

3rd Sunday of Lent – March 7, 2021

"What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them,
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." –John 2:18-19



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Ex 20:1-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thu: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	March 6	4:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Sunday –	March 7	9:00 AM	Mary Jo Bayer (The Sullivan Family)
Monday –	March 8	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Tuesday –	March 9	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Wednesday –	March 10	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Thursday –	March 11	NO MASS	
Friday –	March 12	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Saturday –	March 13	4:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Sunday –	March 14	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

The Decalogue was the first code of human and social behavior given to the Chosen People, and it is just as valid for us today as it was then. Granted, it isn't the only formalized Code developed and it isn't the oldest, but it is the basis upon which God communicated His plan in its earliest stages. The fulfillment of God's plan, and of God's Law, is Jesus Christ. With Christ comes a maturation of the Code, an internalization of the Law. Christ came *before* the Law, Christ *fulfills* the Law, and Christ *becomes* the Law for those who believe in Him.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Not only Jews look for signs and not only Greeks look for wisdom; Paul is simply addressing the two largest groups in Corinth who doubted Christ's message in predictable ways. He recognized that many humans need something other than faith and it is certainly no less so for us in this 21st century. The technology-driven world of today comfortably discounts anything that can't be proven empirically, or can't be logically theorized. Supernatural explanations for the legitimacy of 'faith, hope, and love' as a basis for human behavior are laughed at, and yet in Jesus Christ we still find hope, and we still find reason to believe, and we still manage to love others. Maybe the foolishness of God really is wiser.

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-25

Aside from the familiar themes of Jesus chasing out the money lenders and establishing Himself as the ecclesial replacement for the Temple, there is also the short and almost cynical ending in verses 23-25. Jesus is characterized by the author as not trusting his new followers in Jerusalem because he understood *human nature* too well. This could be a simple wry commentary on the rabble that would choose Barabbas over him before Pilot, but maybe not. Maybe it is directed at folks who, as in the previous reading, are dazzled by signs or by Jesus' ability to reason so convincingly; folks who lose interest when the entertainment value is gone. We humans are all too often distracted by the flashy things of this world, and as surely bored with those things that endure but are taken for granted. Jesus got their attention with miracles, but lost them with all that 'do unto others' stuff. What continues to be amazing is that Jesus loved us so much that he died for us, despite our *human nature*.



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 Sargent, Caesar Siedlecki, Edith Siedlecki, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, 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

2/28/2021

(FY18/19 Budget) \$ (4867.00)

Sunday Collection \$ 2,824.00

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!!

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

There are many new faces who come because they need the food to survive... One little child asked her father, 'What are we eating tonight?' He said, 'Whatever that lady is going to give us.'



Lee Ann Lywiski, St. Joseph Food Pantry Supervisor, Hazleton

10,501 families were served in Catholic Social Services food pantries from March to July, 2020.

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Hope

Catholic Social Services touches more than 300,000 lives each year, offering more than food and shelter to the poor and forgotten. Staff and volunteers restore human dignity and give hope to needy individuals and families through counseling, emergency help, employment assistance and permanent and transitional housing, including special care and support for veterans.

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2020 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 3/4/2021 is 109%.

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.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER **SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday Vigil Mass – March 27th

Blessing and Distribution of Palms at 4:00PM

Palm Sunday Mass – March 28th

Blessing and 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 8:00PM

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.



DON'T FORGET:
Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 14th. Turn your clocks forward.

“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!

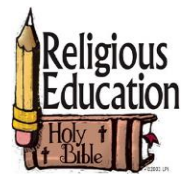


During Lent, our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger – and our Gospel call to care for our global human family.

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!**

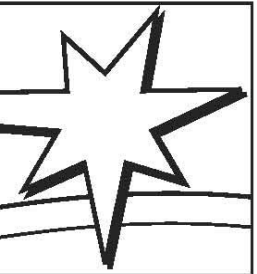
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



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.

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

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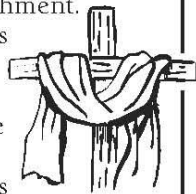
Fran Calafut, DRE



Thoughtful Moments

Penance vs. punishment

Penance isn't punishment. Real penance helps us undergo a change of heart that helps us become better people who positively affect others. Our sin affects others, and our penance and reparation can, too.



Foster loving kindness

In a time that seems to be full of bad news, selfless acts can result in an emotional uplift for the giver and the recipient. Practice acts of kindness each day. Use a gentle voice in every circumstance. Smile at someone who looks like they need it. Allow others to go get ahead of you in line. Sit with someone who looks as if they need a friend. Pray for those who are unkind to you.

As God loves

"Charity, love, is sharing with the one we love in all things. Love makes us similar, it creates equality, it breaks down walls and eliminates distances. God did this with us." Pope Francis



Raising good decision makers

At the root of every sin is a bad decision. Children's inexperience and lack of perspective often leads to bad choices that get them into trouble. A well-formed Catholic conscience, accountability, and experience are powerful ways to raise happy, healthy and holy decision makers.

