

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 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

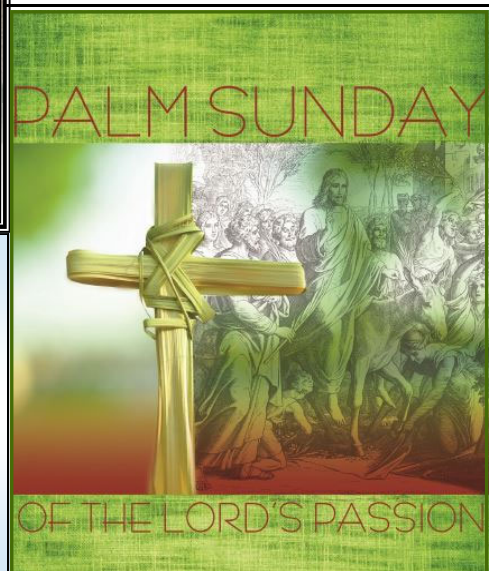
Every Wednesday after the 12:10 PM Mass in  
the Mother's Chapel.

### 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.

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL:** So far in our Catholic Services Appeal we have 169 pledges for \$68,615. 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, which will make our parish goal to be \$80,000.

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.**

**HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION:** The Holy Thursday collection during Mass will be donated to Prince of Peace Center.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES VOLUNTEERS:** Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space for Liturgical Ministers for Holy Week. There are also sign-up sheets on the bulletin board to help carry the cross on Good Friday and for Adoration on Holy Thursday. Thank you for your help!

**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.

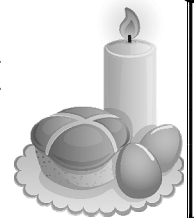
**REFLECTION ON THE READINGS:** On Palm Sunday we traditionally listen to the reading of the Passion from the Gospel for that year; this year it is Luke's Passion. The other years we hear the Passion from the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. And on Good Friday we always hear the Passion from the Gospel of John. So during Holy Week we hear two different versions of the Passion. And indeed they are different – pay close attention to the details.

The Gospel that gets overlooked for today is the Gospel concerning Palm Sunday, or Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The Passion of Jesus really overshadows this story. Jesus doesn't enter Jerusalem as a hero, or a military leader, or even a king. He enters Jerusalem riding a donkey with people waving palm branches. He enters in a very simple, humble manner. It is a gentle reminder that Jesus had entered our human nature and had experienced all the things we experience in life – great joys, success, failure, and even betrayal. Now he would come to Jerusalem to experience death in the most horrifying and humiliating way. The physical suffering of the cross was paired with the humiliation of being crucified like a common criminal. Jesus enters into the most painful experiences of life in this week: physical suffering and death, public humiliation, failure in his mission, betrayal by one of his disciples, being denied by his most trusted friend, being abandoned in his time of need. This is the Jesus that we must love deeply for his willingness to enter into every aspect of our human nature, even its most difficult parts. Jesus shows us how to face those same realities in our own lives, teaching us that death can be transformed into life. This week is the most difficult to walk through with Jesus, but also the one that offers us the greatest hope.

### **EASTER BREAD SALE ~ THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES**

The Women's Guild will be selling their delicious homemade Easter bread after all Masses this weekend. Don't forget to stop by and purchase a loaf for Easter!

♦Easter Bread \$6 ♦Raisin Bread \$7 ♦Cherry Cheese Pie \$10 ♦Cinnamon Rolls \$5



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

**FEATURED FOOD PANTRY ITEM**

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

**UPCOMING FEATURED ITEMS**

**Peanut Butter - Canned Veggies - Canned Tuna**

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 19.



**SERVING ON GOOD FRIDAY**

**ST. ANTHONY-SHARON** will be serving dinners on 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.

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH**

**RUMMAGE SALE:** Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00am until 3:00pm in the Gallagher Hall located at 100 Penn Ave., Mercer.

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY:** Everyone is invited to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 28. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 10:30am Mass, 2:30pm Divine Mercy Sermon, 2:45pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Sung and at 3:00pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**WOMEN'S GUILD MONTHLY MEETING:**



The next Guild meeting is Tuesday, April 16 at 1:00pm in the Guild Hall. All new and current members are welcome and encouraged to come. Hope to see you there!

