

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Income 03/03/24

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,283.77
Monthly	865.00
Pre School	2,157.40
Gifts	110.00
	<u>\$ 6,416.17</u>
Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 7,471.80</u>
	(\$ 1,055.63)

357 envelopes issued 126 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 03/03/24 - \$ 33,026

Through 77 responses

with payments thus far = \$ 28,976

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

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."

MARRIAGE MOMENTS Disagreements, Part 2. If on a scale of 1 – 10 you're both about 5, seek a compromise. If you're both around 10, seek a new solution or agree to disagree. Don't play games though. If one of you is always a 10, he/she may need to let go of control.

PARENTING POINTERS On these often-dreary days of March, carve out some time this weekend to play with your child(ren). Think board games, cards, hide & seek, read a book together, or some other fun activity. Even a video game counts. The rest of the day may go better.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed in Holy Rosary Church on Fridays at 6:00 pm during Lent.

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

- 1) Sat., March 23rd at 10:00 am in Sacred Heart, St. Marys call 814-834-7861
- 2) Tues., April 16th at 7:00 pm in St. Leo Parish, Ridgway call 814-772-3135

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.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/precana.html

- 1) Saturday, March 16th at Queen of the World, St. Marys from 9 am – 6:15 pm (Mass included) RSVP 814-834-4701

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.eriecd.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 again Sunday, March 17th from 11:00 – noon. Confirmation students will meet this Sunday, March 3rd from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

NOTE: at the bottom of the Religious Education calendar are the dates for First Reconciliation – Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 in Holy Rosary Church; 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.

AREA PENANCES SERVICES

Queen of the World – Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 pm

St. Leo, Ridgway – Monday, March 18th at 6:00 pm

St. Mary – Friday, March 22nd at 6:30 pm

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 continue with The New Testament – Mark. The next meeting is this Sunday, March 10th 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.eriecd.org/chastity/tea.html or pick up a registration form in the rectory office.

LENTEN MISSION will be held at St. Boniface, Kersey Sunday – Tuesday, March 17 – 19th at 7:00 pm presented by Sr. Kathryn Hermes, FSP and Sr. Emily Beata, FSP daughters of St. Paul – guiding meditations on the Eucharist.

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.

About that 'love thy neighbor' thing? I meant it -- God

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS presented by Elk County Catholic High School will be Thursday – Saturday March 21st, 22nd and 23rd at 7:00 pm and Sunday, March 24th at 1:00 pm in The ECCHS auditorium. Ticket price \$9/adults and \$5/students.

FISH FRY will be held at St. Boniface Parish, Kersey every Friday during Lent from 4 – 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. Cost: adult/\$15 (fish or shrimp); \$10 (Chicken); children under 10/\$8.

LENTEN FISH/SHRIMP DINNERS will be sold at St. Joseph Parish, Force every Friday during Lent from noon – 6:30 pm or sold out. Good Friday 2:00 – 6:30 pm. Choose from fantail shrimp or haddock fish (baked or fried). All dinners are \$15. For take-out call 814-787-4151 ext. #6.

SPRING WALNUT ROLL SALE will be held at Queen of the World Parish, St. Marys. Orders due March 19th. Pick up after masses: Saturday, March 23rd 6:00 pm; Sunday, March 24th 8:15 & 10:45 am. The cost is full roll/ \$12.00 and half roll/ \$7.00. To order, call the parish office at 814-834-4701.

20TH ANNIVERSARY ST. LEO TROUT DERBY will be held April 27-28th at the Ridgway Fireman's Grounds. There will be vendors, food, music, games, kids derby, raffles and camping available. 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

INCREASING DISASTERS, INCREASING RESILIENCE Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures, and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how – with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours – Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

MEN'S CURSILLISTAS will meet the third Saturday of each month for Mass at Queen of the World Church, St. Marys at 7:00 AM. Breakfast to follow at Marlo's.

