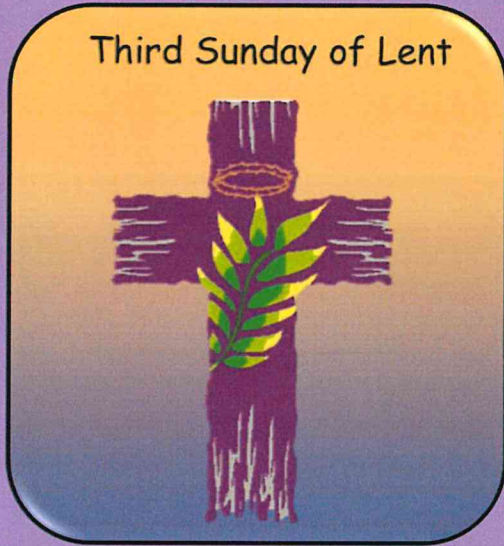


St. Joseph Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Lent



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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: \$3,257.00

Repair & Maintenance: \$627.00

Second Collections

March 3 – Our Faith, Our Future

March 10 – Repair & Maintenance

March 17 – Catholic Relief Services

March – Easter Flowers, Lenten Collection

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sat., Mar. 2nd | <i>First Saturday</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Cheryl Prosseda |
| 4:00 PM | Damien Boiardi requested by Erma & Frank Dominick |
| Sun., Mar 3rd | <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> |
| 8:00 AM | Merrill Buehler on his Birthday requested by Anne R. & Anne C. |
| 11:00 AM | People of the Parish |
| Mon., Mar. 4th | <i>St. Casimir</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Vincent Dellacroce requested by the Conigliero Family |
| Tues., Mar. 5th | |
| 9:00 AM | Jacqueline Read Zerbe requested by Vickie & Joe Youmans |
| Wed., Mar. 6th | |
| 6:00 PM | Angela Masseria requested by the Frank Muscarella Family |
| 6:30 PM | <i>Stations of the Cross</i> |
| Thur., Mar. 7th | <i>SS. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Paul Zerbe requested by Vickie & Joe Youmans |
| Fri., Mar. 8th | <i>St. John of God, Religious</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Ambrose McFarland |
| Sat., Mar. 9th | <i>St. Frances of Rome, Religious</i> |
| 4:00 PM | Donald D. Lindner requested by his wife Marie |
| Sun., Mar 10th | <i>Laetare Sunday</i> |
| 8:00 AM | People of the Parish |
| 11:00 AM | Bob Zacker requested by Erma & Frank Dominick |

**Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
Isabelle McElfresh requested by her niece
Carole Barsis. May Isabelle rest in peace.**

Diocesan Annual Campaign

Exceeding our \$32,300 goal will allow us to maintain and improve our parish buildings and programs. Our past DAC refunds have helped replace the HVAC units in our classrooms and building. The 2023 refund has enabled us to add the long-awaited handicapped access family restroom. Let's see what your 2024 DAC giving can provide our parish so that our future plans can become a reality for Saint Joseph.

From Your Pastor.

Already we are at the Third Sunday of Lent, halfway there, the Sixth Sunday of Lent is Palm Sunday/ Passion Sunday. This week our Elect will receive the First Scrutiny and Exorcism. No high drama with heads twirling, eyes floating. Notice the prayer, amazingly simple and applicable to all of us.

Pray for a thirst for the living water that they may turn to the Lord's word, to acknowledge their sins and weaknesses that weigh them down.

Protect them from vain reliance on self and defend them from the power of Satan.

Free them from the spirit of deceit, so that admitting their sins, they might have a pure heart, to advance on the way to salvation.

This exorcism could do all of us a well needed help this Lent. As we pray for them let us pray for one another. Remember the Body of Exorcist all say the same thing the best exorcism is a good Confession.

Thank you for your prayers and assistance for our parish's presentation of the Soup and Word. With your help and prayers all went well.

If you have not already done so, please take one of the folders for the Lenten Appeal, the DAC and prayerfully ask the Lord how you could use this appeal to bring yourself greater freedom from sin and a fuller experience of grace. Let us continue our way to Holy Week.

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].

We need someone to cover the hour Monday evening between 10 PM to 11 PM on a regular basis. If you can help, please tell Father Hoke.

Last week was our one-year anniversary of this wonderful opportunity. Let's keep it going!

40 Hours Devotions

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
47 South Market Street, Mt. Carmel, PA
March 10- March 12, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Moses is given the Ten Commandments.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:8,9,10,11

A prayer of praise to God
who gives us his commandments

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul preaches Christ crucified to the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-25

Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.



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 2024 DAC is underway. You can be a bigger part of our Saint Joseph Parish and our Diocese this Lent by almsgiving. Sharing your treasury, through DAC, allows St. Joseph to be part of all the programs provided throughout the Diocese. Giving to DAC allows St. Joseph and you to be part of the formation of future priests and deacons. Your pledge to DAC benefits our youth in religious education programs. Young families can benefit from Catholic Life programs offered through the diocese. DAC giving impacts Catholic charity programs and helps those most in need.

