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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

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

Offertory for weekend March 7-8, 2020 \$2,989.00
 Deficit/Surplus weekend March 7-8, 2020. -\$ 539.85
 Budget from July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020. \$183,500.00
 Deficit/Surplus to-Date weekend March 7-8, 2020 . . -\$13,007.31
 Thank you for your support!



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? If so, please call 787-4151.

“Food Bank”

Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank! Our Recent Drop-off to the Food Bank was 82.9 lbs! Thank you!



March Events

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

Adult Faith Formation.... No Classes until March 30

Stations of the Cross....6:00 p.m.....Wednesday, March 18

Confirmation Retreat at Bethany Retreat CenterMarch 21

Spiritual Formation Opp’y Day w/Bishop Persico.....March 25

Pray the Rosary.....Noon.....March 26

40 Days for Life sign-ups continue until April 5

Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners....thru Good Friday, April 10

Communion Service Only Dates:

March 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 24

2020 April Baptismal Class Schedule

April 4 Sacred Heart, St. Marys10:00 a.m.

April 14 St. Leo, Ridgway7:00 p.m.

Pledge Commitment Turn-in for CSA began Feb.22/23.

If you haven’t turned in your pledge for this year’s CSA Campaign, it can be dropped in the collection basket, mailed or taken to the church office. Thank you for pledging this year.

Your contribution will help reach our church goal of \$32,626.

40 Days for Life began Ash Wednesday, February 26 and will last until April 5, 2020. Your prayers for “40 Days for Life” really impact the way a baby’s life is saved in which abortion is **not** the answer. Sign-ups for the Campaign are always welcome. (Sponsored by Elk Co Right to Life)

The Valley Legion Auxiliary is selling homemade peanut butter or coconut Easter eggs. Cost is \$5 ea.

To order: call Frances Gray: 787-8971/Norma Mann: 787-4065 by Monday, March 23. Pick-up Sat., April 4 from 10-Noon at the American Legion in Weedville.

On Sunday March 22 (4th Sunday of Lent) there will be an evening of prayer and music with Rev. Edward Walk pastor of St. Bernard’s Church in Falls Creek. The evening will include a scripture reading, Homily, Benediction, and prayers for healing. It will be held at St. Bernard's Church in Falls Creek. The time will be 6:00 P.M. The music ministry will be Shalom. For more information, contact Judy Smart at 814-637-5930 or Rich Kenawell at 814-771-7932.

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Good Prayer Intentions During Lent

Throughout the year we pray the Rosary at 8 a.m. before our weekday Masses. On Monday, we pray the Joyful Mysteries; Tuesday and Friday, we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries and the Luminous Mysteries on Thursday.

The prayers in each decade are dedicated for intentions of various aspects in our life . . .

With the first decade we pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

The second decade is dedicated to pro-life; for respect and protection of all life from conception to natural death.

We pray for world peace with the third decade .

The fourth decade we pray for Catholics who have drifted away or lapsed in their Catholic faith. With our prayers we want them to know that they are loved and welcomed back to Mass and the Church.

With the fifth decade we pray for healing, for all who are sick or homebound as well as for those who are in hospitals and nursing homes.

My brothers and sisters, we have experienced many blessings, healings and miracles in prayer to God through Jesus and especially as a result in *praying the Rosary*. Our Blessed Mother and the Heavenly court take our prayers to Jesus. This is very similar to asking each other to pray to God for our needs and well-being. When we think about it, that’s a lot of people praying for each of us: the mystical Body of Christ in Heaven and the mystical Body of Christ on earth.

While praying the Rosary during Lent as well as throughout the year, these good prayer intentions will bring about in God’s timing: more vocations to the priesthood and religious life; greater respect for all life; peace in the world and in our hearts; more consistent attendance at Mass creating greater worship; and more healings and comfort for those who are sick and suffering. Let’s together pray for these intentions and believe they will successfully be fulfilled.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 16, 2020 8:30 a.m. No Mass	Communion Service Only		Lenten Weekday	Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:30 a.m. No Mass	Communion Service Only		Saint Patrick, Bishop	Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday, March 18, 2020 No Mass			Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:30 a.m. No Mass	Communion Service Only		Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Friday, March 20, 2020 8:30 a.m. No Mass	Communion Service Only			Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday, March 21, 2020			Lenten Weekday	Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday, March 21, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Theophila Benevich	Evelyn and Don Kentoski and Family	Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent	See below
Sunday, March 22, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Fourth Sunday of Lent	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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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 – 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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