

**Covenant-Obedience** The word "covenant" is almost too familiar to Christians. It is a word so often found in our liturgies, in our prayers, and in our mouths, that it comes too trippingly off the tongue. And yet, "covenant" is far too strong and too binding a word to be tossed off and trifled with. Today, most attorneys would advise against using the word "covenant" in a contract, because the word is so legally binding. When one makes a covenant with another, one is making a promise and commitment that cannot be broken without serious consequences. Christians are a people of covenant. When God established the covenant with us, God knew exactly what it entailed: God and humanity were bound in an unbreakable relationship, a relationship so strong it would outlast even death itself.

Today, the popular gesture and expression "Yes!" is everywhere. It is more than a simple intellectual assent or affirmation. It is our current enthusiastic expression of triumph or vindication. God addresses us today as always: "I will be their God, and they shall be my people." We know that the death and resurrection brought about this covenant. And we know the cost. Let our response be "Yes!"

1. Identify your covenants at work, at home, in the neighborhood. Which are the most challenging and rewarding? Which need attention?
2. How does, or can, an ordered prayer life keep you in touch in your heart of hearts with God, your covenant partner?
3. If God seems far away, guess who moved? What will be your move?

#### PARISH NEWS

**Saturday Mass:** St. Michael's will be hosting all Saturday Masses at 4:00pm for the month of March, Please continue to watch the bulletin for further notices.

*\*\*St. Joseph will be hosting all Saturday Masses at 4pm for the entire month of April.*

**SATURDAY MARCH 31, HOLY SATURDAY, MASS WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOSEPH'S AT 8:30PM.**

**MASS CHANGE:** Monday, March 19 at 9:00am, Feast of St. Joseph

**(SJP) Bible Study:** Monday 7:00 PM.

**(SJP) ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH:**

*Rosary Society Yearly Events:*

- Trout Unlimited Dinner- Linda Steiner-Mander & Deb Lauer with Bands 1 & 2
- Noodle Days - Marion Lutz & Trish Moore with Bands 3 & 4
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Dinner
- Parish Picnic - Marcia Ochs
- Farmington Alumni Dinner
- Fall Dinner

We have volunteers to oversee the Trout Unlimited Dinner and Noodle Days. Please consider helping with the preparations for this year's July 4<sup>th</sup> Dinner. This would include ordering food that is inventoried and list ready, phoning the heads of the kitchen stations so they can contact help and prepare their area, also being available on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the dining /kitchen area.

**SJP & SMP Keys:** Now that St. Joseph & St. Michael Churches are partnered, we are asking that anyone who has a key to anything belonging to either Parish to let the office know. Thank you!

The **St. Joseph Quilt Sneak Preview** will be held in May this year. More information will follow later. Thanks to all the quilt makers.

**(SJP) Ministry & Alter Server Schedules:** Please pick up your appropriate schedule(s) for April - June at the back of the church.

**MILITARY CARDS:** The St. Joseph Care and Concern card committee members would like to send cards to military men and women who are serving overseas. If you know of someone who would like to receive cards, please contact Linda McCloskey at 226-6075 or stjosephcare@gmail.com.

#### PARISH NEWS

**Office:** Please continue to contact the office at St. Joseph with any questions or concerns you may have. (814)226-7288. Thank you!

\*When calling the Church or Rectory please leave a slow clear message with your name and telephone number twice. Several calls are not being returned due to not being able to hear or understand your message and phone number.

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**(SJP) Religious Education:** 3/18/18 - 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade retreat. 8:30 - 1:00 in the Social Hall. Retreat is mandatory.

**(SMP) Religious Education:** 3/18/18 - Last Class

**(SMP) Spring Cleaning:** All ST. Michael parishioners are asked to give a hand spring cleaning at 9:00am on March 24. Men are asked to help with higher spots and children can help with tight spots.

