Third Sunday of LENT

March 20, 2022

"Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Exodus 3:5

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Masses for the Week

SATURDAY—March 19, 2022
8:00 A Special Intention
5:00 James Sullivan req. Terry & Ellen McGlynn

SUNDAY—March 20, 2022
8:00 Hannah & Tom Malone req. by the Malone family
10:00 Keith McGovern req. by Terry & Ellen McGlynn
12:00 Christopher Pettinato req. by the Manfredi family

MONDAY
7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration
9:00 Louis Ferraiola req. by Carolyn Walters
TUESDAY
7:15 For all people in war-torn countries
9:00 The Parishioners of Holy Cross Church req. by the Trustees
WEDNESDAY
7:15 William Pickett req. by Catherine Souther
9:00 Richard Saponara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Saponara
THURSDAY
7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 George King req. by Jean Dunagan
FRIDAY
7:15 A Special Intention
9:00 Netta Sloboda req. by Alice Casey & John Ford

SATURDAY—March 26, 2022
8:00 Lazar Zadrima req. by his family
5:00 Cindy Beaulieu req. by Paulette Grabb

SUNDAY—March 27, 2022
8:00 Lorelei Gallo req. by Mark Prescott
10:00 Jeanne Cerbone req. by the Conca family
12:00 Netta Sloboda req. by Helen Long

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in memory of M. Kenneth V. Benefante, Sr. req. by the Bellber family

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Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
— Psalm 103:8

Weekly Offering

Sunday, March 13, 2022
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Sunday:	***Third Sunday of Lent; Spring begins*** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	***St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	***Annunciation of the Lord; Abstinence*** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	***Fourth Sunday of Lent*** Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

HOLY GROUND

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people.

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***Stations of the Cross*: Friday, March 25 at 7:30** PM. "In the Footsteps of St. Oscar Romero" prepared by the Parish Twinning Committee and featuring reflections from Pope Francis and St. Oscar

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

WEEK 3: THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

God cares for the entire human person, both their physical and spiritual health. These two aspects of the human person are interconnected and are called to be integrated. Because of this, God teaches us to share in His care for others in this way. The list of spiritual works is a sort of summation of the teachings of God regarding the interior life, especially in Jesus' own teachings. Carrying out the spiritual works of mercy must first begin with us, before we can help others. **Self-knowledge** is essential to the works of mercy because, without it, and without the proper guidance of the Church, we can inflict terrible damage on people and their relationships with God and others. On the contrary, with the combination of self-knowledge and the help of a spiritual mentor of the Church, we can allow God to bring about incredible good.

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+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING READING *John 6:53-58*

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats* my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

Sunday, March 20

"INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT" (Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:14-18, Luke 24:47-49, John 20:21, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

- **Prayer:** *When the Church's missionary efforts have been done well, we have brought about the conversion of peoples by actively demonstrating God's love for them, through teaching, fighting for their justice, caring for the sick, taking care of the poor, etc.: in short, when we, as Church, have behaved like Jesus. At other times, we have resorted to violence, and our efforts at conversion were more tied to power and domination, and have resulted in the destruction of peoples. What are the materials you are using to increase your knowledge of the faith? How are you teaching others about Christ and the Church through your treatment of others?*
- **Fasting:** Take some time today to learn more about some aspect of our Catholic faith.
- **Almsgiving:** Pray for all those who are involved in our parish education programs, i.e., religious education, RCIA, and school.

Monday, March 21

"COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL" (Matthew 13:18-23, Mark 4:13-20, Luke 8:11-15, John 14:27)

- **Prayer:** *The gospels challenge us to have a greater faith in Christ and his fidelity, while at the same time, support and guide people in their doubts. It is easy for us to oversimplify the reality of doubt as mere weak faith. But we know from the experience of the cross that sometimes doubts arise because people of faith, including the institution of the Church, do not behave in accord with the teachings of Christ. At other times, they become the catalyst for moving past an immature faith to one that is more profound. What are the questions you struggle with in your faith? Who can you turn to with your questions?*
- **Fasting:** Fast from a snack or two today, and offer your fast for those who are struggling in their faith.
- **Almsgiving:** Pray for all those who are involved in any form of spiritual counseling, such as Catholic spiritual directors, psychologists and counselors, as well as priests, religious and lay people who accompany people as they face their personal struggles.

