



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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— MARK 9:2 —

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**Pope's Intention for February  
 For the Terminally Ill**

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

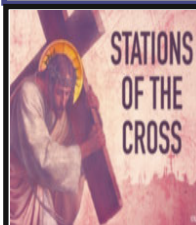
"Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world."  
 Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

**Baptism Preparation Classes**

February 29	6:30 pm	St. Mark Church (Emporium)	814-486-0569
March 23	10:00 am	Sacred Heart Church	814-834-7861
April 16	7:00 pm	St. Leo Church	814-772-3135



Our Fish/Shrimp dinners are being served every Friday during Lent from NOON to 6:30 pm (or until sold out). Cost is \$15 per dinner.



There will be Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent, beginning on February 21st and will continue through March 27th.

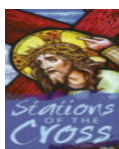
Adult Faith Formation classes will follow in the social hall.

**Prayer and Finding God in the Silence** with Dr. Jan Satterlee  
 February 25th 11:00 am to 3:30 pm at Bethany Retreat Center, Frenchville, PA Call or go online to register (814) 263-4855  
[bethanyretreatcenter.org](http://bethanyretreatcenter.org)

Ridgway K of C will be hosting a Turkey Dinner fundraiser on Sunday, February 25th, from 11am until sold out. Cost is \$13.00 Dinner includes Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cranberries, dessert and drink. Dine in or take out. Located at 331 Main St. Ridgway, PA Benefits members in need.

St. Boniface K of C will be having a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, March 3rd, from 8:00 am to 11:30 am or until sold out. \$10 for adults/\$5 for kids. St. Boniface Social Hall Cafeteria, Kersey

**SHARING OUR FAITH** We Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent. But why do we do this devotion? Lent is a time of the Church's Liturgical Season for each of us Catholics to really take a good look at our spiritual life and see where it needs to be healed. It is also a six week period of time when we recall our Lord's Passion and Death on the Cross. We call to mind, again, what Jesus did for us by His violent Death for our sins. A really powerful way to recall our Lord's Passion and Death is to pray the Stations of the Cross. It is basically the story of Jesus' last days on earth. This helps us to realize Jesus' Love for us, that He would go through His Passion and Death because He wants to save us from our sins and wants us to be with Him, ultimately, in heaven some day.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS****Practical Spiritual Exercises for Lent**

In my message last week, I mentioned briefly that Lent is like a "school" where we take the time to discipline our life through prayer and learning about God through the sacraments of the Church. Lent is especially a necessary opportunity to learn about ourselves and our relationship with Jesus our Lord and areas of our lives that we need to work on to become more holy. Some practical spiritual exercises that can help our Lenten journey are the following:

- Attend the **Stations of the Cross** on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm and adult Faith Formation.
- Walk the outside **Stations of the Cross** in the cemetery.
- Take each person in your iPhone contact list and offer a prayer for them. An example may be...**Lord Jesus, Bless and help (name) today.** Or, pray a *Hail Mary* for each person on your list. Do this not only for family and friends, but also for the parishioners of St. Joseph Church.
- Read the following scriptures and pray the prayer that follows:

✠ *"The fruits of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, faith, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, mildness, and chastity."* (Galatians 5:22)

✠ **Prayer: Lord, please fill my soul with all of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.**

✠ *"Trust in the Lord and do good, that you may dwell in the land and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord and He will grant you your heart's requests. Commit to the Lord your way: trust in Him and He will act."* (Psalm 37: 3-5)

✠ **Prayer: Jesus, I trust in You! I believe You will lead me each day and enable me to do Your Will.**

✠ *"And now brothers, I beg you through the mercy of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may judge what is God's Will, what is good, pleasing, and perfect."* (Romans 12: 1-2)

✠ **Prayer: I give You, Jesus, my mind, my heart, my soul, and my whole life. Help me to know Your Will for me and please give me the strength to do Your Will.**

Start with these spiritual exercises and next weekend I will share more prayers for this Lenten Season.

God Bless,  
 Father Mark

**TRANSFIGURATION  
 OF THE LORD**



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 26, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	William & Elizabeth Leair	Betty Leair	Lenten Weekday	Dn 9: 4b-10 Lk 6: 36-38 (230_)
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Lenten Weekday Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	Is 1: 10, 16-20 Mt 23: 1-12 (231)
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Jer 18: 18-20 Mt 20: 17-28 (232)
Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Vincent "Potato" Olewnik birthday	Germaine and Family	Lenten Weekday	Jer 17: 5-10 Lk 16: 19-31 (233)
Friday, March 01, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Daniel Cortina	A Force neighbor	Lenten Weekday World Day of Prayer	Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46 (234)
Saturday, March 02, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass First Saturday	Bernadine Micale	John & Becky Bricen	Lenten Weekday	Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32 (235)
Saturday, March 02, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	John Winkler	Family	Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, March 03, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish		Third Sunday of Lent	Ex 20: 1-17 or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17 1 Cor 1: 22-25 Jn 2: 13-25 (29)

## St. Joseph Church

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**Church Hours: St. Joseph Church: Sun. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8 am—4 pm Sat. 9:00 am —7:00 pm**

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9a.m.—4 p.m.

Office Email: [stjosephforce@windstream.net](mailto:stjosephforce@windstream.net) Website: [www.stjosephforce.org](http://www.stjosephforce.org) Faith Formation Email: [stjosephforceff@windstream.net](mailto:stjosephforceff@windstream.net)

### 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 on 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School 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 Deaconate** – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate 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**—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

**Reconciliation** – 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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