

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

Saint Joseph Church

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Sr. Sandy Pedone, H.M.
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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



SALE
*Next
Weekend,
April
6 & 7
After All
Masses*

Bring a part of our Paschal tradition
home with you. This special votive
will add beauty and meaning to any
home. \$8 minimum donation.

*Look inside today's bulletin
for more information!*

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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.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

PARISH CENSUS: In September it will be two years since we began to update our parish census. With all the publicity we did in church, with letters to parishioners, and phone calls, it is hard to believe that some people who claim to be members say they haven't heard about the census. We updated our census in June of 2018 by deleting over 300 families and individuals from our parish roster. Since then it has been interesting the number of people who have called or visited the office requesting sponsor certificates for confirmation or baptism, or wondering why they were not receiving envelopes, and yet never completed a census. The point of updating the census was that we were sending out envelopes and mailings to people who are no longer members or have moved away. This was an attempt to reduce the cost of mailing envelopes and cost of mailings and to have more accurate information on those who are members.

Some people still think that because they were baptized here they are a member here. That may be true of children living with their parents who are members here, but as adults you need to be physically registered in a parish as one of the conditions for being a sponsor or godparent, or for Confirmation or Matrimony. As a registered member you should also be supporting the parish with time, talent, and treasure. If you are not registered at St. Joseph, how do we know that you are a member? Registration is vital to providing services to people who are members. And providing those services requires the support of the members of the parish.

I am so grateful to those members who have updated their information through the census and who are so very generous in supporting our parish. We could not do the things we do without your generous support. As you can see from the weekly offertory information in the bulletin, that less than a third of our parish families contribute by using their envelopes to support our parish. There are others who support our parish through the time they volunteer in some ministry to our parish, and others who just don't use their envelopes. But there are also a majority of our parishioners who do not support our parish with time, talent, or treasure. The very heart of being a part of a community is that we work together to make our community better by what we contribute whether in time, talent, or treasure. The future of our parish depends on you.

If you know of members of your family who have not updated their census, please urge them to do so as soon as possible.

SALE OF SACRED HEART CHURCH: This past week there was a closing on the sale of Sacred Heart Church in Sharon. This has been a long and drawn out process for both sides involved and we are grateful that it has finally been resolved. There has been a good deal of talk on the streets about this sale over the last year or so. Many people have already known that Jim Landino was an interested buyer and now is the buyer. Jim has been purchasing properties in Sharon and transforming them into new businesses and places of opportunity for the people of Sharon. I have every confidence that Jim will do the same with the Sacred Heart Church property.

You may remember that on February 13, 2017, Sacred Heart Parish was merged into St. Joseph Parish as part of a diocesan wide consolidation. On March 25, 2018 Bishop Persico relegated Sacred Heart Church to profane, but not sordid use according to Canon Law. This enabled us to put Sacred Heart Church on the market for sale. And this past week, with the closing on the property, the sale is complete.

I want to thank Atty. Bill Madden and his staff, especially Roseann, for all their legal help in this transaction. I also want to thank Don Sebastian who was our realtor in this process for all of the time and energy he put into making this deal happen. I also think you should know of the assistance that the diocese provided through the Chancery Office, the Vicar General's Office, the Finance Office, and Bishop Persico himself. I also want to thank the members of Parish Council and Finance Council for their assistance and guidance in this whole process.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: So far in our Catholic Services Appeal we have 158 pledges for \$66,845. 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.**

Pastor's Column continued...

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.

PENANCE SERVICES:



- 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

CHURCH TOUR: Are you new to St. Joseph Parish? Wonder where the chapel, the hearing impaired system, the elevator, or the bathrooms are? On Monday, April 8, there will be two tours of the church and office for those who would like to attend. The first tour will begin at 1:00pm and the second will begin at 7:00pm. If you plan on attending, could you please sign up on the main bulletin board or call the office to let us know how many to prepare for.

RELIGIOUS MATERIALS FROM HOME: I have asked before, and I will ask again, (maybe this person doesn't belong here) please do not bring to church religious oils, cards, pamphlets, etc... that you receive in the mail at your home. These items are intended for your personal use and not for distribution at church. They have been, and will be, removed immediately. If you don't want the materials sent to you, either contact the sender to stop or dispose of them. Please do not bring them to church for us to dispose.

REFLECTIONS: Please see today's insert; *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ed Thomas, Bill Lasche, Lorraine Penhos, Lillian Fabrey, Ed Benedict, Tess McCallen, Tony Perry, Ruth Perry, Grover McKnight, Gerrie Derr, Emily Spielvogel, Leah Martin, Bob Poerstel and Adrienne Ward.

WEEKEND COLLECTION - March 25, 2019

Number of Adult envelopes sent.....	859
Number of Adult envelopes used.....	<u>242</u>
Number of <u>unused</u> envelopes.....	617
Sunday Offertory.....	\$ 9,241
Budgeted Offertory.....	\$10,650
Deficit.....	(\$ 1,409)
Other Collections:	
Ash Wednesday.....	\$ 25

PARISH APP Download our parish app to your phone by texting **APP to 88202**.



