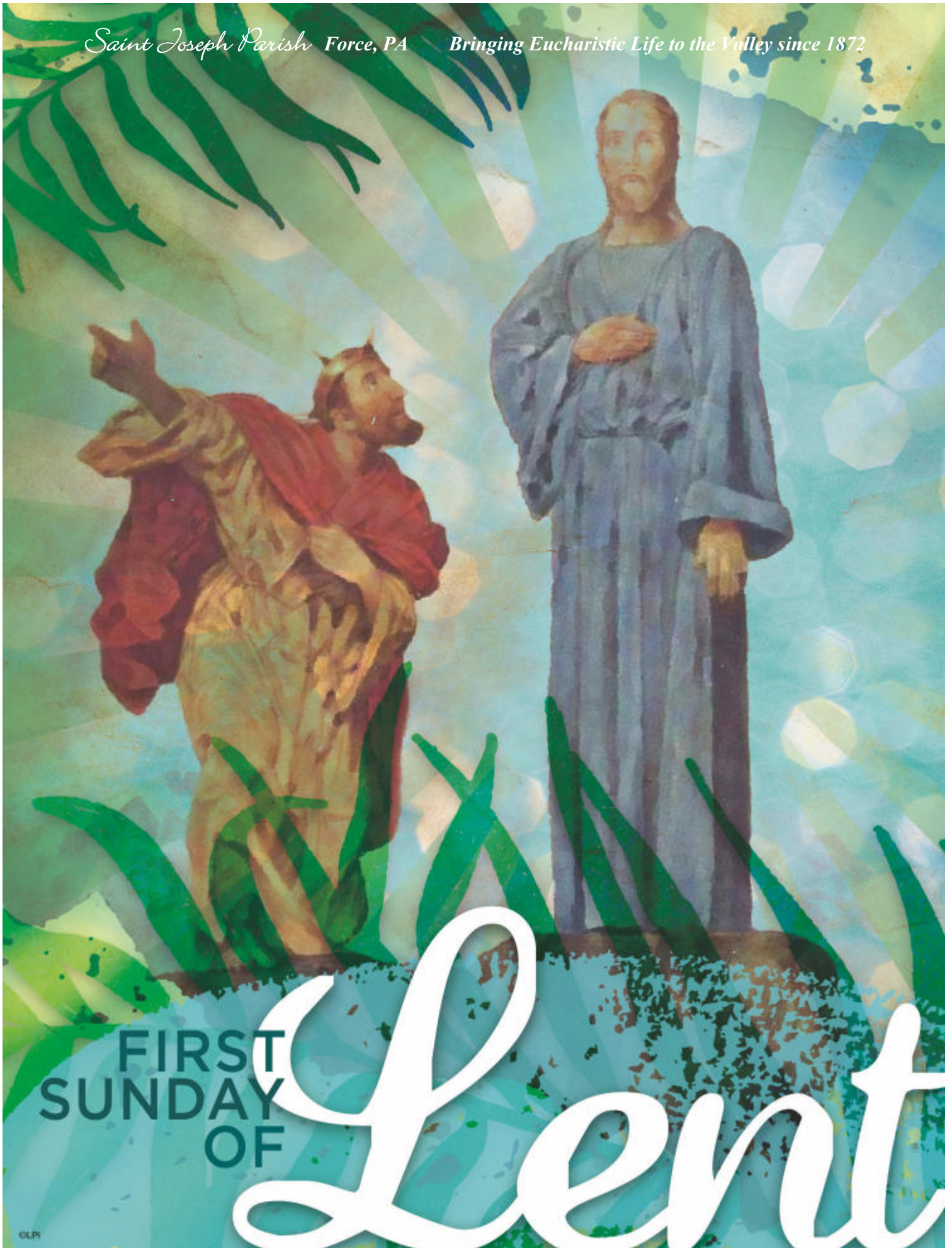


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Offertory for weekend February 22-23/2020 \$3,520.00

Deficit/Surplus weekend February 22-23/2020 -\$8.85

Budget from July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020.....\$183,500.00

Deficit/Surplus to-Date February 22-23/2020-\$12,981.62

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! Thank you!



March Events

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

Adult Faith Formation . 9:15 am and 6:30 pm. . . March 2

Stations of the Cross begin 6:00 p.m. Wed., March 4

(Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8 at 2 a.m.)

