

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

UP THE MOUNTAIN
TO PRAY.

— LUKE 9:28 —



Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 03/09/25	\$3,381.00
Weekly budget goal	\$3,425.00
Difference	- \$44.00
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal	\$30,504.00

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Encountering God on the Mountain

We are so blessed in this part of Pennsylvania to be living in Bennetts Valley, and enjoying the beautiful mountains all around us. Hiking, camping, and hunting in these woods are very popular throughout the whole year. Being at camp on the mountain can be so relaxing and healing from busy demands of one's job and tensions of life. Being at camp on the mountain can also be an inspiring opportunity for prayer and spiritual reading, and as an encounter with God.

Finding God on the mountain is written many times in the Old Testament of the Bible. Moses received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai. Mount Zion is also mentioned as a place of peace and harmony between animals and people. It is an image of God's Kingdom--a place to encounter God.

In a like manner, in our Gospel Reading this weekend, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up on a high mountain for some time to pray. What happened during that time was an encounter with God, Jesus' Transfiguration. This experience would affirm Peter, James, and John in their faith and it would strengthen Jesus to ultimately face His Death and Resurrection.

What was the encounter? Jesus being revealed in His Glory just as it is described: "While He was praying, His Face changed in appearance and His Clothing became dazzling white." (Lk 9: 29) Also, Jesus' Conversation with Moses and Elijah is to fulfill and complete the Law that Moses represented and the prophets that Elijah represented.

My friends, during this Lenten Season, go to the place where you will best encounter God in prayer. This place may be on a mountain at camp. But, this place can also simply be that special room in your home where it is quiet with no distractions. One of the best places to encounter our Lord is by making a *visit* to the Blessed Sacrament in the Church.

We, Catholics, are familiar with these words to make a *visit* in Church. Jesus is truly present in the Host in the Tabernacle, as He longs for us to come into the Church and pray, and spend our time with Him, our Eucharistic Lord.

God Bless,
Father Mark



**POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH
For Families in Crisis**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.
Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2025

March 22nd	10:00 am	Sacred Heart Church	814-781-1019
April 16th	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	814-772-3135
May 22nd	6:30 pm	St. Marys Church	814-781-1019

FAITH FORMATION -- Students in Grades K-5 will meet in the Faith Formation building for class. **NO** Edge class this week.

LENT PENANCE SERVICES:

Thursday, March 20	6:00 pm	St. Boniface, Kersey
Sunday, March 23	6:00 pm	St. Mark, Emporium
Monday, March 24	6:00 pm	Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg
Thursday, March 27	6:30 pm	Queen of the World
Tuesday, April 1	6:30 pm	St. Marys Church
Wednesday, April 9	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway
Sunday, April 13	2:00 pm	St. Joseph Church, Force

What are you planning on doing for Lent? The following is what we are doing here at St. Joseph Church for Lent:

- **Saturday, March 15th** Movie after Mass--**The Chosen**
- **Sunday, March 16th** at 6:30 pm--**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction**
- **Monday, March 17th** at 6:30 pm--**Adult Faith Formation**
- **Tuesday, March 18th** at 6:00 pm--**The Rosary in Church**
- **Wednesday, March 19th** at 6:30 pm--**Stations of the Cross. Mass for St. Joseph Feast Day at 7:00 pm**
- **Saturday, March 22nd** Movie after Mass--**The Chosen**
- **Sunday, March 23rd** at 6:30 pm--**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction**
- **Monday, March 24th** at 6:30 pm--**Adult Faith Formation**

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 17, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Josephine Moyer birthday	Michele & Family	Lenten Weekday <i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i>	Dn 9: 4b-10 Lk 6: 36-38 (230)
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	JoAnn Klaiber birthday	husband-Gerald	Lenten Weekday <i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	Is 1: 10, 16-20 Mt 23: 1-12 (231)
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 7:00 pm Mass	For St. Joseph's Prayers upon our Parish Family		SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a Lk 2: 41-51a (543)
Thursday, March 20, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ruth Ann Gregori 2nd anniversary	Louie & Louie, Jr.	Lenten Weekday	Jer 17: 5-10 Lk 16: 19-31 (233)
Friday, March 21, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lawrence Chiodo 4th anniversary	Rosanna & Family	Lenten Weekday	Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46 (234)
Saturday, March 22, 2025 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32 (235)
Saturday, March 22, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, March 23, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	John Winkler birthday	Family	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12 Lk 13: 1-9 (30)

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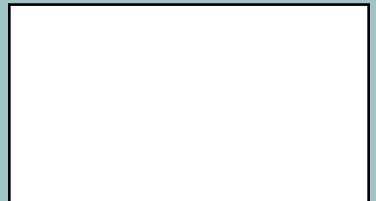


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