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# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

**Parish Stewardship for 2022-2023**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2022-2023 ..... \$3,365.00  
 Offertory collection 3/13/23 thru 3/20/23. .... \$2,243.00  
 CSA 2023 Campaign Parish Goal ..... \$31,773.00

**Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church**

**Pope's Intention for March**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



“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, and June 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



**Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. next two  
 Wednesdays — March 29 and April 5.**



**Lenten Penance Service  
 Palm Sunday at 2:00 p.m.**

The best way to prepare for the Easter Season is to go to confession. The term *Easter duty* means that all Catholics are obliged to go to confession during the Lenten or Easter Season and receive Holy Communion. What a tremendous gift Jesus gives us to be with Him.



**The 40 Days for Life ends next Sunday;  
 however, Your Prayers for the Innocents  
 Must Continue Every Day!**



Remember to donate to the **CRS Rice Bowl** collection to make a difference in the lives of people. Your Lenten alms donation can be placed in the basket in the vestibule in the church or at the Faith Formation Center on Palm Sunday, April 2.

Only two Fridays left to enjoy  
 St. Joseph Church Fish/Shrimp Dinners  
**March 31 Noon to 6:30  
 and Good Friday 2:30 to 6:30**

April 1 – 9am-1pm. **Sacred Heart Parish Food Fest, St Marys:**  
 Assorted Cookies, Rolls, Breads, Coconut & Peanut Butter Eggs. From the Kitchen for take-out ONLY! Pickled Eggs, Spaetzle Soup & Wedding Soup, Hot Sausage & Reuben Sandwiches. No pre-orders.

**WALNUT ROLL SALE at St. Mary Church**  
**Orders due by March 28th April 1st & 2nd - Pick up**  
 after 5:15pm, 7:30am, or 10:00 am Mass.  
 Orders can be placed via the flyers or by calling the rectory at 834-4701. Don't miss your chance to delight in the famous Solic Walnut rolls. Full loaf: \$10 and Half loaf: \$6.

**Cemetery Items Removal Deadline!**

The deadline for removing items from the graves (except for the solar lighting) is **this Wednesday, March 29th**. At this time you may place your Easter/Spring arrangement but the items which are very old or faded and of a Christmas theme will be discarded by cemetery maintenance on March 30th.



**The Preface Prayer of Giving Thanks  
 The Acclamation — Holy, Holy, Holy**

The final part of the Preface Prayer is an expression of giving thanks as the Roman Missal Mass Book says —“in which the priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father and gives thanks to Him for the whole work of salvation or for some particular aspect of it, according to the varying day, festivity or time of year.” (Roman Missal, page 36, No. 79) There are many *Preface Prayers* such as the *basic preface* in the Roman Missal used during the Ordinary Time of the Year which starts out: “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation , always and everywhere to give You thanks, Father Most Holy, through Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, Your Word through Whom You made all things ...)

The other *Preface Prayers* will have the same introduction of thanksgiving and then will continue as the following *Preface* used during the Season of Lent: “...For by Your Gracious Gift each year Your faithful await the Sacred Paschal Feasts with the joy of minds made pure...” (Roman Missal, page 546) In addition, there are *Preface Prayers* for feast days of the saints — “For in the marvelous confession of Your Saints, You make Your Church fruitful with strength ever new and offer us sure signs of Your Love...” (Roman Missal, page 600) The words of the *Preface Prayer* reflect on God’s marvelous deed to His people Israel up to our time today. It then concludes with more words of thanksgiving that leads us into the **Holy, Holy, Holy Acclamation.**

The words of the **Acclamation** is praise that we either recite or sing at Mass. These words “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Your Glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.” These words are sung by the Angels in Heaven as described by the prophet Isaiah in his sixth chapter. Dr. Ed Sri explains it this way: “Isaiah reports that he saw ‘the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up and His train filled the temple.’ (Isaiah 6:1) Above the Lord are the six-winged angelic seraphim which means ‘burning ones’ in Hebrew. This unique title suggests that these angels are close to God and they reflect His Radiance. Yet, even these angelic beings stand in utter awe before the divine presence. They cover their faces, daring not to behold the full glory of God and they call to one another in an ecstatic hymn of praise: ‘Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His Glory.’” (Isaiah 6:2-3) (Dr. Ed Sri, *The Mass*, pages 125-126)

When we sing the “Holy, Holy, Holy,” we are like the holy Angels in Heaven. Amen to that!

God Bless, Father Mark



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 27, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Kelly Duell—daughter (birthday) Mary Youngmark—mother	Cindy and Dale Duell	Lenten Weekday	Dn 13:1-9,15-17, 19-30 or 13:41c-62 Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday, March 28, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Kathy Jarvie	friend	Lenten Weekday	Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42
Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leno Zambanini (birthday)	Rita—daughter and Family	Lenten Weekday	Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59
Friday, March 31, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ryan Berasi (anniversary)	Bob-father	Lenten Weekday	Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42
Saturday, April 1, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass, Adoration, and Benediction FIRST SATURDAY	Ruth Cameroni	Bill, Matthew, Marnie, Megan, Nick Lavigna	Lenten Weekday	Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56
Saturday, April 1, 2023 5:30 p.m. Mass	Susan Huff	Castellani Family	<b>The Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	(see below)
Sunday, April 2, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14—27:11-54 or 27:11-54

**St. Joseph Church**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Thursday 9a.m.—4 p.m.

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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 —**

**Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. EVERY WEDNESDAY throughout Lent**

**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 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 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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