

A wooden cross is partially visible on the left side of the image. A crown of thorns, made of dried, spiky branches, is draped across the center. The background is a solid, deep purple color. The text "THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT" is centered in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. A large, faint, semi-transparent number "3" is overlaid behind the text.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022
 Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022 \$3,365.00
 Offertory from March 7 thru March 14 \$3,118.00
 CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal \$32,404.00
 Fish/Shrimp Dinners were a great success this past week!
 A total of 386 dinners were sold. Thank you for your support!

Stations of the Cross will be 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday throughout Lent.

“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Parish Council Meeting—Thursday, March 24 at 6:00 pm in the Faith Formation Center.

Baptismal Training Sessions for February/March
 March 19 (Sat) 10 am Sacred Heart, St. Marys 834-7861
 April 19 7 pm St. Leo, Ridgway 772-3135
 May 19 7 pm St. Mary’s, St. Marys 781-1019

Confirmation Students Retreat will be Sunday, March 27 beginning at 10:30 until 1:30 pm. This retreat is a requirement for all Confirmation students. Everyone is to meet in the Faith Formation Center. There will be activities in the social hall and in the church. Lunch will be served.

Our Faith Formation Program needs teachers for classes of Grades K/1 and Grade 2 for the 2022-2023 school year. We also are in need of some volunteers to be substitute teachers. All those working with children and youth are required to have clearances. If you are interested, have some questions or would like additional information, please contact Mary at 814-787-4151 #5. Consider sharing your Faith time and talent with the young people of our Parish.

Homemade Easter Eggs!
 The Valley Legion Auxiliary is selling homemade peanut butter or coconut Easter eggs for \$5.50 (large) or \$2.75 (small).
 To order call Frances Gray 814-787-8971 or Norma Mann 814-787-4065 by March 23. Pick-up is at the Weedville American Legion Post 978 on April 9 from 11:30-1:30.

St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek Famous Spaghetti Dinner will be on Sunday, March 20 from 10 am -1 pm or until sold out. The Spaghetti Dinner for March is dine in or take-out. Please bring own container for take-out.

The **Cemetery Committee** requests that you please remove the personal items that you placed on your loved one’s graves. The recent milder weather has provided an opportunity to clean up the grave site and allow maintenance the opportunity to clear the cemetery of the Joy of the Christmas Season and prepare the grounds for the Holy Season of Lent. Grounds clean-up and removal will begin Monday, March 21 — weather permitting. Thank you for your cooperation.



Radiating Christ

Dear Jesus,
 Help me to spread Your fragrance wherever I go.
 Flood my soul with Your Spirit and Life.
 Penetrate and possess my being so utterly
 That my life may only be a radiance of Yours.
 Shine through me, and be so in me
 That every soul I come in contact with
 May feel Your Presence in my soul.
 Let them look up, and see no longer me but only Jesus.
 Stay with me,
 And then I will begin to shine as You shine,
 So to shine as to be a light to others.
 The light, O Jesus, will be all from You.
 None of it will be mine.
 It will be You, shining on others through me.
 Let me thus praise You
 In the way in which You love best:
 By shining on those around me.
 Let me preach You without preaching,
 Not by words but by example,
 By the catching force,
 The sympathetic influence of what I do,
 The evident fullness of the love
 My heart bears for You. Amen

(This beautiful prayer was recited daily by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta and her Sisters of Charity. This Prayer is also known as the Fragrance Prayer. *By venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman February 21, 1801—August 11, 1890.*)

Act of Consecration

Immaculate Heart of Mary, I consecrate my entire self to your love.
 All that I am and all that I have belongs to you, dear Mother Mary.
 I consecrate to you my heart, my eyes, my hands, my feet.
 I give you my thoughts, my mind, my will, all my property and possessions.
 I ask your Dear loving heart, my Mother, for special Graces, which God gives through you from The Sacred Heart of Jesus.
 I ask for graces not only for myself but for the whole world.
 Together, with you, O Immaculate Heart, I offer my Heavenly Father, the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of Jesus present in all the tabernacles of the world.
 I am all Yours and all that I love is Yours,
 O most Loving Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your Mother, Amen.



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 21 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lawrence Chiodo (1st anniversary)	Family	Lenten Weekday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday, March 22, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Silvio and Celeste Fenice	daughters	Lenten Weekday	Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday, March 23, 2022 No Mass			Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, March 24, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Rachael Zambanini	David and Barb Lease	Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop	Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Friday, March 25, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Special Intention		The Annunciation of the Lord	Is 7:10-14, 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Saturday, March 26, 2022 No a.m. Mass			Lenten Weekday	Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14
Saturday, March 26, 2022 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, March 27, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	daughter — Kelly (birthday) and mother — Mary	Cindy and Dale Duell	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Jos 5:9a, 10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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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 pm

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 11th 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—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available 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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PARISHIONER INFORMATION

All practicing Catholics living in the Bennetts Valley Area who consider themselves members of St. Joseph Parish should be registered in the parish. All registered members of St. Joseph receive envelopes and receive periodic parish mailings. St. Joseph Parish is a Sacrificial Giving Parish, committed to serving the Lord with God-given time, talents and treasures. All registered members should be using their envelopes regularly. Parish membership is required to be a sponsor, to be married in the parish, to have a child baptized or to be registered in our Faith Formation program. Please call the church office to arrange a meeting to register in our parish.