

First Sunday of Lent – March 6, 2022

*Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written: ‘You shall worship the Lord, your God,
And him alone shall you serve.’ Luke 4:8*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday–	March 5	4:00 PM	Victoria Rayappan- Mass of Healing (Jeanne Falk)
Sunday –	March 6	9:00 AM	Candy Wells (Ed and Joanne Kays)
Monday –	March 7	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	March 8	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	March 9	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	March 10	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	March 11	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	March 12	4:00 PM	Nancy Landes (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	March 13	9:00 AM	Candy Wells (Ron & Anne Teel)

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:2-10

The central event of Jewish tradition is the Exodus. The Holy remembrance of the event down through the ages is woven throughout the Old Testament. God delivered the Chosen People from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the homeland that even today is found in the new State of Israel. We are given this passage to read at the beginning of Lent in order to underline God's providence and our commitment to always remember His great gifts.

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

This is a basic, almost understated, confession of faith. It should be recognized, however, that it is not a formula for salvation and it was never intended to be such; catechesis, sponsorship into the community, and baptism are requirements. This confession of faith was no doubt viewed as a pledge of sorts, like the Apostle's Creed, and was probably used in early liturgical services. But having said all of that, the confession is simple and pure and easily understood by Jews and Greeks alike during Paul's time and even by folks today.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

For Jesus, this story of temptation spells out his absolute devotion to God and his commitment to follow the path ahead. Jesus was without sin, and this forty-day desert experience set the pattern for his ministry and the fundamental message for humankind: to follow God only, to serve God in this life, to recognize that there is more than materialism in life, and to be humble before your Creator. Entering into the Lenten season offers each of us the opportunity to find our own commitment to God once again. Through his death and resurrection Jesus made us his brothers and sisters before God, so in a real way we can be one with him in our own desert experience during Lent.



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, Jo-Anne 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 Sergent, 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 2/27/2022

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3,377.20

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-Bebla@DioceseofScranton.org or (570) 207-2250

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

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



<u>Sunday, March 6th – 9:00AM</u>
Isaiah Torres
<u>Sunday, March 13th – 9:00AM</u>
Lee John Sullivan
<u>Sunday, March 20th – 9:00AM</u>
Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci
<u>Sunday, March 27th – 9:00AM</u>
Isaiah Torres
<u>Sunday, April 3rd – 9:00AM</u>
Lee John Sullivan

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 6 – 2nd Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

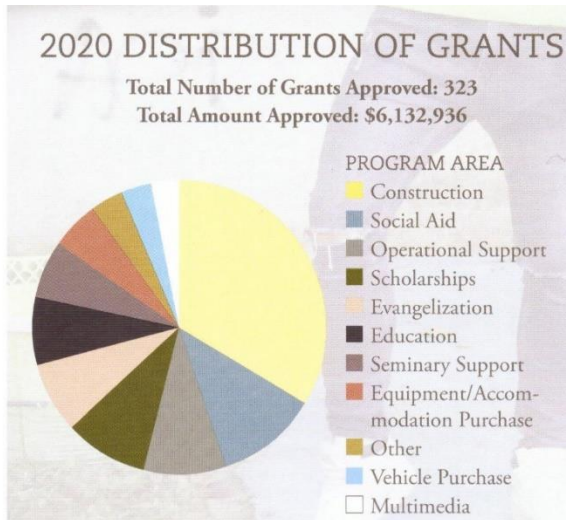
Little Black Books for daily meditation during Lent are available in the back of the Church for you to take.



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

This week we will take up the Collec-

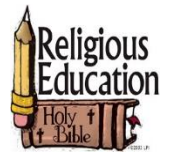
tion for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. This collection will also allow the faithful of our parish to make a timely contribution to provide critical humanitarian assistance to the victims of war in Ukraine.



“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!

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 6th – Regular Classes

March 13th – Regular Classes

March 20th – Regular Classes-

Grades 7-8 Reconciliation

March 27th – Regular Classes-

Grades 7-8 Youth Mass

April 3rd – Regular Classes



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!**

FAMILY MASS



On Sunday, February 27, some of the 4th, 5th and 6th graders (along with some 2nd and 3rd graders) celebrated their Youth / Family Mass at Holy Name of Mary Church at 9:00 AM. The children actively performed in the various parts of the Mass under the instruction and direction of their teacher.....Jenn Tometchko. We wish to thank the children for their wonderful participation in the Mass and many thanks to their teacher, Jenn Tometchko along with Cecilia Hibbard for their continued dedication to the children of the parish. As always...we appreciate the support of the parents and families who continue to bring their children to the celebration of their Faith.

PRAYING DURING LENT

Lent is the time to start new patterns of prayer. Perhaps I haven't been praying at all. This is a great time to choose to begin. It is important to begin realistically. I can start by simply pausing when I get up and taking a slow, deep breath, and recalling what I have to do this day, and asking for grace to do it *as a child of God*. I may want to go to bed a half an hour earlier, and get up a half an hour earlier and give myself some time alone to read the readings of the day, and just talk with the Lord about those readings or about the stuff of the day. I may choose to get to church on Sunday, just 15 minutes earlier, so I can reflect a bit. Lent may be a time I would want to choose to start to journal the day to day reflections that are coming, the desires I'm naming and asking for, the graces I am being given.



LENT

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.

INVITE US DEEPER

Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.
May this time be one of outward focus;
seeking you in those we often ignore.
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.
Give us hearts hungry to serve you
and those who need what we have to give.

- Author Unknown