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First Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2022

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday
9:30 a.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.
Friday 9:30 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.
Office Closed on Thursday

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days As scheduled
Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. M,T,W, F

ADORATION

Monday 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal instruction offered at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. Call the office to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday 6:10-6:50 p.m.
Friday 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.
Anytime by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arranged at least six months in advance

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK

Notify the parish office whenever someone ill, hospitalized or homebound

Mission Statement

We are a Christian Community rooted in Word and Sacrament striving to fulfill our Baptismal commitment by following the example and teaching of Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to pass on our faith through the Roman Catholic Tradition to the next generation for the greater glory of God.

Forty Days: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Lent

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel.

We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son (see Luke 3:22; Exodus 4:22). Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights (see Exodus 15:25).

He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food (see Exodus 16:1-13). As Israel quarreled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care (see Exodus 17:1-6). When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf (see Exodus 32).

Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wandering (see Deuteronomy 8:3; :16, 12-15).

Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because, like the biblical sign of forty (see Genesis 7:12; Exodus 24:18; 34:28; 1 Kings 19:8; Jonah 3:4), the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification.

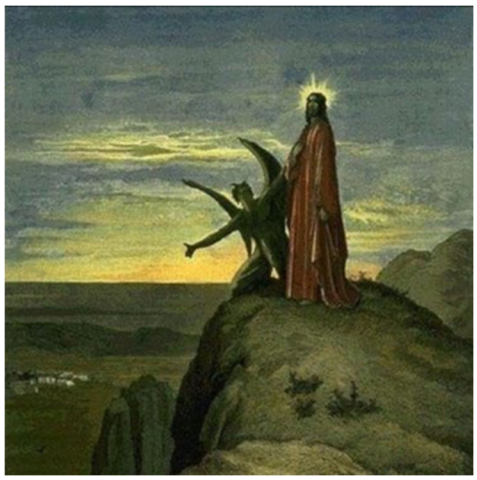
Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's reading. "Call upon me, and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle (quoting Deuteronomy 30:14; Isaiah 28:16; Joel 2:32).

This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the Lord . . . and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn
Founder and President



March is dedicated to St. Joseph

The Light Is On For You

"The Light Is On For You" will be held every Monday evening, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. During this time, Father Mike will be available for Confessions, and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration. Come home to the Church and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Lenten Adult Faith Formation

We are so thankful to have Deacon Steve Frye come to present our Lenten Adult Faith Formation classes this Lent on "Apologetics." Classes will be held in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: March 9, 16, 23, and 30, and April 13. Please come and find out ways to explain and defend our Faith.

Family Stations of the Cross

In addition to our regular Stations of the Cross at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Fridays, there will also be Family Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. on March 18 and April 1.

Have You Received Your Lenten Mailing?

If not, please contact the parish office to update your address, telephone, and email information so you do not miss future mailings.

Prayer for the Synod
Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our
actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time.
In the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

OLOL FISH DINNERS

Friday, March 11 and April 1
5:00 PM ~ 7:00 PM
Carry ~ Out Only

Dinner to include: Baked Fish, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Stewed Tomatoes, Roll & Dessert

TICKETS are available in the Church Office
During regular office hours
$12.00 Adults
$6.00 Children (10 & under)

Community and Service

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

~Sunday, March 6
Vespers ~ 7:00 p.m.
~Monday, March 7
The Light on for You ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus ~ 7:00 p.m.
~Tuesday, March 8
Parish Council ~ 6:30 p.m.
~ Wednesday, March 9
Adult Faith Formation ~ 7:00 p.m.
~Friday, March 11
Fish Dinner ~ 5:00—7:00 p.m.—take out only
Stations ~ 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Schedule of Classes

March 6—Grades 1-8 meet
March 13—No Classes
March 20—Grades 1, 3-8 meet
March 27—Grades 1-8 meet
April 3—Grades 1-8 meet
April 10—Palm Sunday-no classes
April 17—Easter Sunday--no classes
April 24—Grades 1-8 meet

Faith in Action Project

For the month of March we will be collecting shampoo and conditioner for Shepherd of the Streets. Thank you for your continued support.

Collection Counters Schedule

March 7—Group 4—Barb Nau, Dora Pioli, Wendy Marshalek
March 14—Group 1—Darl Simms, Wendy Marshalek, Mary Ann Hollenbach

Synod Survey

Synodal surveys are available at the church entrances. Please take a few minutes and complete the survey. You can return it in the collection basket, to the baskets at the church entrances, or to the church office for mailing to the Diocese. You may also mail the survey to the Diocese yourself to:

Synodal Survey
c/o Jennifer Housel
Diocese of Scranton
330 Wyoming Avenue

Spotlight by Deb Steinbacher—Give Up?

