

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

Water: For a desert people, a green, well-watered place is heaven on earth. It is no wonder that God chose a garden for Adam and Eve. In the desert, we search for an oasis. For all the severe beauty of the desert, it is water that we need. Today, we return to the waters of life, the waters of baptism.

We can turn the question posed in the first reading, "is the Lord in our midst or not?" to this: "The Lord is in our midst. Do we care about this or not?" If we have forgotten, Lent is our time to learn again. Our confidence to enter into Lent lies not in our moral toughness but in the constancy of the One who is in our midst, the One who gives living waters.

Try this: go without water for an uncomfortable amount of time. Then slowly and carefully savor the experience of drinking water. Then re-read today's Gospel and see where it leads you.

1. How does the metaphor of living waters help you appreciate the meaning of Jesus in your life?
2. How does the patience of God show in the first reading? How is the patience and daring of Jesus made evident in the Gospel?

PARISH NEWS

Saturday Mass: March Masses will be held at St. Michael

(SJP & SMP) **Parish website:** stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org

Funerals: If there is a funeral during the week, the morning Mass will be cancelled.

Office: Contact the office at St. Joseph with any questions or concerns you may have from either Parish. (814)226-7288. Thank you!

Rosary: Of all our prayers to the Mother of Mercy, the one which the Church urges us most insistently (to pray) is the rosary, the recital of which God rewards with countless graces and blessings. Blessed Michael Sopocko.

St. Michael's Church will be having Lenten Reflections on Thursday mornings during Lent. They will consist of 8am Mass, morning prayer, and following will be discussion and reflections on the Gospels in the Heritage Room. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome!

The St. Joseph High School Alumni Association Banquet is being held on Saturday, May 23rd, 2020 at the St. Joseph Hall. 4PM Mass at St. Joseph Church for all living and deceased members of the St. Joseph High School. There will be a social hour from 5pm to 6pm with dinner at 6. RSVP by April 1st by contacting Linda Steiner-Mander at 814-226-6083

St. Michael Church: There will be a spring cleanup of the parish grounds on Saturday, April 4th, 2020 beginning at 8:00am. (Rain date is onday, April 6th, 2020 at 5:30pm) Lots of help is needed to get the grounds ready. Please bring rakes and shovels.

St. Michael Church: There will be a spring cleaning of St. Michael's Church on Saturday, April 4th starting at 8:30am. All parishioners, men, women, and children are asked to bring buckets, cloths and a little time to help clean the Lord's House before Easter.

PARISH NEWS

Hall rental for St. Joseph's: If you would like to rent the hall, you will now need to contact the church office.

A Mom to Mom Sale will be held at St. Michael's Hall on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Over 25 sellers will be offering used baby/children's clothing and gear. Entry at the door the day of the sale is \$1. This type of sale is a great way to find affordable kid/baby items. There will also be a concession stand with baked items, hot dogs, chips and beverages. We need help setting up table for this event and baking cookie, muffins and cinnamon rolls. We could also use a few extra hands the day of the sale. If you are able to help, please contact Karen Wolbert at 814-227-9555 (day) or 814-354-2492 (evenings/weekends). All proceeds will benefit the St. Michael Roof/Steeple project. Thank you!

The Easter Egg Hunt at St. Michael's Church will be held on Sunday, April 5th after 10am Mass. We are asking for donations of small wrapped candy that can be put into plastic eggs. Boxes will be at the doors of the church. Thank you!

Seder Meal: Don't forget to make your reservation for the Seder Meal. Deadline is March 22nd. To be held in St. Joseph Social Hall, Wednesday, April 8th beginning at 6:30pm. All are welcome! Space is limited. Contact Judy Wolbert at 226-8399.

Correction to Sisters from St. Joseph Parish: The following sisters were not given to us by the Diocese since they had either left the Diocese of Erie or have passed away; Sr. Germaine (Bonnie) Hartle, Sr. Raphael (Cecilia) Baker, Sr. Mary Benigna (Helen) Bauer, Sr. Mary Bernadine (Catherine) Engel, Sr. Mary Teresita (Hilda) Bridge, Sr. Mary Rita (Nathilda) Engel, Sr. Mary Bernard (Mary) Lander, Sr. Mercedes (Geraldine) Miskovich, Sr. Roberta (Elsie) Ochs, Sr. Mary Maurice (Hilda) Wolbert.

A group from St. Joseph will be standing in prayerful vigil outside Planned Parenthood in Pittsburgh on Thursday, March 19th from 3pm-5pm. If interested, please contact annhuebert@gmail.com.

