

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 14, 2021

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,
"I do will it. Be made clean." – Mark 1:41



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Mon: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

Tue: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – February 13	4:00 PM	Philip Trowbridge -Mass of Healing (Florence Trowbridge & Family)
Sunday – February 14	9:00 AM	Mary Katherine Corbett (The Sullivan Family)
Monday – February 15	12:00 PM	Joseph Menzift
Tuesday – February 16	12:00 PM	William McDonnell
Ash Wednesday – February 17	5:00 PM	Peter Pavuk
Thursday – February 18	12:00 PM	Paul J. Kurosky (Cheryl Kurosky)
Friday – February 19	12:00 PM	Gary Parker (Cheryl Kurosky)
Saturday – February 20	4:00 PM	Susie DeVanna (The Tometchko Family)
Sunday – February 21	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners



1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

This passage seems somehow barbaric to us today, and that is as it should be. However, it must be understood that in those days, prior to modern medical knowledge, leprosy was considered to make a person unclean and contagious. Also, in Jewish law, lepers were unclean spiritually and could only be *rejected or accepted* by a priest; this ties in with today's gospel.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Paul here encourages the Corinthian Church to treat others, whatever their differences may be, as Christ would treat them. The issue of eating improperly, according to Jewish dietary laws, or as the pagans eat, is immaterial to the Christian; what matters is how people are treated, not what or when they eat. In a larger sense, Paul is teaching that customs come and customs go, but Christ is forever and that should be the focus of every Christian.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:40-45

Clearly the healing is not the point here. Jesus healed the leper, true, but more importantly he replaced the law(s) regarding cleanliness before God. Jesus represents forgiveness of all things mortal- disease, sin, and death itself. The healing was simply a demonstration in the physical of what Jesus was (is) within creation. God is bigger than human custom and bigger than human fears; God holds all human understanding and meaning and purpose within a greater understanding, a greater meaning, and a greater purpose. Our foolish and limited ways are not God's ways, and yet God loves us. For us, loving God in return despite our limitations and blindness is the best path to take and Jesus shows us how.



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 Bozzo, Al Breiner, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Brandy Golden, Brenda Hector, Wayne Hibbard, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Rosemary Kelly, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberley 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, Jesse Wells, and 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 2/7/2021


(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,309.00

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!!

CLERGY Support



“One of the best things we have here at Villa St. Joseph is the fraternity of the priesthood, brothers living in a community of love. This cohesion brings us together... I can’t thank you enough. We truly need your help. We’re so grateful.”

MSGR. JOHN A. ESSEFF, RETIRED

It is a magnificent life I have had,” said Msgr. Esseff, ordained in 1953. His 68 years of priestly service include 14 years at St. Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg, 14 years as teacher at St. Pius X Seminary, and five years among the poor in Peru when he learned Spanish. He is known as “John the Baptizer” for his work among Scranton’s poor children and prison inmates. While Director of the Propagation of the Faith, he visited every parish in the Diocese but was also sent to Beirut where he began a lifelong association with (St.) Mother Teresa.

Retired priests continue to be a vital part of our Diocese. Before the COVID pandemic they assisted by offering Mass and administering the sacraments. From the most senior to the newly ordained, our priests selflessly serve us. We now ask you to support them through the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

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2020 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 2/11/2021 is 100%.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL APPEAL VIDEO IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON THE HOLY NAME OF MARY WEBSITE:
www.holynamenameofmary.com.



ALTAR SERVERS NOT NEEDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

February 14th – **Second Collection**; Aid to Central & Eastern Europe*

February 15th – **Rectory Closed for President's Day**

February 17th – **Ash Wednesday****; Mass at 5:00PM

****PLEASE NOTE: Ashes will NOT be distributed this year due to COVID-19 restrictions**

Reservations are no longer required for Mass.



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*SECOND COLLECTION FEB. 14:

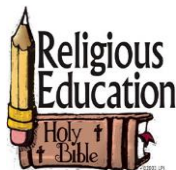
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weekend our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.



PLEASE NOTE: The rectory will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents Day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Thank you to all the families who picked up their Unit 3 Gospel Weekly materials. We appreciate your continued support and participation in the Religious Education program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.



February 17th is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated at 5PM. Ashes will NOT be distributed this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

“The Light Is On For You”

Fr. Philip will hear confessions every Monday from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM during Lent. Please take advantage of this in preparation for 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!**

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