

4th Sunday of Lent – March 10, 2024

“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 9	4:00 PM	Maggie Podrasky – for good health
Sunday –	March 10	9:00 AM	Ed Luecke (Joan & Sarah Golis)
Monday –	March 11	12:00 PM	Pro defuncto
Tuesday –	March 12	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Wednesday –	March 13	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Thursday –	March 14	12:00 PM	Ad intentionem dantis
Friday –	March 15	12:00 PM	Michael Podrasky (deceased)
Saturday –	March 16	4:00 PM	Nicholas McKeown (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	March 17	9:00 AM	Ed Luecke (Joan & Sarah Golis)

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.

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold & her family, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, David Conklin Jr., Debbie Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, 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, Kevin Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Rocchia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Dorothy Sergeant, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, 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 3/3/2024

<u>(FY18/19 Budget)</u>	\$	<u>(4867.00)</u>
Sunday Collection	\$	6,615.56
<i>Thank you for your generosity & support</i>		

Travelers & Vacationers

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



Sunday, March 10th – 9:00AM
Albert Paolucci
Sunday, March 17th – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan
Sunday, March 24th – 9:00AM (Palm Sunday)
Bernadetta Paolucci
Thursday, March 28th – 7:00PM (Holy Thurs.)
Lee John Sullivan
Friday, March 29th – 2:30PM (Good Friday)
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.

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 24th – Confessions; 2PM

March 30th – Easter Baskets Blessed; 11AM

March 30th/31st – Loose Change Weekend

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – March 28th

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

Good Friday – March 29th

Good Friday Service at 2:30PM:

Stations of the Cross followed by the Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil – March 30th

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00PM

Easter Sunday – March 31st

Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00AM

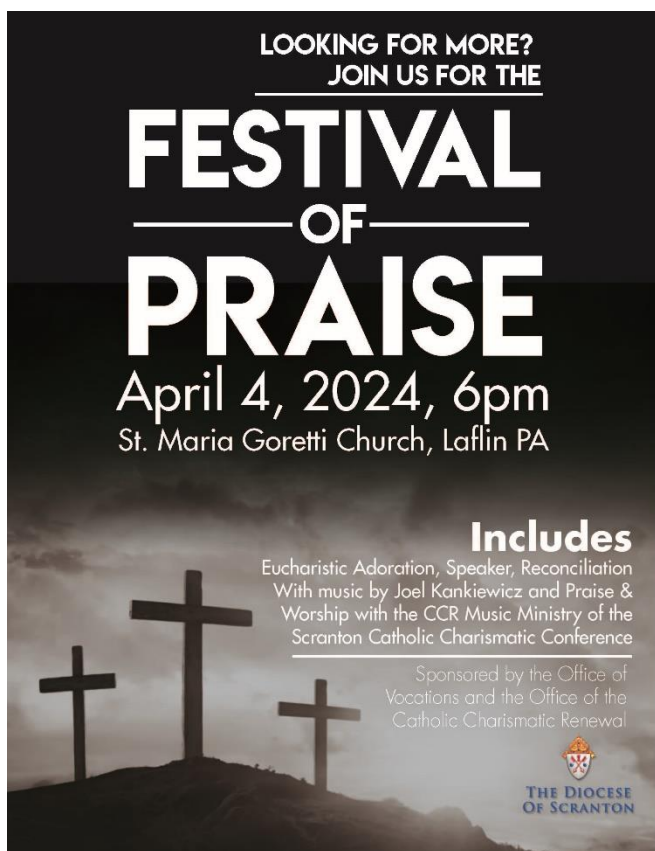
LOOKING FOR MORE?
JOIN US FOR THE

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

April 4, 2024, 6pm
St. Maria Goretti Church, Laffin PA

Includes
Eucharistic Adoration, Speaker, Reconciliation
With music by Joel Kankiewicz and Praise &
Worship with the CCR Music Ministry of the
Scranton Catholic Charismatic Conference

Sponsored by the Office of
Vocations and the Office of the
Catholic Charismatic Renewal



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LENTEN GIVING

Food and other products can be donated to the Trehab Food Bank by bringing them to the church. Place them in the box in the crying room next to the bathroom. Please check the expiration dates as they can not give out expired products.

