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# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

**Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020**

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

A Message from Father Mark

We know these are difficult times for everyone. St. Joseph remains committed to the spiritual care of our parishioners and the faithful in our communities. Although how we do this is changing temporarily, our purpose remains the same. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your families, particularly in the daily private Mass I am offering for your intention.

Our church doors will be open for your visitation and prayers from Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and Friday thru Sunday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Please be aware that like any family, our parish has ongoing operating costs. St. Joseph Church is entirely dependent upon you to meet those financial obligations. Please continue to make your weekly offertory gift. You may drop your offering in the Shrine box in the Church or mail it to P.O. Box 124, Force, PA 15841. I thank you for your continued support. Together we will meet this challenge that is presented to us throughout the world with our prayers and cooperation to the instructions given to us by our medical experts and our spiritual leaders. With prayers, love and concern. Father Mark

**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

(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.)  
Special time of Adoration Only will be Thursday, April 2 from 6-8pm. A limit of 10 people is permitted. Please stagger your visit over these two hours.

We offer our prayers for the repose of the soul of **Ryan Berasi (son of Robert Berasi)** who passed away last Sunday. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

**Until further notice St. Joseph Church will not be serving its Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners due to the Corvid-19 Pandemic. St. Joseph Church appreciates your support for these dinners.**

**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 remembered 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. Recipients 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.



**More than Before, Be Hopeful**

My brothers and sisters, this has probably been the most different, strangest and scariest Lenten Season than any of us has ever experienced. Because of the coronavirus, in less than a month we have gone from suspending the Sign of Peace at Mass to not being able to attend a public Mass until further notice. We all know that a multitude of businesses, all schools, and many companies and restaurants, as well as public events, have all been shut down for a while.

We are told - and for good reason - to stay at home and to try to limit going out and being around people. This may be easier for some people and more difficult for others. We all need to make the best of this cloistered experience. First of all, we can be forever grateful that we have a home — a dwelling where we can find peace and shelter from the storms of life that happen around us and within us. But, our dwellings are also the places where we take the time to develop our relationships, learn, celebrate and grow in our faith in God. There is no other good choice more than ever before but to be HOPEFUL. How?

The following *from Philippians 4:4-7* can help. . .

1. Pray for the grace of these words of St. Paul to be released within you: *"Rejoice in the Lord always I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."*

2. Pray the Rosary and take time as a family to share your faith with each other —like saying: Jesus has done this for me, or a question I have is why this or that happens. Then, as a family, pray the prayer that Bishop Persico gave to us from last Sunday's insert...

*"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot receive You at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."*

3. Finally, pray for hope for yourself and for those who are ill especially those with the coronavirus that just as Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead as proclaimed in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus would restore to good health those who have this virus and all people who are ill.

I keep all of you in my prayers and will especially pray for your needs and intentions as I celebrate a private Mass each day. God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 30, 2020	Bill, Lena and Paul McCluskey	Donald and Mary Ann McCluskey	Lenten Weekday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday, March 31, 2020	Tony Guido, Jr.	Lorraine Longwill	Lenten Weekday	Nm 21:4-9 Jn 821-30
Wednesday, April 1, 2020			Lenten Weekday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42
Thursday, April 2, 2020	Mario D. Cadori and Daughter Maria	Wife and Mother	Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit	Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59
Friday, April 3, 2020	James R. Pisaneschi	Donald and Nancy Chiappelli	Lenten Weekday	Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42
Saturday, April 4, 2020 Adoration Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	<b>ADORATION</b> but <b>NO</b> <b>BENEDICTION</b>		Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56
Saturday, April 4, 2020	Theophila Benevich Rose Guido	Marlene Farren Mary Gutowski	Vigil of the Palm Sunday	See below
Sunday, April 5, 2020	Living and Deceased Parishioners		<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>of the Passion of the Lord</b>	Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14 — 27:66 or 27:11-54

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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 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** – 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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