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Masses: Daily, M-F – 7:00 am • Saturday (Vigil)- 4:00 pm • Sunday- 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Confession: Daily, M-F~6:40-6:55 am • Saturday- 3:15-3:45 pm, and anytime upon request.

✘ The Fourth Sunday of Lent ✘ March 10, 2024 ✘



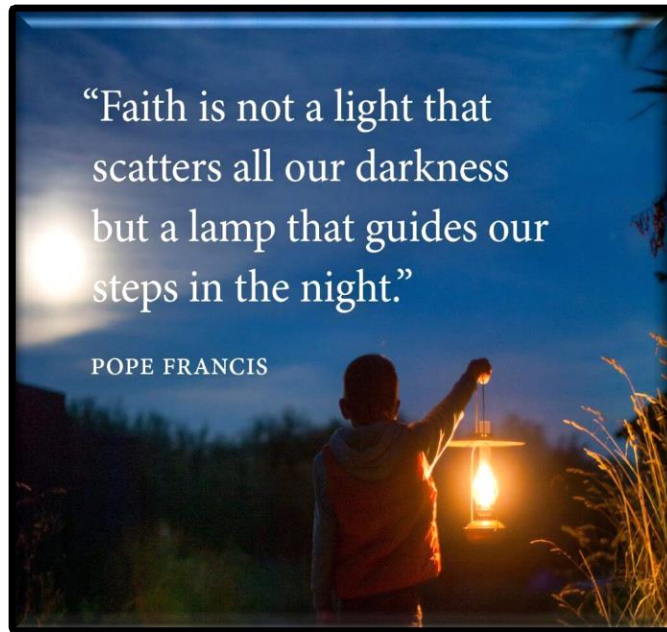
A Lenten Reflection ~

The Light is Always On

If anyone has ever had the experience of selling the family homestead after the death of parents, grandparents or any other family member, we all know the feelings around this. It can be quite bittersweet. It usually removes a financial hardship, but it also means an end to an important part of one's family memories, traditions, and history. The Scripture writers are recording some of those same feelings that we all carry with us, as they reflect on those moments of change and letting go which every family and community experiences.

The Chronicler of this Sunday's First Reading, reflecting on the 70 years that the people of Judah have spent in exile in Babylon, tells the story pointedly. The reason for this exile was the princes, priests and people's infidelity upon infidelity. They mocked, despised, and scoffed every time the compassionate God tried to keep them from falling into and remaining in faithlessness. The God of their ancestors tried over and over to bring about a remedy in their hearts to keep them safe from the sword and slavery. Yet, they did not listen and their nation collapsed. Still, God's mercy remained strong and rich, and with the help of the King of Persia, God's people are sent back to Jerusalem to construct for God a new dwelling, a new nation of light.

It is a time of great rejoicing – the people of Judah are going home! It is an opportunity to turn around from all their betrayals. The gifts of God are restored and they are invited to live in a new homestead. There will be much work to follow and they are far from out of the dark, but the graces of God will not cease.



This is the theme of this Fourth Sunday of Lent – the graces of God never stop. God's handiwork, created in Jesus Christ enables us to rebuild our homesteads. We must lift up our sorrows and fears, in the same way that Jesus was lifted up on the cross. Jesus died but triumphed over our infidelities. He has brought us back into the light and invites us this Lent to do the work of rebuilding and rejoicing that God is in our lives.

We may be saddened at the letting go of former homesteads. Yet, the love of God points us forward with all our memories of love and kindness. These are the tools we must use to rebuild a new world. Yes, we can easily look at the brokenness which surrounds us today and feel the same despair of those exiled in Babylon. Our journey forward may seem just as treacherous. God, however, has brought us to life with Christ. May this light never flicker but instead remain bright as we create many new homes filled with the light of compassion and faith.

-Fr. Michael

Questions of the Week based on this Sunday's Scripture

► 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23 ~ *Dissolution of Judah* ► Ephesians 2:4-10 ~ *Generosity of God's Plan*

► John 3:14-21 ~ *Jesus' Teaching to Nicodemus*

Adults: Do you see the world as basically evil, or as good? What difference does this make in the way you live?

Kids: Where do you see goodness in God's world?

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, DEVOTIONS AND INTENTIONS
FOR MARCH 4-MARCH 10, 2024

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Mon	11	Lenten Weekday 7:00am 5:30 pm	Theresa Ostrosky (by Joyce Skowronski-Jones) <i>The Light is on For You - CONFESSIONS</i>
Tue	12	Lenten Weekday 7:00am	Allan Komar (30 Day)
Wed	13	Lenten Weekday 6:30pm	Micheal Matiko (by Valerie Olszewski)
Thu	14	Lenten Weekday 7:00am	Paul Monberger (by Sherry Strarzec)
Fri	15	Lenten Weekday 7:00am 1:00pm 6:15pm 7:00pm	Josephine Shuleski (by Rick and Chris Shuleski) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Benediction</i>
Sat	16	Lenten Weekday 4:00pm	Henry and Sophie Dunly (by Daughter Beverly)
Sun	17	Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	For the Intentions of the Parishioners Ralph Chase (by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bolus) Donald Wasta (by Betty and Edward Rehoski)
VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS			
Sacred Heart of Jesus		John and Stanis Kunicki (by Family)	
Blessed Virgin Mary		Henry Dulny (by Daughter Beverly)	
Saint Joseph		Dec,d Kondratewicz Family (by Mazaleski Family)	

