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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 Third Sunday of Lent ✂ March 3, 2024 ✂



A Lenten Reflection ~

Putting Humanity's Best Foot Forward

Would you say that you understand human nature? I'm not sure I could attest to that! However, St. John, as he presents the story of Jesus "Cleansing the Temple", ends with this assertion about human nature, Jesus "understood it well."

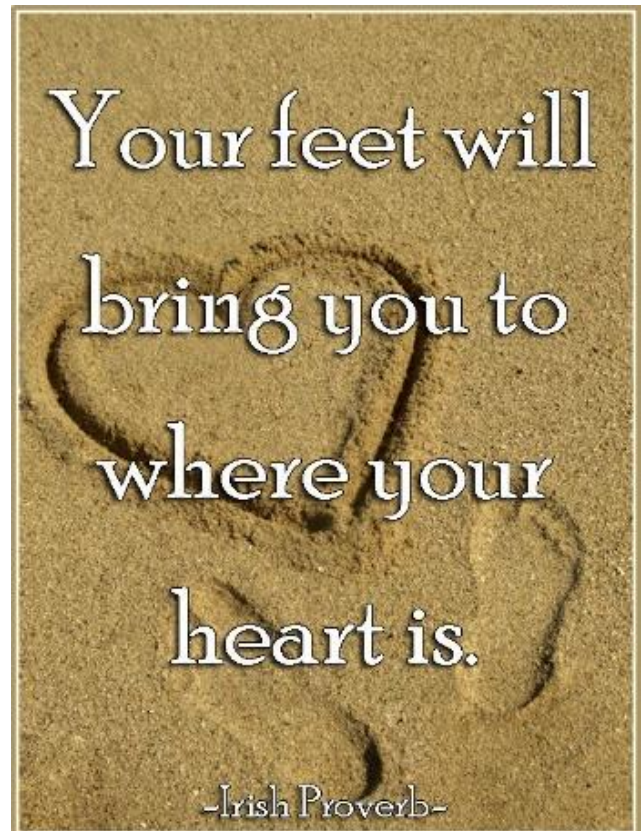
This Sunday's Scripture invite us to enter into a reflection on our human nature - in what way do we live our lives as human beings "with our best foot forward", as the saying goes. First, we are asked to consider once again the Ten Commandments. Not as we did when we were in elementary or middle school, but as an adult, a serious disciple of Jesus Christ. Are these ten principles for living our humanity just memorized words, or do they impact how we treat ourselves and others?

The Book of Exodus tells us that when God delivered these commandments, God began by reminding the Israelites that they had been "brought out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery." Where in our lives have we let ourselves become slaves? In our politics? Our social and entertainment choices? Our ways of or lack of communicating? Our feelings and attitudes around anger, violence, weapons, and destruction? Our disregard and unwillingness to face and deal with people, including family, of different cultures, genders, lifestyles and races? Our refusal to recognize an evolving Church needing to respond to the world with justice, compassion, humility and truth?

St. Paul writes to the people of Corinth, and us, about our demand for signs and our looking for wisdom. He suggests that as grand and significant we think we are in our search for human answers, there is a greater power and wisdom we ought to pursue. It is already within our hearts and even though many might call it foolish or a weakness, it is Christ crucified which ought to guide all our longings and needs.

When we cleanse our human hearts of all that consumes us about personal control, then we too can testify to the beauty of human nature. When we end all the endeavors we consider to destroy another person(s) power, then we will be raising up what humanity is truly all about - a oneness with Jesus and a trust in the greatness of our human nature which our Creator always intended.

-Fr. Michael



Questions of the Week based on this Sunday's Scripture

► Exodus 20:1-17 ~ *The Ten Commandments* ► 1Corinthians 1:22-25 ~ *The Wisdom and Folly of the Cross*

► John 2:13-25 ~ *Cleansing of the Temple*

Adults: When has the message of the cross seemed absurd to you, and when have you seen its wisdom?

Kids: What puzzles you in the gospel stories?

Which story makes you the most hopeful?

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

Mon	4	Lenten Weekday St. Casimir	7:00am 5:30 pm	Pauline Vitek (by Jacqueline Vitek) <i>The Light is on For You - CONFESSIONS</i>
Tue	5	Lenten Weekday	7:00am 5:00pm	Robert S. Zaleski (30 Day) LENTEN HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP BAMBERA at ST JOSEPH MARELLO, PITTSTON All are encouraged to attend.
Wed	6	Lenten Weekday	6:30pm	James & Betty Murtha (by Ken & Mary Francis & Family)
Thu	7	Lenten Weekday Sts. Perpetua & Felicity	7:00am	Michael Vilchock (by Weller Family)
Fri	8	Lenten Weekday St. John of God	7:00am 1:00pm 6:15pm 7:00pm	Francis Norkunas (by Diane Dobroski) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Benediction</i>
Sat	9	Lenten Weekday St. Francis of Rome	4:00pm	Helen Casey (by family)
Sun	10	Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Dolores Rafferty (by John & Nancy Rafferty & Family) For the Intentions of the Parishioners) Diane Cogliette & Nancy Schumacher (by Jimmy & Angel Gnall, Jr.)
VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS				
Sacred Heart of Jesus		Ruth & Raymond Trakimas (by Son, David)		
Blessed Virgin Mary		Len Negvesky (by family)		
Saint Joseph		Pauline Vitek (by Jacqueline Vitek)		

FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP

For the period ending February 13: **TOTAL \$ 7,000.35; Sunday \$4,665.00**
(\$799.00 OL) **Loose Offering: \$564.35;**
Other Envelopes \$1,771.00 (\$102.00 OL)
Next Week's Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services.
Thank You, and may God bless your wonderful generosity!