Tuesday, March 22
"ADMONISH SINNERS" (Proverbs 27:17, Luke 15:7, 2 Timothy 4:2)

- **Prayer:** *Just as we are called to intervene when we see someone harming themselves physically, God also calls us to invite others to spiritual conversion. This is a challenge because we must first ensure that we have done our own work of conversion, and to treat ourselves with the same patience and desire for instruction as we are expected to treat others. What are the sins that you must currently address? In addition to prayer, what practical steps do you need to take in order to change your behavior? If you are not sure, who is God asking you to turn to in order to learn ways that lead to change?*
- **Fasting:** Work on either refraining from doing a sinful behavior that you really struggle with, or do something about a sin of omission, where God is calling you to do something good that you have habitually avoided.
- **Almsgiving:** Offer a decade of the rosary or the divine mercy chaplet for all those who struggle with sinful addictions.

Wednesday, March 23
"BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY" (Matthew 5:38-48, Luke 6:27-36, 1 Peter 2:18-19)

- **Prayer:** *The process of conversion also needs space for self-learning and encouragement. We cannot grow if our mistakes are constantly pointed out to us because we end up feeling defeated. Because we ourselves need this patience, God calls us to do the same for others, i.e., to pick our battles as a way of caring for others with whom we have differences. Sometimes, we want people to change, but they are not ready to make that step, or are not capable at all. More importantly, we are not in charge of their conversion process. God is, just as He is in charge of ours. How do you show patience for yourself when you make a mistake? Who do you have to treat with greater patience, in order to allow them to grow?*
- **Fasting:** Refrain from gossiping or complaining about someone who bothers you.
- **Almsgiving:** Pray a decade of the rosary or the divine mercy chaplet for them and their well-being.

Thursday, March 24 – FEAST OF ST. PATRICK, Patron of the Archdiocese of New York
"FORGIVE OFFENCES WILLINGLY" (Matthew 6:14-15; 18:15-35, Mark 11:25, Luke 11:1-4; 17:1-4)

- **Prayer:** *We participate in Christ's salvific action by forgiving others. We allow them to face the truth of their wrongs in a way that allows them to change their ways with courage, and we set ourselves free from the destructive impact of their sins. We must also learn to forgive ourselves; otherwise, we will remain stuck, unable to change our sinful ways. In doing so, we will also understand the grace of forgiving others. For what past actions is God inviting you to forgive yourself? Whom do you need to forgive? Whose sins do you constantly recall that God is commanding you to let go of?*
- **Fasting:** Forgive all those who offend you today. If necessary, have a conversation about the thing that offended you with the intention of bettering your relationship with them.
- **Almsgiving:** Offer a rosary, a chaplet of the Divine Mercy, or some other prayer for those who are living in broken relationships.

Friday, March 25
"COMFORT THE AFFLICTED" (Psalms 9:8-11; 22:23-27, Psalms 27:4-5; 30:2-4, Psalms 46:2; 55:22, Psalms 56; 71:20-22; Psalms 116; 119:49-50, Jeremiah 29:11-14, Lamentations 3:21-24, 31-33, Matthew 11:28-30, John 14:15-18, 27; 16:22-23, 2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 Peter 5:5-11, Revelation 21:4)

- **Prayer:** *In its sinful imperfection, the world is full of hurting people. This hurt is a lonely and isolating experience, sometimes accompanied by a sense of abandonment by God. We, as representatives of Christ in the world, Christ calls us to be present to people in such pain. It does not mean that we must have the solutions; rather, we are called to allow them to express the agony they feel within a safe context. What are your existential questions? To whom is God calling you to be a comforting presence?*
- **Fasting:** Offer your fast today for all those who are victims of war and conflict throughout the world.
- **Almsgiving:** Contribute to organizations that are contributing assist those who are living in contexts of violence, whether abuse, war, etc.

