

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Income 03/31/24

Weekly Offering	\$ 955.00
Easter Sunday	3,736.77
Monthly	315.00
Palm Sunday	<u>254.00</u>
	\$ 5,260.77
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,471.80</u>
	(\$ 2,211.03)

357 envelopes issued 161 envelopes used.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

2024 Catholic Services Appeal

Holy Rosary Parish Assessment \$45,965

"One Faith, One Family"

Pledges through 03/31/24 - \$ 35,639

Through 81 responses

with payments thus far = \$ 31,798

HAVE AN IRA? Would like to gift to a qualified charity, tax free? If you make donations and are subject to required minimum distributions (RMD) rules for your IRA, gifting some of your RMD income using the qualified charitable distribution will count toward satisfying your RMD, and neither you nor the charity will have to pay income taxes.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Real mercy begins here.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS "Love is not simply a feeling; it is a decision." (Marriage Encounter principle) When the feeling fades – as it does at times – recommit to building your relationship. DO something loving for your spouse. Feelings are passing. Love goes beyond feelings.

PARENTING POINTERS April 5th was Golden Rule Day, . . . **"Treat others as you would like them to treat you." (Mt. 7:12) It's both common sense and Biblical sense; but sometimes hard to do. This week when you feel angry or irritated at someone, flip the roles and try to treat them with honest love.**

Prayer: Don't give God instructions – just report for duty!

ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS:

Fred and Barbara Kreckel (Ray, Gayle, Katie & Jace)

BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS: The next sessions for parents requesting the Sacrament of Baptism are:

- 1) Tues., April 16th at 7:00 pm in St. Leo Parish, Ridgway call 814-772-3135
- 2) Thurs., May 23rd at 7:00 pm in St. Marys Church, St. Marys call 814-781-1019

Parents are required to attend a session and should invite their sponsors. **If you would prefer to do class online go to: st-boniface.org/prep/**

(Create a 'formed.org' account and sign up as a parishioner then use 'St Marys Inter Parish Faith' as your parish or organization) and watch the videos.

PRE-CANA CONFERENCES:

For an up-to-date schedule, including any changes or cancellations please visit:

www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/precana.html

Pre-Cana consists of a series of presentations and activities to show couples the importance of sharing and communication. Couples who have contacted the parish to schedule their wedding are eligible to attend.

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER Planning for your marriage in 2024? EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ for more information. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

NOVA is a one-day remarriage preparation retreat designed to give couples the opportunity to talk about and reflect on situations that differ from those faced by couples marrying for the first time Topics covered include: Expectations, Legal Issues, Obstacles in Remarriage, and Sacramental Commitment. Call 814-824-1261 for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER The holidays are here! In all the preparations will you think lovingly of your spouse? . . . or pile on expectations? It is a busy time. Consider this: a weekend away after the holidays to just be the two of you – husband & wife – and refocus on being that couple. WME weekend is a faith-based enrichment for any married couple. Go to www.WWME.org for more info and to apply.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Religious Education students grades 1 – 8 will meet this Sunday, April 7th from 11:00 – noon. Confirmation students will meet Sunday, April 7th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

NOTE: The dates for are Confirmation – Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 pm in St. Leo Church, Ridgway, and First Holy Communion – Sunday, April 28th during 10:00 Mass in Holy Rosary Church.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be using 'The Bible Study' by Zach Windahl (available on Amazon, if you are unable to purchase the study there will be copies of each chapter at the meetings) and will discuss The New Testament – Luke. The next meeting is this Sunday, April 7th at 1:00 pm in the school building library (enter by the ramp in the alley). Call DeAnna Singer at 814-335-3391 if you have any questions.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA (for girls age ten and older and their moms) sponsored by the Virtue & Integrity Education Office, Office of Education, Diocese of Erie will be held on Sunday, April 21st from 1:00 – 4:00 pm in St. Mary's Church, St. Marys. This is a special time to connect, talk about becoming a woman, prepare for puberty together. The cost is \$35/family and includes: afternoon tea, light lunch, activities, and unforgettable memories. RSVP by April 14th online at www.eriercd.org/chastity/tea.html or pick up a registration form in the rectory office.

