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MARCH 14, 2021



at St. Elizabeth

Saturday, Mar. 13

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, Mar. 14~Fourth Sunday of Lent~

8:45 am Recitation of the Rosary

9:30 am +Leon Griffin
From Shirley Good

Monday, Mar. 15

7:00 am Adoration

8:00 am In Reparation for the sins of our
country and for America's moral &
spiritual renewal

Tuesday, Mar. 16

7:00 am Adoration

8:00 am +Thelma Brooder

Thursday, Mar. 18

7:00 pm +Brian Morris

From Mike & Toni Morris

Friday, Mar. 19

11:00 am Adoration

12:10 pm For the People
~Stations of the Cross~

Saturday, Mar. 20

3:30-4:15 Confessions

5:00 pm In honor of David & Pat Petruzzi's
65th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, Mar. 21 ~Fifth Sunday of Lent~

8:45 am Recitation of The Rosary

9:30 am +Joe Sayers
From His family



at St. Joseph

Sunday Mar. 14 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent~

8:00 am +George Peters
From the Barber Family

Friday Mar. 19

7:00 pm For the People
In honor of St. Joseph Feast Day

Sunday Mar. 21 ~Fifth Sunday on Lent~

8:00 am For the People

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

A Special Intention, Special
Intention, Rita Bidwell, Shelly Maybury,
Jack & Janine Sokoloski, Dylan Lunder,
John Crowley, Special Intention, Patti Price,
Caitlyn Bankovich, Elijah Waite,
Penny Duncan, Malvina Weakland,
Special Intention, Anonymous.

Help us keep the Prayer List current. If the person
no longer needs to be on our list, please let the
Office know.

Pray for The Priests of The Erie Diocese

**St. Joseph's for the month of
March**

Sanctuary Light



In Loving Memory of
Bessie & Frank Worrell
Raymond & Catherine Cole
Patty Roesch
By Cathy Himes

Infant of Prague

In Loving Memory of
Dotty Ryan
By Mary Smith

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention

MARCH

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament
of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the
infinite mercy of God.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

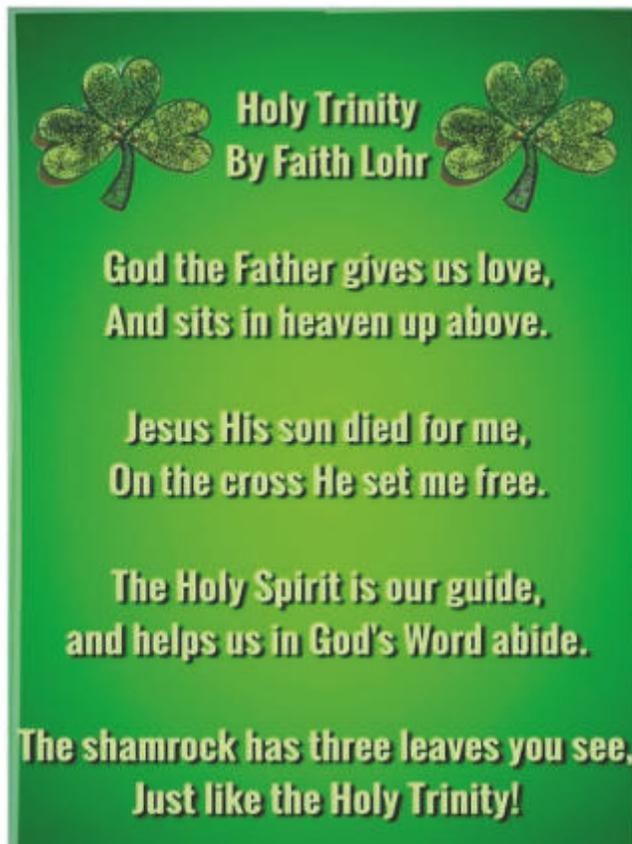
*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most
Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I
desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot
receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at
least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if
you were already there and unite myself wholly to
you. Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.*

Matthew's gospel characterizes him as a "just man" (1:19). He is the patron saint of the Universal Church, and people call upon his aid for workers, families, home buyers and sellers, and the grace of a happy death, among other requests. St. Thomas

Aquinas once noted that St. Joseph is unique among patron saints in that he is able to assist us at any time for anything.