Saturday, March 26 – FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH
"PRAY FOR THE DEAD" (2 Maccabees 38-46)

- **Prayer:** *Praying for the dead recalls to us the truth of the resurrection. Death is only the end of this current, earthly existence. Life continues, and in that life, we still need the support of others, because God has created us to be in relationship with one another. Our prayer for the dead is also our expression of belief in God's creative goodness, in that he brings every living thing into existence and sustains it. It also expresses our belief in God's merciful justice as we will receive far more than we deserve. Finally, our prayer also recognizes that love does not end with death; rather, that it continues to be received by those who have already gone before us. Who are the dead that God is inviting you to pray for?*
- **Fasting:** Take some time out of your day today to pray for the souls in purgatory.
- **Almsgiving:** Have a Mass offered for your loved ones who are deceased.
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Offer your personal prayers based on your reflections…

Our Father…
Hail Mary…
Glory Be…

Help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go - let me preach you without preaching, not by words but by my example - by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to you.

- John Henry Newman

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Third Sunday of Lent

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.
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Catholic Social Widows and Widowers Group. :

We meet monthly, usually on the fourth Monday of the month, at Church of St Pius X, 91 Secor Rd, Scarsdale to honor our deceased spouses with a Mass at 7 PM in the main church, followed by a social meeting with refreshments, masks are required regardless of vaccination status. Our next meeting date is Monday, March 28, 2022. We plan activities and have meals at local area restaurants. We welcome all Catholic Widows/Widowers.

For inquiries, call 914-715-5817 or email: cww10583@gmail.com.

TRANSFIGURATION LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT:

This weekend you will again have the opportunity to support the work of this non-profit organization. They offer services free of charge to help people with problems of addiction to recover, regardless of their legal or economic status, or ethnicity.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection:

Undertake an examination of conscience this week and pray for God's loving mercy.

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Please Pray for:

Our Military:

Anthony Correia, Nick O'Kelly

Our Essential Workers

Especially healthcare workers working on the front line of the pandemic.

For the Intentions of:

Kathy & Fred Gross

Our Sick:

Anne Duggan Baker,
Sr. Gema Abigail Belloso,
Emma Bernardo, Vincent Bonsignore
Gary Cherico, Pat DiMuro,
Annmarie Ellinghouse,
Paul Greenberg, Elizabeth Herguth,
Joann Himmelberg, James Keely,
Chris Kesicke,
Viktor & Valentine Podoprigorov,
Annmarie Pontillo, Joan Rand,
Amelia Sealtiel, Sofia Siragusa,
Luciano & Maria Volpacchio,
John Walsh, Anna Zambeletti,
all those who are suffering from serious illnesses, especially the corona virus.

Our twinned parish in Soyapango

Our Deceased:

Betty Hynes
Helen Lennon

Church of the Transfiguration
Calendar of Events

March 20—Catholic Chat Gathering after the 12:00 Mass— Parish Hall All are welcome.
March 25—Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm
March 28- Planning Meeting—6th & 7th Grade Mass
March 30—6th & 7th Grade Family Mass Rehearsal –Church

April 1— Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm
April 2— First Eucharist Retreat 2:45pm In the Parish Hall
April 3- Lecto Divina 9:00 am, Library
April 3— Sixth & Seventh Grade Family Mass
April 7— SVDP monthly meeting- 6:30pm
April 8— Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm
April 11— LAOH meeting—1:00 pm
April 12- Twinning Meeting—7:30 pm
April 25— 3rd Grade Family Mass Planning Meeting
April 27— 3rd Grade Family Mass Rehearsal—Church

May 8— Third Grade Family Mass 10:00
May 9— LAOH Meeting—1:00 pm
May 10— Twinning Meeting—7:30 pm
May 12— SVDP Meeting—6:30 pm
May 14— First Communion—10:30 am
May 30— 8th Grade Family Mass Planning Meeting

June 1- 8th Grade Family Mass Rehearsal Church
June 11- Confirmation—10:30am
June 12— 8th Grade Family Mass 10:00am
June 14— Twinning Meeting—7:30 pm

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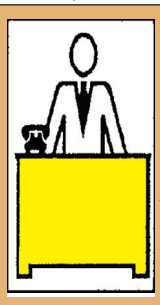

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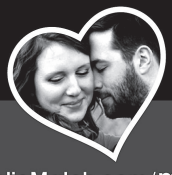

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