



March 13, 2022

**3rd Sunday
Of Lent**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 11:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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OUR LOCATION

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 19 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Julie Amendola by Lawrence Masci

Sunday, March 20 — 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Carl Jurkewicz by Marie Shipley

10:30 AM † Deceased Members of Grovagnorio & Nahas Family by Helen & James Nahas

Monday, March 21

8:00 AM † Jerry Tonarelli by Patti & Family

6:00 PM Taizé

Tuesday, March 22

No Mass

Wednesday, March 23

No Mass

Thursday, March 24

8:00 AM † Helen Veschio by Ted Harhai

Friday, March 25

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 26 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Frank "Moe" Vizza by Carole Foglia

Sunday, March 27 — 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Shirley "Chichi" Kuvinka by Son, Lenny & Teresa

10:30 AM † Mary Ann Germinario by Andrea Leach

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 12; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — March 26 & 27

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	J. Dudas	M. Guiliford B. Rizzuto
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	A. Blatnik	K. Imbrescia	C. Blatnik J. Smith

Money Counters

Monday, March 21 — Team #5 — R. Croushore

Repent or Perish!

Already we are celebrating the Third Sunday of Lent with only three more to go! It is hard to believe that we are half way through this season of repentance. Our Liturgy presents us with all of the great themes of Lent; we have God's call, repentance, conversion, baptism and new life, they are all here. Even though there are many themes present, there is a message we all can carry with us and it has to do with conversion and change.



For most of us, change is hard and it certainly doesn't happen overnight. Examples like losing weight, quitting smoking, changing jobs or moving are difficult changes that we cannot make happen in a short period of time. They take patience, perseverance and time. We certainly cannot expect instant results with change. It takes time to make new things or ways of thinking a part of our lives. The liturgy today is telling us that conversion or a "change of heart" is something that cannot happen suddenly or by itself. Like other changes in our lives, it takes patience and time.

Today we hear Moses' call by God; this serves as yet another example about the many ways that God speaks to us in life. Last week we asked ourselves where we encounter God; this week we are shown how God speaks to us in the most unlikely places. As Moses encountered the presence of the Divine in the burning bush, he was given a message that would bring change to his life. Whenever we encounter the voice of the Divine it usually means a conversion of some sort. Like Moses we are weak and sinful people yet God can call us to do wonderful deeds, if we listen.

St. Paul, in the second reading, is calling for the Corinthians to repent and Jesus is warning us in the same way through the Gospel. The gospel opens with people questioning Jesus about a tragedy that killed eighteen people, and Pilate who was known for his brutality executed some pilgrims who came to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice. The people were inferring that because of their sinfulness, they died. Jesus quickly points out to them that we should never speculate on other people's lives as to why disaster or misfortune happens; rather we need to look at our own lives and recognize our own need to repent.

The story about the fig tree is one that gives us hope and at the same time serves as a warning. Usually a fig tree was a good symbol in the scriptures; a happy Jew was one sitting under a fig tree at peace with the world. The fig tree needs a lot of nourishment in order to bear fruit. In today's gospel the fig tree hadn't borne fruit for three years and the simple answer would be to cut it down. However, Jesus teaches patience. He uses the symbol of the fig tree to say that we are like that tree, not using the opportunities given us to bear good fruit. God is patient with us and gives us ample time to ripen into giving Christians so that we, too, like the tree may be productive. This has often been referred to as "the gospel of a second chance." Jesus gives us second chances all the time to become productive, to give, to share our bounty, to fall and rise again. God is the careful gardener who offers us a chance to bear fruit. Repentance as a change of heart is a lifelong task requiring our attitudes to change. The challenge is simple; repent or perish; bear fruit or be cut down. Lent is the time to cultivate and fertilize so that we can bring forth much fruit.

Weekly Collection March 13

Votive Candles:	67
Utility & Energy:	191
Accent:	62
Lenten Folders:	0
Easter Flowers:	335
Children & Adult Collection:	7,093
Online Collection:	936
Total Collection:	\$8,684
Home Mission:	45
Wells of Salvation:	835
Total Collection:	\$9,564

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of ROY STINOGLE AND THOMAS P. ROCCO. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

We finished the kick off portion of the campaign for this year with all of the cards being mailed. For only one week into the appeal we have already heard from 71 people and from those responses we are already at **\$18,025!** I am more than grateful for such a generous response so early in the appeal, and for this I thank you all. Remember that our diocesan goal is **\$43,854.** As I mentioned to you before, we will use the money from this year's appeal to take down trees at the cemetery, which will cost about \$10,000. I am hoping that we get a good response this year, and for those who have not responded yet, won't you consider doing so? All that I ask is that you do whatever you are able, but please **be a part of the process.**

