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4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . . \$3,529.00

Offertory for weekend March 14-15, 2020. \$2,129.00

Deficit/Surplus weekend March 14-15, 2020-\$1,399.85

Budget from July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020.....\$183,500.00

Deficit/Surplus to-Date weekend March 14-15. . . .-\$14,407.15

Thank you for your support!

**From the Office of The Most Reverend
Lawrence T. Persico, JCL,
Bishop of Erie**

**The celebration of all public Masses
in the Diocese of Erie is suspended
until further notice as of March 18, 2020**

**(St. Joseph Church hours for individual visitation and prayer
Mon-Thurs:9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. /Fri-Sun: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)**

Update on March Events Previously Scheduled

Pledge Turn-in for CSA Commitmentbegan Feb.22/23

40 Days for Life sign-ups continue until April 5

Faith Formation is suspended during time PA schools are closed

Adult Faith Formation. No Classes until further notice**Spiritual Formation Opp'y Day w/Bishop Persicocancelled****Lenten Penance Services suspended****Evening of Prayer and Music in Falls Creekcancelled****Stations of the Crosscancelled****Pray the Rosary.....suspended****Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners Take-out Only....thru Good Friday**

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We offer our prayers for the repose of the soul of **James  
Brubaker (husband of Dorothy Brubaker)** who passed away  
last week. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

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**St. Joseph Fish/Shrimp
Dinners will be TAKE-OUT ONLY.**

You can call in your orders at 814-787-4819 or order at the
pick-up door from Noon until 6:30 p.m. (Delivery in
Bennetts Valley ONLY will be available.) Dinner Pick-
up /Ordering door is located behind the social hall building.

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**St. Joseph "Prayer Chain"**

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our  
Parish, please call Gina at 787-7593.

**"Care & Concern"**

Do you know someone who would like to be remem-  
bered with a card or note? Please call 787-4151.

**"Food Bank"**

Thank you for your ongoing support to the  
Christian Food Bank! Thank you!

A Message from the Christian Food Bank the Christian  
Food Bank, located at 817 S. Michael Rd., St. Marys, PA  
will continue to distribute food as scheduled each Thursday  
from 1:00-3:00 for people/families in need who reside with  
the St. Marys Area School District. In an effort to keep our  
clients and volunteers safe by limiting exposure we've  
modified our distribution to a drive-thru process. Recipi-  
ents will be checked in and your food loaded for you while  
you remain in your vehicle. To avoid a dangerous traffic  
situation, please don't arrive early. No one will be admitted  
before 1:00.

**Believe Jesus Will Heal You**

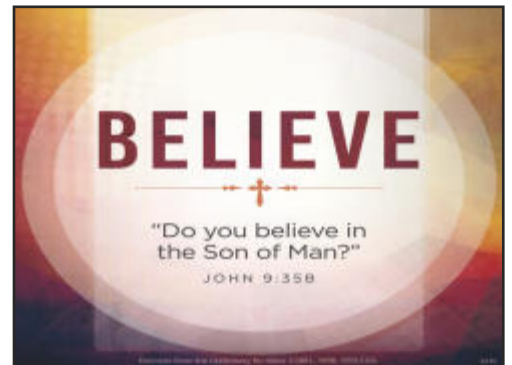
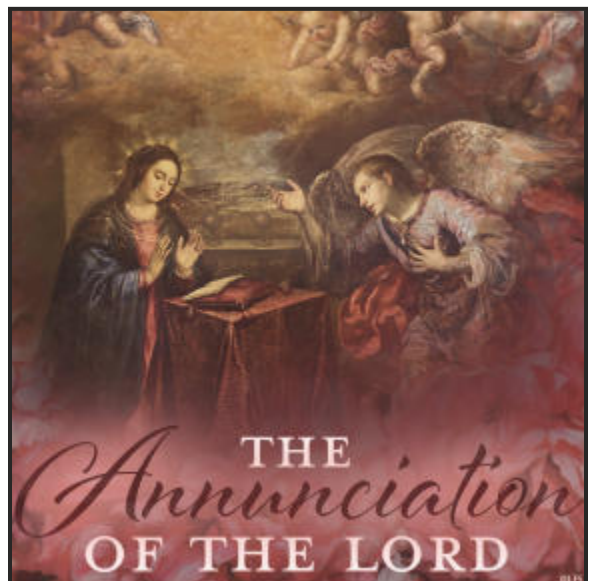
Just a brief thought on this weekend Gospel...  
Jesus heals a man who has been blind since birth.  
After this healing, a lengthy conversation takes place  
between the man and the Pharisees and even the man's  
parents.

Towards the end of the Gospel, Jesus asks the  
man, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The Man  
who was healed says, "I do believe."

My friends, Jesus still continues His healing  
ministry in us when we pray for healing and especially  
in the sacraments of Confession and anointing of the  
Sick. We will experience a healing according to His  
Will. Jesus simply asks us, too! Do you believe: Do  
we believe that Jesus can and will heal us spiritually  
and physically? Please, let our response be . . .

*I do believe.*

God Bless,  
Father Mark

*"Hail, Mary, full of grace . . ."*

**May each of us say 'yes' to God's Will as our  
Blessed Mother said 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel  
in responding to God's Will.**

**March 25, 2020**

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

| Date                      | Intention                               | Requested by     | Celebration                              | Scriptures                                                              |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday, March 23, 2020    | Kelly Duell<br>(birthday)               | Carolyn and Rita | Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo,<br>Bishop   | Is 65:17-21<br>Jn 4:43-54                                               |
| Tuesday, March 24, 2020   |                                         |                  | Saint Oscar Romero,<br>Bishop and Martyr | Ez 47:1-9, 12<br>Jn 5:1-16                                              |
| Wednesday, March 25, 2020 |                                         |                  | <b>The Annunciation<br/>of the Lord</b>  | Is 7:10-14, 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10<br>Lk 1:26-38                            |
| Thursday, March 26, 2020  | <b>Blessed Mother's Intentions</b>      | Parishioners     | Lenten Weekday                           | Ex 32:7-14<br>Jn 5:31-47                                                |
| Friday, March 27, 2020    | Silvio and Celesta Fenice<br>(birthday) | Carolyn and Rita | Lenten Weekday                           | Wis 2:1a, 12-22<br>Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30                                  |
| Saturday, March 28, 2020  |                                         |                  | Lenten Weekday                           | Jer 11:18-20<br>Jn 7:40-53                                              |
| Saturday, March 28, 2020  | Living and Deceased<br>Parishioners     |                  | Vigil of the<br>Fifth Sunday of Lent     | See below                                                               |
| Sunday, March 29, 2020    | Charles (Doc) Murray                    | Kathy Meyer      | The Fifth Sunday<br>of Lent              | Ez 37:12-14<br>Rom 8:8-11<br>Jn 11:1-45 or<br>11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 |

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St. Joseph Church

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## STAFF

**Rev. Mark J. Mastrian**..... Pastor  
**Deacon Paul Bauman**..... Deacon Assistant  
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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Thursday ..... 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 p.m.; **Sunday:** 9:15 a.m.; **Holy Days:** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday

## BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

**Baptism** – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

**Eucharist** – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

**Confirmation** – High School youth who are entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

**R.C.I.A.** – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

## SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

**Priesthood/Permanent Diaconate** – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

**Matrimony** – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

## SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** – Is celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available anytime upon request.

**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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