4 Monday

-PRE ORDER SALE ORDERS DUE
-Faith Sharing, 1:00pm
-Men's Society Meeting, 6:30 PM

5 Tuesday

-**NO Soup and Spirituality this week**
-HOLY HOUR with Bishop Bambera, 7:00pm
at ST JOSEPH MARELLO, Pittston

6 Wednesday

-Food Prep, 9:30 am All are welcome

7 Thursday

-Food Prep 9:00am, Boilers, 10:00am, mixers

8 Friday

-Food Prep - Soup Makers 8:00; packers 12:00pm; Fryers 1:30, others 2:30

-Pre-Order Food Sale Pick-up, 3-6pm

**-Potato Pancake Sale - 3-6:00pm
or until we run out!!**

10 Sunday Daylight Savings Begins

11 Monday

-Faith Sharing, 1:00pm

12 Tuesday

-Soup and Spirituality, 5:00pm

-Pastoral Council, 7:00pm

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

Diocesan Appeal Update: THANK YOU!!!!

Our Goal: \$40,000.00 Current: \$40,000

Needed \$0

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

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


**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
MASS**

Sunday, June 23rd, 2024
2:30pm
Cathedral of St. Peter
315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton PA 18503

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
PITTSTON DEANERY

**LENTEN
HOLY HOUR**
with Bishop Bambera

**Tuesday, March 5
at 7:00 P.M.**

Saint Joseph Marello Parish
237 William Street
Pittston, PA 18640



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

LENTEN MEN'S RETREAT - March 15-16 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton. *The Theme will be "Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost-I'm Wondering"*. The cost of the retreat is only \$75 for an overnight including food. Please register by following this link:
<https://beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1>

EASTER BASKETS NEEDED!!!!

Our Parish Women's and Men's Societies, as well as our Religious Education Students will be teaming up to provide for this worthy cause. In the past, donations have been sent through Holy Rosary School, who usually provides 100 Baskets, but this year because of a greater need, we are making a special effort to match that with 100 baskets from the parish as well. We ask for donations of candy, small Easter toys or items, and cash donations to help defray the cost of this joint effort. Together, our parish and local Catholic School will try to provide 200 baskets this year...**Can You Help?** Please, if you are able, send all donations by **Wednesday, March 6th**. If providing cash or check, please place in an envelope marked "Easter Basket Giveaway." Thank You!

FAITH FORMATION Next Sunday, March 10, Morning Classes only.

CEMETERY NOTES By now, most decorations from fall and Christmas should have been removed. Our workers will begin discarding decorations on Wednesday of 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!

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.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL, 159 South Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, **SPRING OPEN HOUSE** Join us for a school tour, meet our teachers, and become a ROYAL!! Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Call to register @ 570-829-2424. www.holyredeemerhs.org

IN THE COMMUNITY

ANNUAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH will begin next Sunday, March 10th, at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, with Masses daily at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. This year's Novena will be preached by Oblate Father Brian J. Crawford, O.S.J., vocation director for the USA Oblate Province. Masses will be preceded by confessions and praying of the rosary, concluding with novena devotions. The Novena concludes on the Feast of St. Joseph, Tuesday, March 19th, at the 7:00 p.m. Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

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, March 10.

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

A purple promotional graphic for a Lenten activity. It features a cartoon character holding a cross and a QR code. The text reads: "A NOVEL WAY TO GIVE ALMS THIS LENT! VOTE FOR OUR PASTOR CHEF BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH 26, AND BE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED TO WIN GROCERY GIFT CARDS! PRIZES AWARDED VIA RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR ON THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON'S FACEBOOK LIVE FEED THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION. EACH \$10 TO VOTE GETS YOU ONE RAFFLE ENTRY. SCAN TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE COLLARED COOK OR VISIT DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG PRESENTED BY: HawkFamily FOUNDATION".

The Intention of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for March For the New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

March 8th PRE-Order Food Sale

Pick Up 3:00-6:00pm in the Church Hall
Please Call Rectory by noon MONDAY, March 4th, if you would like...

- ___ Dozen frozen pierogi (\$10.00 per dozen, limit 2)
- ___ Quart(s) of Haluski (\$8.00 per Quart)
- ___ Tray(s) of Unbaked Pizza (\$15.00 per tray)
- ___ Red Clam Chowder (\$11.00 Qt; \$6.00 Small)
- ___ Seafood Bisque (\$15.00 Qt; \$8.00 Small)
- ___ Potato Pancake Batter (\$16.00 per Quart, makes 15-18 Pancakes)

~ ALSO ~

Potato Pancakes!!!!!!!!!!!!

No Pre-order for Pancakes - Serving HOT -
3:00pm until sold out 3 for \$5.00

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