



*The Lord is
my shepherd;
I shall
not want.*

PSALM 23

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection 03/08/26	\$3,158.00
Weekly budget	\$3,425.00
Difference	\$267.00
CSA Assessment (2026)	\$30,986.00
Pledges to date	\$24,220.00

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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

March 21 10:00 am Sacred Heart 814-781-1019

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 16	6:00 pm	Holy Rosary, Jbg.
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 St. Patrick's Day celebration will be held on the weekend of March 21/22. We will have wraps & cookies after Mass on Saturday evening and cookies, donuts, & coffee after Mass on Sunday morning. Faith Formation students will have cookies on Sunday morning with their class in the SH

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 will be thrown away. Thank you.

A Family Perspective: Failure to forgive blinds us to the goodness in others. Lent offers a chance to cleanse our blind spots in the pool of forgiveness. As Jesus says in today's Gospel: "Go, wash, and see."

Thank you to the BV Labor Day Committee for their generous donation of \$950 to St. Joseph Church! They donated proceeds from the 50/50 raffle during their Valentine's Day BINGO. Thank you Brittney DeVito and Maria Leonard and all who helped in making the day a success and for their donation to St. Joseph Church!

The Ten Commandments (continued)

The Sixth Commandment:

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

The Sixth Commandment is a command to live chaste and pure lives. In CCC, paragraph 2336, it clarifies what this commandment means. "Jesus came to restore creation to the purity of its origins. In the Sermon on the Mount, He interprets God's Plan strictly. 'You have heard it was said, 'You shall NOT commit adultery.' Jesus' Teaching takes the conversation further by saying; 'but I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully, has already committed adultery with her in his heart. What God has joined together, let no man put asunder.'" These words of Jesus mean that married couples need to guard themselves from being drawn into attractions and relationships that compromise their marriage vows. This statement alone clearly tells us that Jesus does not want any of His Followers to look with lustful, wanting desires at other people. Making people objects of lustful attractions leads to sins against this commandment.

The best way to obey this commandment is to strive with all your heart to BE PURE and CHASTE with your thoughts and actions, with yourself, and with other people. The result will be greater peace in one's heart and mind.

The Seventh Commandment:

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL

The CCC, paragraph 2401, states that "the Seventh Commandment forbids unjustly taking or keeping the goods of one's neighbor and wronging him in any way with respect to his goods. It commands justice and charity in the care of earthly goods and the fruits of men's labor. For the sake of the common good, it requires respect for the universal destination of goods and respect for the right of private property. Christian life strives to order this world's goods to God and to fraternal charity."

This commandment requires respect for all people and what they own, and forbids theft. Also, human work is so very important for all people, whether full or part-time hours. People are less apt to steal if they are doing very fulfilling human work at their job site. Having steady employment is so very needed, not only to "make ends meet," but to pay bills, put food on the table, and have clothing; but it is necessary for the dignity of every person and to build the support; "the grace of confidence in all men and women." Avoid all stealing and work hard to have the things you need in life and look for opportunities of how you as a person can help someone in need with the resources you have.

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 16, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Veronica Brown	Rita Fenice	Lenten Weekday	Is 65: 17-21 Jn 4: 43-54 (244)
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Morelli	Ethel Benini	Lenten Weekday <i>St. Patrick, Bishop</i>	Ez 47: 1-9, 12 Jn 5: 1-16 (245)
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 No Mass			Lenten Weekday <i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	Is 49: 8-15 Jn 5: 17-30 (246)
Thursday, March 19, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Josephine Moyer	daughter-Michele	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 or Lk 2: 41-51a (543)
Friday, March 20, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lawrence Chiodo 5th anniversary	Family	Lenten Weekday	Wis 2: 1a, 12-22 Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)
Saturday, March 21, 2026 No a.m. Mass			Lenten Weekday	Jer 11: 18-20 Jn 7: 40-53 (249)
Saturday, March 21, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, March 22, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Charles & Clara Tyler	Lamont & Frances Gray	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Ez 37: 12-14 Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-45 or 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 (34)

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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

The Eighth Commandment: **YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR**

Always tell the truth. This is an absolute necessity in following this commandment. Children, always tell the truth to your parents and teachers. Parents, teachers, and employees, always tell the truth to your employer or your boss. Husbands and wives, always tell the truth to each other. If called to be a witness, always tell the truth in court. CCC, paragraph 2153, states "to His Disciples, Jesus teaches the unconditional love of truth: 'Let what you say be simply yes or no.'" (Mt. 5: 37)

If you believe that telling the truth will hurt someone, pray for the grace to speak kindly, gently, and humbly about the matter and that they, with God's Strength and Grace, receive your words and respond openly to what they have heard from you.

God Bless, Father Mark

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