4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.
- Jn 3:20-21

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"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." Matthew 10:8

Week of: February 28/27, 2021

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Regular Collection:	**$4,343.00**	**$1,320.00**
Budgeted Need:	**$6,343.00**	**$1,087.00**
Surplus/Deficit:	**($2,000.00)**	**($ 233.00)**
Mass Count	**183**	

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Faith Formation - Youth Ministry News

Faith Formation – Grades K-7 meet again next Sunday, March 21, at 11:15 in the Parish Center.

Youth Ministry/Confirmation Prep meets next Sunday, March 21, 11:30 - 2:00 in the Parish Center for their regular session.

Sacramental Prep—First Communion—Preparation Session V takes place Tuesday, March 16, at 6:00.

Contact Jeanne Pavlina for more information and to sign up.

Memorial Fund

✞ Harry "Bud" Suits , Jr.
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Sick and Homebound

Please keep all who are in need of healing in your prayers, especially:

- Beverly Mello's nieces Tiffany & Elaine
- Kay Anderson
- Donna Backus
- Marty Blaskowitz
- Madison Bouwere
- Douglas M Brown
- Fr. Jim Burke
- Klara Butler
- Joanie Cardone
- Brent Chomyszak
- Trish Ervay
- Rick Evans
- Mary Beth Fazzary
- Sam Fazzary
- Kay Fraboni
- Jeanine Kaminski-Hatch
- Jerry Harnas
- Michelle Johns
- Joanne Kinney
- Glenn Larison
- Stacy Marsh
- Jacob Mathews
- Jeff Parke
- Dori Ann Riggs
- Skip Root
- Angie (Franzese) Seamon
- Barb Specchio
- Nick Viselli

Pray for the homebound and those in Falls Home, Seneca View nursing facilities, and for an end to the Corona Virus Pandemic.

Bible Readings - Mar 14-20

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21.

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54.

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16.

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30.

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47.

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16 -18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53.

Pro-Life Reflection:

"Anyone who wishes to follow Me must deny himself...." - Mt 16:24

Reflection: The traditional practice of "giving something up for Lent" is a practice of self-denial. It means we say no to ourselves and yes to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, particularly abortion, which says yes to ourselves and no to God and others.

Prayer: Lord, as I practice self-denial, I offer my sacrifices for children. May we say yes to You and yes to the unborn.

Happy Feast Day St. Joseph, March 19th

In today's culture, efforts to redesign and redefine the family are well underway. However, a family, as God designed it, needs a father and a mother. Everything known about Joseph is told in the Gospels. Like his wife Mary, he was a descendant of David. His birthplace is not known, although Bethlehem is possible since he went there to be enrolled for a census, a circumstance that led to Jesus' birth there. The Gospels name four brothers of Jesus and an unknown number of sisters. Likely they were Jesus' cousins, since Aramaic, the language he spoke, did not have a separate word for "cousin." The Gospels never suggest that Joseph and Mary had the responsibility for children apart from Jesus. The long journeys he made, especially to Egypt, suggest a man in his prime, rather than a widower with six children. St. Joseph is the best model of the kind of father every Christian family needs.

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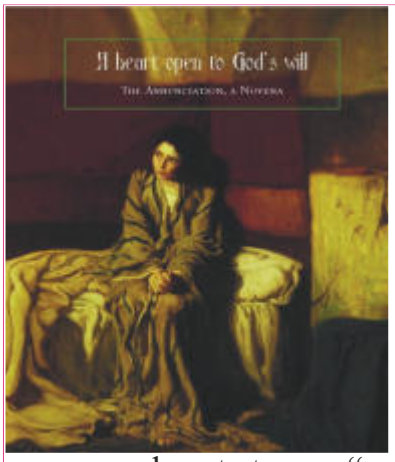


Novena for the Annunciation:

Please join us in praying a special novena on March 16-24 in preparation for the Solemnity of the Annunciation on March 25. Let us follow the example of Mary and call upon her intercession to help us open our hearts to say "yes" to God!
Copies of the novena can be picked up in the link or online at: www.usccb.org/resources/Annunciation-novena

Fridays of Lent: Holy Hour

Join us on Friday evenings of Lent at St. Mary's from 7 to 8 p.m. for a time of prayer, reflection, quiet, and adoration of our Lord in preparing once again for Easter. The Holy Hour will include the recitation of the Rosary (you can bring your own rosary or you can ask for one), Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music, and a period of quiet for personal prayer. It's a beautiful way to deepen your love for the Lord! Come and be renewed!

