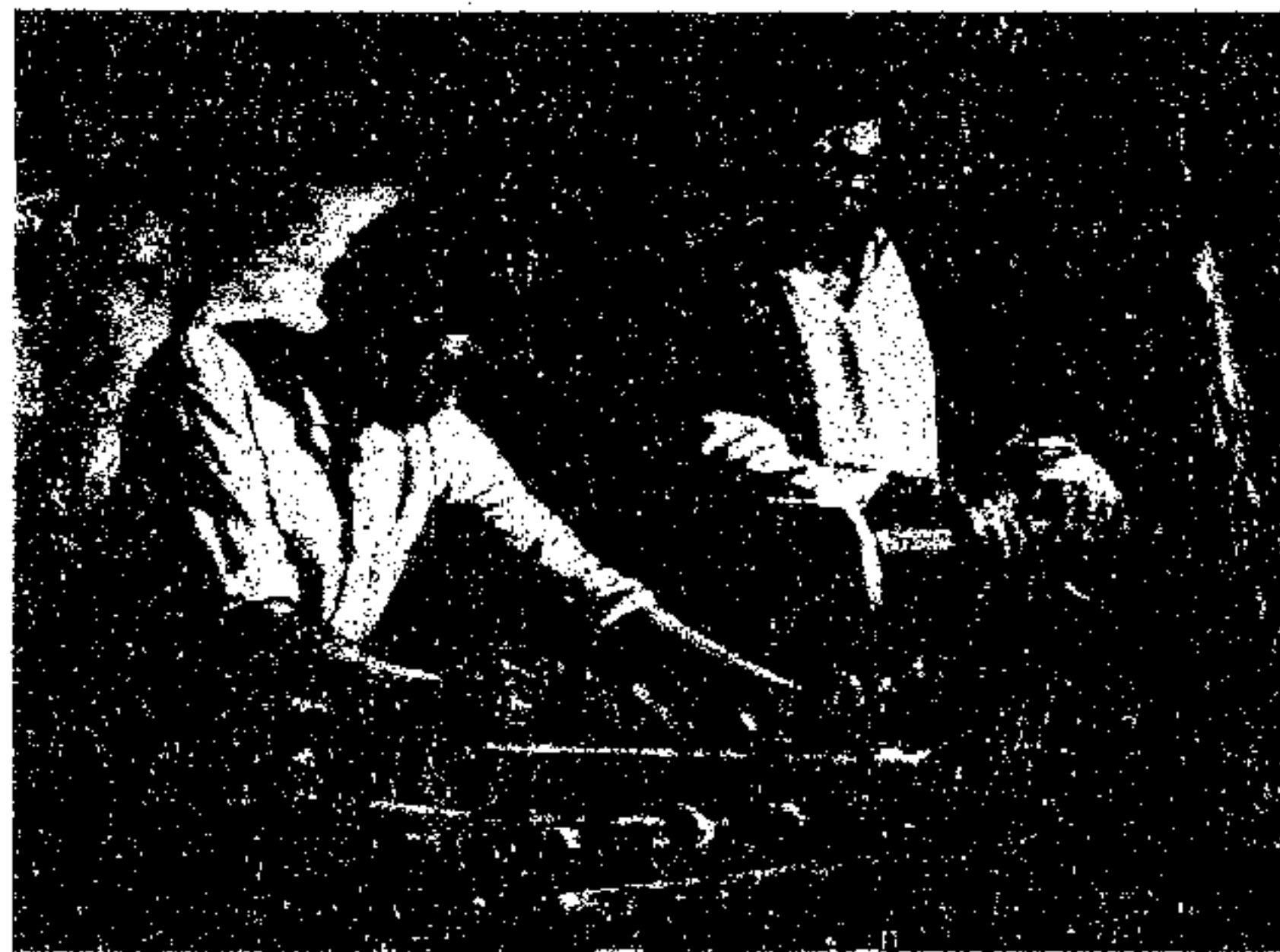


Saint Joseph Feast Table



Who was Saint Joseph?
Loving Father ♥ Adoring Husband
Trustworthy Carpenter
Pillar of Community
Faith-filled Man
Believer ♥ Dreamer



Saturday, March 19th, is the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, **Saint Joseph**. In his honor and to share in the tradition of many churches throughout the world, **our parish will be sponsoring the St. Joseph's Feast Day Table.**

There was a famine on the island of Sicily, located off the coast of Italy. Food was scarce, many were starving, and the people had only their faith upon which to rely. The Italian people share strong family relationships and knew that St. Joseph is known as the protector of the Holy Family. They prayed for St. Joseph to intercede so that they would finally have healthy crops that yielded well. Their prayers were answered and the famine came to an end. In gratitude, the people promised to make annual offerings of their most precious possession – food – in St. Joseph's honor. Thus began the tradition of the Feast Table.

Today the faithful erect "St. Joseph Tables" to honor the beloved man, St. Joseph, and feed the poor and hungry in their communities. **We invite you to participate in this feast day by bringing in and offering a non-perishable food item(s) or monetary gift for our local food bank, The Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank.**

Any non-perishable item you wish to donate will be accepted; however a recent call to the food bank revealed their need for the following items:

APPLESAUCE ♥ PEANUT BUTTER
CANNED FRUIT ♥ CANNED VEGETABLES
TUNA ♥ SPAGHETTI SAUCE
CEREALS ♥ PASTA ♥ SUGAR ♥ FLOUR
SPAGHETTIOS ♥ MACARONI & CHEESE MIXES

All donations will be collected in the church vestibule throughout the weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Consider this another way to participate in our 150th anniversary celebration. And, it's a fantastic way to share in the Year of Mercy - performing a Corporal Works of Mercy "Feed the Hungry".