40 Days for Life sign-ups continue until April 5

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

Spiritual Formation Opportunity. March 25

2020 March Baptismal Class Schedule

St. Boniface, Kersey 7 p.m. . . . March 10

One of the aspects of Lent is almsgiving. Through the Rice Bowl Collection program, sixty-percent of all contributions support CRS’s humanitarian and development programs overseas. The remaining forty-percent stays in our diocese to support local hunger and poverty prevention programs, including food pantries and soup kitchens. Rice Bowls will be distributed during Faith Formation Classes this Sunday, March 1. Rice Bowls/envelopes will also be available in the vestibule for anyone wishing to contribute during this Lenten season.

Pledge Commitment Turn-in for CSA began Feb.22/23. If you haven’t turned in your pledge for this year’s CSA Campaign, you can be dropped in the collection basket, mailed it or take it to the church office. Thank you for pledging this year. Your contribution will help reach our church goal of \$32,626. (After this amount assigned to St. Joseph Church has been reached, the remaining amount will go toward our church goal. Thank you for your pledge.

40 Days for Life began Ash Wednesday, February 26 and will last until April 5, 2020. The campaign of praying every day and choosing one of the **40 Days** to do something extra such as fasting or by reciting special prayers from the **“40 Days for Life”** prayer sheets really impacts the way a baby’s life is saved and abortion is **not** the answer. Sign-ups for the Campaign are always welcome. You can sign-up on the sheets and take a prayer sheet that are available in the vestibule to ensure each of the **40 Days** is covered in this campaign. (Sponsored by Elk Co Right to Life)

The information of the Spiritual Formation Opportunity Day with Bishop Lawrence Persico on Wednesday, March 25 are detailed in the insert included in our bulletin.

Daylight Savings Time approaches — Spring is on its way!



Cast Away Evil Distractions

It is good and absolutely important throughout our lives to take the time to pay attention and respond to good distractions that happen around us.

What do I mean by good distractions? For example, we could be in the middle of an important project when suddenly the phone rings. It’s your friend’s number that shows up. Should you let your friend leave a message or should you take the time to answer the call? You decide to answer it; and thank our Good Lord that you did. Your friend’s mother had suddenly died and your friend needs to talk to you right now. You had been absorbed in your work; but now you are called upon to listen compassionately.

Perhaps, in another situation, you are mowing your yard before the rain comes. A neighbor, who is trying to patch a hole on the roof of his house, runs over and needs your assistance right now as well. You stop to help him which makes all the difference for him. These are good distractions that come our way which really are not distractions at all, but opportunities to help someone in need.

As we begin this First Sunday of Lent, Jesus is faced with evil distractions during His forty days in the desert. These particular temptations/distractions He would also encounter in different ways throughout His public ministry. What are they? “If you are the Son of God, turn these stones into bread” (Matthew 4:3). Jesus was hungry; but He was not going to break His fasting just to demonstrate God’s power.

The second temptation/evil distraction was for Jesus again to show God’s power by jumping off the parapet of the temple, and trusting “the angels will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone (Psalm 91:11-12). Jesus again refuses and says, “You shall not put the Lord, your God to the test.” (Mt 4:7)

The last temptation is for Jesus to have all of the worldly kingdoms but He had to worship the devil. Jesus refuses this and casts the devil away.

My brothers and sisters, we too are faced with evil distractions. They can be anger that builds to rage and hatred or unnecessary fear that distracts us from doing the good we know to do. Finally, the constant distraction of anything or any idea viewed on TV screens, phones, computers or the movies that can lead us into sin. These evil distractions must be cast out.

The Bible, the Rosary, the Sacraments, kind acts of service, the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, etc. serve as our armor giving us victory over evil. Using these, peace and joy can be ours during Lent and throughout life.
God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 2, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	George Chiodo	Family	Lenten Weekday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday, March 3, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	James R. Pisaneschi	Walter and Christine Gavazzi	Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin	Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, March 4, 2020 NO Mass			Saint Casimir	Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Yvonne "Sissy" Franzoni	E. Hesel and Juanita	Lenten Weekday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12
Friday, March 6, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST FRIDAY	Jennie Chiappelli	Family		Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, March 7, 2020 FIRST SATURDAY Adoration & Benediction 9:00 a.m.	Communion Service Only		Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, Martyrs	Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48
Saturday, March 7, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Stanley and Mary Gusherowski and Grandson Steven	Barb and Dave Lease	Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent	See below
Sunday, March 8, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass (Daylight Savings Time begins)	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Second Sunday of Lent	Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

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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 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 – 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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