

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2024

“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.  
The Father will honor whoever serves me.” - John 12:26



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sun:** Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

**Mon:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Tue:** Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

**Wed:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

**Thu:** Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Fri:** Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

**Sat:** Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	March 16	4:00 PM	Nicholas McKeown (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	March 17	9:00 AM	Edward Luecke (Joan & Sarah Golis)
Monday –	March 18	12:00 PM	Pro defuncto
Tuesday –	March 19	12:00 PM	Pro defuncto
Wednesday –	March 20	12:00 PM	Pro defuncto
Thursday –	March 21	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Friday –	March 22	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Saturday –	March 23	4:00 PM	Victoria Rayappan (John & Sally McGrath)
<b>Palm Sunday –</b>	March 24	9:00 AM	Healing Mass for Christine Grillo (Mary Ann & Phil Schneider)

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 32:31-34

Jeremiah is speaking here to the Jewish leadership exiled in Babylon with the message of God’s upcoming release from captivity when the Law would be so dear to them that it would be written on their hearts. The early Church viewed this as a foreshadowing of Christ’s gift that released all humankind from sin and mortality; the Law then becomes the Holy Spirit dwelling within the hearts of all believers.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

This is a difficult reading to understand, not because it isn’t clear but because it implies that Jesus was imperfect. The ‘perfection’ spoken of refers to Christ’s completion of His human mission, that is, His crucifixion, death, and resurrection which resulted in salvation for humankind. Christ was not imperfect in the common sense, but He did suffer as all humans suffer.

### Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

John’s gospel, very much unlike the other three, is concerned with the meaning behind Christ’s words and acts over anything else. In this case, the author is focused on Christ’s death and resurrection: death that must precede a new birth and resurrection then bringing all humankind (including Gentiles like the Greeks) into Himself. The message about God honoring those who serve the Son is probably directed at the Greeks waiting in the wings, so to speak, to ‘see’ Jesus. After the resurrection, all will recognize who Jesus is including those ‘waiting to see’. It is the same today: *those who serve Jesus will be honored by 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.

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 Roccia, 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 3/9/2024**

<u>(FY18/19 Budget)</u>	\$	<u>(4867.00)</u>
Sunday Collection	\$	3,312.50
<i>Thank you for your generosity &amp; support</i>		

**Travelers & Vacationers**

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



**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**  
Lee John Sullivan

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM (Palm Sunday)**  
Bernadetta Paolucci

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM (Holy Thurs.)**  
Lee John Sullivan

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – 2:30PM (Good Friday)**  
Lee John Sullivan

**Sat., March 30<sup>th</sup> – 8:00PM (Easter Vigil)**  
Isaiah Torres

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:00AM (Easter)**  
Bernadetta & 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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> – Second Collection:**

**Catholic Relief Services**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – Confessions; 2PM**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> – Second Collection: Holy Land**

**March 30<sup>th</sup> – Easter Baskets Blessed; 11AM**

**March 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> – Loose Change Weekend**

## **HOLY WEEK/EASTER** **SCHEDULE**

***Holy Thursday – March 28<sup>th</sup>***

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

***Good Friday – March 29<sup>th</sup>***

Good Friday Service at 2:30PM:

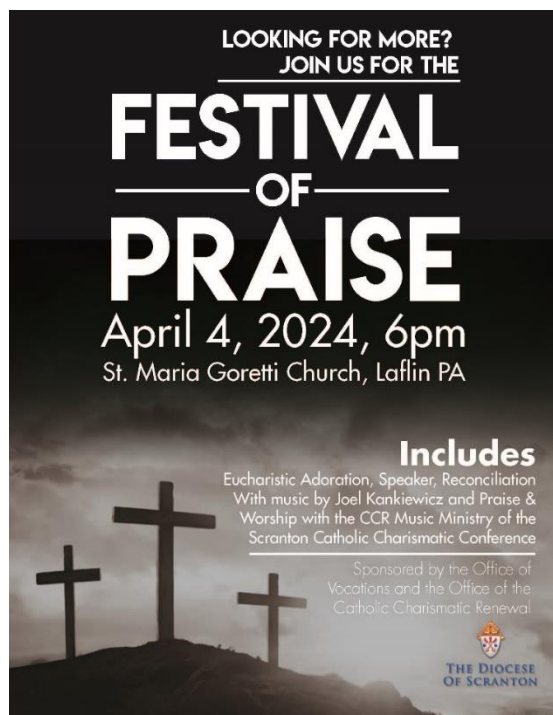
Stations of the Cross followed by the Passion of the Lord

***Easter Vigil – March 30<sup>th</sup>***

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00PM

***Easter Sunday – March 31<sup>st</sup>***

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 cannot 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.**

### **Start Holy Week Fully Reconciled**

**Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:  
Confessions Will Be Heard At 2:00 PM**

## Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Scranton

The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Scranton has been created. The Catholic Foundation will provide a trusted way for individuals to provide meaningful and lasting impact to sustain Diocesan parishes, schools and agencies for years to come. Donors may contribute cash donations, estate gifts, IRA contributions and gifts into endowment funds that will provide long-term support for the work of the church. Endowment funds will be invested to earn revenue. The principal value of an endowment fund is kept intact, while the investment earnings are distributed for charitable purposes as determined by donors. The new Catholic Foundation will give people an opportunity to support our Catholic faith in perpetuity. Gifts of any size are welcome. The Foundation offers many benefits to you, including assistance and advice tailored to your needs and giving interests and tax advantages of various types of gifts. The Catholic Foundation assets are separate from diocesan funds. No one can appropriate funds from the Foundation for any purpose other than those specified by the donor. Catholic Foundation staff is happy to help you design a gift that meets your personal needs and charitable goals. They can be reached at [info@catholicfoundationscranton.org](mailto:info@catholicfoundationscranton.org), or (570) 207-2212.

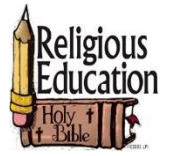
### Lenten Reminders

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.**