




# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

**Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021**  
 Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 . . . \$3,462.00  
 Regular Offertory 04/05/21 thru 04/12/21 . . . \$2,350.00  
**CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal . . . . . \$33,199.00**  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged . . . . . \$20,405.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received. . . . . \$11,010.00  
**Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinner Profit . . . . . \$13,625.15!**  
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Please remember your prayers for the unborn!



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



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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Congratulations** to our Second Graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on March 27. They are Aaron Antonelli, Sophia Liptak, Matti Orlic, and Anastasia Prince.



**The Celebration of the First Eucharist** of our Third Grade students will be on Sunday, May 16 at the 9:15 Mass. Join us at this Mass and meet our First Communicants: Arionna Assalone, Brionna Assalone, Samantha Hoch, and Kalsey Mertz.



**Final Confirmation Preparation class will be Sunday, April 25.**

Next weekend, April 24-25 will be the **annual Good Shepherd Collection for retired priests**. These priests have been there for us. They make present Christ, the Good Shepherd, not only in what they do, but in who they are. This Good Shepherd Collection allows each of us to show our gratitude and support for them who have cared for us and our spiritual needs and have faithfully served our Diocese for many years.

**Time for Cemetery Attention** Please remember to give time at the cemetery to address the faded and past season flowers and the memorials on your loved ones' graves. Clean-up of the cemetery will begin soon and these items will be removed for the spring/summer seasons.

**Baptismal Training Session Schedule:**

April 20	7:00 p.m.	St. Leo	Ridgway	814-772-3135
May 20	7:00 p.m.	St. Marys	St. Marys	814-781-1019
June 8	7:00 p.m.	St. Leo	Ridgway	814-772-3135

**St. Joseph Website** Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Recorded Mass at this time will not be available due to technical adjustment. Please refer to the website for updates and the bulletin.  
 Website: [stjosephforce.org](http://stjosephforce.org)



**Quotes and Poems that Point to Resurrection and Life**

The first and most important quote I would like to share with you is right from Jesus Himself in this weekend’s Gospel. The setting is in the upper room where the Apostles are gathered immediately after the Resurrection of Jesus. Two other disciples from the town of Emmaus were also there to share their amazing encounter with Jesus.

Even though the doors were locked, Jesus appeared to them and said, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His Name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.” (Luke 24:46-48)

The Apostles were witnessed to all Jesus had taught them and as were the following people . . .

**About Reflecting Christ . . .**  
*“We must reflect the Light of Christ through lives of prayer and joyful service to others.”*  
 Saint Pope John Paul II

**About Being Humble . . .**  
*“The gate of Heaven is very low; only the humble can enter it.”*  
 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton  
 (1st American-born Saint)

**About our Desires in Heaven . . .**  
*“No one will have any other desire in Heaven than what God wills; and the desire of one will be the desire of all; and the desire of all and each one will also be the desire of God.”*  
 Saint Anselm (1033AD-1109AD)  
 (from Opera Omnis Letter 112 in the Book: Saint of the Day Leonard Foley, O.F.M.)

**“Lorica– known as the Deer’s Cry”**  
 I arise today  
 Through God’s Strength to pilot me.  
 God’s Might to uphold me,  
 God’s Wisdom to guide me,  
 God’s Eye to look before me,  
 God’s Ear to hear me,  
 God’s Word to speak for me,  
 God’s Hand to guard me,  
 God’s Way to lie before me,  
 God’s Shield to protect me,  
 God’s Host to save me  
 From snares of devils,  
 From temptations of vices,  
 From every one who shall wish me ill,  
 Afar and anear,  
 Alone and in a multitude.

Kuno Meyer  
 (Liturgy of the Hours, pgs 2336-2337)  
 My friends, What is your resurrection witness story and theme by which you live each day? God Bless.



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 19, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Winston Streich (80th birthday)	wife Sandra and daughter Melissa & Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, April 20, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Glen and Elda Benigni and Deborah Dillon	The Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 7:51 —8:1a Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday, April 12, 2021 No Mass			Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Bill Neidrich	sister Kelly Lovenduski	Easter Weekday	Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51
Friday, April 23, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Vicki and Scott Winslow	Family	Saint George, Martyr and Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr	Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, April 24, 2021 No Mass			Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr	Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69
Saturday, April 24, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of 4th Sunday of Easter	(See below)
Sunday, April 25, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Anna & John Levenduski and Family	Olewnik Family	4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:8-12 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

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CHURCH HOURS

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

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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 9<sup>th</sup> 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** – 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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