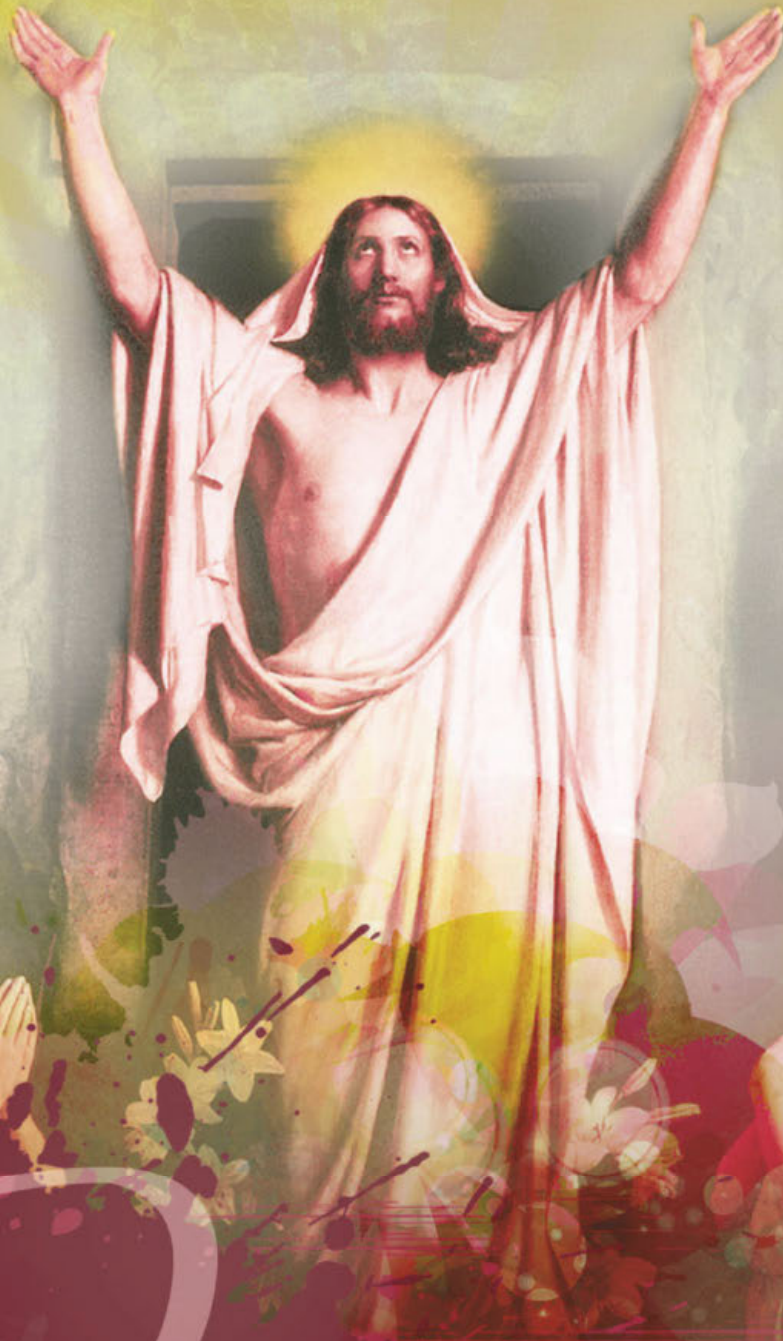


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Parish Stewardship for 2022-2023

Weekly amount budgeted for 2022-2023 \$3,365.00
 Offertory collection 3/20/23 thru 3/27/23 \$1,564.00
 Offertory collection 3/27/23 thru 4/03/23 ... unavailable
 CSA 2023 Campaign Parish Goal \$31,773.00

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Pope's Intention for April

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



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

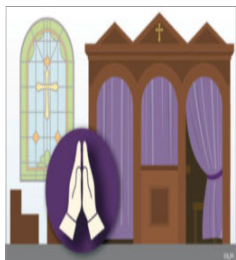
**Baptismal Training****April, May, June, and July 2023**

April 18	7:00 pm	St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway	772-3135
May 25	7:00 pm	St. Mary, St. Marys	781-1019
June 13	7:00 pm	St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway	772-3135
July 11	7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Force	787-4151



Let us pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Ruth Ann Gregori** who passed on March 22. May she rest in peace.