St. Theresa of Avila echoed this idea when she wrote "I know by experience that the glorious St. Joseph assists us generally in all necessities. I never asked him for anything which he did not obtain for me."

This prayer is among the earliest invocations to St. Joseph, and also one of the best known:



The Prayer to St Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen



Sunday, Mar 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Don't look at me

During Lent, it's easy to imagine we're scoring points with heaven by all this fasting, praying, and almsgiving. Giving up binge watching for a season, spending 15 minutes daily in contemplation, or funding a different cause each Friday are all worthy activities that may deepen our commitment to faithful living. None of these practices will actually buy us a ticket to paradise, however. Grace is free and unearned, so we can't boast about it. Our Lenten practices are simply our way of saying "Thank You" to the Giver of all good gifts.

TODAY'S READINGS: Year B: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21 (32). "It is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast."

Monday, Mar 15, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Engender cooperation

There have been some famous male/female teams in the history of Catholic religious orders. Benedict and Scholastica, Francis and Clare, Teresa of Ávila and John of the Cross. Another team included Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac, whose feast day is today. While Vincent founded the Vincentians, together he and Louise cofounded the Daughters of Charity. Today, there are 14,000 Daughters of Charity serving the poor all over the world.

Commit to improving gender relations in your daily interactions. When woman and men feel free to make their unique contributions, great things can happen.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 (244). "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe."

Tuesday, Mar 16, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Healing water everywhere

The custom of dipping a finger into holy water and making the sign of the cross upon entering a church serves to remind us of our Baptism, whereby we first entered the Catholic Church. But the waters of Baptism do much more, altering our metaphysical makeup in a profound way. Christians adopted the ritual from John the Baptist, but the practice has even more ancient roots.

It's tied to the Jewish use of mikvahs, purifying pools—including those mentioned in the Bible, like Bethesda and Siloam—that believers visited to cleanse themselves of sickness and sin. Let your own bathing rituals remind you of your baptismal promises. TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). "They shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary."

Wednesday, Mar 17, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF PATRICK, BISHOP, MISSIONARY

Offer an Irish-inspired blessing

As the church and the Irish, and all who are "Irish for the day," celebrate the feast of Saint Patrick, let's also celebrate what we know of this remarkable fifth-century saint who brought the message of Christ to Ireland. Patrick writes in his Confession of his homeland (Roman Britain), his youthful captivity by pirates, his conversion, and his deepening desire to proclaim God's presence. There is no mention of snakes or shamrocks, but there is strong testament to Patrick's missionary zeal: "That is why I cannot be silent . . . about such great blessings and such a gift that the Lord so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity." Look

for God's presence in this day and share your own good news. TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246). "I cannot do anything on my own; . . . because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me."

Thursday, Mar 18, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Explore the roots of your faith

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem was a scholar and catechist at heart, but he spent years embroiled in the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. He spent 16 of his 35 years as Jerusalem's archbishop in exile over Arianism and political wrangling. Although he died in 386, it took until 1882 for him to be declared a doctor of the church for his significant theological contributions, many written for adults joining the church. In keeping with Saint Cyril's dedication to catechesis, devote some time today to learning more about your faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247). "The works that the Father gave me to accomplish . . . testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me."

