

Parish Stewardship

Offertory collection for 03/03/24. \$3,299.00
 Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024. \$3,365.00
 CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024. \$31,134.00
 CSA Pledges to date. \$26,010.00
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Pope's Intention for March
For New Martyrs

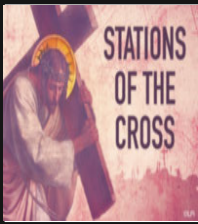
Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

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

Coffee and Donuts! After Mass next Sunday, March 17th, we will have coffee and donuts in the social hall to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The Faith Formation students will have donuts and milk in their classrooms.



Our Fish/Shrimp dinners are being served every Friday during Lent from NOON to 6:30 pm (or until sold out). Cost is \$15 per dinner.



There will be Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent, beginning on February 21st and will continue through March 27th. Adult Faith Formation classes about the Mass will follow in the social hall from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

St. Mark (Emporium)	Sunday March 10	6:00 pm
Queen of the World	Wednesday March 13	6:30 pm
St. Leo	Monday March 18	6:00 pm
St. Mary	Friday March 22	6:30 pm
St. Joseph	Sunday March 24	2:00 pm

Thoughts on the Mass (#8 continued from right column)

8. (continued) An example of this is when God tells Moses; "I will be with you," when Moses will have to go against the Pharaoh and bring God's People out of Egypt. Another example is when the angel Gabriel greeted Mary with similar words when she was asked to be the Mother of our Savior. His words to her are "The Lord is with you!" (Lk 1: 28)

These are affirming biblical greetings and this is why the celebration of Mass begins this way. It is good and necessary that the priest greets us and that we greet him at the beginning of Mass with these words; "The Lord be with you, and with your Spirit."

Necessary Lenten Practices

- ✠ Take the Rice Bowl and fill it with your contribution for those in greatest need.
- ✠ Go to confession on Saturday afternoon before Mass, by appointment in the Faith Formation Center, or during our Penance Service on Palm Sunday, March 24th at 2:00 pm.

**The Ten Commandments (Part Two)**

6. "You shall not commit adultery." This Commandment forbids anyone who is married to have a physical relationship with someone else other than their spouse, whether the other person be single or married. Through this Commandment, if anyone is having such a relationship, our Lord is telling them to stop.

7. "You shall not steal." If anyone has taken anything from someone which does not belong to them without the other person's permission, this is stealing. This can also include taking someone's copyright information, committing forgery or plagiarism. Accompanying anyone in stealing is also agreeing and sharing in breaking this Commandment.

8. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Lying is breaking this Commandment. Also, a good question may be *Have we said anything about someone that is not true?* This is Calumny. Had we said anything about someone, that is true, that we had no business to say or had no permission to say? If it becomes harmful to that person, this is Detraction. Calumny, Lying, and Detraction break the 8th Commandment.

9. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house." Do we have a big desire in our heart for someone else's house and/or property, even to the point of jealousy or doing all we can to have a house like theirs?

10. "You shall not covet your neighbors wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him." Are we satisfied with the things we have? What's in our hearts? And are we respectful and faithful to those we love the most?

God Bless, Father Mark

Thoughts on the Mass (a continuation)

7. After the priest venerates the altar, he then goes to his chair and makes the Sign of the Cross: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In this gesture and prayer, we are acknowledging that we together are starting Mass with the prayer to God, Who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; The Holy Trinity.
8. After the priest makes the Sign of the Cross, he says to the people; "The Lord Be With You!" The people then respond; "And With Your Spirit!" One of the most affirming greetings we read in the Bible from God is; "I will be with you." If the greeting is initiated by an angel to a faith filled person, the words are; "The Lord is with you."

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 11, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother Intention		Lenten Weekday	Is 65: 17-21 Jn 4: 43-54 (244)
Tuesday, March 12, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Kimberly A. Forster birthday	Mom & Dad	Lenten Weekday	Ez 47: 1-9, 12 Jn 5: 1-16 (245)
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Is 49: 8-15 Jn 5: 17-30 (246)
Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Louise & Anthony Coccimiglio AND Maria & Joseph Orsi	Rich & Mary Levanduski	Lenten Weekday	Ex 32: 7-14 Jn 5: 31-47 (247)
Friday, March 15, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Lenten Weekday	Wis 2: 1a, 12-22 Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)
Saturday, March 16, 2024 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Jer 11: 18-20 Jn 7: 40-53 (249)
Saturday, March 16, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Duane Liptak	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, March 17, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish		Fifth Sunday of Lent	Jer 31: 31-34 Heb 5: 7-9 Jn 12: 20-33

St. Joseph Church

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OFFICE HOURS

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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 on 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 9th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School 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. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

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