



• 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT •

LAZARUS, COME OUT!

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection 03/15/26	\$2,823.00
Weekly budget	\$3,425.00
Difference	\$602.00
CSA Assessment (2026)	\$30,986.00
Pledges to date	\$25,020.00

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**POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH
For Disarmament and Peace**

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



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 2026

April 29 6:00 pm St. Leo, Ridgway 814-772-3135

FISH DINNERS continue to be served every Friday during Lent, from NOON until 6:30 pm (or until sold out). Fish or Shrimp dinners cost \$16. Pastor's Platter cost \$19. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner!



Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm during Lent. There will also be **Adoration** on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm during Lent.

Area Lenten Penance Services:

Monday, March 23	6:00 pm	St. Mary, St. Marys
Thursday, March 26	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway
Sunday, March 29	2:00 pm	St. Joseph, Force

A Family Perspective: Our families often get caught up in chasing things we believe will bring us happiness. Jesus' Words to Lazarus, "Come out," are also meant for us. In this fifth week of Lent, "untie" yourself and break free from unnecessary possessions.

Second Harvest Food Bank of NW Pennsylvania has announced their first Elk County Military Share distribution to be held on Wednesday, March 25th at the Christian Food Bank on S. Michael Rd, St. Marys at 11:00 AM for eligible Elk County families with at least one qualifying military service member including surviving widows. The Military Share program provides military families with fresh, frozen, and non-perishable food items. Please pre-register by calling 2nd Harvest at 814-459-3663 x117 to ensure enough food will be delivered.

With Winter soon behind us and Spring approaching, cleanup of the cemetery will begin. If you still have any summer or Christmas decorations on a grave, please remove them. You can place Easter decorations if you wish. As the weather improves and the maintenance begins, any old, faded flowers or wreaths that are left on the graves will be thrown away. Thank you.

The Ten Commandments (continued)

The NINTH COMMANDMENT: **YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, OR HIS MANSERVANT, OR HIS MAIDSERVANT, OR HIS OX, OR HIS ASS, OR ANYTHING THAT IS YOUR NEIGHBOR'S.** (CCC paragraph 298) (Ex 20: 17)

In some ways, this commandment is similar to the Sixth Commandment, which Jesus clearly says; "You shall not commit adultery" and "that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (Mt 5: 27-28)

The Ninth Commandment forbids anyone to create in their heart a desire that could lead them to an action of wanting the house and other goods of another person. This also includes wanting, or even desiring, the wife or husband of a neighbor to be their own. The CCC, paragraph 2532, says that; "Purification of the heart demands prayer, the practice of chastity, purity of intention, and of vision." Paragraph 2533 states that; "Purity of the heart requires the modesty, which is patience, decency, and discretion..." Finally, if we want to see God in all the glory of Heaven some day after this life, we have to want and receive the grace and blessing of a pure heart. For Jesus says in "the Sixth Beatitude; 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.'" (CCC, paragraph 2518) and (Mt 5: 8)

The Tenth Commandment: **YOU SHALL NOT COVET ANYTHING THAT IS YOUR NEIGHBOR'S. YOU SHALL NOT DESIRE YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, HIS FIELD, OR HIS MANSERVANT, OR HIS MAIDSERVANT, OR HIS OX, OR HIS ASS, OR ANYTHING THAT IS YOUR NEIGHBOR'S.**

Again, similar to the Ninth Commandment, this commandment says how bad and wrong it is to COVET ANYTHING OR ANYONE OF YOUR NEIGHBOR'S. My friends, since coveting anything can be very dangerous to our souls, according to God's Demands, let's analyze it's causes and how we can avoid it completely.

When any of us see or want something of our neighbor or of anyone, the big question is WHY? Is what you want of your neighbor going to make you happy? Is what you want going to make your more acceptable in the eyes of other people? Or, did you at one time have what that person has, but for whatever reason or situation, you do not have it right now--or will never have it? These are hard questions that would take many more pages of thoughts in order to be explained with many different examples. continued →

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 23, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Pauline Lovenduski	Sandy & Joanne	Lenten Weekday <i>Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop</i>	Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13: 41c-62 Jn 8: 1-11 (251)
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ruth Ann Gregori 4th anniversary	Louie & Louie, Jr.	Lenten Weekday <i>Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr</i>	Nm 21: 4-9 Jn 8: 21-30 (252)
Wednesday, March 25, 2026 No Mass			THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Is 7: 10-14, 8: 10 Heb 10: 4-10 Lk 1: 26-38 (545)
Thursday, March 26, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Herbert & Lena Kronenwetter	Elaine & Charles Brouse	Lenten Weekday	Gn 17: 3-9 Jn 8: 51-59 (254)
Friday, March 27, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Kelly Duell birthday	Mom, Dad, Matt, and Jessie	Lenten Weekday	Jer 20: 10-13 Jn 10: 31-42 (255)
Saturday, March 28, 2026 No a.m. Mass			Lenten Weekday	Ez 37: 21-28 Jn 11: 45-56 (256)
Saturday, March 28, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Donald Abe Kentoski and daughter Laurie	Family	Vigil of Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord	(see below)
Sunday, March 29, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Mt 21: 1-11 (37) Is 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Mt 26: 14-27 :66 or 27: 11-54 (38)

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Thursday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

If we want to be self sufficient, independent, and wanting enough for ourselves and those who are our family, then, of course, we have to be willing to work, in order to get the things we need and even somethings that we want in this life. We can develop our gifts and talents, but I believe that all of our self goals NEED to be responded to, and completed in our lives for the SAKE OF OTHERS. If we want success, as Christian people, it always needs to be directed toward serving other people, so they too can succeed in their gifts and talents in this life. This desire and action is exactly what Jesus says; "Love one another." (Jn 15: 17) If we do this, we will not ever want to covet our neighbor and their goods. So, may we all believe that, in faith, "God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with His Glorious Riches in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4: 19)

God Bless, Father Mark

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