

Third Sunday of Lent – March 20, 2022

*“Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.
I am the God of your fathers,” he continued,
“the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob.”* Exodus 3:5-6



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/ Lk 13:1-9
Monday	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43/ Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday–	March 19	4:00 PM	Fr. Leo McKernan (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	March 20	9:00 AM	Candy Wells (Gene & Valerie Trowbridge)
Monday –	March 21	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	March 22	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	March 23	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	March 24	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	March 25	12:00 PM	Eva Beppler (Cheryl Kurosky)
Saturday –	March 26	4:00 PM	Jesse Naylor (Genny Embleton & Ed Hartman)
Sunday –	March 27	9:00 AM	Candy Wells (Ron & Anne Teel)

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

God hears his people crying out in the midst of their enslavement and ‘descends’ to help them. Moses is chosen by God to lead the people out of Egypt and into the land of Canaan, not because Moses is a great warrior, but because God’s intervention is the issue, not Moses. When Moses asks who he should say has sent him, God replies: *“I am who I am.”* Then he added, *“This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you.”* And then Moses is told: *The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.* This is critical; God is the one who intervenes, who answers prayers, and who is present to his people always. God is not just mysterious and beyond human understanding, the great I AM, but is also the God who was there for Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The fancy term is: *God is both transcendent and immanent.* And so He is.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6

Paul uses the well-known desert story to make his point to the Corinthian church that it is possible to sin even after receiving the sacraments, as their spiritual forefathers did in the desert after receiving God’s gifts of manna and water from the rock. The interesting part here is that Paul sees the ‘rock’ from which water flowed as Christ. Symbolically it fits, and it underlines Christ’s presence across time.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus here is emphasizing awareness of the need for repentance, i.e., believing his whole message (not just turning away from sin). Jesus came to redeem humankind (catechism 668-674) and the truth of it was something that couldn’t be ignored. Just because certain Galileans broke the law, it doesn’t follow that the rest of the Galileans are ‘OK’ in the eyes of God; all must hear Jesus’ message and follow accordingly. Much like the newly cultivated and fertilized fig tree, all of us are given the time to ‘repent’. What we do with that time will determine whether or not, like the fig tree, we are uprooted or not. Jesus was simply saying that there are no guarantees. But, as the first reading from Exodus teaches, God will be with us and will always love us. The question then becomes: *how much do we love God?*



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.

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Ellen Burns, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Manny DeBonis, Jeanne Falk, 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, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sargent, Caesar Siedlecki, Edith Siedlecki, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, Jesse Wells, 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, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

PARISH FINANCES

3/13/2022

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	1,469.00

Thank you for your generosity & support



Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!



Support your Parish or the Diocesan Annual Appeal directly from your IRA

If you are 70½ or older and have a traditional individual retirement account, you can use all or part of your required minimum distribution to support your parish or the Diocesan Annual Appeal without having to count the transfers as income for federal tax purposes.

Distributions must be sent directly to your parish or the Diocese by the plan administrator of your IRA.

For more information, please contact Jim Bebla,
Diocesan Secretary of Development at
Jim-Bebbla@DioceseofScranton.org
or (570) 207-2250

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 3/17/2022 is 106%.



Sunday, March 20th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

Sunday, March 27th – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, April 3rd – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, April 10th – 9:00AM

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

PARISH EVENTS

March 27 – 2nd Collection for The Catholic Relief Services

“The Light Is On For You”

Fr. Philip will hear confessions every Monday from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM during Lent. Please take advantage of this in preparation for Easter!

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR ABSTINENCE AND FASTING:

Following are the Lenten regulations for observance in the Diocese of Scranton.

ABSTINENCE (meaning no meat for that day) and **FASTING** are to be observed on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

ABSTINENCE (no meat) is to be observed on **ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT** for all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

All Catholic adults, from 18 to 59 years of age, are bound by the law of **FAST**.

FASTING means one full meal may be eaten each day. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

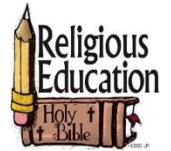


UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Next week
our parish
will take

up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's Love** to those most in need.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Classes are being held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass will remain at 9:00 AM. Masks are currently recommended to be worn indoors for Susquehanna County as per the CDC guidelines. If you would like to register your child, registration forms will be available at the rectory of the church. You may register for classes at any time.

March 20th – Regular Classes

March 27th – Regular Classes

April 3rd – Regular Classes

April 10th – Regular Classes

April 17th – **No Classes- Happy Easter!**



During Lent, our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger – and our Gospel call to care for our global human family.

Matthew's Gospel reminds us that we are responsible for helping all of our sisters and brothers, even those who are strangers to us. "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." – *Matthew 25:40*.

CRS invites you to place the cardboard container in your home and to put money not spent due to your fasting and other things given up for Lent. At the end of Lent the Rice Bowl is brought to Mass and placed in the collection basket. The proceeds are then sent to the Diocese and used for hunger relief within our diocese and used for development projects in poor nations. **The Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church. Please take one home!**

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS. EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MASS DURING LENT.