priest*
Barbara Mead requested by Marni & Paul Stewart
- Thur., Feb. 1st** 9:00 AM Pauline & George McGee requested by the McGee Girls
- Fri., Feb. 2nd** 9:00 AM *First Friday*
The Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life
Raymond Leitzel requested by his wife Tracie
- Sat., Feb. 3rd** 9:00 AM *First Saturday*
St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
St. Ansgar, Bishop
Paul Boiardi
- 4:00 PM Richard Krakovitz requested his mother Melinda Oliveri
- Sun., Feb. 4th** 8:00 AM *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Gloria Haluska requested by the Seebold Family
- 11:00 AM People of the Parish



Our Sanctuary Candle burns
this week for Ken Laurence.
May Ken rest in peace.

From Your Pastor.

The holy Scriptures have prepared us for our most important selection. Our choice in life: Who is Jesus? Is He the prophet? Who like Moses can look into the face of God and live, or is He a fake trying to claim greatness while He is actually a false prophet, or is He crazy? It has to be one of the three, a fake, a mad man or the Holy One of God Who is The Prophet.

Whatever you conclude, don't make Him into the image and likeness of our modern culture's ideal of a good old fellow, like Ned Flanders on the Simpsons, or the like. He is the most loving of all beings and because of that is the most fearful of all beings. He demands love, He expects, and causes all to be what He is, LOVE. In patience He waits for our loving response.

The gift that we need to pray for is "Fear of the Lord" ... the beginning of wisdom. We need to appreciate this encounter with God is not a campfire gathering to sing "Home on the Range."

To those who are filled with grace, He is to be feared to fill us with wisdom. It is a great mystery, but those who take him to be the good old Joe will be lost, but to those who approach Him with awe and wonder, fear and respect will be glorified. Those who bow will be lifted up; those who hold their head up in pride will be humbled. Eventually they will get it.

God uses evil to show us the power of anti-life, forces outside Him. But Jesus wants to expel evil. The most effective exorcism is Confession. The Exorcist of the Church tells us the reason why there is so much power of evil is because of the lack of holiness and grace of Penance among the people of the Church.

Fr. John D. Hoke



24-HOUR ADORATION

St. Joseph Church offers 24-hour Adoration each Monday beginning at 9:30 [following the morning Mass] and ending Tuesday morning at 8:50 [preceding the morning Mass]. If

you can commit to a regular hour each week, please tell Father Hoke who is doing the scheduling.

If you have changed your particular hour as a regular "visitor" during the 24-hours of Adoration OR if you can't make it at your designated hour, please let Father Hoke know.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses tells the people that God will raise up for them a new prophet.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,7-9

A song of praise to the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul expresses his concern that those who are married are more likely to face the distractions of earthly life than those who are celibate.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.



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

PROPAGATION OF FAITH COLLECTION

February 4, 2024

By our baptism, we are called to share our faith with our family and friends, with our neighbors, indeed, with the whole world.

Next Sunday, we are invited to make a special commitment as missionaries. We are invited to join in the worldwide mission of Jesus by joining the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, reaching out to the people of the world in more than 1,150 mission dioceses.

In making this commitment, we pledge to **Pray** daily for the missionary work of the Church, offering our personal crosses for missionaries and those they serve.

Offer regular financial help in support of those who bring the "Good News" of Jesus to our brothers and sisters in the missions.

Please say "yes" to this special missionary call next weekend.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick:

Sharon Austin	Sue Lindner
Dolores Caicco	Marie Luzenski
Leslie Cameron	Laurie McGrady
Helen Choplick	Michael McHale
Elaine Cook	Dave Moser
Frank Dominick	Jan Moser
Mike Enright	Melinda Oliveri
Giovanna Fanella	Mary Ruth Palmer
Joyce Gamble	Rita Patynski
Trey Gresh	Eleanor Poponiak
Luann Hackenburg	Geri Pryer
Thomas Hackenburg	Margaret Punako
Tiffany Hauck	Melissa Rowse
Laverne Havash	Joan Rudloff
John Heimbach	Benita Kolen Solomon
Ryan Jimenez	Eleanor Stopper
Rita Klein	Diane Sykes
Abram Koons, Jr	Mike Walter
Nicole Lamprinos	Bill Woodling
Andria Laurence	Vickie Youmans
Marie Lindner	Lincoln Yordy

Please contact the church office if you would like to have a name added to the prayer list.

OUR FAITH & OUR FUTURE PROJECTS

Handicapped Access Restroom



Thanks to some fair weather our construction team did a little demolition. A section of the ramp was broken up, and it will be repurposed. It will be used as back-fill for the block area below the floor of the handicapped access restroom.

