

4th Sunday of Lent – March 14, 2021

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.” – Ephesians 2:8-9



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Mon: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wed: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thu: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	March 13	4:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday –	March 14	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Monday –	March 15	12:00 PM	Nicholas McKeown (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Tuesday –	March 16	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday –	March 17	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday –	March 18	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday –	March 19	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday –	March 20	4:00 PM	George Yankay (Alan & Joann Reimel-“Month’s Mind Mass”)
Sunday –	March 21	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The theme of the readings this week is God’s mercy and His salvation plan. Even though the leadership in Judah had been taken from their land and exiled in Babylon, God restored them; God was merciful. God did not break the covenant, nor did He cause them to violate the temple- the leaders did. But despite this, God in His great mercy, and according to His will, caused the Persian, Cyrus, to return the leaders to Jerusalem.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

As God restored the Judeans to their land, within the scope of His plan, His love and mercy restores all humankind to life apart from sin within the fulfillment of His plan, Jesus Christ. Here the message is twofold: God’s mercy prevails and God’s gift requires only faith in Jesus. The faith that saves is the faith that is also given to us by our merciful God. It is important to note that even the good works that become evident to us through the eyes of faith are also given to us within God’s creation.

Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

Outside of God’s mercy, and the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ, our works are of darkness rather than Light. The Light came into the world because God loved His creation and wanted the pinnacle of His creation, humankind, to know that divine Love. The key here is God’s love, God’s merciful love, and just as the Judeans were restored, so are we restored in Jesus Christ. Julian of Norwich, the great 14th century mystic put it best: “See that I am God. See that I am in everything. See that I do everything. See that I have never stopped ordering my works, nor ever shall, eternally. See that I lead everything on to the conclusion I ordained for it before time began, by the same power, wisdom and love with which I made it. How can anything be amiss?”



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, Charlene McMahon, 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, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth 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 3/7/2021


(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2627.00

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.

Diocese of Scranton

2020 **DIOCESAN** **ANNUAL APPEAL**

BOUND TOGETHER IN *Hope*

To make a gift visit AnnualAppeal.org

2020 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 3/9/2021 is 110%.

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.



LENT

“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!**

The Way of the Cross Led by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

Parishes across the Diocese of Scranton are invited to use “The Way of the Cross” led by Bishop Bambera to help their faithful this Lenten season. The video is available for download on the Diocese of Scranton’s YouTube channel.

Virtual Grief Support Group

Winter can be a difficult time to navigate grief, particularly during an ongoing period of social distancing. Please consider joining the virtual grief support group offered by Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish in Scranton. Anyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member of the parish to participate. The group will convene online, Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30. The dates of the virtual meetings will be April 7, 14, 21 and 28. For more information, please contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-814-5133 or at 570-344-7231.

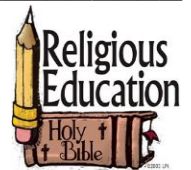
Pontifical Mass on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph

Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Pontifical Mass on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, March 19, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The Mass, which will take place at 12:10 p.m., is in observance of the Year of Saint Joseph that the Diocese of Scranton has been celebrating.

The Mass is open to the public and will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Unit 4 Gospel Weeklies are ready for pickup at the Rectory. Rectory hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9AM-3PM, and Wednesday 9AM-12PM. There will also be a pickup Saturday, March 13th from 3-3:45PM in the Church parking lot. 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.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday Vigil Mass – March 27th

Blessing and Distribution of Palms at 4:00PM

Palm Sunday Mass – March 28th

Distribution of Palms at 9:00AM

Holy Thursday – April 1st

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM

Good Friday – April 2nd

Good Friday Service at 2:30PM:

Stations of the Cross followed by the Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil – April 3rd

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM

(*Easter baskets will be blessed in the church at 11AM)

Easter Sunday – April 4th

Easter Sunday Masses at 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Reservations for Mass are not required, but masks which cover the nose and mouth are mandatory.

PLEASE SIGN IN WHEN YOU ENTER THE CHURCH. This is crucial in case a Mass attendee tests positive for COVID-19 and we need to contact you.

