

3rd Sunday of Lent – March 12, 2023

“But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” –Romans 5:8

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
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 11	4:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Sunday –	March 12	9:00 AM	Intention of Donor
Monday –	March 13	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	March 14	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	March 15	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	March 16	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	March 17	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	March 18	4:00 PM	Nicholas McKeown (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	March 19	9:00 AM	Intention of Donor

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

In the Hebrew Scriptures the symbols of water, mountain, and desert are used consistently to precede or establish an important event and/or lesson. In this instance Moses follows God’s direction and shows the people that they needn’t worry, God is in charge. This message, a message as basic as providing water to the thirsty, is delivered over and over again. It seems that, as readers of scripture, we should always note the mention of these three symbols and pay attention.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul here seems to be saying that through our faith in Jesus Christ, the hope we share for the promise of being with God eternally is witnessed by the indwelling Spirit and the peace and love that follow. Actually, it helps to make this case by also reading the missing verses:

Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope (Romans 5:3-4)

This seems to suggest that ‘hope’ is forged in the struggles that we endure in life, and this makes a little more practical sense out of Paul’s argument.

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

Although this story can seemingly be mined of meaningful material almost indefinitely, the most obvious understanding of it is probably the best fit for the other two readings this week. Jesus extricates ‘sin’ from the morass of legalism and defines it properly as: being unreconciled with God. Jesus is the savior and trumps all that came before it, including both Samaritan & Jewish beliefs (and their forms of worship); he is the Way, the ‘true’ water of Life. He also, to both the Samaritans who were ‘evangelized’ by the woman, and his own disciples, reveals the Truth of his mission in that it is not of this earth but by (and for) the will of 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 & her family, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Gene Bell, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Philip Donahue, 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, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Joan Nelson, Kevin Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergent, 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 3/5/2023

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3,394.50
<i>Thank you for your generosity & support</i>		



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

Travelers & Vacationers

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



Sunday, March 12th – 9:00AM
Bernadetta Paolucci
Sunday, March 19th – 9:00AM
Isaiah Torres
Sunday, March 26th – 9:00AM
Albert 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 18th/19th – Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services

March 25th – Post Pandemic Get Together

March 25th/26th – Loose Change Weekend

April 3rd – Reconciliation Service; 6PM



During the Lenten season, after Friday's 12:00 Mass, we will have "Stations of the Cross". This is a wonderful way to both focus your Lenten worship and prepare for Easter. Please join us.

Holy Name of Mary will be holding a Reconciliation Service on April 3, from 6:00PM-7:00PM. Father Philip, as well as 2-3 visiting priests, will be available to hear confessions (an obligation before the Paschal Mystery).

Dear Holy Name of Mary Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your generosity to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. God always provides, and you have demonstrated that through your willingness to support the Appeal and help others throughout the Diocese. Once again, we met and exceeded our Parish goal. As a result, for every dollar donated above the goal, seventy-five cents will be returned to our Parish and used to help maintain it.

Holy Name of Mary parish continues to be a loving, devoted and giving Parish. May God continue to bless you for your faithfulness and charitable giving.

In Christ,

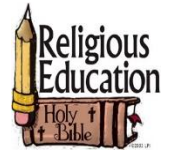
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Cheryl Kurosky

Cheryl Kurosky,
Parish Appeal Ambassador

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00 AM Mass. At this time, masks are optional for the classroom.

March 12th – Regular Classes

March 19th – Regular Classes

March 26th – Regular Classes

April 2nd – Regular Classes; PALM SUNDAY

April 9th – **HAPPY EASTER; NO CLASSES**



On Sunday, February 26, the Religious Education classes celebrated a Family Mass. Some of the children who

attended the Mass (pictured above) participated by doing various parts of the Mass. Many thanks to the parents who bring their children to the celebration of their Faith and to the devoted children who participate. And thank you to teachers, Mike Vaccaro and Joe Tometchko, for directing the children in this celebration.



Confirmation Corner

Confirmation candidates brought home a Confirmation folder with papers that need to be filled out by parents and containing study papers. At this time, please fill out the Confirmation Registration form and return it to me as soon as possible.

Possible Confirmation Retreat: March 18th, 10AM-3PM at St. Martin's Church, Jackson, PA. The retreat will be conducted by the Capuchin Sisters.

Confirmation Celebration Mass: May 28th, Pentecost Sunday, 9:00 AM

CHORAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES LENTEN CONCERTS



In a 74 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present their annual Lenten

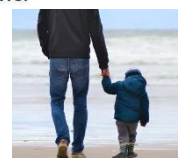
concert in Harford, Pennsylvania. The concert will be held on Sunday, March 26 at 4 PM at the First Congregational Church of Harford, UCC, [5016 Creek Road, Harford, PA 18823](https://www.google.com/maps/place/5016+Creek+Road,+Harford,+PA+18823). The pastor of the church is Reverend Doctor Will Hagenbuch. The Mountain View Chimette Bell Ringers will be the guest performers. The concerts are open to the public free of charge. There will be a good will offering.

Brenda Grunza and Lois Ostrowski are co-presidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Ann Manganiello is music director of this group while Linda Houck is accompanist. The group, marking its 74th season, is composed of members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties who will perform inspirational music in the Lenten tradition at the March concert. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at www.catholic-choralsociety.org

Son of the Father - A Men's Retreat

Sponsored by: Be a Catholic Man, Inc.

March 31 and April 1
beginning at 6:00pm
Cost is only \$75.00



Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd. - Dalton, PA

Spiritual Guidance given by: Bishop Joseph Bambera,
Msgr. John Esseff, Fr. Pio Mandato, Fr. Kevin Miller,
and Jesse Martin

Info at beacatholicman.com or call (570) 351-6256



HOLY NAME OF MARY POST PANDEMIC GET TOGETHER

All HNM parishioners are welcome!

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Reimel Center (Old Lee's Furniture Building)

Prepare for a catered meal, adult beverages and an enjoyable conversation with parish friends. Also, we will be celebrating Fr. Philip's 25th Ordination Anniversary!

Note: Please RSVP your attendance by calling the rectory before March 16th so that we may have an accurate count for the caterer.