If you are shopping and see a great sale and perhaps you do not need the item for yourself, get a few extra to help out someone in the county who is not as fortunate. Perhaps you could drop a few items in the box each week. The need is ongoing.

These are some of the things they can most use: peanut butter, jelly, crackers, canned tuna, boxed macaroni and cheese, soup, pasta, sauce, beef stew, hash, canned fruit or vegetables, baby food, cereal. They can also accept fresh fruits and vegetables but these should be brought right to Trehab on Route 29, 1½ miles south of Montrose on the left. If you garden, perhaps you could even plant a few extra items for them.

The Food Bank can also use items that cannot be bought with food stamps such as: cleaning products, bath soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, baby wipes, disposable diapers, toilet paper, trash bags, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dog and cat food.

Please help if you can!



Stations of the Cross

**Every Friday during
Lent following the
12:00PM Mass.**



**Father Philip will hear
confessions March 24th
at 2PM.**

LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN

All men, ages 18 years and older, are invited to participate in an overnight Lenten Retreat titled "Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost, I'm Wondering" from 6PM Friday, March 15 until 2PM Saturday, March 16 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton.

Participants will examine the spiritual journey of men in our world, moving from wandering to wondering about God's will in their lives. There will be talks by Fr. Pio Mandato, Fr. Stan Fortuna, and Fr. Brian Van Fossen, Mike Donovan, opportunities for Adoration and Confession, and Holy Mass offered by Bishop Joseph Bambera. This will be a great way to renew one's heart and mind before Easter.

The cost of the retreat is only \$75, which includes meals and overnight accommodation at the retreat center. If you have not already registered you can use this link: <https://beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1>

For more information visit www.beacatholicman.com or contact Joe Adcroft at jadcroft@kknepa.com or call 570-380-5070.

The retreat is sponsored by Be A Catholic Man, Inc., a nonprofit "on a mission to encourage and empower men to deepen their relationship with Christ, to be spiritual leaders in their families, their church, and their community, and to live their faith in everyday life."

Lenten Reminders

Lent is a time for sacrifice and for spiritual renewal as we reflect upon our baptism and the call given to each of us to walk as disciples of the Lord.

As faithful followers of Jesus, we are traditionally encouraged to honor the sacred season of Lent by embracing the three pillars of Lenten observance:

1. **Almsgiving** – generously giving to those in need
2. **Fasting** – practicing self-discipline and self-denial
3. **Prayer** – reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00AM Mass.

If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be available at the rectory, as well as online on the Holy Name of Mary Church web site under the Religious Education portal.

Religious Education Schedule:

March 10 – Regular Class

March 17 – Regular Class

March 24 – Regular Class

March 31 – NO CLASS; HAPPY EASTER!!



Confirmation Corner

Completed Confirmation registration forms are due. Please have your child bring the form to class or drop it off at the rectory in an envelope attention to Fran Calafut.

The following service hour projects have been arranged for Confirmation Candidates. They can participate in any or all of the hours in the area that they may need service hours in. Service is always encouraged beyond the required number of hours. Details about the following hours has been emailed home to parents.

Service hours....Church

1. Sunday, March 10...11 to 12
2. Sunday, March 17...11 to 12
3. Sunday, March 24....11 to 12
4. Sunday, April 28....11 to 12

Service hours....Community...making Blessing Bags

1. Sunday, April 7...11 to 12
2. Sunday, April 14...11 to 12
3. Sunday, April 21...11 to 12

DATE OF CONFIRMATION MASS IS ... Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at the 9 AM Mass.