Recognize God in your Ordinary moments : Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give. I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too: "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone. So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him. Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad. As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day? — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

St. Mary's Mass Intentions

Sunday March 14
7:30 a.m. Julie Mathews
by Euchre Girls
10:00 a.m. Philip Simiele
by Frank, Robin, Isabella & Giuseppe LaFace
12:30 p.m. Our Parishioners

Monday, March 15
8:00 a.m. Steve Andrews
by Joan & Jr. Specchio

Wednesday, March 17
8:00 a.m. Julie Mathews
by Jim & Jean Scaptura & Sharron Holland

Thursday, March 18
8:00 a.m. Pat Ellison by the Standish family

Friday, March 19
8:00 a.m. Edward Francis DeMello
by Beverly Mello & Dominick Madaffari

Sunday March 21
7:30 a.m. *Intention Available*
10:00 a.m. Bud Suits by Mary Lou Ruvolo
12:30 p.m. Carmela Simiele
by St. Mary's Guild

St. Benedict's Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 13 at St. Mary's
5:00 p.m. Kate, Joe, Ron (children)
by Helene Rickard

Wednesday, March 17 at St. Benedict's
5:30 p.m. Intention Available

Saturday, March 20 at St. Mary's
5:00 p.m. Our Parishioners
by Helene Rickard

Counters for Monday, March 22

Nan Letteer, Judy Philips, Bea Valent

Altar Linens for March

Rosemary Nabogis, Melissa Johnson

Confessions

Saturdays, 1-2 p.m. at St. Mary's,
or call Fr. Steve to make an appointment: 607-333-0112

Ministries for the Weekend Masses on March 20 & 21

5:00 p.m.
Lector: Tammy Kellogg
Music Ministry Nancy, Diana, Rose
Church Cleaning after Mass: Volunteers

7:30 a.m.
Lectors: Tom Clifford
Music Ministry: Fr. Steve
Church Cleaning after Mass:
Mary Ann Marks, Sharron Holland

10:00 a.m.
Lectors: Maura Wolverton
Music Ministry: Tom
Video Ministry: Cindy
Church Cleaning after Mass:
Nancy Dickerson, Volunteers

12:30 p.m.
Lectors: Jackie Pastore
Music Ministry: Fr. Steve
Church Cleaning after Mass: Volunteers

Events at St Mary's for:

Sunday, March 14
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Church open for prayer

Monday, March 15
7:30 a.m. Rosary Prayer Group
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy, Church
7:00 p.m. A.A., Rm. 3, Center

Tuesday, March 16
6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation, Link

Wednesday, March 17
7:30 a.m. Rosary Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. A.A, Rm. 3, Center

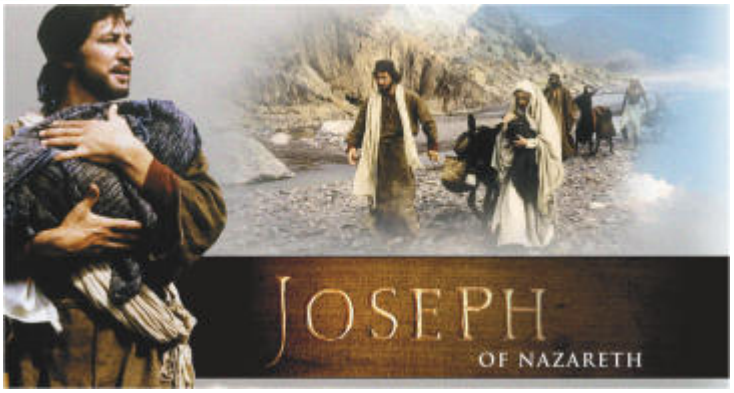
Thursday, March 18
7:30 a.m. Rosary Prayer Group

Friday, March 19
7:30 a.m. Rosary Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. A.A, Rm. 3, Center

Saturday, March 20
8:00 a.m. Divine Mercy
9:30 a.m. A.A, Rm. 3, Center
1-2:00 p.m. Confession, St. Mary's Church

Sunday, March 21
11:15 a.m. Faith Formation
11:30 a.m. Youth Ministry
2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Church open for prayer

FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK



JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: THE STORY OF THE MAN CLOSEST TO CHRIST

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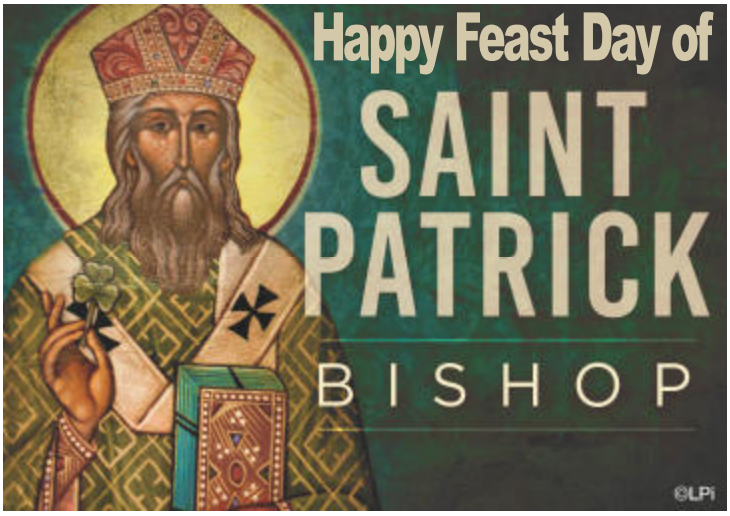
Lenten Day of Penance

Make the most of this Lenten opportunity for spiritual renewal on our parish's "Day of Penance." Come and experience God's merciful love through God's gift to the Church: the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our parish will have Confessions on Thursday, March 25th, at the following times & places:

12-3 p.m. (St. Mary's), 3:30 to 5 p.m. (St. Benedict's), and 5:30 to 7 p.m. (St. Mary's).



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