April-2019

- April 7 at 12:00pm, Jesus Day-Guild Hall
- April 14-Easter Egg Hunt-12:15pm
- April 21-NO CCD-Easter Break
- April 24 at 7:00pm, Confirmation Practice-Church
- April 28 at 2:00pm, Confirmation

FEATURED FOOD PANTRY ITEM

Next week's featured item - **Canned Fruit**. Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space and thanks for checking the expiration date!

UPCOMING FEATURED ITEMS

Cereal - Crackers - Peanut Butter

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, April 5.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



EASTER BREAD BAKE SALE

Mark your calendar! The Women's Guild will be selling their delicious homemade Easter bread after all Masses the weekend of April 13 and 14.

Mass Intentions

+Indicates Mass Time

Monday, April 1—Is 65: 17-21 / Jn 4: 43-54

- +8:00 Edward Evans, Sr. (Veronica and Skip Evans)
- *6:30 Penance Service-Good Shepherd, West Middlesex
- *7:00 Liturgy Meeting-choir room

Tuesday, April 2—Ez 47: 1-9, 12 / Jn 5: 1-16

- +8:00 Ann Tarkanick (Marie Young)

Wednesday, April 3—Is 49: 8-15 / Jn 5: 17-30

- +12:10 Jim Napolitan (Mary Ellen Zahniser)
- *2:30 West Hill Ministries
- * 6:00 Stations and Soup

Thursday, April 4—Ex 32: 7-14 / Jn 5: 31-47

- +8:00 Bill Leavens (Giroski Family)
- *2:30 West Hill Ministries
- *6:00 RCIA-choir room

First Friday, April 5—Wis 2: 1a, 12-22 / Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

- +8:00 Nina Messina (Joe and Patty Sinkuc)

Saturday, April 6—Is 43: 16-21 / Phil 3: 8-14 / Jn 8: 1-11

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- +5:15 Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, April 7—Is 43: 16-21 / Phil 3: 8-14 / Jn 8: 1-11

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- +8:30 Marcia Driscoll (Jack and Carole Miller)
- +11:00 M. Jean Garber (Wes and Ann McKinney)

Ministry Schedule for April 6/7

Saturday, April 6, 2019 Vigil 5:15 PM Mass	LECTOR	S. McLaughlin
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<i>F. Smeraglia, D. Dach</i> , P. Dach, 4X-Volunteers
	ALTAR SERVERS	D. Eller, A. Jordan, N. Jordan
	GREETERS	GS: D. Cole, F. Giroski Fr: B. Charles
Sunday, April 7, 2019 8:30 AM Mass	LECTOR	S. Cleary
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<i>J. McLaughlin, C. Necastro</i> , M. Orchard, G. Maffey, B. Maffey, J. Walsh, P. Young
	ALTAR SERVERS	P. Haroldson, V. Haroldson, S. Pass
	GREETERS	GS: G. Beshero
Sunday, April 7, 2019 11:00 AM Mass	LECTOR	K. Bonomo
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<i>R. Vukovich, M. Goodwin</i> , U. Goda, D. Yao, Dr. D'Amore, D. D'Amore, P. Piccirilli, G. Smith, L. Dach, D. Ranelli, J. Kaibas
	ALTAR SERVERS	B. Dach, H. Duffy, C. McKnight
	GREETERS	GS M. Smith, A. Ward CL: G. & O. Pacsi Fr: T. & R. Rookey



WEEKDAY-HOSPITAL

- April 2 - Volunteer
- April 3 - P. Emery
- April 4 - F. Giroski

APRIL 7

- SRMC** - D. Ranelli
- Nugent** - G. Smith
- Clepper** - G. Pacsi

ST. JOSEPH UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY WEEK IS FAST APPROACHING!

~~ Sign Ups ~~

Holy Week will be here in just a few short weeks! To prepare for the upcoming Holy Week, sign-up sheets are available for Holy Thursday Dinner and liturgical ministers.

HOLY THURSDAY DINNER

Please sign your family's name and number attending on ONE of the sign-up sheets located at each exit.

St. Joseph will provide the entrée, dessert and drinks and below is an assigned dish based on the family's first letter of their last name. Please be sure to bring your dish in a **disposable container** and will serve at least eight (8) people.

A-G Tossed Salad or Potato Dish

H-N Pasta Dish

O-Z Veggie Dish

HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers * Altar Servers * Greeters

Located in the Gathering Space are sign-up sheets for Holy Thursday Mass, Easter Vigil Mass and both Masses on Easter Sunday. Please sign your name to the Mass you will be attending and can serve. There are no online sign ups for these Masses.

Holy Week Mass schedule is as follows:

Holy Thursday-7:00pm Good Friday-3:00pm,

Easter Vigil-8:30pm

Easter Sunday 8:30 & 11:00am



St. Joseph's Paschal Candle

St. Joseph Church will be offering three-inch hand-crafted Votive Candles poured from our own blessed Paschal candles from years past. Only a limited quantity are available! These special votive candles will be available in the Gathering Space next weekend, April 6 & 7 for a minimum donation of \$8 per candle.

Bring a part of our Paschal tradition home with you. This special votive will add beauty and meaning to any home. Consider one for yourself, a hostess gift or basket filler this Easter!