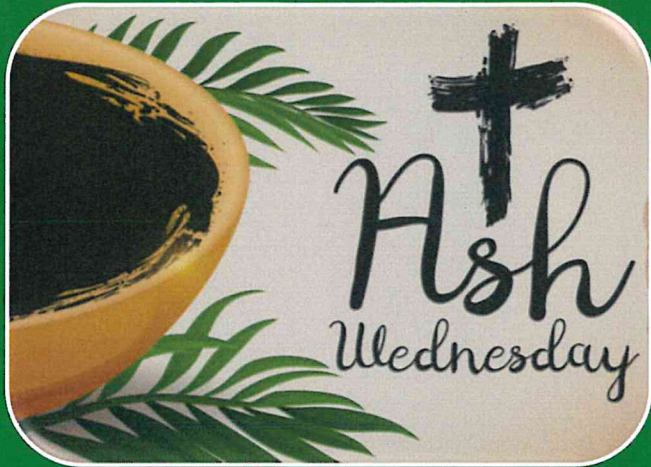


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God's Plan for Giving

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

Sunday Collection: \$8,633.00

Propagation of Faith Membership: \$922.00

Second Collections

February 11 – Poor Missions

February 18 – Our Faith, Our Future

February 25 – Repair & Maintenance

Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Jean Labar
requested by Vickie & Joe Youmans. May Jean rest in peace.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Feb. 10th 4:00 PM	<i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> Rita & Harold Prentiss requested by Vickie & Joe Youmans
Sun., Feb. 11th 8:00 AM	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Richard Krakovitz requested by his Mother Melinda
Mon., Feb. 12th 9:00 AM	<i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> Damien Boiardi requested by Marie Lindner
Tues., Feb. 13th 9:00 AM	<i>Shrove Tuesday</i> Chic Chiccino requested by Anne
Wed., Feb. 14th 12 Noon	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Hope & Healing
6:00 PM	Martha & John Youmans requested by Vickie & Joe
Thur., Feb. 15th 9:00 AM	Judy Reese
Fri., Feb. 16th 9:00 AM	Patricia Starcher
Sat., Feb. 17th 4:00 PM	<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i> Bob Zacker requested by his wife Diane
Sun., Feb. 18th 8:00 AM	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i> People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Cruz Alejandro Cifuentes requested by Bonnie & Tony Lupo

Reason to Visit with Christ in Adoration

Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to him! "Christ is reserved in our churches as the spiritual center of the heart of the community, the universal Church and all humanity, since within the veil of the species, Christ is contained, the invisible heart of the Church, the Redeemer of the world, the center of all hearts, by him all things are and of whom we exist."

Pope Paul IV, Mysterium Fidei

From Your Pastor.

This Sunday is World Marriage Day, let us give thanks to God and pray for God's gift of marriage, one man and one woman joined as one, open to life and willing to suffer and rejoice in all that God gives to them throughout their marriage. I look upon young marriages and I see hope. Then I look on senior marriages, and I see God's magnificent gifts, His faithfulness that keeps us believing in Heavenly love, so much greater is heaven's eternal grace than earthly temporary love.

This Sunday is also Our Lady of Lourdes Feast, a day to pray for the sick and to ask them to pray for us. They are the Lord, suffering with us here and now to bring us the power of the resurrection.

This week will bring us Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. We need to focus on the whole season of Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving, rather than one day of receiving ashes. This Wednesday, we will have a full church, what about the other Wednesdays of Lent?

I am so thankful for your sacrificial support these past 11 years I have served you as pastor. You have been so good to me. You gave me a gift this past week, an outdoor light. No longer will I have to stumble in the darkness through the kitchen door. Thank You. As you can see the handicapped access bathroom and cover over the ramp is coming along nicely. Without your sacrificial donations we could not have done this. God Bless You. Now let us get busy and make a great spiritual advance in holiness.

Let the Games begin, let the Fish Dinners go forth.

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Law regarding leprosy is given to Moses and Aaron.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32:1-2,5,11

A prayer of contrition and confession for sin.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31 through 11:1

Paul urges the Corinthians to imitate him as he imitates Christ.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:40-45

Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.



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

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The Diocese has released its mailing for the 2024 Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC). Please take the time to read the valuable information describing how the collected DAC pledges are utilized.

If you wish to respond to the campaign request, via mail or electronically, to the Diocese please do so. If you want to make your pledge at Church an opportunity to do so will take place the first weekend of Lent.

Whichever your choice, your response to the 2024 campaign is vital to our Parish. The 2023 campaign refund, for example, is being utilized for the handicapped access restroom at our church. In addition, a new electronic piano for the Parish Center, was purchased with part of our DAC Refund.

