

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a white top, is smiling and holding a small yellow flower in her hands. She is standing in a field of many yellow flowers, with hills in the background under a warm, golden light.

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WITH JOY.**

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Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 03/30/25 .....	\$2,325.00
Weekly budget goal .....	\$3,425.00
Difference .....	<b>-\$1,100.00</b>
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal .....	\$30,504.00
CSA Pledges to date .....	\$27,565.00

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### POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL For The Use of New Technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



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**

April 30th	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 and Edge will meet in the Faith Formation building for class. Students in Grades 3-8, please plan to attend our Penance Service next Sunday, April 13th. It is the last Penance Service before Easter.

**LENT PENANCE SERVICES:** (last 2 services before Easter)

Wednesday, April 9	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway
Sunday, April 13	2:00 pm	St. Joseph Church, Force

- **Sunday, April 6th at 6:30 pm--Adoration w/ Benediction**
- **Monday, April 7th at 6:30 pm--Adult Faith Formation**
- **Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 pm--The Rosary in Church**
- **Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm--Stations of the Cross.**
- **Saturday, April 12th Movie after Mass--The Chosen**

**Child Abuse Prevention Month-Reporting Child Abuse:** It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2023 PA statewide report, there were 5,129 substantiated reports of child abuse. 1,749 or 34.1% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1,350 were physical abuse. Parents remain the persons most responsible for abuse of their children. **To report child abuse, call Childline at 1-800-932-0313 (anytime 24/7).** For particular questions on reporting abuse in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

**Kersey K of C Monthly Breakfast** Sunday, April 6th, from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. or sold out. St. Boniface Social Hall. \$10 for adults; \$5 for 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this "all you can eat" breakfast buffet!



## The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Learning to say the words "*I'm sorry*" to family, friends, or anyone whom we have hurt, is a good and necessary lesson we must learn in our life.

**We, Catholics,** have within our tradition a remedy for the actions we have done that are not pleasing to God and neighbor. The remedy is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The purpose in going to confession is to acknowledge our sins with heartfelt sorrow, receive the forgiveness of God, and to do a penance, which is an action or prayer in making satisfaction for the sins we have committed.

We go to confession to a priest because Jesus Himself forgave sinners and gave that authority to forgive sins to His Apostles according to Matthew's Gospel 16: 19. "I will entrust to you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you declare bound on earth shall be bound in Heaven; whatever you declare loosed on earth shall be loosed in Heaven."

The bishops and priests by virtue of their ordination are the successors of the Apostles. So, we can go to the priest who represents the Church and Christ in this Sacrament and receive the healing forgiveness of Jesus our Lord.

As a friendly reminder, the steps of going to confession are as follows:

- ✚ First, we must to do an examination of conscience. Call to mind the sins you need to confess, both venial and mortal sins, and the number of times they were committed.
- ✚ Next, say to the priest: ***"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (weeks, months or years) since my last confession. I have committed the following sins."***  
As you say these words, you make the Sign of the Cross.
- ✚ Next, you tell your sins to the priest.
- ✚ The priest then assigns a penance for you to do.
- ✚ Then, you pray the "Act of Contrition."

***"O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments; but most of all because they offend Thee my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy Grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen."***

- ✚ The priest then prays the prayer of Absolution and concludes that prayer by saying: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

My friends, go to confession and believe with all your heart in the Healing Grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

God Bless, Father Mark



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 07, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Gerard Secco, Sr. 3rd anniversary	wife-Barb	Lenten Weekday <i>Saint John Baptist de le Salle, Priest</i>	Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13: 41c-62 Jn 8: 12-20 (251)
Tuesday, April 08, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Aggie Cataldo	Janet Forster	Lenten Weekday	Nm 21: 4-9 Jn 8: 21-30 (252)
Wednesday, April 09, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			Lenten Weekday	Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8: 31-42 (253)
Thursday, April 10, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Ruth Ann Gregori birthday	Louie and Louie, Jr.	Lenten Weekday	Gn 17: 3-9 Jn 8: 51-59 (254)
Friday, April 11, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	John Winkler 10th anniversary	Family	Lenten Weekday <i>Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</i>	Jer 20: 10-13 Jn 10: 31-42 (255)
Saturday, April 12, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			Lenten Weekday	Ez 37: 21-28 Jn 11: 45-56 (256)
Saturday, April 12, 2025 <b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Peter & Helen Lovenduski and deceased members of the Lovenduski Family	Don & Evelyn Kentoski	Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	(see below)
Sunday, April 13, 2025 <b>9:15 a.m. Mass</b>	Living and Deceased Parishioners		PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Lk 19: 28-40 (37) Is 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Lk 22: 14--23: 56 or 23: 1-49 (38)

## St. Joseph Church

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Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

**Blue Jay Market Craft & Vendor Show**  
**Bennetts Valley Community Center**  
**Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

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## “RELIGIOUS ITEMS” RUMMAGE SALE

The St. Mary's Parish Center office is now accepting all religious items, including pictures, crosses, Bibles, books, rosaries, and more. If you've inherited items like these and aren't sure what to do with them, this a wonderful opportunity to pass them on. These cherished items could become treasures for someone else. The next sale is likely to take place in May.

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