**CCD**



**REMINDER**

**April-2019**

- 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

**Parish Organizations**

Altar Servers	Sr. Sandy Pedone, H.M.	(724) 981-3232
Baptismal Class	Fr. Tom Whitman	(724) 981-3232
Catholic Daughters of America	Pauline Radasevich	(724) 962-2001
Choir / Music Ministry	Mary Messina	(724) 977-8025
College Care Packages	Deb Nevant	(724) 866-2465
Cursillo Liaison	Mary Beth Jones	(724) 346-5050
Eucharistic Ministers	Web Terminal-Online	(724) 981-3232
Food Pantry	TO VOLUNTEER ONLY	(724) 877-4171
Garden & Grounds Committee	Fr. Tom Whitman	(724) 981-3232
Hospitality/Greeters	Bryon Anzevino	(724) 962-0801
Knights of Columbus	Tom Rookey	(724) 347-7224
Liturgy Committee	Sandy Swogger	(724) 866-4923
Money Counters	John Bonomo	(724) 981-3232
Parish Advocate for the Disabled	Catherine Holl	(724) 347-4423
Parish Building & Maintenance Committee	Frank Connelly	(724) 346-5247
Pastoral Council	Neil Ostheimer	(724) 981-3232
Prayer Chain	Joan Stoudt	(724) 342-3456
Pre-Can	Dennis & Mary C. Rubano	(330) 448-1935
Prince of Peace Soup Kitchen	Joann White	(724) 347-5027
Pro-Life	Catherine Holl	(724) 347-4423
Quilters	Joann Sangregorio	(330) 448-8733
R.C.I.A.	Sr. Sandy Pedone, H.M.	(724) 981-3232
Religious Education	Sr. Sandy Pedone, H.M.	(724) 981-3232
Sacristan	Stephen Pass	(724) 877-5225
Sister Parish	David U'Halie	(724) 983-1998
Small Christian Communities	Kay Stockan	(724) 347-3830
St. Joseph Parish Finance Committee	Jim Black	(724) 981-7510
St. Rose/St. Mary Cemetery	Carol Koch	(724) 346-3711
Ushers	Fr. Tom Whitman	(724) 981-3232
Vacation Bible School	Sr. Sandy Pedone, H.M.	(724) 981-3232
West Hill Ministries	Mary Beth Jones	(724) 346-5050
Women's Guild	Jo Anne White	(724) 347-5027

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**

**Child Abuse Prevention Month- Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone's Responsibility:**

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims by reporting the suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. *To report suspected abuse of a minor, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7).* To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>

**YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH!**



**WEEKDAY-HOSPITAL**

- April 16 - F. Giroski
- April 17 - P. Emery
- April 18 - P. Radasevich

**APRIL 21**

- SRMC - G. Pacsi Nugent - D. Ranelli Clepper - P. Emery

**Mass Intentions**  
+Indicates Mass Time

**Monday, April 15**—Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12: 1-11  
+8:00 Ed Porterfield (James and Bonnie Charles)

**Tuesday, April 16**—Is 49: 1-6 / Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38  
+8:00 Patricia Mulligan (Women’s Guild)

**Wednesday, April 17**—Is 50: 4-9 / Mt 26: 14-25  
+12:10 Raymond Dunn (Cindy Dunn)  
\* 6:00 Stations and Soup

**Thursday, April 18**—Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14 / Cor 11: 23-26 / Jn 13: 1-5  
**HOLY THURSDAY-MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**  
\*5:30 Holy Thursday Dinner-Guild Hall  
+7:00 Mass of the Lord’s Supper/Charles Sanata  
(Family)  
\*8:00 Adoration-Mother’s Chapel

**Friday, April 19**—Is 52:13-53: 12 / Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9 / Jn 18: 1-19:42  
**FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
Office Closed  
\*3:00 Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

**Saturday, April 20**—Vigil: Gn 1: 1-2: 2 or 1: 1, 26, 31a / Gn 22:1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Ex 14-15:11 / Is 54: 5-14 / Is 55: 1-11 / Bar 3: 9-15, 32-44 / Ex 36: 16-17a, 18-28 / Rom 6: 3-11, Lk 24: 1-12

**EASTER VIGIL**  
\*12:00 Blessing of Food  
+8:30 Al DeBonis (Family)

**Sunday, April 21**—Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 / Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8 / Jn 20: 1-9  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
+8:30 Mariam Dunn (Rosemary Lehman)  
+11:00 Deceased Members of the Parish

<b>Ministry Schedule for April 20-21</b>		
Easter Vigil Saturday, April 20, 2019 Vigil 8:30 PM Mass	<b>LECTOR</b>	S. McLaughlin, R. Vukovich, J. Vukovich, S. Swogger, S. Cleary
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Volunteer/Sign-up
	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Volunteer/Sign-up
	<b>GREETERS</b>	<u>GS</u> : Volunteer/Sign-up <u>Fr</u> : Volunteer/Sign-up
Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 8:30 AM Mass	<b>LECTOR</b>	D. Rubano
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Volunteer/Sign-up
	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Volunteer/Sign-up
	<b>GREETERS</b>	<u>GS</u> : Volunteer/Sign-up
Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 11:00 AM Mass	<b>LECTOR</b>	M. Joseph
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Volunteer/Sign-up
	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Volunteer/Sign-up
	<b>GREETERS</b>	<u>GS</u> : Volunteer/Sign-up <u>CL</u> : Volunteer/Sign-up <u>Fr</u> : Volunteer/Sign-up

## ST. JOSEPH UPCOMING EVENTS

### **HOLY WEEK IS FAST APPROACHING!**

~~ Sign Ups ~~

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 **by TODAY, April 14.**

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**



**TODAY**

**Sunday, APRIL 14, 2019**

**(Palm Sunday)**

**after the 11:00am Mass**

For children two years old through third grade **ONLY**. Please bring a container for your child in which to place his/her eggs.



*(Bad weather date will be Saturday, April 20 at 11:00am.)*