

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

Saint Joseph Church

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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

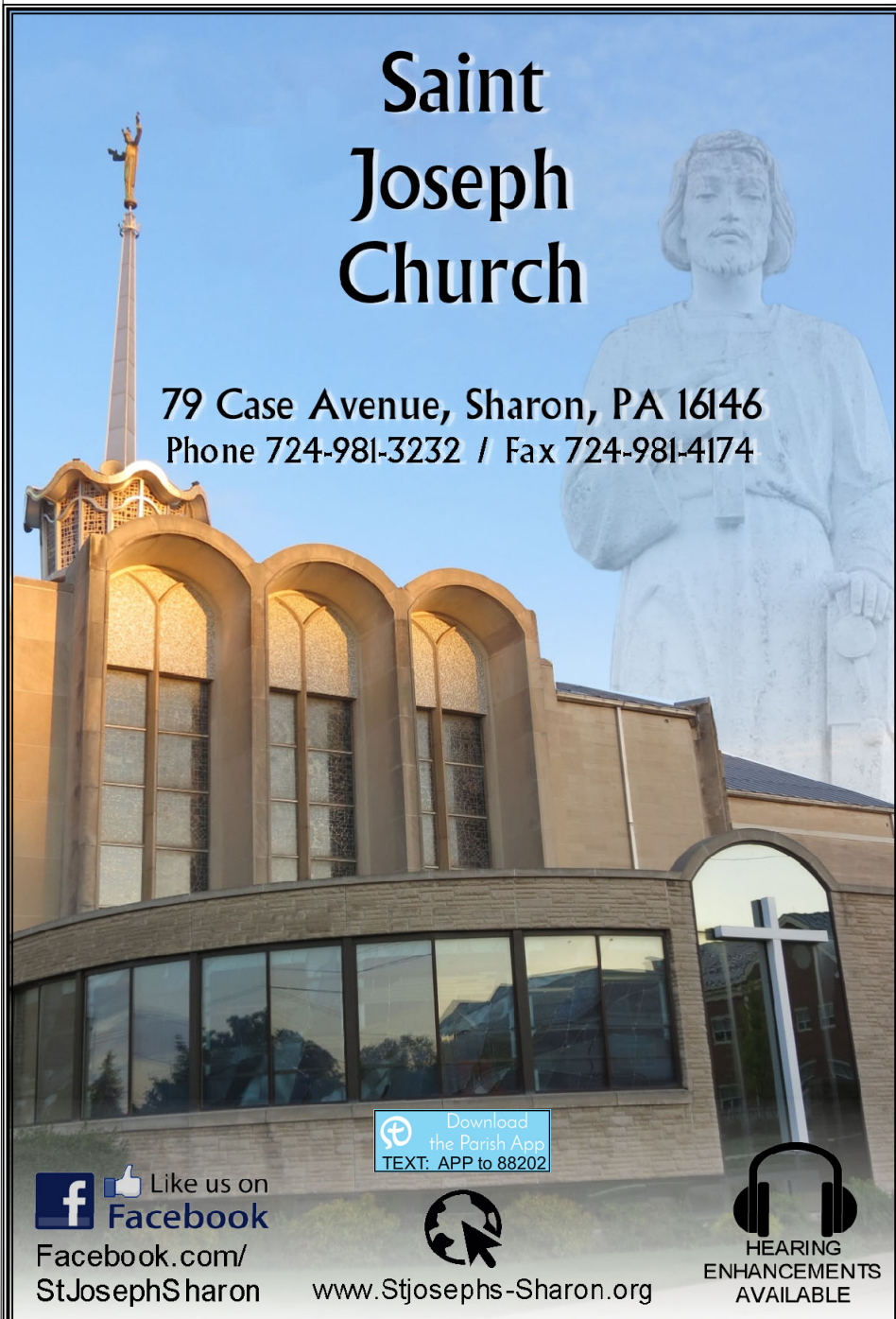
Every Wednesday after the 12:10 PM Mass in
the Mother's Chapel.

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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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 724-342-3456.