If enough warmer weather is with us, by the time you are reading this bulletin a revised concrete ramp may have been poured.

Music Ministry

Funds from Our Faith, Our Future Accounts were utilized to obtain a new Electronic Piano for the Parish Center.

*Happy Birthday This
Sunday
Frank Dominick*

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

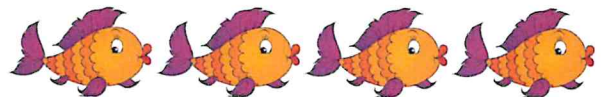
Thank you!

Our 2023 DAC (Diocesan Annual Campaign) has concluded. Thanks to you we have not only exceeded our goal of \$32,186 but collected over \$72,637 from pledges and one-time gifts. This resulted in **Saint Joseph receiving a refund of \$40,451.** As advised, the refund will be placed in Our Faith, Our Future Account. Funds to cover the cost for the Handicapped Access Restroom & Entrance will be drawn from this account.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

February 3rd ----- Catechetical Conference
February 14th ----- Ash Wednesday
February 15th ----- Parish Council
February 16th ----- First Fish Dinner
February 17th ----- Confirmation Retreat
March 18th-22nd ---Confessions at Local Parishes
March 23rd -----Confirmation
March 24th -----Palm Sunday
March 28th -----Holy Thursday
March 29th -----Good Friday
March 31st -----Easter Sunday
April 20th -----Men's Conference
May 19th -----First Communion

PLANNING AHEAD



The first of six fish dinner fundraisers is February 16th. We will be using the profit from the fish dinners to refurbish the play equipment, the kitchen and bathrooms at the Picnic Grove.

WANTED: During the week before each dinner, someone (or a couple) to boil the pasta for the Mac & cheese.

WANTED: Each Saturday the fryers must be drained & cleaned, and the oil strained. If you would be willing to help with these tasks:

Call the office (570-742-4356) or email annechic109@gmail.com

If you would like a copy of your 2023 contribution report, please place a self-addressed stamped #10 envelope in the collection basket.

A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY

Religious schools were not something new. Even in this country religious schools existed long before the public schools. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, all the Presidents for the first sixty years, received their education in other than public schools.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

From the very beginning of his pastorate, Father Topper and the parishioners were talking about the possibility of a parochial school. Encouraged by His Excellency, Bishop Leech, Father Topper retained the firm of Starr and Long to make preliminary sketches of a school that could be built on the existing parish property along Walnut Street. All the sketches were rejected by the Diocesan Building Committee and the pastor, and it was concluded that the location was unsuited for a school.

Efforts to obtain property adjacent to the parish buildings met with complete failure. A determined attempt was made to procure a large vacant tract on the northwest corner of Academy Avenue and Upper Market Street, just one block from the Church. After a year, the endeavor was discontinued because of the inability to ascertain the true owners of the untaxed property and procure a clear title.

Mr. Edward Davis who lived near the property knew of the repeated attempts of the Catholic Church to find the owners and on one occasion when in the company of Mr. Charles Voris, tax assessor of the ward in which the property was located, discussed the ownership problem. Mr. Voris remarked that if the Catholic Church was looking for land, he would be willing to sell his property on Broadway, and he felt the property adjacent to his could be bought. Mr. Davis brought his information to Father Topper, and within a week, Bishop Leech, the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, an architect, and a realtor inspected the properties. They were pleased with the prospect of converting them into a school and convent, and they recommended their purchase.

Lord Jesus,

You came to offer new hope.

During the coming year,

May I approach each new day

With spirit uplifted and renewed.



Homemade Pierogi Sale Superbowl Event

\$7 per dozen

Orders are currently being taken by writing your name & qty desired on sheets on the bulletin boards at the church.

You can also order via email to
knightsofcolumbus4824@gmail.com

Pick up orders at St Joe's Parish Center
Friday Feb 9th between 3-5pm

You can call Kevin Wendt at 484-335-3116

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS

We try hard to notify folks if the Mass venue changes are needed due to inclement weather or construction projects or an emergency.

If you would like to be added to our "weather email list," email annechic109@gmail.com.

Information is posted on our website
stjosephmilton.org and our
facebook page [St. Joseph Milton PA](https://www.facebook.com/St.Joseph.Milton.PA).



Steve Skerda would like to thank the CCD students and the Parishioners for the Christmas cards and the lovely poinsettia.

Dolores Caicco would like to thank the CCD students and the Parishioners for the Christmas wishes and all the Christmas presents. She keeps you in her prayers.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 10:00-4:00

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

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Please continue to drop
your spare change in our MCA jars.