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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 7, 2021

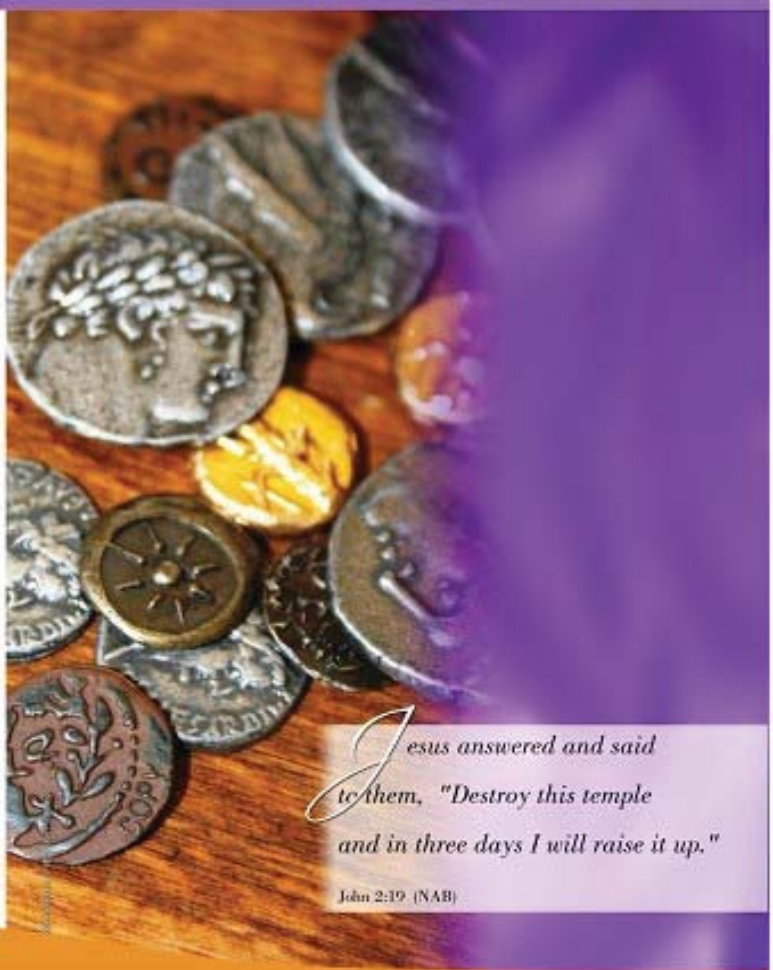
Journey of Faith

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

In Word & Deed

Little League players are coached constantly throughout a game. Coming from the bench are words of encouragement to stay focused and play well. "Keep your eye on the ball!" "Two hands!" "Heads up!" Players are supported by the cheers from the stands and the constant chatter of their teammates. Everyone knows that to win the game, each player has to stay focused on what is important and act accordingly.

Jesus is very focused. He understands His mission and what He must do. The struggle is between grace and sin, life and death. He faces it all with a certainty that comes from the Father's encouragement and love. Jesus will suffer and die, fully aware of our need to be saved from the ravages of sin and death. He is ready and willing to love us at all costs and for all time. (continued on back)



Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2:19 (NAB)

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

1 Corinthians 1:24

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 6
5:00pm **Anthony Volpe**
by Knights of Columbus #85

Sunday, March 7
7:30am **Maureen Higgins**
by Blaney family
9:00am **Joseph Greco**
by Pucciarelli family
11:00am **Leonard Burke**
by Joann & Bill McCullough

Monday, March 8
9:00am **Dave Blackerby**
by Metzinger family

Tuesday, March 9
9:00am **Patrick Blaney**
by his family

Wednesday, March 10
9:00am **Christine Currier**
by Jack & Diane O'Shaughnessy

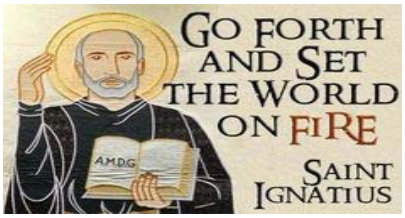
Thursday, March 11
9:00am **Dec'd members of Asselta family**
by their family

Friday, March 12
9:00am **Phillip Rivera, Sr.**
by Blaney family

Saturday, March 13
5:00pm **Ethel Orlando**
by Pat & Kenny Gagnon

Sunday, March 14
7:30am **Michael Orlando**
by his family
9:00am **Bill Henderson**
by Dan Brogie
11:00am **Elaine Roberts**
by her family

Baptism: Trenton Joseph Burke



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AS WE ARE TO SEE HIM.