Ash Wednesday
March 6, 2019
7:00am-Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes
12:10pm-Mass with Distribution of Ashes
7:00pm-Mass with Distribution of Ashes

PASTOR'S COLUMN

MARDI GRAS HONOREES: It has been the tradition at our annual Mardi Gras dinner to honor people who have served St. Joseph Parish in outstanding ways. Based on the recommendations of the parish staff, the pastor would make the final determination. This year I have chosen to honor those who serve our parish every day as part of our parish staff. I thought this was appropriate because the members of our parish staff not only do their jobs here at St. Joseph Parish but more often than not they go beyond what is their job to serve our parish. We are blessed to have the parish staff that we have and for their selfless service to our parish we honor them this year: Sr. Sandy Pedone, HM, Lori Vasconi, Carol Koch, Brad Goodall, and Ann Smith.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES: Masses will be at 12:10 and 7:00pm. There will also be a 7:00am **prayer service**, (not a Mass) on Ash Wednesday. This will consist of a prayer, scripture reading, brief homily, and the distribution of ashes.

SHARON HIGH SCHOOL 12:10 MASS ON ASH WEDNESDAY: As in past years students from Sharon High School who wish to attend the 12:10 Mass on Ash Wednesday can be released from class in order to attend Mass. Each student must bring a letter from a parent or guardian to the School office on Monday or Tuesday (March 4 or 5) asking to be released for the Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:10 on March 6.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: Today is Commitment Sunday for the Catholic Services Appeal. You can place your pledge or gift in the collection basket this week or for the next several weeks. Pledge envelopes are in the pews.

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. This enabled us to seal the parking lot, update some computer hardware in the parish office, and address some issues with lighting in the church.

We are inviting every parish family to make some gift or pledge to this campaign. If we go beyond our goal of \$66,000 we plan to repair the canopy at the Clepper entrance, replace the padding in the kneelers, and continue computer upgrades to the parish offices. 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 are in the pews for the next several weeks.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS: Our readings this week come from a wisdom tradition that used images from everyday life. Some of those images may not be familiar to us who are not farmers, or potters, who have never planted a tree. But those images try to speak to us about how we judge another person's character – a good tree produces good fruit, and a clay pot that can stand the heat of the kiln will stand up to the everyday handling and mishandling of the pot. In simpler terms, character is revealed in what we say and what we do. Character comes from our heart, from our inner life.

Today might be a good day to examine our hearts. What are the things we keep in our hearts? How do we guard against putting the wrong things in our hearts? How do we guard against bitterness, hopelessness, needless anxiety, cynicism, unfocused rage, and unforgiveness. If our fundamental calling by Jesus is to love, then those negative things have no place in our hearts. Our call to love is one that challenges us to love God, our neighbor and ourselves. But we cannot stop there. Jesus challenges us to grow in our love to the point where we are able to love even our enemies. We cannot afford to allow those negative things in to our hearts because they will harden our hearts. Today might be a good day to examine our hearts and look at what we are reading, watching on TV, looking at on the internet, listening to in music, and taking in from our relationships. What are the good things we are taking in and what are the bad things we don't want to take in? May we hold on to those things that will do our hearts good and let go of those things that will harden our hearts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ed Thomas, Bill Lasche, Lorraine Penhos, Lillian Fabrey, Ed Benedict, Donna Fraley, Tess McCallen, Toni Ryan, Tony Perry, Ruth Perry, 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.

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.

LENTEN KICKOFF St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church will be selling their homemade frozen pierogi on Wednesday, March 6 from 10:00am-1:00pm in the Social Center located at 2140 Highland Rd., Hermitage. The Lenten Kickoff will be selling homemade frozen pierogi (stuffed dumplings) in a baker's dozen, choice of Potato-Cheese for \$6 or Sauerkraut for \$7. Also available, homemade halushki (cabbage, onion & noodles) at \$8 quart.

WEEKEND COLLECTION - February 18, 2019	
Number of Adult envelopes sent.....	859
Number of Adult envelopes used.....	236
Number of <u>unused</u> envelopes.....	623
Sunday Offertory.....	\$ 9,659
Budgeted Offertory.....	\$10,650
Deficit.....	(\$ 991)
Other Collections:	
Catholic Communications/ Faith Magazine.....	\$ 55



*Altar flowers are donated in thanksgiving
to God and in memory of*
Edwin M. Lasche
by The Lasche and Weiner Families

FEATURED FOOD PANTRY ITEM
 Next week's featured item - **Paper Towels**. Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space.