Wells of Salvation



Claudia Naamambo, 33, lives with her children in a farming village in the Diocese of Wa, Ghana. She wakes up at 5 a.m. to make her first trip to collect water. Even that early, the queue at the borehole is long. Her children will sometimes miss school if she is delayed. Mothers like Claudia travel long

distances, often walking for hours, to reach water. The trip can be dangerous with rough terrain and wild animals.

Claudia is not alone. Hundreds of women like her in Malawi, Zambia, and Ghana are making numerous trips for clean water.

Cross Catholic's outreach of Wells of Salvation, offers hope that people in these remote areas will be able to have clean water to drink. Any gift that we are able to collect will help to install 65 wells to provide clean, refreshing water for these struggling areas in our world. Any money you want to donate, simply **mark an envelope with "Wells of Salvation"** marked on it, or you can contribute online at our website under Give Online. There is a separate <https://eolparish.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/WellsofSalvation>

Lenten fish Fry

We are doing a superb job with our Fish Fries this Lenten season, for that I thank you all! It is amazing just how much prices do seem to go up and up each time we put in a new order. I am grateful to all of you for your donations of pop and water. Trust me, every little bit helps! For all of you who have donated to the Bake Sale, know you have made many people happy. I want to let you know that **Bishop Kulick will be at our Fish Fry on April 1!** He will be stopping down around noon. He is looking forward to our award winning Pierogies as well as a good Fish Dinner! If you are free on the 1st please stop by and say hello.

Pierogi Making

Roll up your sleeves! We're at it again. We will be making pierogies on Sunday, March 20 after 8:30 a.m. Mass, and March 21 at 9:00 a.m. Our final pierogi making will be on Sunday, March 27 after 8:30 a.m. Mass and March 28 at 9:00 a.m.

Bake Sale

Bake Sale Reminder

Help provide something sweet for the Fish Fry. Those whose last names begin with **H-M**, please bake and donate some of your great baked goods on **Friday, March 25.** For April 1, we are asking those whose last names begin with **N-Z** to donate. The complete rotation list is on the church bulletin board. Thank you for helping to provide a sweet ending to the meal.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent is a time when we turn inward and recognize the many ways we are in need of God's forgiveness. The Church provides us with the most amazing sacrament of forgiveness which brings comfort and peace to us all.

Ever since COVID, I have been hearing confessions on Tuesday evenings. Beginning this week I will be changing the time and place. I will hear confessions in **Monessen on Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and at St. Sebastian's on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.**

Our region will also offer the opportunity to receive Reconciliation at **6:00 p.m.** at the following places:

- March 28: Seven Dolors, Yukon
- March 29: Holy Family, West Newton
- March 31: Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen
- April 4: St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis
- April 5: St. Anne, Rostraver
- April 7: St. Sebastian, Belle Vernon
- April 8: St. Edward, Herminie

There will be no weekly confessions from March 31 through Easter.

Lenten Reflection for Men sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Anne, Rostraver will be held on Sunday, March 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the social hall. All men are invited to attend **"The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist"**. No reservation is necessary. There is no fee for the event.

Religious Movie Night

Join us on **Thursday, March 17** as we watch Paul the Apostle at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The movies are sponsored by the Epiphany Ladies, and open to all. On March 24, we will watch Fatima. Our final Lenten Movie Night will be on Thursday, April 7 when we will view Risen.

Merit Scholarship

The Monessen knights of **Columbus #954 will award a Merit Scholarship** to a senior student who is a practicing member of Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church or St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, or whose father or grandfather is a member of Monessen KOC #954. Complete details are available on the form, which can be picked up in the church office or is available online. Deadline for submission is Friday, April 15.

Sausage Sale

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Holy Name Society** will hold a sausage sale on April 12 & 13. All orders must be in by **Saturday, March 26.** Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$5.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item.**

<u>LINK</u>	<u>LOOSE</u>	
____ lbs.	____ lbs.	Sweet Sausage
____ lbs.	____ lbs.	Hot Sausage
____ lbs.	____ lbs.	Hot Hot Sausage

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked "Sausage Order" and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for info, contact Kenny at 724-929-3464. Please make checks payable to **Holy Name Society**