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

March 11th – 17th: 5th Sunday of Lent

Millie Sweeney (Family); **Fr. Leon Muroski** (Marisa Aiello); **Arthur Smith** (Cindy & Cork); **Charles, Mary and Peg Griffin** (Family); **Mitchel Anderson** (Pam Anderson & Pat Polaski); **Frank Horchen** (Family)

Daily Masses: March 11th – 15th : Monday, Thursday & Friday- 7:45 am

March 16 & 17	LECTOR	SERVER	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER
Sat. 5:30 pm	Becky Powley	Kyla McCabe	Nate DaCanal
Sun. 8:30 am SA	Rich Schreiber	Hunter Newman	Rich Schreiber
10:00 am	Tracey Myers	Quaid Grunthaner	Carol Shine

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS Please have your memorial/honor requests and donation in the rectory office before noon Wednesday, March 27th so they can be published in the bulletin.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE winter/spring campaign begins February 14th – March 24th. 40 Days is an international campaign of fasting, prayer, and community outreach to end abortion. 2023 40 Days Fall Campaign Results: 505 babies saved, 3 abortion workers became Pro-life, and 2 abortion clinics closed. Life is a God given right! Have the courage to publicly take a stand for our preborn babies. 40 Days Rosary – after Tues. 8:30 am Mass in St. Mary Church and after Friday 6:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart.

CRS RICE BOWL Learn how these organizations fight hunger and poverty in our communities and help our neighbors thrive through the generosity of our community and your generous support of CRS Rice Bowl: The Christian Food Bank and the Guardian Angel Center. If you are filling a rice bowl, please return it to the rectory before March 15th.

COMMUNION BREADS
the month of March are in loving memory of ***Patty Caribardi*** (Jim, Judy & Chip); ***Ben Peterson and Patty Walters*** (Kathy & Linda); ***James Burrs, Sally Wilson, Susan Renaud, Eric and Jason Cook*** (Jeanine & Veronica)

NEW OFFICE HOURS: Beginning April 1st, the rectory office will be closed on Wednesdays. Normal office hours will continue for the rest of the week.

LENT DEVOTIONS at St. Leo Church, Ridgway will be held on Wednesday's during Lent beginning February 21st. Sacrament of Penance 4 – 6 pm; beginning at 6:00 pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Holy Rosary (meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries); Praying the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH OFFICE
606 PENN STREET
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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: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm 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 Information.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH



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“Jesus, I believe in You!”

Everyone who believes in Him . . . (John 3:16)

Today's Gospel reading is full of promises to “everyone who believes” in Jesus. They will have eternal life (John 3:15). They will not perish (3:16). They will not be condemned (3:18). But what does it mean to *believe in Him*?

We might think that believing in Jesus means being convinced that He is who He says He is. And it does. We agree with the truth that He is the Messiah, the Son of God. We acknowledge His miracles and the wisdom of His teachings. But intellectual assent will get us only so far. As James says, “Even the demons believe that and tremble” (2:19).

The belief that Jesus is talking about here is an act of the will; it is a decision to place our trust in Someone whom we know and love. That kind of personal connection with the Lord can spark a deep faith that changes the way we think and behave. St. John Henry Newman talked about the importance of our relationship with Jesus when He said, “No man will be a martyr for a conclusion” (*An Essay in Aid of a Grammar of Assent*).

But even deeper, and at the heart of everything else, faith is a gift of grace from God. Our belief is more than intellectual assent or an act of the will. It is a response to God's initiative. His grace opens our minds to the truth and moves us to place our lives in Jesus' hands. Belief is not possible without God's initial intervention. The *Catechism* puts it succinctly: “In faith, the human intellect and will cooperate with divine grace” (155).

Today is a day overflowing with grace. So turn to the Lord and affirm your faith. Tell Jesus that you believe He is who He says He is. Entrust your life to Him. as you do, your faith will continue to grow, and you will trust even more deeply in Jesus' promise of eternal life.

HILDEBRANDT FAMILY BENEFIT On Jan. 8th, Kate (Lynch) and Ryan Hildebrandt lost their home in a devastating fire. Kate's coworkers are holding a fund raiser on Saturday, March 23rd at the Port Allegany Veteran's Club on Rte. 155. There will be a basket raffle and food available for purchase. Start time is 2:00 pm. It would be great for them to see some familiar hometown faces.