**(SJP) Key Ring Found:** A red key ring with a heart shaped stone engraved with 'Faith' was found in the St. Joseph parking lot. Call the office to claim. (814) 226-7288.

**40 Cans for Lent Drive:** The Msrg. Theobald K of C will again be sponsoring a 40 Cans for Lent Drive at St. Michael's. We ask each parish family to donate a can of food for each day of lent, Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. There will be boxes at each entrance of the Church to place the food items. Items collected will go to the North Clarion Food Pantry.

**St. Michael Easter Egg Hunt:** The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held ~~today after 10:00am~~ Mass behind the church. Everyone is welcome. *March 28<sup>th</sup>*

**(SMP) Rosary Society:** The first meeting of the year will be on Monday, April 2. Future meetings on 5/7, 6/4, 8/6, 10/8, and 11/5.

**\$10,000 Dubois Central Catholic Grand Prize Drawing:**

1<sup>st</sup> -- \$10,000 2<sup>nd</sup> -- \$1,000 3<sup>rd</sup> -- \$500 4<sup>th</sup> -- \$200 5<sup>th</sup> -- \$100  
April 21, 2018. \$100 per ticket, includes admission for 2 to the 7:00pm Drawing Party. Need not be present to win. Call Fred Deemer at 541-7037.

Liturgy Schedule MARCH 24th & MARCH 25th

**4:00 p.m.**

**SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH**

Sacristan: Theresa Seitz  
Altar Server: Jamie Bauer  
Euch Min: Theresa Seitz, Darla Smerkar, Bernice Strauser  
Lector: Bill Aaron  
Ushers: Bill Barklow, John Weaver Jr., Andrew Gilara, Michael Beichner  
Rosary: Theresa Seitz

**7:30 a.m. Palm Sunday**

**SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH**

Altar Servers: Logan Swanson  
Euch Min: Morgan & Donna Jones, Kristie Schmader  
Lector: Kristie Schmader  
Ushers: Wayne Wolbert, Pete Judy, Dick Schill, Bill Schmader

**10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday**

**SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH**

Sacristan: Jody Guth  
Altar Server: Owen Kerle, Aubree Kerle  
Euch Min: Deb Desmond, Jody Guth, Jane Schmader  
Lector: Jody Guth, Bill Schupp  
Ushers: Matt Gilara, Daniel Brooker, Todd & Tyler Beichner  
Rosary: William Ditz  
R.S. Cleaner:

Mass Schedule MARCH 19th - MARCH 25th

**Monday, March 19th**

9:00 a.m. - (SJP) Maurice & Leona Rapp by the Family  
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Freda Ditz by Dorothy Odle

**Tuesday, March 20th**

No Early Mass  
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) James Elliot by Woodland Owners of Clarion-Allegheny Valley  
7:00 p.m. - Penance Celebration - St. Joseph - Lucinda

**Wednesday, March 21st**

No Early Mass  
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Alfred (Junior) Guth by Robert Schupp  
7:00 p.m. - Penance Celebration - IC - Clarion

**Thursday, March 22nd**

No Early Mass  
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Dorothy Schupp by John & Paulette Colantonio

**Friday, March 23rd**

No Early Mass  
12:00 p.m. - (SMP) Robert Gentile by Kay  
11:00 a.m. - IC - Clarion

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Saturday, March 24th**

Confession at St. Michael, 3:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m. - (SMP) Parish Family  
**Sunday, March 25th**  
7:30 a.m. - (SJP) Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Fesenmyer, Delene & Michael Ochs by Roger & Mary Jane Steiner  
10:00 a.m. - (SMP)  
4:00 p.m. - Penance Celebration - St. Patrick - Franklin

**Collection Counters March 24 & 25**

SJP: George & Lisa Carroll, Lisa Judy  
SMP: Mary Dechant, Andrew Gilara, Nicholas Banner

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of**

SJP: John & Sheri Burchfield by Mom  
SMP: Duff Kerle by the McCleary Family

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

**Parish Family, All Special Intentions  
Service People on Active Duty**

Tim Nicewonger, Bob Anderson, Brendan & Edward George, Punkie Griebel, Jim Pfaff, Jake Siegel, Melissa Johnson and Deacon Mike  
All victims of disasters and violence  
Please call the Rectory or drop a note in collection basket if you would like to have someone added to the Prayer list.

