

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: \$5,472.00

Repair & Maintenance: \$956.00

Second Collections

March 17 – Catholic Relief Services

March – Easter Flowers, Lenten Collection

March 31 – Love of Neighbor

March 31 – Easter Offering

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Mar. 16th

4:00 PM

Bob Zacker requested by his wife
Diane

Sun., Mar 17th

Fifth Sunday of Lent

St. Patrick's Day

8:00 AM

People of the Parish

11:00 AM

Edward Wilhour requested by
Vickie & Joe Youmans

Mon., Mar. 18th

9:00 AM

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop

In Honor of St. Joseph requested
by the Frank Muscarella Family

Tues., Mar. 19th

9:00 AM

St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary

Vincenzo Viterbo requested by
his daughter Giusi Viterbo

Wed., Mar. 20th

Happy Birthday Connie Buehler
Private Mass

Thur., Mar. 21st

9:00 AM

Gene Caicco requested by his
wife Carolyn

Fri., Mar. 22nd

10:00 AM

**This Mass will be at Milton
Rehab, 743 Mahoning St.**

Mary Davis

Sat., Mar. 23rd

4:00 PM

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Vincenzo Viterbo requested by
his daughter Giusi Viterbo

Sun., Mar 24th

8:00 AM

Palm Sunday

Joseph Kruper requested by
Vickie & Joe Youmans

11:00 AM

People of the Parish

**Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
Genevieve Walter requested by Vickie & Joe
Youmans. May she rest in peace.**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday the 27th 6:00 PM Mass followed by
Stations of the Cross at the Church &
Confessions

Holy Thursday 7:00 PM Mass & Washing of the
Feet at the Parish Center followed by Adoration
& Confessions

Good Friday 2:00 PM Passion of the Lord at the
Church followed by Confessions from 3:00 to
4:00 PM and 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Holy Saturday 12 noon to 1:00 PM Confessions

1:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 PM Easter Vigil at the Church



Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Mass at the Church

11:00 AM Mass at the Parish Center followed
by the Easter Egg Hunt

From Your Pastor.

This week is the last week before Holy Week; we are reaching the top of the hill, the end of the journey. This Fifth Sunday of Lent is also St. Patrick's Day, the patron saint of our diocese. This week we have some good reflections on the importance of this saint. Please read and reflect.

In two days, March 19th is St. Joseph's Feast Day, the patron saint of the Universal church as God's chosen protector and defender of the Church. He is our parish patron, the well-beloved Joseph, for over a hundred years. May our little church last for another hundred years on the hill of Broadway showing our trust and respect for St. Joseph.

This Sunday's Lesson from Hebrews tell us that Jesus Christ was perfected by His obedience and suffering...by what He had learned and lived was the source of our salvation. In the flesh, in His humanity He saved us. This listening, being obedient and willing to serve began in His childhood, at the knees of His Abba, Joseph. He grew in wisdom and strength becoming our savior. Dear St. Joseph pray for us

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.

CABRINI – THE MOVIE

Showtimes in Williamsport, Bloomsburg, Selinsgrove

Arriving in New York City in 1889, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini is greeted by disease, crime and impoverished children. She soon sets off on a daring mission to convince the mayor to secure housing and health care for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world has ever seen.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.



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



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. Pastor Nigel Fulmore-Smith and the Mennonite Fellowship Church will deliver the message and the soup on March 20th.

EASTER PREPARATION CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Five priests will be available at the following churches on the specified dates to hear confessions.

Monday, March 18 th	St. Joseph, Danville
Tuesday, March 19 th	St. Monica, Sunbury
Wednesday, March 20 th	St. Pius, Selinsgrove
Thursday, March 21 st	St. Joseph, Milton
Friday, March 22 nd	Sacred Heart, Lewisburg

Confessions begin at 7:00 PM

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick:

Andy Andrews	Sue Lindner
Sharon Austin	Marie Luzenski
Fran Bogovich	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	Eleanor Poponiak
Luann Hackenburg	John Punako
Tiffany Hauck	Margaret Punako
Laverne Havash	Lynn Rice
John Heimbach	Joan Rudloff
Ryan Jimenez	Benita Kolen Solomon
Rita Klein	Mike Walter
Maureen Krepps	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.

