

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

Saint Joseph Church

79 Case Avenue, Sharon, PA 16146
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Rev. Thomas J. Whitman, Pastor

Director of Religious Ed:

Sr. Sandy Pedone, H.M.

Parish Secretary: Lori Vasconi

Financial Secretary: Carol Koch

Maintenance: Brad Goodall

Music Director: Mary Messina

Office Hours

Monday - Friday,
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
(closed 12:30-1:30 PM)

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 5:15 PM
Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Weekday: M, T, Th, Fri - 8:00 AM
Wed. - 12:10 PM
(Check weekly bulletin for changes.)

Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM or by request.

Religious Education Program

Sundays, 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM
CCD Grades K-10 at Case Avenue Elem.
School, Grade II in the church annex.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Every Wednesday after the 12:10 PM Mass in
the Mother's Chapel.

Shenango Valley


Catholic School System

Mr. William Lyon, Principal, Kennedy
Catholic Middle and High Schools:
724-346-5531

Mr. Joshua Testa, Principal
St. John Paul II: 724-342-2205



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AVAILABLE

PARISHIONER PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY & ZIP _____
PHONE _____
E-Mail _____

Place completed form in today's collection basket or drop it off in the church office.

New Member Address Change Update Info

Baptism: Please contact the parish office to schedule a time and date. A pre-baptism class is required. No baptisms during Advent and Lent.

Matrimony: By appointment six months in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):
Please call the church office at 724-981-3232.

Prayer Line: For intentions, please call 724-342-3456.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: So far in our Catholic Services Appeal we have 84 pledges for \$35,845. Our assessment goal for the diocese is \$66,000. Last year we exceeded our goal thanks to the 278 generous families and individuals who made a pledge or a one-time contribution to this appeal. We will be using the money we collect over our goal this year to re-pad the kneelers in the church, fix the canopy at the Clepper entrance, and update some computer software in the parish office.

We are inviting every parish family to make some gift or pledge to this campaign. We are grateful to those who continue to make the Catholic Services Appeal a priority because it is through your generous gifts that we are able to keep St. Joseph Parish moving forward. May God continue to reward you for your generosity and your thoughtfulness. Pledge envelopes will be in the pews for the next several weeks. **Please make your checks out to St. Joseph Church.**

SOUP AND STATIONS: Every Wednesday during Lent at 6:00pm we will walk the Stations of the Cross and a soup and bread meal will follow in the Choir room immediately after the stations are completed. All are welcome.

SCAM: In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, clergy and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request (including an email or text message) for such information or a request for financial assistance (including the purchase of gift cards of any type), exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

PENANCE SERVICES:

Sunday, March 24, Beloved Disciple, Grove City – 2:00pm

Sunday, March 31, St. Michael, Greenville – 1:00pm

Sunday, March 31, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mercer – 4:00pm

Monday, April 1, Good Shepherd, West Middlesex – 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 9, St. Joseph, Sharon – 7:00pm

Thursday, April 11, Notre Dame, Hermitage – 6:30pm

REFLECTIONS: Please see today's insert; *First Sunday of Lent, Jesus is Tempted in the Desert.*

FUNERAL Our sympathy and prayers to the family of John Kurelko. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS If you or a loved one are unable to attend church for health reasons or a disability, please call the church office at 724-981-3232 to be placed on our First Friday list. By signing up, the First Friday of each month a Eucharistic Minister or our priest will come to your home and distribute Holy Communion. When the priest visits he will also administer the Anointing of the Sick.

PARISH COUNCIL The March Parish Council meeting is Monday, March 18 at 6:00pm in the choir room.

WOMEN'S GUILD MONTHLY MEETING: The next Guild meeting is Tuesday, March 19 at 1:00pm in the Guild Hall. All new and current members are welcome and encouraged to come. Hope to see you there!

BAPTISM CLASS If you are planning to have your child baptized, a baptism class is required for the parents. To arrange a baptismal class, please call the church office at 724-981-3232.

TEMPTATION OF JESUS

“It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.”