Please make your generous and sacrificial pledge for the good of our Diocese and our Parish family here at Saint Joseph.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick:

Sharon Austin	Marie Luzenski
Dolores Caicco	Laurie McGrady
Leslie Cameron	Michael McHale
Helen Choplick	Dave Moser
Elaine Cook	Jan Moser
Frank Dominick	Paul Muscarella
Mike Enright	Melinda Oliveri
Giovanna Fanella	Mary Ruth Palmer
Joyce Gamble	Rita Patynski
Mia Wendt Gibson	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
Andria Laurence	Bill Woodling
Marie Lindner	Vickie Youmans
Sue Lindner	Lincoln Yordy

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

February 14 th	-----	Ash Wednesday
February 15 th	-----	Parish Council
February 16 th	-----	First Fish Dinner
February 17 th	-----	Confirmation Retreat
March 18 th -22 nd	---	Confessions at Local Parishes
March 23 rd	-----	Confirmation
March 24 th	-----	Palm Sunday
March 28 th	-----	Holy Thursday
March 29 th	-----	Good Friday
March 31 st	-----	Easter Sunday
March 31 st	-----	Easter Egg Hunt
April 20 th	-----	Men's Conference
May 10 th	-----	Filled Pork Chop Dinner



SOUP & THE WORD

The Milton Ministerium will be offering *Soup & the Word* at the Presbyterian Church, Walnut St. on Wednesdays during Lent from Noon until 1 PM. St. Andrew's Church will be sponsoring the first event on February 21st.

FIRST FISH DINNER THIS COMING FRIDAY



The first of six fish dinner fundraisers is February 16th. We will need cakes for desserts each week. If you can help out, please notify Tracie Leitzel tleitzell@ptd.net by the Tuesday before the dinner so we will have time to place an order for cakes if necessary. Our menu: Breaded Haddock Fillet, Roasted Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Coleslaw, Roll & Dessert – All for just \$14.00!!

ADDITIONAL NEEDS: During the week before each dinner, we could use someone (or a couple) to boil the pasta for the Mac & cheese. 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

OUR FAITH & OUR FUTURE PROJECTS



FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

From Bishop Senior: As we begin the annual commemoration of Black History Month, with our fellow Americans we honor the legacies of African Americans throughout history. Our Diocese, like the Universal Church, is blessed with this same diversity and finds joy in celebrating the unique contributions of African American Catholic life both in its long-standing forms and in its new expressions shaped by African immigrants among us today.

With his in mind, we have shared short bios of several Black Saints (not necessarily American) on our bulletin boards and in the bulletin.



St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine of Hippo and a woman of great faith, lived in North Africa. Through Monica's influence, both her husband and mother-in-law were baptized. Monica had a son named Augustine. In his

youth, Augustine led a disgraceful life. For many years Monica prayed constantly for his conversion, and her prayers were finally answered. With God's help, Augustine turned his life around and became a great bishop, writer and teacher. Her feast day is August 27th.



LENDING LIBRARY

We have quite a library of religious books at the Parish Center. You are welcome to visit and sign out a book during regular office hours.

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS

We try hard to notify folks if 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.

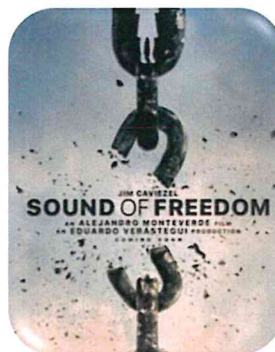
Information is posted on our website stjosephmilton.org and our facebook page [St. Joseph Milton PA](https://www.facebook.com/St.Joseph.Milton.PA).

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 10:00-4:00

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

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Bucknell's Catholic Campus Ministry is showing the movie *Sound of Freedom* (PG-13) at the Lewisburg Campus Theatre on Saturday, February 24 at 1 PM. *The Sound of Freedom* is a true story of a former government agent turned vigilante

who embarks on a dangerous mission to rescue hundreds of children from traffickers. This movie is free and open to the public, and seating is on a first come, first served basis. Doors open at 12:30pm.

Students will be taking a collection to support an anti-trafficking organization.



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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

- Put Your Faith into Action.
- Become Friends with Fellow Catholic Men.
- Strengthen Your Parish.
- Evangelize the Community.

If you are thinking of joining the Knights of Columbus, contact Grand Knight, Kevin Wendt, or send us an email & we will be in touch.
knightsofcolumbus4824@gmail.com

Lenten Prayer

Lord Jesus, may the love that I give
Reflect Your compassion for me.
With gentleness of heart, may I live,
Here and in heavenly glory.