Diane Sykes died Tuesday, March 12th after a courageous battle with cancer. Our condolences to her husband Bob. May Diane rest in peace.

OUR FAITH, OUR FUTURE PROJECT UPDATE

As we await the plumber to carry out his part of the project, other tasks are being carried out. Flashing for the new roof was installed last week.

The modified railings have been completed and will be brought back to the Church. The railings are planned to be installed this week.

Bricks and bricklayers are being sought. The cost for the bricks increased sharply from the original quote so other suppliers are being sought. The new entrance door should be arriving, if the four to six week delivery date is kept.

*Happy Birthday Next Week
Mike Walter*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 10:00-4:00
Wednesday 9:00-12:00
Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

March 22 nd	-----6 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



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!



LENTEN FISH DINNERS



Fridays, 4-6PM Takeout Only
Breaded Haddock Fillets, Roasted Potatoes,
Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes,
Coleslaw, Roll, Dessert \$14.00
Last one: March 22nd!!



Diocese of Harrisburg

Chrism Mass

Monday of Holy Week

March 25th 4 P.M.

St. Patrick Cathedral

Free Parking & Shuttle from City Island Northern Lot,
Market Street Bridge, Harrisburg

All are welcome to join Bishop Senior for the Diocesan Chrism Mass. During this Mass, Bishop Senior will bless the oils and consecrate the Sacred Chrism that will be used this year in the celebration of the sacraments.

SALUTE TO ST. PATRICK

By Bill Donohue



The heroics of St. Patrick are not appreciated as much as they should be. He is the first person in history to publicly condemn slavery, and one of the first leaders to champion the cause of equal rights.

Patrick was born in Britain in the 4th century to wealthy parents. It is likely that he was baptized, though growing up he did not share his family's faith. He was an atheist.

At age 15 or 16 (the accounts vary), Patrick was kidnapped and enslaved by Irish barbarians. They had come to plunder his family's estate and took him away in chains to Ireland. While a slave, he converted to Christianity, praying incessantly at all hours of the day. After six years, he escaped, and made his way back home.

His family thought he was dead, and with good reason: no one taken by Irish raiders had managed to escape and return. St. Patrick biographer Philip Freeman describes how his family received him, stating "it was as if a ghost had returned from the dead."

After he returned home, he had a vision while sleeping. He felt called to return to Ireland. This seemed bizarre: this is where he was brutalized as a slave. But he knew what Jesus had commanded us to do, "Love thy enemy." He was convinced that God was calling him to become a missionary to Ireland. So, he acted on it, despite the reservations of family and friends.

Patrick became a priest, practiced celibacy, and was eventually named a bishop. Contrary to what many believe, he did not introduce Christianity to Ireland, nor was he Ireland's first bishop. But he did more to bring the Gospel to Ireland than anyone, converting legions of pagans, especially in the northern parts of the island.

His missionary work in Ireland has been duly noted, but his strong defense of human rights has not been given its due. *Copied from Catholicleague.org*



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

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.



Thank you to everyone who sent prayers and special notes of encouragement during my recent surgery. Your kindness was a comfort. God Bless You. *Ruth Seksinsky*

HELP WANTED

St. Pius X, Selinsgrove is in need of a Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE)

The CRE will work with the pastor to coordinate the religious education of the students K-8 which currently occurs on Sundays after the 8 AM Mass. The individual must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church, have sufficient knowledge of the faith and have (or be willing to work toward) the basic and advanced certification through the diocese.

The CRE will be responsible for coordinating and communicating with the catechists, overseeing communications through the religious education email account, ensuring diocesan standards are being met, paperwork is complete and organized, and keeping the schedule of the religious education program. The CRE will direct the Vacation Bible School program.

This is a paid position and will be about 15 hours per week. Please contact the parish office for an application by calling 570-374-4113 or email spxc@ptd.net.

Deadline to apply is April 1, 2024.

Lord Jesus, during days spent in the desert,
While temptations before You lay,
You taught us how to overcome,
With prayer and sacrifice the way.