

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

O F L E N T

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While he was praying his face changed in appearance  
and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

**Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022**  
 Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022 . . . . . \$3,365.00  
 Offertory from February 28 thru March 7 . . . . . \$3,447.00  
 CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal . . . . . \$32,404.00

Fish/Shrimp Dinners were a great success this past week!  
 A total of 648 dinners were sold. Thank you for your support!

**Stations of the Cross will be 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday throughout Lent.**

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

**No Mass or Communion Service This Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday**

**Remember to spring ahead! This Weekend!**



**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.

The **Cemetery Committee** requests that you please remove the personal items that you placed on your loved one’s graves. The recent milder weather has provided an opportunity to clean up the grave site and allow maintenance the opportunity to clear the cemetery of the Joy of the Christmas Season and prepare the grounds for the Holy Season of Lent. Grounds clean-up and removal will begin Monday, March 21 — weather permitting. Thank you for your cooperation.



This Saturday, March 19th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker with a Mass at 8:30 a.m. Following the Mass, we will gather for light refreshments in the social hall. Hope to see you there.

Picture taken from: <https://www.bing.com>

“He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph’s wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying ‘Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord’” (St. Bernadine of Siena)  
 (Taken from the book: Saint of the Day by Leonard Foley OFM Page 70)



**Encountering God on the Mountain**

We are so blessed in this part of Pennsylvania to be living in Bennetts Valley and enjoying the beautiful mountains all around us. Hiking, camping, and hunting in these woods are very popular throughout the whole year. Being at camp on the mountain can be so relaxing and healing from busy demands of one’s job and tensions in life. Being at camp on the mountain can also be an inspiring opportunity for prayer and spiritual reading and as an encounter with God.

Finding God on the mountain is told and read about many times in the Old Testament of the Bible. Moses received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai. Mount Zion is also mentioned as a place of peace and harmony between animals and people. It is an image of God’s Kingdom — a place to encounter God.

In a like manner, in our Gospel Reading this weekend, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain for some time to pray. What happened during that time was an encounter with God that would affirm Peter, James and John in their faith in Jesus and it would strengthen Jesus to ultimately face His Death and Resurrection.

What was the encounter? Jesus being revealed in His Glory just as it is described: “While He was praying, His Face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white” (Luke 9:29) Also, Jesus’s conversation with Moses and Elijah is to indicate that Jesus’s Death and Resurrection would fulfill and complete the Law that Moses represented and the prophets that Elijah represented.

My friends, during this Lenten Season go to the place where you will best encounter God in prayer. This place may be on a mountain at camp. But, this place can also simply be that special room in your home where it is quiet with no distractions. One of the best places to encounter our Lord is by making a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in the Church.

**We, Catholics** are familiar with these words to make a visit in Church. Jesus is truly present in the Host in the Tabernacle as He patiently waits for us to come into Church and pray and spend our time with Him — our Eucharistic Lord.

God Bless, Father Mark



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 14, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Lenten Weekday	Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Lenten Weekday	Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Lenten Weekday	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
Thursday, March 17, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Saint Patrick, Bishop	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
Friday, March 18, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Saturday, March 19, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	<b>Blessed Mother's Intentions</b>	St. Joseph Parishioners	<b>Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday, March 19, 2022 5:30 p.m. Mass	Josephine Moyer (birthday)	Michele Castellani - daughter	Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, March 20, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Third Sunday of Lent	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

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