Liturgy Schedule March 21st & March 22nd

4:00 p.m. St. Michael Church

Sacristan: Jody Guth
Lector: Stan Montana
Euch Min: Deacon Mike
Altar Server: Jamie Bauer
Ushers: Bernie Hoover, Ted Weaver, Sam Smerkar,
Tom Fesenmyer
Rosary: Karen Schmader
R.S. Cleaner: Louise Fiscus

7:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Donna Jones
Euch Min: Deacon Mike
Altar Server: Braden Ochs, Eliza Datko
Ushers: Dale Gatesman, Brad, Dana, & Luke Ochs

10:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Sacristan: Casey Rapp
Lector: Carol Kiser
Euch Min: Deacon Mike
Altar Server: Jake Eisenman, Mason Hooper
Ushers: Bern, Brad, Mark & Josh Beichner
Rosary: Marie Fletcher
R.S. Cleaner: Louise Fiscus

Mass Schedule March 16th - March 22nd

Tuesday, March 17th

7:45 a.m. - (SJP) Sister Mary Bernard Lander by The Parish

Wednesday, March 18th

7:45 a.m. - (SJP) Bud Lander by Mike O'Neill

Thursday, March 19th

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Ed & Mary Wolbert & Cookie Bauer by Gene & Janet Fesenmyer

Friday, March 20th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Margaret Karg's 90th Birthday by The Family

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 21st

Confession at St. Michael, 3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - (SMP) James Schwabenbauer by Lida & Family

Sunday, March 22nd

7:30 a.m. - (SJP) Parish Family

10:00 a.m. - (SMP) Norman Kinch by The Grandchildren

Collection Counters

SJP: George & Lisa Carroll

SMP: Bern Beichner Jr., Jack Lauffer, Judy Eisenman

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of

SJP: Diane Ochs by Sam & Ann Schmader

SMP: Helen Smerkar by Eugene & Agnes Reisinger

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Parish Family, All Special Intentions

Service People on Active Duty

Slugger Wagner, Bill & Steve Phillips, Jayleigh Ochs, Brendan & Terry

George, Punkie & Joe Griebel, Jim Pfaff, Barb Wigton, Traci Kumer,

Matthew Samulewski, Chuck Zacherl, Fr. Daniel Prez, Roxanne Miller, and a

special intention

All victims of disasters and violence

If you'd like to add someone, call the office or drop a note in the collection basket.

School News (814) 226-8018

—You can register your children now for the '20-'21 school year.
Call the school for more information. (814) 226-8018.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Joseph's

DATE: March 7th & March 8th

Sunday Collection: \$1,491

Loose Collection: \$717

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Michael's

DATE: March 7th & March 8th

Sunday Collection: \$4,047

Loose Collection: \$414

The Theme for the 2020 CSA is: FORWARD TOGETHER:

"Doing the work of Christ".

SJP: Our CSA goal for 2020 is \$29,345. Monies over and above our goal will be used for painting window seals in the church, repairs to the Rectory porch roof and garage, and replace the roof on the convent.

SMP: Our CSA goal for 2020 is \$36,015. Monies over and above our goal will be used for a new church roof.

ST MICHAEL CHURCH FRYBURG PA

ROOF FUNDRAISER

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OR HEART MADE FROM THE
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CONTACT: MARCIA OCHS AT (814) 226-7288

March 15th

LISTEN TO THE LOVE SONG that I am continually singing to you. *I take great delight in you. I rejoice over you with singing.* The voices of the world are a cacophony of chaos, pulling you this way and that. Don't listen to those voices; challenge them with My Word. Learn to take minibreaks from the world, finding a place to be still in My Presence and listen to My voice.

There is immense hidden treasure to be found through listening to Me. Though I pour out blessings upon you always, some of My richest blessings have to be actively sought. I love to reveal Myself to you, and your seeking heart opens you up to receive more of My disclosure. *Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.*

Lent Confession Schedule 2020

Sunday, March 22nd, St. Mary's Crown @ 3:00pm

Monday, March 23rd, St. Charles @ 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 25th, St. Titus @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 31st, St. Joseph's Lucinda @ 7:00pm

Sunday, April 5th, St. Patrick's @ 4:00pm

Tuesday, April 7th, Immaculate Conception Clarion @ 7:00pm

Just two more weeks until 1:38 Women - register now! Do you want to rejoice and be glad? Then join women from across the Diocese of Erie and beyond for the Sixth Annual 1:38 Women's Conference. This day of inspiration, spiritual growth and worship, open to women of all faiths, will feature national speakers - including Caralyn Collar from New York City, Alyssa Bormes from Hopkins, Minnesota and Sr. Regina Marie from Los Angeles, California --- adoration, reconciliation and Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico. For more information and to register, visit www.138women.com or call (814)455-7364.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 22, 2020

(Lec. 31)

- I. 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
- II. Ephesians 5:8-14
- III. John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Liturgy of the Word

In the first reading, the Lord sends Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem because the Lord has chosen the new king from among Jesse's sons. Samuel goes, and anoints David *in the presence of his brothers*.

In Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he exhorts them to *live as children of light*.

In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a man blind from birth. After Jesus gives the man sight, the Pharisees become divided over the account. The man defends Jesus, explaining that he must be from God.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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