If you haven't done so yet, please remember to turn in your **Rice Bowl donation** to the Faith Formation Center. The Center is open Monday-Thursday 9-4. Your Lenten alms are helping communities find solutions to problems like hunger and malnutrition. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Congratulations to our Grade 2 children who received the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time

Saturday, March 25.

Payton Galmish

Anthony Liptak

Brice Luchini

Carter Swackhammer

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited next Sunday, April 16 at 3 pm. in church followed by a film on St. Faustina in the social hall.

After 5:30 pm Mass on Saturdays April 15th, 22nd, 29th, and May 6th, St. Joseph Church will be showing the popular film **"The Chosen"** which explores the life of Jesus through the eyes of those that knew him. The film will be shown in the social hall where pizza will be served. If you plan on attending, please sign up in the vestibule for the pizza count. **All are Welcome!**

Saint Bernard Church, Falls Creek will have its Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, April 16 — 11-1 or until sold out. Dine-in or Take-out available. Bring own container for take-out.

Church Office will be closed Monday, April 10.
The Office will reopen Tuesday, April 11.



The Power of Resurrection and the Power of Our Baptism

These next eight weeks, during this glorious Season of Easter, we will celebrate, Christ's Resurrection from the dead. The Power of Christ's Resurrection has broken the chains of death and has given us all the invitation to a new life in our Lord Jesus Christ. This new life begins with our Baptism.

The power of the Sacrament of Baptism of which we have all received enables us to live in the Power of Christ's Resurrection. In Saint Paul's *Letter to the Colossians* he says, "And you were buried with Him in Baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, Who raised Him from the dead ... If then, you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right Hand of God."

(Colossians 2:12—3:1)

Indeed, the power of our Baptism enables us to want to seek the things of God such as love, joy, and peace with God and neighbor. But, the Power of Baptism also has a new life of a Divine Healing quality.

A unique story of Divine Healing goes as follows... After a Saturday evening Mass, a visiting priest was asked to go to the hospital immediately in order to baptize a baby who was just born but would stop breathing. The baby would actually breathe and pause for some moments and then struggle to take the next breath. The priest baptized the little one and anointed her with the *Oil of Chrism*. A half-hour later, when the priest returned to the rectory, he received a phone call from the hospital and was told that the baby is now breathing regularly on her own. The next day he was told that she is still breathing on her own. This event to us, my friends, is the Power of Jesus's Resurrection released in the waters of Baptism to create the power of Divine Healing.

My brothers and sisters of St. Joseph Parish family, I pray that all of us experience the Grace and Power of Jesus's Resurrection in our own unique way during this Easter Season. May the special prayers and miracles we prayed for during Lent and the sacrifices of time spent serving and hearts-spent giving, bring a transformation and continued healing in our life. Happy Easter and God Bless! Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 10, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Aggie Cataldo (birthday)	Dale and Janet Forster	Monday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Terry Asalone (birthday)	Aunt Pauline	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 No Mass			Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35
Thursday, April 13, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioner	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48
Friday, April 14, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Irene Gregori	Joel and Eleanor Green	Friday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14
Saturday, April 15, 2023 No Mass			Saturday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15
Saturday, April 15, 2023 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Vigil of Sunday of Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)	(see below)
Sunday, April 16, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass	Ron Celinski, Sr. (4th anniversary)	Rose — wife	Sunday of Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)	Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

St. Joseph Church

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OFFICE HOURS

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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—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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