BUS TRIP to Lancaster Sight & Sound Theater to see: "Daniel" on Wednesday, July 24th. Leave the Benedictine Gift Shop parking lot at 7:30 am, lunch in Lancaster before the 3:00 pm show. Quick stop for supper on the way home. Arrive back in St. Marys around 10:30 pm. Cost is \$210/person which includes bus, lunch, show ticket, and all tips & gratuity. Please call the Parish Office at 817-781-1019 to reserve your spot!!

THE BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP is fully stocked with everything you could need for your loved one's sacrament: Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation. Stop by Tues. – Fri. from 9:30 am – 5 pm and Sat. 10 am – 1 pm.

CINCH TOURNAMENT to benefit Relay for Life will be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Center on Sunday, April 21st. Dinner will be served at 12:15; play to begin promptly at 1:00. \$10/person. Pre-register by calling Sharon 814-594-5594 or Sacred Heart Parish 814-834-7861.

OFFICE CLOSED The rectory office will be closed on Monday, April 8th for the Eclipse.

ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE is sponsoring a presentation by Nikki Bruni, Director of 40 Days for Life Pittsburgh and Executive Director of People Concerned for Unborn Citizens. Join us for a compelling presentation, as Nikki shares her story of the journey from own abortion testimony to devoting every day of her life to helping the unborn. She will share her stories from the sidewalk outside the doors of Planned Parenthood, of lives lost and saved, hurting women/men who they have helped, and assistance given to mother's who chose life. She will also share her incredible conversion story, of how even in the darkest of times and places, God can heal and call to serve Him. The presentation will be Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm in the Sister's Chapel near St. Marys Church.

1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE Just two more weeks until 1:38 Women – register now! Enjoy a dynamic experience with women from around the Diocese of Erie and beyond! The 9th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 20th, from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm. You may attend as follows: 1. Live in-person at St. Jude Church in Erie. 2. Live-streamed to hosting parishes: participating parishes are listed on the website at www.138women.com 3. Live-streamed to your home. Don't miss the opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through two inspiring talks from national speaker, Lisa Cotter and opportunities for prayer and Reconciliation, as well as Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico. All you need to have is an open heart! The conference is just \$20 if you pre-register and \$25 at the door. For more information and to register, visit the website or call 814-455-7364.

20TH ANNIVERSARY ST. LEO TROUT DERBY will be held April 27-28th at the Ridgway Fireman's Grounds. You don't have to fish to join in the fun; there will be vendors, food, music, games, kids' derby, raffles and camping available. Chicken BBQ on Saturday. April 27th from 11 am – sold out; Mass will be held on the fairgrounds on Saturday, April 27th at 7:00 pm by Fr. Justin Pino. The Kids Derby on Saturday April 27th starting at 2:00 pm is a great time to teach little ones to fish and win prizes, all kids will receive a prize! Prizes include: Lucky Leo \$2,000; 2 additional \$1,000; tagged fish \$500 - \$20. Register and/or more information at trout_derby@hotmail.com or st.leosfishingderby.com

Holy Rosary Parish Schedule of Masses and Ministers
The following Mass intentions will be announced at all masses the week of

April 8th - 14th: Third Sunday of Easter

John, Alice and Brian O’Connell (Tom & Mary Ellen Muroski); **John and Joyce Miller** (Dan, Donna & Michael Miller); **Kenneth Riley** (Wanda Sekelsky); **Don Allegretto** (Dave & Judy); **Susan Renaud** (Family)

Daily Masses: April 8th – 12th : Thursday & Friday - 7:45 am

April 13 & 14	LECTOR	SERVER	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER
Sat. 5:30 pm	Gary Malacarne	Sydney Miller	Rose Malacarne
Sun. 8:30 am SA	Kris Ostrander	Beau Schreiber	Kris Ostrander
10:00 am	Bryton Shuey	Jema O’Rourke	Matt Shuey

73RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is Thursday, May 2nd. The theme for 2024 is LIFT UP THE WORD – LIGHT UP THE WORLD. It seems we are in such a time of “Spiritual darkness” and this year’s theme should inspire us to take The Light of Jesus and The Glory of His Word to a hurting and Spiritually hungry world. There will be a countywide Prayer Service held in the Methodist Church Pavilion, St. Marys at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 2nd. Through the efforts of The National Day of Prayer Task Force, more than 35,000 prayer gatherings will be conducted by about 40,000 volunteers across the United States. To highlight this year’s theme the Scripture reading II Samuel 22:29-31 has been chosen. “For You are my Lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God – His way is perfect; the Word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all these who take refuge in Him.”

