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SUNDAY OF LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.


- Lk 4:1-2a


Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022

Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022 \$3,365.00
 Offertory from February 22 thru February 28 \$2,424.00
 CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal. \$32,404.00
 Thank You for Your Continual Support to St. Joseph Church


Our Holy Father Pope Francis's Intention ... For a Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Stations of the Cross will be 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday beginning March 9 and throughout Lent.


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


 Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Andrea Calliari** who passed away February 23, **Joseph Levenduski** who passed away February 26 and **Francis Kozminski** (son of Michael Kozminski) who passed away February 26, and for the **Bishop Donald Trautman** who passed away February 26. May they rest in peace.

No Mass or Communion Service this Thursday, March 10 and Friday, March 11.

 **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.

Join women from across the **Diocese of Erie and beyond for the Seventh Annual 1:38 Women's Conference.** This day of inspiration and spiritual growth, open to women of all faiths, will feature national speakers. The conference will be held Saturday, March 12 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. You may attend as follows: 1)Live in-person at St. Jude's Parish, Erie; 2)Virtually at **satellite parishes (St. Mary's Parish Center, St. Marys will be a satellite host-register online) via Zoom at www.138women.com** 3)Virtually via Zoom at your own home. **The event is \$20. For more information and to register visit www.138women.com or call (814)455-7364.**

 **Cemetery Flowers/Memorials** Please consider removing the personal items that are placed on your loved ones graves. The recent milder weather has provided an opportunity to clean up the grave site and allow maintenance the opportunity to clear the cemetery for Lent.

Remember to spring ahead!

One Night Only Tuesday, March 8 beginning at 6 pm at **St. Leo Church, Ridgway**, there will be a night of devotion with **Mass and anointing** on this day of Patron of the Sick — Saint John of God.



**What Will You Give Up for Lent?
 What Will You Do?**

We grew up knowing that it is our practice as Catholics to give up something as a personal sacrifice during the Season of Lent. We may have even asked others, "What did you give up for Lent?" This practice also called **fasting** is to instill in us a spiritual discipline to deny ourselves something in our life that we are doing or eating in order to change our lives for the better and to unite our sacrifice with our Lord Jesus's Sacrifice on the Cross for our salvation.

Some sacrifices that people make would be spending less time watching TV or giving up candy, soft drinks, etc. What's important for us is to practice the traditional **fasting and abstinence** during Lent. **Fasting** from meat and **abstaining** from eating three large meals to one large and two lighter meals is to be done on Ash Wednesday and :Good Friday. **Fasting** from meat is to be practiced during all of the Fridays during Lent. This practice is obliged to people from age fourteen to fifty-eight. Anyone over fifty-eight may certainly continue this fasting discipline.

My friends, the deepest spiritual purpose for **fasting** is to actually do something in its place. That something is to spend time praying or reading the little black books available in the vestibule or some other spiritual reading especially the Bible. Also, there is good activity we can participate in such as doing any of the **Corporal Works of Mercy.**

Last week I wrote briefly about the **Spiritual Works of Mercy.** Now, I share briefly about the **Corporal Works of Mercy ...**

1. Feed the Hungry. **How?** Bring non-perishable food to the box in the vestibule of the Church.
2. Give drink to the Thirsty. **How?** Be hospitable to all who visit you and do volunteer work of serving food and drink.
3. Clothe the Naked. **How?** Donate clothes to the Guardian Angel Center in Kersey.
4. Visit the Imprisoned. **How?** Pray for those in prison and all who commit crimes.
5. Shelter the Homeless. **How?** Pray for proper housing for the homeless and contribute to organizations that do this.
6. Visit the Sick. **How?** Visit those in hospitals when you are able or send them a card or call them.
7. Bury the Dead. **How?** Always have a funeral Mass or Word Service in respect and honoring the dead.

Fasting and doing one or most of the Corporal Works of Mercy can bring greater spiritual conversion in our lives. That is what Lent is all about.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 7, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Andrea Calliari	Family	Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, Martyrs	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ann Michelini (birthday)	Frank—husband and Family	Saint John of God, Religious	Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Saint Frances of Rome, Religious	Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, March 10, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Lenten Weekday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12
Friday, March 11, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Lenten Weekday	Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, March 12, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Lenten Weekday	Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48
Saturday, March 12, 2022 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, March 13, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	George Chiodo	Terri—wife and Children	Second Sunday of Lent	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17 —4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

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Church Hours

St. Joseph Church: Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 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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