

3rd Sunday of Lent – March 3, 2024

“What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered and said to them,
“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” –John 2:18-19



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Ex 20:1-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thu: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	March 2	4:00 PM	Jeanne Falk (Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	March 3	9:00 AM	Ed Luecke (Corky & Pam Staats)
Monday –	March 4	12:00 PM	Michael Podrasky (deceased)
Tuesday –	March 5	12:00 PM	Lucien Kurosky (Tom & Kathleen Kurosky)
Wednesday –	March 6	12:00 PM	Helen Morris (Roberta Collins)
Thursday –	March 7	12:00 PM	Maggie Podrasky – for good health
Friday –	March 8	12:00 PM	Michael Podrasky (deceased)
Saturday –	March 9	4:00 PM	Maggie Podrasky – for good health
Sunday –	March 10	9:00 AM	Ed Luecke (Joan & Sarah Golis)

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

The Decalogue was the first code of human and social behavior given to the Chosen People, and it is just as valid for us today as it was then. Granted, it isn't the only formalized Code developed and it isn't the oldest, but it is the basis upon which God communicated His plan in its earliest stages. The fulfillment of God's plan, and of God's Law, is Jesus Christ. With Christ comes a maturation of the Code, an internalization of the Law. Christ came *before* the Law, Christ *fulfills* the Law, and Christ *becomes* the Law for those who believe in Him.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Not only Jews look for signs and not only Greeks look for wisdom; Paul is simply addressing the two largest groups in Corinth who doubted Christ's message in predictable ways. He recognized that many humans need something other than faith and it is certainly no less so for us in this 21st century. The technology-driven world of today comfortably discounts anything that can't be proven empirically, or can't be logically theorized. Supernatural explanations for the legitimacy of 'faith, hope, and love' as a basis for human behavior are laughed at, and yet in Jesus Christ we still find hope, and we still find reason to believe, and we still manage to love others. Maybe the foolishness of God really is wiser.

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-25

Aside from the familiar themes of Jesus chasing out the money lenders and establishing Himself as the ecclesial replacement for the Temple, there is also the short and almost cynical ending in verses 23-25. Jesus is characterized by the author as not trusting his new followers in Jerusalem because he understood *human nature* too well. This could be a simple wry commentary on the rabble that would choose Barabbas over him before Pilot, but maybe not. Maybe it is directed at folks who, as in the previous reading, are dazzled by signs or by Jesus' ability to reason so convincingly; folks who lose interest when the entertainment value is gone. We humans are all too often distracted by the flashy things of this world, and as surely bored with those things that endure but are taken for granted. Jesus got their attention with miracles, but lost them with all that 'do unto others' stuff. What continues to be amazing is that Jesus loved us so much that he died for us, despite our *human nature*.



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Bonnie Arcovitch, Betsy Arnold & her family, Richard Arnold, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, David Conklin Jr., Debbie Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Kevin Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Rocchia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Dorothy Sergeant, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen.



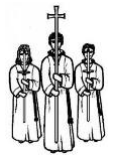
LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY: Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

PARISH FINANCES 2/25/2024

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,504.75
<i>Thank you for your generosity & support</i>		

Travelers & Vacationers

Please remember that our parish relies on your contributions, even when you are away. Thanks!!



Sunday, March 3rd – 9:00AM
Isaiah Torres

Sunday, March 10th – 9:00AM
Albert Paolucci

Sunday, March 17th – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, March 24th – 9:00AM (Palm Sunday)
Bernadetta Paolucci

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

PARISH EVENTS

March 2nd/3rd – **Second Collection:** Church in Eastern & Central Europe
March 24th – **Confessions;** 2PM
March 30th – **Easter Baskets Blessed;** 11AM
March 30th/31st – **Loose Change Weekend**

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – March 28th
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM

Good Friday – March 29th
Good Friday Service at 2:30PM:
Stations of the Cross followed by the Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil – March 30th
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00PM

Easter Sunday – March 31st
Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00AM

Lenten Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera

For the second consecutive year, all of the faithful in the Diocese of Scranton are invited to a Lenten Holy Hour with the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, to commemorate the Year of Parish Revival for the National Eucharistic Revival. These gatherings will take place in each of the twelve deaneries of the Diocese of Scranton.

