

Faith Formation Classes

Faith Formation Education will continue on April 11th in the Parish Hall. We are following all social distancing and sanitation protocols to ensure the safety of all Teachers and Students in attendance. Your participation in our program is very much appreciated

LENTEN DISCIPLINES of the CHURCH

ABSTINENCE: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

FASTING: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

EASTER DUTY: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between March 1 (First Sunday in Lent) and June 7 (Trinity Sunday).

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED:

RECONCILIATION: Catholics are bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year (Canon 989).

OTHER FRIDAYS OF THE YEAR: Catholics should be reminded that all other Fridays of the year remain as days of penance, in prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Jesus Christ.

OBLIGATION: The obligation which we have as members of the Church to do penance is a serious one. Furthermore, the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious one.

While no one should hold himself or herself lightly excused, one should not become unduly scrupulous. Failure to observe individual days of penance is less serious than the failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

"Rosebud" Bouquets,
Bob Damon, Stacy Wisenburg,
Barbara Koza, Diana Lucas,
Walter Brosnan, Fr. Leo Schlisser

Prayers for The Deceased
Ed Russell, Mike Lester
Vincy O'Donnell, Julie (Kerber) Cardella
Irvin Moltrup, Kenneth (Bart) Bartlett

Today's Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 37:12-14 *Psalm 130*
Romans 8:8-11 *John 11:1-45*

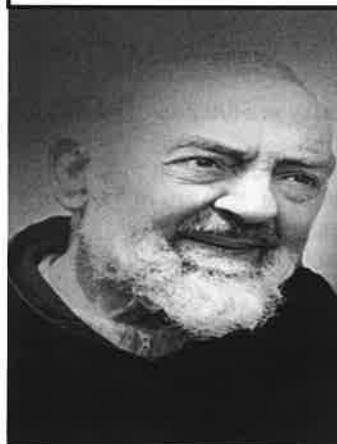
Scripture Passage for Next Weekend
March 27 & 28, 2021
Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord

Isaiah 50: 4-7 *Psalm 22*
Phillipians 2: 6-11 *Mark 14: 1-15: 47*

LENTEN EVENTS

March 26	Stations of the Cross	7 PM
March 27 & 28	Palm Sunday Weekend	
April 1	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	7 PM
April 2	Good Friday Passion Liturgy Tenebrae	3 PM 7 PM
April 3 PM	Easter Basket Blessing	3
	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Liturgy	6: 30 PM
April 4	Mass of the Lord's Resurrection	8 & 10: 30 AM

Catholic Charities Appeal cards are located in the vestibule. Please consider a donation to this wonderful organization.



ST. PADRE PIO

"The Lord sometimes makes you feel the weight of the cross. Although the weight seems intolerable, you are able to carry it, because the Lord, in his love and mercy, extends a hand to you and gives you strength."

Grateful to God

Collection week of: 3/14/2021

Regular Collection \$2673
Religious Ed. \$55.00
Diocesan \$10.00
Total \$2738

Attendance Week of: 3/14/2021

Saturday Mass 5pm—49
Sunday Mass 8 am—28
Sunday Mass 10: 30 am—53
Total—130

Counters for March 28th—Team S & V

January YTD Collections \$56,688.00
YTD Budget—\$63,885
YTD Variance—(\$7197.00)

HOPE

When you are troubled, we are hope. If you have a child ages 12 to 17 who is displaying chronic behaviors such as: noncompliance, verbal and/or physical aggression, school failure, curfew violations, running away, illegal substance abuse and/or criminal activity in two or more environments (home, school and/or community), consider Catholic Charities' Multisystemic Therapy Program in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties. MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention provided in the natural environment of the youth. Interventions are research-based and the program offers 24/7 availability. For more information about MST, call 716-204-0555, ext. 330 or visit ccwny.org/mst. In other WNY counties, office-based counseling is always available to families at ccwny.org/counseling

Confirmation for 2021 is being held on Monday, May 17th at 7 PM here at St. Joseph's. Candidates from St. Joseph's and St. John Neumann of Strykersville will be confirmed. Our celebrant will be Bishop Mike Fisher.

Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th from 12:30 PM to 5 PM.

First Holy Communion is scheduled for Sunday, May 2nd, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

**March 20 & 21, 2021
5th Sunday of Lent**

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week
M – Memorial A – Anniversary L –Living

Monday, March 22nd

8am Helen Huttchinson—M
(Fran Mauro)

Tuesday, March 23rd

8am All Souls *

Wednesday, March 24th

8am Parishioners of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist *

Thursday, March 25th

8am Parishioners of St. Philips *

Friday, March 26th

8am All Parishioners *

Saturday, March 27th

5pm Ed Russell—M
(Debi & Mike Rush)

Sunday, March 28th

8am All Souls

10:30am All Souls

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday March 27th
5 pm Angie Howes
Sunday March 28th
8 am John Hilton
10: 30 am Samantha Michel

SACRISTAN SCHEDULE

Saturday March 27th
5 pm K. Orlando
Sunday March 28th
8 pm Help Needed
10: 30 am S. Jackson

VIRTUAL MEAT RAFFLE

On April 24th @ 7PM, Blessed Sacrament Church will be holding a Virtual Meat Raffle on Facebook Live @artyparty716. The cost—\$50.00 for 12 rounds with 3 spins each and winners per round and several bonus rounds. A 50/50 raffle will also be offered. 1 ticket for \$5.00 or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Questions? Call 716-834-4282.