School News (814) 226-8018

Mass: Monday, March 19 at 9:00am. Feast of St. Joseph  
Fish Fry: Desserts are appreciated. Come help with prep on Fridays from 8am - 3pm or Dinner at 4pm. Thank you!

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Joseph's March 11**

Sunday Collection \$1,300  
Loose Collection \$213

**Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Michael's March 11**

Sunday Collection \$3,504  
Loose Collection \$846

CSA: St. Joseph assessment to Diocese: \$31,342

Parishioners Pledged: \$39,262

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$25,342

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$6,000

Monies towards Steps & Chimney: \$0

CSA: St. Michael's assessment to Diocese: \$33,808

Parishioners Pledged: \$38,855

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$32,035

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$1,773

Monies towards Concrete Repair & Windows: \$0

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## 2018-2019 School Registration

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Noon - 3:30 pm

Or Call for an Appointment & Personal Tour

PreK thru Sixth-Grade

(Preschool students must be 3 yrs. old before Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>)

*All Denominations Are Welcome*

We are currently developing an extended day program for the 2018-19 school year.

We are committed to offering the most affordable, quality, private school education in the area. There are generous tuition assistance & scholarship programs available for our school families as well as flexible monthly payments.

Traditional Lenten practices of **PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING**, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

**ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT** and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **abstinence** from meat for those 14 years of age and older.

**GOOD FRIDAY** is also a day of **fasting** for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. *(Those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)*

**Stations of the Cross** will be every Tuesday starting on **February, 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm at both SJP and SMP (Except March 20th, there will be no Stations of the Cross).

**Palm Sunday, March 25 at 7:00pm:** In need of 1 more Lector.

**Holy Saturday, March 31 at 8:30pm:**

Please consider volunteering to be an Usher, Server, Eucharistic Minister or Lector. Please call the Rectory at (814)226-7288 or email [jennifer.schmader@stjosephlucinda.com](mailto:jennifer.schmader@stjosephlucinda.com) if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

**Mass Schedule:**

7:00 p.m. - (SMP) Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Holy Thursday

3:00 p.m. - (SMP) Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday

8:30 p.m. - (SJP) Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Holy Saturday

7:30 a.m. - (SJP) Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. - (SMP) Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Easter Sunday

**Lenten Penance Celebration:**

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm - St. Joseph - Lucinda

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm - Immaculate Conception - Clarion

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm - St. Patrick - Franklin

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
Sunday, March 25, 2018

**Lec. 38**

Isaiah 50:4-7    Philippians 2:6-11    Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

**Liturgy of the Word:**

Isaiah foretells that God's servant will suffer as a consequence of being a true and faithful disciple. Saint Paul reminds us that Jesus set aside his glory and power by becoming one with us in the flesh, but through his humility and suffering, he has become Lord of all. The Gospel tells the story of Jesus' passion and death.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Bible Study on Mark's Gospel**

Welcome! Join Sister Marian and Sister Tina's Bible Study Group each Tues. morning during Lent (10:15 - 11:45 am) at Assumption Social Hall (near church parking lot, Oil City. Our study will be on Mark's Gospel, "Jesus, the Suffering Servant" by Stephen J. Binz. For more information call 677 2032. All are welcome.

**Catholic Rural Ministry** (814) 677-2032 ~ 7 Pulaski St., 16301  
Sister Tina Geiger, RSM ~~ Sister Marian Wehler, OSB  
[ruralministry@yahoo.com](mailto:ruralministry@yahoo.com)

**24 Hour Emergency**

Pregnancy (814) 459-3103

Community Counseling (814) 793-6602

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