

Third Sunday of Lent – March 23, 2025

*“Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.
I am the God of your fathers,” he continued,
“the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob.”* Exodus 3:5-6



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday | Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/ Lk 13:1-9 |
| Monday | 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30 |
| Tuesday | Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Wednesday | Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 |
| Thursday | Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23 |
| Friday | Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34 |
| Saturday | Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 |

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday- | March 22 | 4:00 PM | Wayne Hibbard | Miss Ewes |
| Sunday- | March 23 | 9:00 AM | Michael Vaccaro | George & Fran Calafut |
| Monday- | March 24 | 12:00 PM | Gary Errico | |
| Tuesday- | March 25 | 12:00 PM | Kathy Smith | The Annunciation of the Lord |
| Wednesday- | March 26 | 12:00 PM | Joseph Fazio | |
| Thursday- | March 27 | 12:00 PM | Gerard Sheridan | |
| Friday- | March 28 | 12:00 PM | Mike Amaronse | |
| Saturday- | March 29 | 4:00 PM | Regina Janov | Frank & Rita DeRiancho |
| Sunday- | March 30 | 9:00 AM | John & Molly Flanagan | The Host Family |

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

God hears his people crying out in the midst of their enslavement and ‘descends’ to help them. Moses is chosen by God to lead the people out of Egypt and into the land of Canaan, not because Moses is a great warrior, but because God’s intervention is the issue, not Moses. When Moses asks who he should say has sent him, God replies: *“I am who I am.”* Then he added, *“This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you.”* And then Moses is told: *The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.* This is critical; God is the one who intervenes, who answers prayers, and who is present to his people always. God is not just mysterious and beyond human understanding, the great I AM, but is also the God who was there for Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The fancy term is: *God is both transcendent and immanent.* And so He is.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6

Paul uses the well-known desert story to make his point to the Corinthian church that it is possible to sin even after receiving the sacraments, as their spiritual forefathers did in the desert after receiving God’s gifts of manna and water from the rock. The interesting part here is that Paul sees the ‘rock’ from which water flowed as Christ. Symbolically it fits, and it underlines Christ’s presence across time.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus here is emphasizing awareness of the need for repentance, i.e., believing his whole message (not just turning away from sin). Jesus came to redeem humankind (catechism 668-674) and the truth of it was something that couldn’t be ignored. Just because certain Galileans broke the law, it doesn’t follow that the rest of the Galileans are ‘OK’ in the eyes of God; all must hear Jesus’ message and follow accordingly. Much like the newly cultivated and fertilized fig tree, all of us are given the time to ‘repent’. What we do with that time will determine whether or not, like the fig tree, we are uprooted or not. Jesus was simply saying that there are no guarantees. But, as the first reading from Exodus teaches, God will be with us and will always love us. The question then becomes: *how much do we love 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: 570-498-0760.

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold & family, Eileen Baessler, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, James Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Carmen Cruz, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Phyllis Fritz, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Kevin Jenner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Shawn McGraw, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondie, Luis Muloski, Denelle Myers, Russel Nowalk, Alfred Place, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Sandra Seeger, Dorothy Sargent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen, Gerry Washack.



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

3/16/2025

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| (FY18/19 Budget) | \$ | (4867.00) |
| Sunday Collection | \$ | 3058.00 |

Thank you for your generosity & support.

The Second Collection for the weekend of March 29-30 will be for **Catholic Relief Services**.



Confirmation Corner

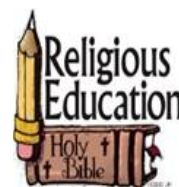
March 23....Confirmation registration forms are due

March 29....Confirmation Retreat at St Ann's Basilica

April 13....Service Hour booklets are due

April 27....Rehearsal for Confirmation at Most Holy Trinity Church in Susquehanna (time to be determined)

May 5....Confirmation Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church at 5:00 PM. Children should be there at 4:00.



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 website under the Religious Education portal. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program, please call Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.

Religious Education Schedule:

March 23....Regular Class

March 30....Family Mass at 9:00 followed by Regular class

April 6.....Regular Class

April 13.....Regular Class

April 20....Happy Easter....No Class

April 27.....Regular Class

May 4....First Holy Communion at 9:00
Followed by Regular Class

May 5....Confirmation Mass at 5:00 PM
Most Holy Trinity Church

May 11....Happy Mother's Day ...No Class

May 18....Regular Class...Final Class



Sunday, March 23 – 9:00 AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, March 30 – 9:00 AM

Albert Paolucci

Sunday, April 6 – 9:00 AM

Stanley Grochal

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact the rectory.



Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday during Lent
following the 12:00 PM Mass



Easter Reconciliation

Palm Sunday, April 13th @2:00PM



Confessions will be heard by
Fr. Pio Mandato and Fr. Philip

Fr. Philip will continue hearing confessions
every Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 PM



LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN

All men, ages 18 years and older, are invited to participate in an overnight Lenten Retreat titled "Be Imitators of Christ" from 6PM Friday, April 4 until 2PM Saturday, April 5, 2025 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton. 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."

The guest speaker, John Edwards, will discuss the Mind and Heart of a Leader, What Men Want/What Men Need and How to Build a Successful Men's Group. There will also be opportunities for Adoration, Benediction, 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, \$100, includes meals and overnight accommodation at the retreat center. You can use this link to register by **March 27**: www.beacatholicman.com



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.



You're invited to a Lenten Holy Hour with the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, to commemorate the diocesan phase of the 2025 Holy Year of Hope.

JOIN US
MONDAY
MARCH 31
@ 7:00 PM

HOLY HOUR WITH THE BISHOP

The Lenten Holy Hour for our deanery, the Sayre Deanery, will take place on Monday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 101 Churchill Street, Dushore.

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