During Lent, the spotlight will come down for now and we will focus on our Lenten journeys. More often than not, we choose to "give up" something for Lent. Perhaps it is a food or beverage, perhaps an activity, perhaps a habit that is less than savory. Whatever we have chosen, we feel the struggle! But, as Lent progresses, we find that it is less difficult and we can do without that which we have omitted from our lives, albeit temporarily. Here is a thought: can we choose to give up something in order to add something to our lives? That something is time. Can we give up time in order to pray more, spend time in church more, spend time before the Lord more, say the Rosary more - in other words, can we give up time that we spend on ourselves to spend time with our Lord? We are all familiar with the scripture in which Jesus found the disciples asleep and asked, *"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"* (Matthew 26:40). Can we spend more time with Him this Lent? Can we make this permanent, not temporary? We could change the world by showing our Lord how much we love Him with our prayers and adoration! *"One moment of pure love is more precious in the eyes of God and more profitable to the whole Church than all the good works put together."* So, keep doing your good works and sacrifices, but consider giving up in order to add! God bless you during your Lenten journey!

Young Adult Retreat

The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations are sponsoring a retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) on Friday, March 25. This 24-hour retreat is titled "**Signposts**: *How to Recognize and Trust the Work of God's Hand in One's Life."* The retreat will consist of interactive sessions led by Father Patrick Rogers, S.J., Executive Director of the Jesuit Center at the University of Scranton, small group discussions, private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass, and time to connect with other young adults from throughout the Diocese. Registration fee is $20.00. To register and/or for more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY NAME SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Holy Name Society of Immaculate Conception Church will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 13, from 8:00 am until noon in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. All families are invited to attend Mass together and enjoy a delicious breakfast together. The cost is $9/adult, children 12yrs and under $4. Menu: Pancakes, sausage patties, sausage gravy, biscuits, liver pudding, OJ, coffee, tea & coffeecake.

Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 5
First Saturday
9:00 a.m. Douglas Duza
(Romey Fagnano Family)
4:00 p.m. John Catino (Catino Family)

Sunday, March 6
1st Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Walter Marciniak
(John & Anne Marie Dorin and family)
10:30 a.m. Our Parishioners

Monday, March 7
SS. Perpetual & Felicity, Martyrs
9:00 a.m. Herta & John Aguirre (Aguirre family)

Tuesday, March 8
St. John of God, Religious
9:00 a.m. Frances K. Waldman
(Daniel & Patricia McNamara)

Wednesday, March 9
St. Frances of Rome, Religious
9:00 a.m. Shirley Wilson (Joanne & Ron Conley)

Thursday, March 10—Lenten Weekday
NO MASS

Friday, March 11—Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. Louise Patterson (Vilma Caschera)

Saturday, March 12
Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. Mary & Frank Kiodo
(Randy & Sue Wright & family)

Sunday, March 13
Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Our Parishioners
10:30 a.m. Tom Bafile (Ebbert family)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps. 19; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is: 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12-16; Ps. 138; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 15:5-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

Sponsor of the Week
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February 26-27, 2022

Envelopes	**$ 5,661.00**
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Maintenance	**$ 111.00**
Utility	**$ 2.00**
Religious Ed	**$ 4.00**
Votives	**$ 115.00**
Christmas	**$ 1.00**
Easter Flowers	**$ 5.00**

Collection Total 2/26-27/2022	**$ 6,315.00**
Weekly Amount Budgeted	**$ 8,850.00**
Deficit	**$ 2,535.00**

Diocesan Collections	**2/26-27/2022**
Care & Education of the Priests	**$ 19.00**
Eastern Europe	**$ 35.00**
Human Development	**$ 1.00**
Catholic Relief	**$ 10.00**
Diocesan Collections 2/26-27/2022	**$ 65.00**

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*Follow the onscreen instructions or call the parish office.

Catholic Prayer For Ukraine

O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection. O Mother of God, who gave us your miraculous icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their times of need. O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual. **Hear our prayers, O Lord, and deliver us from distress, for You are merciful and compassionate and love mankind. To You we give glory: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.** *Carrie Chuff*

Prayer List for the Month of March

Joanie Campbell, Bill Donovan, Ann Marie Dorin, Geraldine Dunn, Margie Foulds, Carisa Foulds, Michael Hook, Cheryl Hook, Mina Hoover, Charles Gries, Cliff Hales, Mary Kranz, Chuck Ligosh, Penny O., Nicole Selleck, Denise Sharar, Mary M. Steinbacher, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Christine Watts Wright, Jack Wright Sr.

If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

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