

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

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.

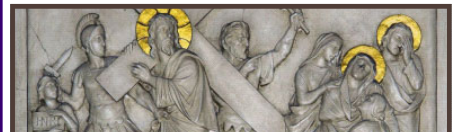
Parish Council Meetings

Council typically meets on the third
Monday of each month.

Shenango Valley Catholic School System

Catholic Middle and High Schools:
724-346-5531
St. John Paul II:
724-342-2205

STATIONS & SOUP



Please join us each Wednesday
during Lent at 6:00pm 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.



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HEARING
ENHANCEMENTS
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 724-981-3232.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

LITURGICAL CHANGES: As you well know this is cold and flu season, and now there are issues related to the coronavirus. There will be other changes as time goes on depending on how the virus spreads in this country and our community. In light of this, Bishop Persico is asking us to suspend the sign of peace and drinking the Precious Blood of Christ from the cup.

I would offer this advice as well. If you are not feeling well, you should not be coming to church. We all have the obligation to attend Mass each week, but there is one exception to that rule, if you are sick or caring for someone who is sick. The church gives this permission in order to protect the health of the community. If you are ill, please stay home until you are well again.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: So far, we have 135 pledges for \$53,780 in our Catholic Services Appeal. You can still place your pledge envelope in the regular collection basket. Pledge envelopes are at the end of the pews. Our parish assessment to the Diocese this year is \$65,000.

Our Parish project for this year and next year will be to complete the restoration process on the stained-glass windows. This project was begun 8 years ago when 41 windows were restored that were in the worst condition. Presently, 50 windows have been removed and are in the process of restoration. Those windows will return in the Spring of 2020 and the remaining 55 windows will be removed for restoration and will return by the end of 2020. The total cost of these final two phases is \$185,000. We are using some of our savings to pay this cost upfront. We hope that in the next two years we might be able to recoup that expense with the monies we collect over and above our Catholic Services Appeal Assessment. **We are setting our goal this year for \$130,000. \$65,000 for our parish assessment and \$65,000 to go toward the restoration of the windows.**

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, March 15 – Beloved Disciple, Grove City – 1:30PM

Sunday, March 22 – St. Michael, Greenville – 1:00PM & Immaculate Heart, Mercer – 4:00PM

Wednesday, March 25 – Good Shepherd, West Middlesex – 6:30PM

Tuesday, March 31 – Notre Dame – 6:30PM

Thursday, April 2 – St. Joseph – 7:00PM.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS: Since I am including inserts each week on a particular theme, I will not focus on the readings here. Our readings for the next three weeks are focused on deepening our faith. This week speaks about “living water.” Living water has some connection to its source which keeps it flowing, pouring, moving on course. Stagnant water just sits there and eventually becomes polluted because of its lack of connection to its source. There is nothing to renew or replenish it. In what ways are we settling for the stagnant waters of the world? Where is God calling you to living water?

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Pledge to Heal: The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping victims of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their families through the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, VAC for short, Dr. Gerard Tobin, who can be reached at 814-451-1521. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims or concerned individuals can contact the diocese directly to report abuse at 814-451-1543. For additional information visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>

SCAMS AND FRAUD: In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its 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 for such information – including a request for 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ford Bartle, Kim Anglin, Lydia Ghirardi, Evelyn Tew, Elizabeth Frola, Fr. Manning, Selena Urey, Lorraine Schuller, Joe & John Mochanski, Don & Rose Becker, Joseph Byers and Jackie Hoffman.



St. Anthony Lenten Fish Fry

Let us cook and do the dishes!

Beginning Friday, February 28 and serving every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday from 4:00-7:00PM located at St. Anthony Church Hall, Sherman Ave., Sharon.

St. Michael-Greenville

Knights of Columbus Hall - 170 Clarksville Street

Choice of baked or fried fish, 2 side choices: coleslaw, green beans, French fries, mac & cheese, cabbage & noodles or applesauce; bread & butter, salad, dessert and drink.

Every Friday through April 10 from 4:00-7:00pm.

Adults \$10, 12 and under \$7.

Takeout available by calling 724-588-9911.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

100 Penn Ave. Mercer PA 16137

February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10

Gallagher Hall, serving 5:00 - 7:00 PM,

Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00

(3 and under free)

Fried Fish, Fries, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Bread & Butter, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Homemade Cake,

Take outs available

St. Patrick Church-357 N. Main St., Hubbard, Ohio

Haddock Fish Dinners are every Friday during Lent from 4:00-7:00pm in the Church Hall. Take-out orders available by calling 330-534-4219. Adults \$10/Child \$7. A-La-Carte Sides and desserts are available at additional cost.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

4453 Warren-Sharon Rd., Vienna, OH

Lenten Fish Dinner menu: Choice of baked or fried white fish, side choices of Piroghies, parsley potatoes, coleslaw, applesauce, bread, beverage, dessert. Dine in or take out. Adults \$12, kids 5-12 yr \$6.

3:30 - 6:30pm

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 20.

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

FUNERAL Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Gerrie Derr. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

WOMEN'S GUILD MONTHLY MEETING The Guild's March meeting is this Tuesday, March 17 at 1:00pm in the Guild Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to join and all current members are encouraged to come!

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 March Parish Council meeting is Monday, March 16 at 6:00pm in the Choir Room.

SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH PARISH!