You can make a one-time gift or spread your pledge in payments across the year. Payments can be made by check or processed electronically through the Diocese. If you have already responded to the diocesan mailing, thank you for your prompt action.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick:

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| Sharon Austin | Marie Luzenski |
| Dolores Caicco | Laurie McGrady |
| Elaine Cook | Michael McHale |
| Frank Dominick | Dave Moser |
| Mike Enright | Jan Moser |
| Giovanna Fanella | Paul Muscarella |
| Joyce Gamble | Mary Ruth Palmer |
| Mia Wendt Gibson | Rita Patynski |
| Luann Hackenburg | Eleanor Poponiak |
| Thomas Hackenburg | Margaret Punako |
| Tiffany Hauck | Lynn Rice |
| Laverne Havash | Joan Rudloff |
| John Heimbach | Benita Kolen Solomon |
| Ryan Jimenez | Diane Sykes |
| Rita Klein | 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.

OUR FAITH, OUR FUTURE PROJECT UPDATE

Inspection for the roofing is completed. The 'rough-in' electric work is completed, and we are awaiting its inspection. Rough-in water & waste lines will be added, and a certified plumber must inspect this work. Upon inspection approvals, the insulation work can move forward.

With public construction projects, inspections are necessary at the completion of each step.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

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| March 8 th | -----4 th Fish Dinner |
| 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 |
| May 12 th | -----May Crowning |



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. Pastors Elisha & Tony Cruz of the *Freedom Life Church* will provide the message on March 6th

The DVD's *The Passion of the Christ* and *Risen* are available in our Parish Library. You are welcome to check them out during Office Hours.



EASTER CANDY COLLECTION

We are collecting individually wrapped Easter candy for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The candy must fit inside a plastic egg. There are labelled boxes on the tables at the back of the Church and the back of the Parish Center. Thanks for your help!

FISH DINNER WORKERS

Pictured below are Bob Seebold, Larry Blase and Dave Rheppard – their job is to take the meals from the kitchen to the CCD hallway. Maddie Blamble & Sharon Flanagan portion the coleslaw each Friday morning. Mike Knauer & Michael Barker are part of our clean-up crew. John Hoffecker, Janice Heimbach & Tracy Hoffecker are three of our carhops. For each dinner approximately 50 volunteers work beginning Wednesday morning, again Thursday morning and all day Friday. We will post a three week profit report next week.





VOLUNTEERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sue and Larry Blase are in the spotlight this month. As soon as Larry retired from Geisinger, he began to work on our grounds committee – from mowing & trimming the grass on the church grounds to pruning bushes at the church and parish center, dead-heading and everything else related to yardwork.

For the past four summers, he has helped to clean the tombstones in the four different sections of our cemetery. Sue & Larry are big sellers for our February Lottery, and they are delivery folks for our shutin/ senior citizen meals.

For each of our fundraising dinners, Sue & Larry pick up the fish or meat. Larry is on the Wednesday potato crew and the Friday serving crew. Sue does all the laundry – and those aprons are bears! Thanks Sue and Larry for your help with all of our projects.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



Mike Knauer has silk-screened St. Joseph Church teeshirts in various colors, in sizes of medium, large and a few extra large. They will be available at the office this

coming week and at the dinners from Mary Moser.

Saint Pauline Shrine

1150 Chestnut Street, Kulpmont, PA

March Into Spring

Over 200 prizes for Women & Men including a 65" TV, Yeti Cooler, \$500 cash, Silver Bars, Blackstone Bridle, Children's Items and much more!

Sunday, March 10th, 11 AM – 4 PM

Pizza Buds Food Truck Onsite

Wednesday, March 13th, 4 PM – 7 PM

Friday, March 15th, 12 Noon – 6 PM

Saturday, March 16th, 11 AM – 4 PM

Food will be available on Friday & Saturday

Eat-in or Take-out



LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Fridays, 4-6PM

Takeout Only

Breaded Haddock Fillets, Roasted Potatoes,
Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes,
Coleslaw, Roll, Dessert \$14.00

We need cakes for dessert each week.

Please let Tracie Leitzel know if you can donate.

tleitzel1@ptd.net

We cannot use desserts with any type of nuts, coconut nor peanut butter.

Happy Birthday This Week

Merrill Buehler,

Ruth Ferlazzo,

Steve Skerda,

Marilyn Boiardi

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 10:00-4:00

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

JOB OPENING

Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius in Danville are looking for one Full-Time 3rd shift Nurse's Aide/CNA, one Part-Time 3rd shift Nurse's Aide/CAN, and one Part-Time Housekeeper (Life Skills candidates are encouraged to apply for PT Housekeeping position).

Contact our HR Department for more information at 570-275-3581 ext. 156

or e-mail scole@sscm.org

YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAM

To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the toll free PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313.

To report suspected abuse of a minor by a church official, employee or volunteer, also please call the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection toll free number: 1-800-626-1608 or email:

ReportAbuse@hbgdiocese.org