Faith as foundation. Solid ways to form a Catholic conscience include taking families to weekly Mass, regular Confession to a priest, making religious education classes a priority, and expecting and modeling Gospel-centered behavior at home.

Modeling good choices. Parents have the biggest impact on forming children's consciences. The process begins when children start developing attachments. Children start to imitate

the mannerisms, speech, and habits of trusted adults. It is important that they see our faith in our actions.

Experience is a powerful teacher. If parents are attentive, respectful, and nurturing to a child, she learns to internalize these characteristics as the way to relate to others. For example, attending to a child's emotion pain will teach remorse when she causes others pain. Invest active time in children, foster a sense of belonging, and communicate love.

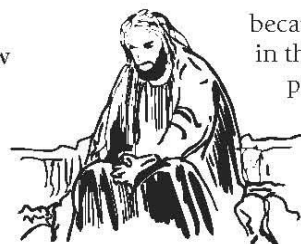
Accountability is loving parents holding children responsible for their own decisions. When confronted by their bad behavior, youngsters may try to shift blame, refuse to acknowledge or follow rules, or attempt to avoid consequences. Set standards, give consequences, and follow through.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we fast?

Fasting is a traditional form of penance to show sorrow for our sins. By creating hunger and a desire for that which is denied, we are reminded of the reason why we are fasting. During Lent, we fast



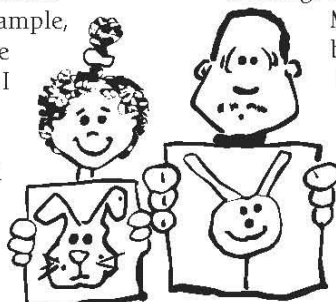
because Jesus fasted during his time in the desert before he began his public ministry.

We also fast to sympathize with those who are hungry or poor and don't have the blessings we enjoy. Fasting helps us to be more loving and compassionate.

Find renewal during Lent

When choosing Lenten observances, children are inclined to give too much or too little. For example, "I'll give up playing video games for the entire season!" or "I'll give up green vegetables that I don't like." Yet, Lent isn't just about sacrifice. This is also a time to make changes that will bring us closer to God and give Him a central place in our family life.

Practice gratitude. Gratitude helps to keep everything in perspective. Encourage children to share what they count as



blessings and guide them to recognize the source as God.

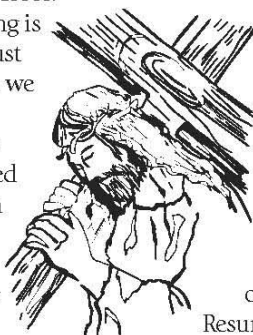
Make Sunday about God. If you have to choose between sports and Sunday Mass, choose Mass. Resolve to make sure the Eucharist and Mass come before anything else.

Spend time with your family. In a pandemic, alone time may be what keeps us sane. Yet, family time is critical to forming healthy families. Try to find ways to spend more time together. Read books, tell stories, draw pictures. Make the good times overwhelm the bad.

Scripture LESSON

**Mark 14:1-15:47,
Join our pain with Jesus'**

This Gospel reading tells of Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross. Remembering Jesus' suffering is not just something we do just once a year. The more often we remember, the more it will help us recall that Jesus was human, too, and experienced what we feel – and so much more. If we offer him our suffering and remember his, it makes our pain easier to bear.



Every day our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness and temptations can become ways in which we share in the suffering and death of Christ. Likewise, our

joys, our good health, our family and friends are all important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection. The point is to offer everything to Christ.

What can a parent do?

Suffering is part of life. Yet, disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did, and we can also share in his joy of the Resurrection. When children are hurt, sad, or scared, help them remember to turn to Jesus because he wants to comfort them with his great love.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 2 – St. Agnes of Bohemia (1282). Born in Prague to King Ottocar I of Bohemia, St. Agnes renounced court life to become a Poor Clare instead. She was known for serving the poor and working miracles.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (493). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates and brought to Ireland as a slave when he was about sixteen. He escaped several years later and became a priest. He was ordained the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established

the Church there.

March 19 - St. Joseph (1st century). Husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. The Sunday before Easter is called Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. It recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. It marks the beginning of Holy Week. We use palms to commemorate this special day.



Parent TALK

As Lent approached this year, I realized that children were pretty stressed between online learning and missing usual activities curtailed and eliminated by the pandemic. So this year, we took a different Lenten path.



Every time the children asked us to buy something – a new game, takeout for dinner, a new toy – we asked if it was something they could live without. If they said, "yes" (often with guidance), we looked up the price of the item and put that amount into our family Lent jar. Once the jar was full, we dumped the contents into the Poor Box at church.

Next, we tackled excess. Every day during Lent, we go through our closets and drawers and put one item in the give-away pile.

The daily activities keep us focused on Lent and we are working to simplify our lives. When Easter comes, we will be lighter and more grateful for what we have.

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