Friday, Mar 19, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Try a little tenderness

When God's plans collided with his, Joseph attended to a calling beyond the law or custom of his day. He must have felt angry, betrayed, confused. But he also knew something greater was at stake than simply following rigid Mosaic code, which would have demanded stoning a woman found to be "with child" before marriage. Instead, he trusted Mary and trusted the dream that brought him angelic counsel. As Pope Francis said in his homily on this feast day in 2013, "in [Joseph's] heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength." Practice tenderness—the sign of a strong heart!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543). "He did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

Saturday, Mar 20, 2021

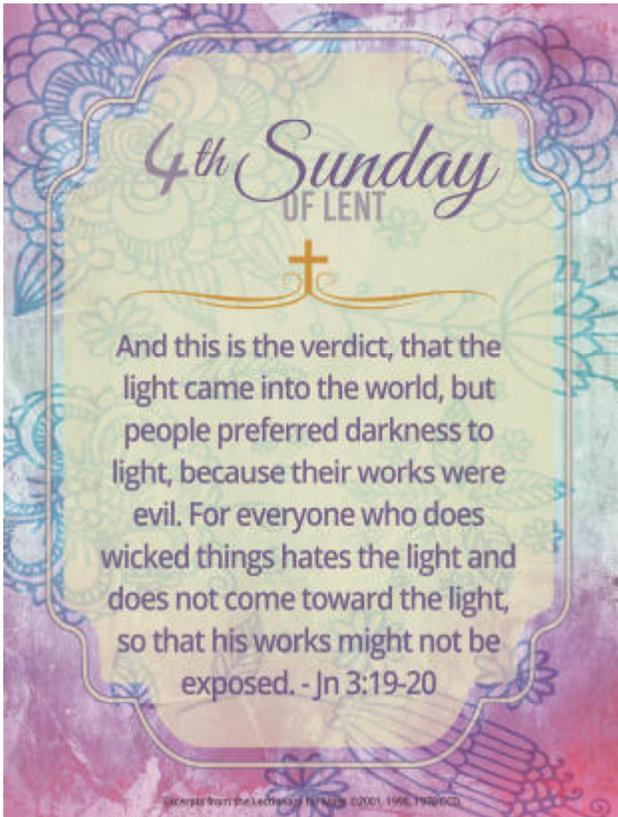
LENTEN WEEKDAY

Lie low to be raised high

In 1812, six young women joined to devote their lives to providing care and education for Catholic families living in Kentucky. Nineteen-year-old Catherine Spaulding from Maryland was chosen to lead the group that became the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (S.C.N.). Mother Catherine guided the congregation for 45 years, until her death on March 20, 1858. Today 550 S.C.N. sisters serve in 20 states and four foreign countries. Find your own quiet path of humility so that you, too, can be exalted.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249). "Never before has anyone spoken like this man."





Marriage Moment

"I was blind and now I see" (John 9:25) In marriage we may not be physically blind but we still need to look deeply to understand the other's hurts and fears in order to see the whole person.

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."



Sacramental Information

Baptism: Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

Matrimony: An appointment with the parish priest, needs to be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding date, before the wedding can be scheduled. Pre-Cana, Engagement Encounter, or NOVA is required.

Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion: Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

New Members are always welcome. Contact the parish office to register or use the form on back of bulletin. Moving? Please let us know.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Any individual seeking information on becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith should call the parish office.



March 17th

March 14th



Life Line Screening will be at St. Elizabeth on April 14th. If you would like to schedule a screening or would like more information, please call the parish office or visit <http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle>

Life Line Screening specializes in comprehensive health screenings that are designed for prevention to identify signs of vascular disease, diabetes, and some forms of cancer. Our mission is to provide community-level access to preventive healthcare with easy-to-understand test results to share with your doctor.

Applications are now being accepted for the non-renewable \$1,000 **Sharon DeLancey Memorial Scholarship**. 2021 Smethport Area High School Seniors who are members of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Smethport, where Sharon was a choir member and catechism teacher, are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be enrolled in a four-year college or registered nursing curriculum. Applications are available at the parish office on Franklin Street and must be returned there by May 19th, 2021. The recipient will be announced on Senior Recognition Sunday in June.

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Note: Use of this form does not automatically register you with the church. You will be contacted to arrange an appointment. Thank You