Luke 4: 1-13

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ed Thomas, Bill Lasche, Lorraine Penhos, Lillian Fabrey, Ed Benedict, Donna Fraley, Tess McCallen, Toni Ryan, Tony Perry, Ruth Perry, Grover McKnight, Gerrie Derr, Emily Spielvogle and Leah Martin.

**~ ALL WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS ~
UPCOMING 2019 2nd QUARTER SCHEDULE**

Altar Servers - Lectors - Eucharistic Ministers - Greeters
We will begin in March the process of preparing for the 2nd quarter schedule of 2019 which runs from April 6 – June 30, 2019. If you are unavailable to serve during any of the 2nd quarter weekends, please **remember** to log on your profile at: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/web-terminal/login/stjosephchurchsharon> and block off the dates you will not be available to serve by **FRIDAY, March 15, 2019**. If you do not have access to your profile online, please call the church office at 724-981-3232 for assistance, and/or if you have any questions.

JOB VACANCY – SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER POSITION

Good Shepherd Parish is seeking a person with Secretary/Bookkeeper skills. Requirements: must have a high school diploma, previous secretarial history (3-5 years) supported by positive references, excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work with minimal supervision. Typing and computer skills a must with knowledge of Microsoft Office, Publisher & Excel. Secretarial duties include welcoming visitors, answering phone calls, maintain calendar of events and maintain confidentiality regarding visitors appointments and conversations, data entry, forwarding timesheets to payroll company, compiling a weekly bulletin, maintaining up-to-date sacramental records, filing, and other duties as assigned. Bookkeeping duties: processing invoices for payment, bank reconciliation and financial reporting.

Please send resume to Good Shepherd Church at PO Box 226, West Middlesex, PA 16159, Attention: Fr. Glenn Whitman before March 31st.

MERCER COUNTY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT LEAGUE is hosting a Day of Recollection on Sunday, March 17 at St. Joseph Church in Sharon, PA. Fr. Ian McElrath is the retreat leader. Doors open at 12:30pm, with dinner beginning at 1:00pm and closing with Mass at 4:00pm. Tickets are available until March 10 for \$12. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact Mary Beth Jones at 724-301-7077.

WEEKEND COLLECTION - March 4, 2019

Number of Adult envelopes sent..... 859
Number of Adult envelopes used..... 276
Number of unused envelopes..... 583

Sunday Offertory.....\$ 9,578
Budgeted Offertory.....\$10,650
Deficit.....(\$ 1,072)

FEATURED FOOD PANTRY ITEM

Next week's featured item - **Toilet Tissue**. Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space.

UPCOMING FEATURED ITEMS

Bar Soap - Toothpaste - Canned Fruit

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers! Distribution days are the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. If you'd like to volunteer for one or both sessions, please report to the church's lower level at 8:00am on our next distribution day, Friday, March 15.

LOCAL LENTEN FISH FRIES!



ST. ANTHONY: Let us cook & do the dishes! Join your fellow parishioners, family, and friends for a fun, social evening! Beginning Friday, March 8 and serving every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday. Dinner served from 4:00–7:00 PM at St. Anthony Church Hall, Sherman Ave., Sharon. Dinners served with: choice of fried or baked fish, baked potato or French fries, apple sauce or coleslaw for \$10. Palacinkas available for \$7. Take Out Available!

ST. PATRICK-HUBBARD: Beginning March 8 and each Friday during Lent from 4-7:00pm in the church hall, located at 357 N. Main St., Hubbard. Haddock Fish Dinners (choice of baked, fried or Italian), side choice of pierogies, fries, mac & cheese, halushki or ravioli; coleslaw or applesauce, drink, bread and butter and dessert. Cost is \$10-adult/\$7 for children. Also available are Fantail Shrimp or Clam Strip dinners for \$9. Take Out Available! Any questions, please call St. Patrick's at 330-534-4219.