10 Sunday **Daylight Savings Begins**

11 Monday

-Faith Sharing, 1:00pm

12 Tuesday

-Soup and Spirituality, 5:00pm

13 Wednesday

-Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm

14 Thursday

-Easter Basket Assembly, 6:30pm

15 Friday

-Potato prep, 9:00

16 Saturday

-Mash and ball, 10:00am

-Communion Retreat, 12:00-5:00pm

17 Sunday

-Pierogi making 9:00am

18 Monday

-Faith Sharing, 1:00pm

19 Tuesday

-Soup and Spirituality, 5:00pm

-Pastoral Council, 7:00pm

20 Wednesday

-Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm

-CEO Weinburg

FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP

For the period ending March 5: TOTAL \$ 10,460.00; Sunday \$6,922.00 (\$1,648.00 OL) Loose Offering: \$160.00;

Other Envelopes \$2,787.00 (\$224.00 OL) Care and Education of Priests \$537.00 (\$20.00 OL)

This Week's Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services.

Thank You, and may God bless your wonderful generosity!

The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Scranton is again inviting us to pray for priests and seminarians on Holy Thursday, during the Visitation of Churches. See Below.

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
VOCATIONS OFFICE



"Get Up and Pray"

Luke 22:46

Join us in praying for our priests and seminarians Holy Thursday, March 28th!

1. Assemble a group to visit the Altar of Repose in as many churches as you can

2. Look for the "Add Yours" sticker on @Scrantonvoc stories Thursday night

3. Share photos using the sticker & tell us which priests and/or seminarians you're praying for!



Diocesan Appeal Update: **THANK YOU!!!!**
Our Goal: \$40,000.00 Current: \$40,110.00
Needed \$0

(But anything over our goal,
and we get money back!!!)

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH
OUR PARISH GOAL!!!!**

WITH PARISH SYMPATHY Our prayers are requested for Geraldine Judge whose funeral liturgy was celebrated by our parish this week. May our Lord in his mercy embrace her, and may Christ give comfort and consolation to her family and friends. We offer our parish sympathy to them in their loss.

FOOD PANTRY COMMUNITY SERVICE: Parish Pastoral Council monthly food pantry volunteer opportunity will be Wednesday March 20, from 5-7PM at CEO Weinberg Food Bank, 185 Research Drive, Pittston. Call the rectory at 570-457-3502 for further information or to volunteer.

EASTER BASKET
GIVEAWAY

Friends OF THE POOR
Family to Family Food Basket Program

Our Parish Women's and Men's Societies, as well as our 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Religious Education Students will be teaming up to provide for this worthy cause. We will meet on Thursday, March 14, at 6:30pm in the Church hall.

IN THE COMMUNITY

ANNUAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH begins this Sunday at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. Masses are held daily at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Novena preacher: Oblate Father Brian J. Crawford, O.S.J., vocation director for USA Oblate Province. Masses are preceded with confessions and praying of the rosary, concluding with novena devotions. The Novena continues all week, concluding next week on the Feast of St. Joseph, Tuesday, March 19th, with a special Mass at 7:00 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

FAITH FORMATION Next Sunday, March 17, Both Morning and Evening Classes will take place.

AVOCA LENTEN FOOD SALE The Queen of the Apostles, Social Concerns/Respect Life Ministry will conduct a Sale on Friday, March 15. The following will be available for Pre Orders ONLY! Red or White Clam Chowder \$10 Quart Vodka Sauce \$10 Quart Haluski \$7 Quart Orders can be placed by calling Carol Wood at 570-457-8843 or Ruth Lee at #570-457-2111. Deadline for placing orders is Sunday (TODAY), March 10.

GIFT CERTIFICATES that support Holy Rosary School and other Diocesan schools may be purchased on Thursday, March 7, from 8:00-10:00am in the church hall.

GORZKIE ZALE Sunday, March 17, 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Dupont. All are invited to attend.

CEMETERY NOTES As mentioned last week, by now, most decorations from fall and Christmas should have been removed by families. Our workers will continue discarding decorations this week, as time and weather allows. Please be VERY CAREFUL in our cemeteries, as *good weather* can cause you to think you are walking on *good ground* - YOU ARE NOT! STAY ON PATHS AS MUCH AS YOU ARE ABLE. With a lot of freeze/melt cycles, it was a tough season for settlement. Please notify the rectory if you notice a settled grave, a hole, or leaning stone. Thank You for all you do to keep our cemeteries so beautiful - and please be SAFE! ALSO, PLEASE TAKE TRASH WITH YOU. There is no dumping in either Holy Rosary or St Joseph's Cemeteries.



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