

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: \$3,459.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$955.00

Second Collections

March – Easter Flowers, Lenten Collection

March – Love of Neighbor: *separate check, please*

March 31 – Easter Offering

Sixth Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Mon., Mar. 25th 9:00 AM Reverend Hoa Van Nguyen
Father Hoke's classmate

Tues., Mar. 26th 9:00 AM For Hope & Healing

Wed., Mar. 27th 6:00 PM Bob Zacker requested by his wife
Diane
Stations of the Cross

Thur., Mar. 28st 7:00 PM *Holy Thursday*
Mass, Washing of Feet,
Adoration, Confessions

Fri., Mar. 29th 2:00 PM *Good Friday*
Passion of the Lord, Exaltation of
the Cross, Confessions

Sat., Mar. 30th 8:00 PM *Holy Saturday*
Easter Vigil
People of the Parish

Sun., Mar 31st 8:00 AM ***Easter Sunday***
People of the Parish
11:00 AM Children of the Parish

**Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
Ken Laurence. May Ken 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.

Blessings upon you this Holy Week. May you and your loved ones be greatly blessed in the celebration of the Paschal Triduum, the Three days of Christian Passover. Three days of going to church and worship might seem like a lot. But it is worth your effort. Please be open and give the Triduum a chance. Think of the family occasions you gave up time and convenience to be there with the family: a Wedding, a Baptism, a Graduation, a Family Reunion, Special Birthdays, Anniversary Celebrations, and a family or close friend's funeral. It is making time for what might be a demand upon you that really makes the greatest gifts to treasure for years to come.

The great gift that God gives us is Divine Life in the Paschal Mystery, the on-going mystery of the Lord's dying and rising until the end of time. It begins Holy Thursday evening, the Solemnity of the Lord's Supper, continues into Friday with the Solemnity of the Lord's Passion and is completed at the Easter Vigil, Saturday night Mass. For those who are unable to attend the Saturday Easter Vigil Mass there will be Easter Morning masses at 0800 and 1100. Details and times are listed. Please note that next Saturday there is no 4:00 PM Saturday Mass, the Mass will be at 8:00 PM and worth celebrating. Please come!

I am getting old, and I feel the strain, but I wouldn't miss celebrating the Triduum. It is worth it; it is what keeps me going.

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.

THE LORD IS CONSTANT

Loving Jesus, for the pain that You endured,
I come to You in regret and sorrow;
For though I have sinned, Your love is constant,
In past days, now, and tomorrow. Amen

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Palm Sunday

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's servant will stand firm,
even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death,
but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:1—15:47

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified.
The centurion who witnessed his death declared,
"This man was the Son of God."



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

SPECIAL TIMES EASTER WEEK

Wednesday after Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday during Adoration
(at the Parish Center)

Good Friday from 3:00 to 4:00
and again from 7:00 to 8:00

Holy Saturday 12 noon to 1:00 PM



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 Jilline & James Bond and the Revival Tabernacle will deliver the message and the soup on March 27th.

WERE YOU MARRIED IN 1974?

Preparations are in the works for a celebration Mass on July 7th in Camp Hill. Bishop Senior will be the celebrant. Call the office if you are celebrating your 50th anniversary this year.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick:

Andy Andrews	Sue Lindner
Sharon Austin	Marie Luzenski
Pat Behan	Laurie McGrady
Fran Bogovich	Michael McHale
Elaine Cook	Dave Moser
Frank Dominick	Jan Moser
Mike Enright	Paul Muscarella
Giovanna Fanella	Mary Ruth Palmer
Joyce Gamble	Eleanor Poponiak
Mia Wendt Gibson	John Punako
Luann Hackenburg	Margaret Punako
Tiffany Hauck	Lynn Rice
Laverne Havash	Joan Rudloff
John Heimbach	Benita Kolen Solomon
Ryan Jimenez	Larry Strosser
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.

Robert English, husband of Monica Leitzel English, died March 4th. His funeral Mass will be Tuesday, April 2nd, 11:00 AM.

Diane Sykes died March 12th. Her funeral Mass will be Saturday, April 6th, 11:00 AM.

Damien Boiardi's funeral Mass will be Saturday, April 13th, 11:00 AM.

All Masses will be at the Church.
May Robert, Diane and Damian rest in peace.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 10:00-4:00

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

The Office will be closed Easter Monday, April 1st.



SPRING CLEANUP

We have started to work on the grounds at the Church and the Parish Center. *Hopefully you noticed!!* If you can spare an hour to get everything ready for Easter weekend, call the Office or email annechic109@gmail.com for an area to tackle.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

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 18 th	-----	Parish Council
April 20 th	-----	Men's Conference
May 10 th	-----	Filled Pork Chop Dinner
May 12 th	-----	May Crowning
July 27 th	-----	Chicken Bar-B-Q

OUR FAITH, OUR FUTURE PROJECT UPDATE

Last week electricians were brought in, and they laid the lines needed for lighting and heating. In addition, windows were installed in the bathroom and the entry area.

As of the writing of this article, a plumber is at our Church and laying out where water and sewer connections will be.

Happy Birthday Monday
Mike Walter



Ruth Ferlazzo would like to thank all who sent her birthday wishes. She keeps you in her prayers.



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.

A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY

The parish school opened September 6, 1956 with registration of 80 pupils in the first five grades, representing all but six of the children in the parish eligible for those grades. The School Lunch Program, under the supervision of Mrs. Earl Swisher, was made available to the children the following day. "Lizzie" pictured below.



St. Joseph's Parish embraced a large territory. It included the towns of Milton, West Milton, New Columbia, Allenwood, Dewart, Watsonstown, Pottsgrove and the rural section about these towns. Many of the children needed transportation and a new 30 passenger school bus was delivered October 1, 1955 at a cost of \$3,790.

The expansion program and improvements of all parish building together with needed furnishings during the first five years that Father Topper was pastor necessitated an expenditure of \$150,238. The debt in April 1956 was \$60,000 with \$6,000 yet to be added to it before all work was accepted or completed. This was quite an accomplishment for a parish that had an ordinary income of less than \$10,000 and never could have been done without a loyal, devoted and pious people. Their labor of love was manifest in but one of the many projects they sponsored, the Parish Festival with net proceeds in 1955 of \$4,487.31. *Parish Festival stories to follow!*

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Easter Sunday following the 11 o'clock Mass on the Parish Center grounds. Come join the fun and meet the Easter Bunny!



2024 DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG MEN'S CONFERENCE ST. JOSEPH: THE CARPENTER'S TABLE

Saturday, April 20th 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Diocesan Center

Individual \$40.00 Father/Son \$35.00 each
<https://www.hbgdiocese.org/mens-conference-online-registration/>

BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER

Why You Should Register?

In order to fully participate in our parish, to always be informed about our parish and all of the many services and programs we provide, of all the support services available, of all of the events planned--you need to be registered.

If you are not, we cannot issue any letters in connection with sponsorship for the Sacraments, and we cannot give recommendations for positions, schools, etc. It is as simple as filling out the form below, dropping it in a collection basket, or by stopping in the parish office at your earliest convenience. Please notify us of change of address, even e-mail.

Please print clearly.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone Numbers

HOME: _____

CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

If you are a member of another parish in the area, you are welcome to receive our email notifications. You should not be a registered parishioner in several parishes because the number of registered parishioners is part of the formula used to determine a Parish's Assessment.

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