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WEEKEND COLLECTION - March 9, 2020

Number of Adult envelopes sent..... 866
 Number of Adult envelopes used..... 241
 Number of unused envelopes..... 625

Sunday Offertory.....\$ 9,539
 Budgeted Offertory.....\$10,650
 Deficit.....(\$ 1,111)

EXPLORING THE SUNDAY READINGS The April/May booklets are now available for those Small Groups who use this booklet. Please stop by the church office to pick up your group's quantity.

Mass Intentions

+Indicates Mass Time

Monday, March 16—2 Kgs 5: 1-15b / Lk 4:24-30

+8:00 Margaret Erdesky (Steve & Renee Giangiordano)

*6:00 Parish Council Meeting—Choir Room

Tuesday, March 17—Dn 3: 25, 34-43 / Mk 18: 21-35

+8:00 Edwin Lasche (Dr. & Mrs. Robert Weiner & Family)

*1:00 Women's Guild Meeting—Guild Hall

Wednesday, March 18—Dt 4: 1, 5-9 / Mt 5: 17-19

+12:10 Bob Wiesen (Family)

*2:30 West Hill Ministries

*6:00 Stations & Soup

Thursday, March 19—2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-15, 16 / Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a

+8:00 Bill Lasche (Dr. & Mrs. Robert Weiner & Family)

*2:30 West Hill Ministries

Friday, March 20—Hos 14: 2-10 / Mk 12: 28-34

+8:00 Amanda Mohan (Dmochowski-Smith Family))

Saturday, March 21—1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a / Eph 5: 8-14 / Jn 9: 1-41 or 9: 1,

6-9, 13-17, 34-38 | **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

+5:15 Gwendolyn Turzak (Judy Moroco)

Sunday, March 22—1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a / Eph 5: 8-14 / Jn 9: 1-41 or 9: 1, 6-9,

13-17, 34-38 | **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

+8:30 Lillian Fabrey (Dorothy Priester)

*9:30 Religious Ed

+11:00 Deceased Members of the Parish

*1:00 Penance Service—St. Michael, Greenville

*4:00 Penance Service—Immaculate Heart, Mercer

Ministry Schedule for March 21/22

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| Vigil Saturday, March 21, 2020 Vigil 5:15 PM Mass | LECTOR | Volunteer |
| | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | <i>T. H. Cole, P. Dach</i> , S. Messina, D. Dach, F. Smeraglia |
| | ALTAR SERVERS | D. Eller, A. Jordan, Volunteer |
| Sunday, March 22, 2020 8:30 AM Mass | LECTOR | J. Necastro |
| | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | <i>G. Maffey, B. Maffey</i> , J. Mausser, S. Swogger, C. Necastro, D. Rubano |
| | ALTAR SERVERS | A. Schupp, N. Schupp, S. Schupp |
| | GREETERS | <i>GS:</i> S. Paul |
| Sunday, March 22, 2020 11:00 AM Mass | LECTOR | J. Bonomo |
| | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | <i>M. Goodwin, U. Goda</i> , K. Bonomo, D. Ranelli, M. Smith, M. B. Jones, J. Sherbine, R. Busi, L. Dach, V. Mulligan |
| | ALTAR SERVERS | C. Duffy, H. Duffy, C. McKnight |
| | GREETERS | <i>GS:</i> G. & O. Pacsi <i>CL:</i> B. Anzevino <i>Fr:</i> Volunteer |



WEEKDAY-HOSPITAL

Mar. 17 - P. Radasevich

Mar. 18 - K. Mueller

Mar. 19 - F. Gioski

March 22- Sunday Ministry

SRMC - G. Pacsi

Nugent - D. Ranelli

Clepper - P. Emery



On Saturday, February 22, 2020 the St. Joseph Parish second graders experienced their First Reconciliation retreat, *Mending Fences*. It was both a prayerful and fun time. A huge THANK YOU goes to the teachers, volunteers, and parents without whom this could not have happened and also our photographer, Fr. Tom.

On Saturday, March 7 they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. A thank you to our Music Ministry and to the presider, Fr. Tom who made the reconciliation service a memorable occasion.

**Congratulations to our
First Reconciliation students:**

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dalton Chiodo | Abigail Harrison |
| Leah Crytzer | Johnathan Kudelko |
| Vito Donatelli | Christopher McCrea |
| Nicholas Fromm | James Maynard |
| Gianni Gargiulo | |

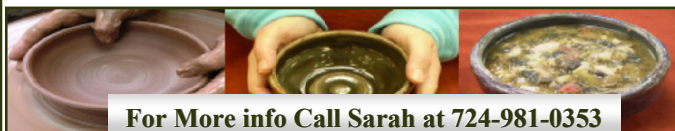
COMMUNITY OF MERCER COUNTY **FOOD WAREHOUSE** OF MERCER COUNTY Presents
Empty Bowls
Mercer County

An artful taste to ending hunger

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020

4:00-8:00pm at Hope Center for Arts & Technology
115 Anson Way, Sharon, PA

The event centers around a simple meal of soup and bread donated by local restaurants and bakeries, and features hand-crafted bowls, made and donated by local schools, amateur and professional artisans. Please join us for this simple meal that signifies how little some of our neighbors have to eat. The empty bowl is a reminder of your choice to fight hunger in Mercer County. Ticket cost is \$20 and available at eventbrite.com, Community Food Warehouse or at the door.



For More info Call Sarah at 724-981-0353