OUR RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS: In two weeks. We will have our annual Good Shepherd Collection in our parish to assist with the needs of caring for our retired diocesan priests. There is a special need to assist them with the escalating health care costs and long-term care expenses. As more priests become eligible to retire from active ministry in the next few years, our Priest Retirement Plan must be adequately funded to cover their future needs. Please consider a generous gift to the annual Diocesan Good Shepherd Collection the weekend of April 20 & 21.

BLOOD DRIVE will be held in the Senior Center basement on Friday, April 12th from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B, or A donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

COMMUNION BREADS
the month of April are in loving memory of **Pat and Irene Carnovale** (Family); **Rob and Frances Zilkofski** (Grandsons); **Donald Allegretto** (Family)

PRAYERS are requested for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth DiNardo.

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP Are you a caregiver for someone with Alzheimer’s disease or another type of dementia? You are welcome to join others at area support group meetings: St. Marys Public Library – first Monday of the month from noon – 2:00. Fox Township (Kersey) Senior Center – third Thursday of the month from 3 – 5 pm. Dubois Christ the King Manor – first Tuesday of the month 5 – 6 pm. For more information, please call 814-772-5461 or 814-245-6474.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
PARISH OFFICE

606 PENN STREET
JOHNSONBURG, PA 15845
Rectory: 965-2819
Rev. David J. Wilson, Pastor
Stephen D. Vallone, Finance Manager
DAILY MASSES: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY - 7:45 AM (may vary, check bulletin every week)
LORD’S DAY MASSES:

Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg – SATURDAY 5:30 PM & SUNDAY 10:00 AM **Saint Anne, Wilcox** – SUNDAY 8:30 AM
HOLY ROSARY RECTORY HOURS: (beginning April 1st) Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

HOLY ROSARY PARISH



Holy Rosary



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75 BUCHANAN STREET
WILCOX, PA 15870
Fax: 965-3482
Religious Education and
Pre-School Office: 965-2812

Closed Wednesday; Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Website: <https://dioceseoferie.org/HolyRosary/> (for the weekly bulletin) For online giving: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZAFK>
Check our Facebook page: **Johnsonburg Holy Rosary Church** - for updates on daily Masses & Religious Education Info.

“Jesus, have mercy on me and on the whole world!”

Why wasn’t Thomas with the other apostles the first time Jesus appeared to them? Maybe Thomas was so discouraged that he just wanted to be alone, or perhaps he was hiding somewhere else. Whatever the case, he did not believe that Jesus had really appeared to the disciples that night (John 20:25). He had to see the risen Christ for himself.

Jesus knew this, so exactly one week later, He appeared again, this time to all the apostles. When Jesus invited Thomas to put his hand in His wounds, Thomas exclaimed, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

What an appropriate Gospel passage for Divine Mercy Sunday! In His great mercy, Jesus deeply desired that Thomas believe that He had truly risen – so much so that He may have come back especially for him.

The Gospels are filled with examples of Jesus’ mercy, from His healing of people who were blind or sick to His compassion for those who were far from home and needed something to eat. Of course, His greatest act of mercy was His self-offering on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

“Tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy.” That is the message Jesus gave to the Polish nun Sr. Faustina Kowalska in 1931 (*Diary*, 699). This is a mercy that knows no bounds, that longs for every single person to receive it and be saved, no matter how far they strayed. We have trouble conceiving it because it is so unlike anything we have ever encountered here on earth!

No matter how long we have followed Jesus, we are all in need of His mercy and compassion. Even Thomas, His very own apostle, needed it! Today make time to gaze on the Divine Mercy image of Jesus and ask Him to give you the grace to believe in the depths of His mercy. Then exclaim with Thomas, “My Lord and my God!”