UPCOMING FEATURED ITEMS
Toilet Tissue - Bar Soap - Toothpaste
 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.

It's that season again...
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, 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 4—Sir 17: 20-24 / Mk 10: 17-27

+8:00 Edwin Lasche (Cathy Dorfi)

*5:30 Mardi Gras

Tuesday, March 5—Sir 35: 1-12 / Mk 10: 28-31

+8:00 Ed Porterfield (Sally and John Danch)

Wednesday, March 6—Jl 2: 12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

*7:00 Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes

+12:10 Helen Wiesen (Bill and Cathy)

(Mass & Distribution of Ashes)

*2:30 West Hill Ministries

+7:00 M/M Charles Koch (Carol)

(Mass with Distribution of Ashes)

Thursday, March 7—Dt 30: 15-20 / Lk 9: 22-25

+8:00 Edwin Lasche (Mary Ann Shannon)

*2:30 West Hill Ministries

*6:00 RCIA-choir room

Friday, March 8—Is 58: 1-9a / Mt 9: 14-15

+8:00 Beverly D'Urso (Mom and Grandma)

Saturday, March 9—Dt 26: 4-10 / Rom 10: 8-13 / Lk 4: 1-13

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

+5:15 Helen Caszatt (Ruth Bubba)

Sunday, March 10—Dt 26: 4-10 / Rom 10: 8-13 / Lk 4: 1-13

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+8:30 Virginia Manilla Galardo (Judy Fox & Family)

+11:00 Deceased Members of the Parish

*3:00 RCIA Rite of Election-Erie

Ministry Schedule for March 9/10

Saturday, Mar. 9, 2019 Vigil 5:15 PM Mass	LECTOR	M. Norman
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<i>T. H. Cole, S. Messing</i> , D. Dach, P. Dach, F. Smeraglia, Volunteer X 2
	ALTAR SERVERS	N. Alexander, D. Eller, A. Jordan
	GREETERS	<u>GS</u> : J. & K. Scanga <u>Fr</u> : B. Charles
Sunday, Mar. 10, 2019 8:30 AM Mass	LECTOR	S. Swogger
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<i>B. Chalupka, C. Necastro</i> , M. Orchard, P. Emery, L. Vasconi, P. Miller, S. Cleary
	ALTAR SERVERS	S. Pass, A. Schupp, N. Schupp
	GREETERS	<u>GS</u> : S. Paul
Sunday, Mar. 10, 2019 11:00 AM Mass	LECTOR	K. Bonomo
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<i>J. Sherbine, M. Goodwin</i> , M. B. Jones, G. Smith, P. Piccirilli, U. Goda, S. Feeney, M. Smith, J. Kaibas, Volunteer X 2
	ALTAR SERVERS	H. Busi, R. Busi, B. Dach, C. Joseph
	GREETERS	<u>GS</u> : M. Smith, M. A. Smith <u>CL</u> : Volunteer <u>Fr</u>: B. Anzevino



WEEKDAY-HOSPITAL

Mar. 5 - P. Heldorfer

Mar. 6 - P. Emery

Mar. 7 - F. Giroski

March 10

SRMC - P. Dach

Nugent - P. Emery

Clepper - D. Ranelli

UPCOMING PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE/EVENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00am: Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes.

12:10pm: Mass with Distribution of Ashes.

7:00pm: Mass with Distribution of Ashes.

TO ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS AND LECTORS: If you know which Mass/Service you'll be attending and can serve, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet located in the Gathering Space. All ministry positions are available and need to be filled.

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.



**Congratulations to our
2nd graders on their
First Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Penance.**

**Luke Becker
Kaleigh Ference
Grant Fiscus
Anna Hegwood
Sofia Logue
Claire Matchak**

**Peyton Minich
Kelyn Patton
Andrew Riethmiller
Elena Rupnick
Gabriella Sechler
Paige Tonty
Ryan Warrender**