The Lenten Holy Hour for our deanery, the Sayre Deanery, will take place on Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m., at Epiphany Parish, 304 South Elmer Avenue, Sayre, PA 18840.

During the Year of Parish Revival, which lasts through June 2024, every parish in the country is being invited to offer opportunities to parishioners where they can be healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist – and then be sent out on mission “for the life of the world.”

Diocesan Annual Appeal



OUR CALL TO SERVE
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL



Please consider a gift to the **Diocesan Annual Appeal**

As Lent nears its halfway point, recommit yourself to prayer, fasting and almsgiving to purify your heart for the Paschal feast.

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope or visit www.annualappeal.org to donate online.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is how the Diocese of Scranton serves charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent following the 12:00PM Mass.



Father Philip will hear confessions March 24th at 2PM.

LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN

All men, ages 18 years and older, are invited to participate in an overnight Lenten Retreat titled "Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost, I'm Wondering" from 6PM Friday, March 15 until 2PM Saturday, March 16 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton.

Participants will examine the spiritual journey of men in our world, moving from wandering to wondering about God's will in their lives. There will be talks by Fr. Pio Mandato, Fr. Stan Fortuna, and Fr. Brian Van Fossen, Mike Donovan, opportunities for Adoration and Confession, and Holy Mass offered by Bishop Joseph Bambera. This will be a great way to renew one's heart and mind before Easter.

The cost of the retreat is only \$75, which includes meals and overnight accommodation at the retreat center. If you have not already registered you can use this link: <https://beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1>

For more information visit www.beacatholicman.com or contact Joe Adcroft at jadcroft@kknepa.com or call 570-380-5070.

The retreat is sponsored by Be A Catholic Man, Inc., a nonprofit "on a mission to encourage and empower men to deepen their relationship with Christ, to be spiritual leaders in their families, their church, and their community, and to live their faith in everyday life."

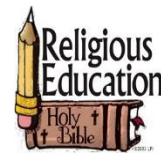
Lenten Reminders

Lent is a time for sacrifice and for spiritual renewal as we reflect upon our baptism and the call given to each of us to walk as disciples of the Lord.

As faithful followers of Jesus, we are traditionally encouraged to honor the sacred season of Lent by embracing the three pillars of Lenten observance:

1. **Almsgiving** – generously giving to those in need
2. **Fasting** – practicing self-discipline and self-denial
3. **Prayer** – reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00AM Mass.

If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be available at the rectory, as well as online on the Holy Name of Mary Church web site under the Religious Education portal.

Religious Education Schedule:

- March 3 – Regular Class
- March 10 – Regular Class
- March 17 – Regular Class
- March 24 – Regular Class
- March 31 – NO CLASS; HAPPY EASTER!!



Confirmation Corner

Completed Confirmation registration forms are due. Please have your child bring the form to class or drop it off at the rectory in an envelope attention to Fran Calafut.

The following service hour projects have been arranged for Confirmation Candidates. They can participate in any or all of the hours in the area that they may need service hours in. Service is always encouraged beyond the required number of hours. Details about the following hours has been emailed home to parents.

Service hours....Church

1. Sunday, March 10...11 to 12
2. Sunday, March 17...11 to 12
3. Sunday, March 24....11 to 12
4. Sunday, April 28....11 to 12

Service hours....Community...making Blessing Bags

1. Sunday, April 7...11 to 12
2. Sunday, April 14...11 to 12
3. Sunday, April 21...11 to 12

DATE OF CONFIRMATION MASS IS ... Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at the 9 AM Mass.