ST. MICHAEL-GREENVILLE: Fish dinner includes your choice of baked or fried fish, choice of French fries, mac and cheese or cabbage and noodles; coleslaw, applesauce, green beans or salad; bread and butter, dessert and drink. Beginning March 8 and each Friday during Lent, dinners are served from 4:30-7:00pm. Cost: \$10-adult/youth up to age 12-\$7. Fish Fry is held at the **Knights of Columbus Hall**, 170 Clarksville St., Greenville. Take Outs are available by calling the Knight's Hall at 724-588-9911.

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REMINDER

- **March 10** at 9:30am, First Communion Parent Meeting-Annex
- **March 17** at 9:30, 9th & 10th grade retreat-Buhl Park
- **March 24** at 9:30am, All Parent / Family Activity-Case Ave. School
- **March 28** at 6:00pm, 3rd Grade Blessing Cup Meal-Guild Hall

Mass Intentions

+Indicates Mass Time

Monday, March 11—Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25: 31-46

+8:00 Al Sangregorio (Joann Sangregorio)

Tuesday, March 12—Is 55: 10-11 / Mt 6: 7-15

+8:00 Joseph Wiesen (Family)

Wednesday, March 13—Jon 3: 1-10 / Lk 11: 29-32

+12:10 Clementine Rossi (St. Joseph Women's Guild)

*2:30 West Hill Ministries

* 6:00 Stations and Soup

Thursday, March 14—Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7: 7-12

+8:00 Irene Moran (Family)

+1:30 Ridgewood-Austin Donoughe (Family)

*2:30 West Hill Ministries

*6:00 RCIA-choir room

Friday, March 15—Ez 18: 21-28 / Mt 5: 20-26

+8:00 Ed Porterfield (James and Bonnie Charles)

Saturday, March 16—Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18/Phil 3: 17-4:1 or 3: 20-4:1/Lk 9: 28b-36

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

+5:15 Jack Taylor (Dorothy Priester)

Sunday, March 17—Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18/Phil 3: 17-4:1 or 3: 20-4:1/Lk 9: 28b-36

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+8:30 Bob Wiesen (Family)

+11:00 Gertrude Ruhley (Pat Rettger)

Ministry Schedule for March 16/17

Saturday, Mar. 16, 2019 Vigil 5:15 PM Mass	LECTOR	S. McLaughlin
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<u>E. Anderson, M. Goodwin</u> , S. Messina, P. Dach, D. Dach, T. H. Cole, K. Bonomo
	ALTAR SERVERS	N. Alexander, M. Jordan, N. Jordan
	GREETERS	<u>GS</u> : B. & F. Smeraglia <u>Fr</u> : F. Giroski
Sunday, Mar. 17, 2019 8:30 AM Mass	LECTOR	S. Swogger
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<u>J. Walsh, P. Emery</u> , B. Maffey, G. Maffey, P. Young, J. Vukovich, J. Mausser
	ALTAR SERVERS	P. Haroldson, V. Haroldson, S. Pass
	GREETERS	<u>GS</u> : C. Dunn
Sunday, Mar. 17, 2019 11:00 AM Mass	LECTOR	M. Joseph
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<u>J. Grandy, D. Yao</u> , D. Ranelli, L. Dach, G. Pacsi, V. Mulligan, Dr. D'Amore, D. D'Amore, G. Smith, U. Goda, J. Kaibas
	ALTAR SERVERS	H. Busi, R. Busi, B. Dach, C. Joseph
	GREETERS	<u>GS</u> M. A. Smith, L. Voytko <u>CL</u> : O. Pacsi <u>Fr</u>: T. & R. Rookey



WEEKDAY-HOSPITAL

Mar. 12 - P. Radasevich

Mar. 13 - K. Mueller

Mar. 14 - P. Helderfer

March 17

SRMC - G. Smith

Nugent - D. Ranelli

Clepper - G. Pacsi



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning March 13 and each Wednesday during Lent at 6:00pm we welcome and invite you to join us as we follow the footsteps of Christ's journey to the cross. Immediately following Stations of the Cross, everyone is welcome to join us for fellowship and soup in the choir room.