Please pray for...

Bob Grady, Elise Ollman-Kahle, Patricia Amorelli, Carol Aloisi, Michael, Kim Evans, Ann Martin, Mickie Aylward, Tuyen Tran, Mary Mahan, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert, Shirley DePalma, Cheri McGee, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins, Elise Renee, Ann Tisbert, Patrick, Christine, Robert Coutinho, Haron Beaulieu, Toby Claufon, Becky Rawson, Paul Fallon, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti, Elisa Korb, George Beecher, , Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Epifania Soto, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott, Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney, Thomas Livingstone, Luis Ferreria, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett, Neil Kenny, Debbie Giroux, Carole & Pam Laino, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao, Maryann Bisco, Susan Garry, Melvin Boucher, T.J. Bautz, Joan Fallon, Marie Wilson, David Perry, Lucia Engdahl, John Durnan, Linda Darby, Kirolos Gergis, Beverly Taylor, Judy Melfa, Claire Kennedy, Maria Matejko, Mary Savelloni, Peter Rose, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez, Pamela Meehan, James Thomas, Christina Narensky, Lynn St. Jean, Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland, Margaret Markert, Hailie McLatchey, Barbara Auger, Barbara Barnes, Doris Biedermann, Joan Bunnell, Joan Finnerty, Jeanne Amendola, Jack Walker, Daniel Baker Rebecca Coax, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo, Susanne Ollman, Lucy Hamburger, David Carrera, Joel Rivera, Pat & John Lusek, Michael Zancewicz, John Lynch, Kristy Cautello, Joseph Malzone, Lois Kerbel, Carol Guarino, Michael Turpin, Connor Blaney, Debbie Krikler, Sally Gagliardi, Sam Mozley Austin Tomalewski, Gary Shults, Erin Magrane

Names of individuals on the Prayer Line are not published in the bulletin

Let us remember to pray for all the men and women and their families who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan

We remember those who have died

Kathleen McDermott, Eleanor McKeever

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45PM ~ also by personal request
Reconciliation Room is handicapped accessible

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Please contact a Priest at least six months in advance

VISITATION OF THE SICK
Our extraordinary ministers are always pleased to bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. If you or a family member would like to receive Communion, please call the Rectory. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Weekend Masses **Saturday at 5:00 PM in English** and **7:00 PM in Spanish.**

Sunday Masses will be at **7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**.
There will be no 6:30 PM Mass on Sunday until further notice.

Reminder to parishioners that the annual Partners in Charity appeal is in progress. This is the time when we reflect on God's great generosity, and respond with generous giving of our own. This money supports 31 programs and agencies in the Diocese of Worcester which help people in their time of need, maintain our Catholic schools, provide funds for the formation of future priests, and needed care for our retired priests and religious.

This has been an unusual and challenging year for the charitable ministries of our diocese with more and more people needing help, not only with food and lodging, but with other basic necessities.

Some of you have already made your donation. For that we thank you. Some may already received al letter from Msgr. Mike inviting you to participate in this important drive. Hopefully you will respond. The goal for our parish his $142,000. To reach this goal we need the support of the entire parish. Look into your hearts and count your blessings, and consider sharing your blessings with others. Every gift makes a difference.

We invite you to pray the Rosary everyday after the 9am weekday Mass Monday through Friday. We would also invite people to recite the prayer of **Saint Michael** as Pope Francis and Saint John Paul II have recommended, "to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world."

St. Michael Prayer
"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."

The Fast Life

Fast from judging others:
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness:
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute:
Feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent: Feast on gratitude.
Fast from pessimism; Feast on hope.
Fast from negatives: Feast on encouragement.
Fast from bitterness: Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern: Feast on compassion
Fast from suspicion: Feast on truth.
Fast from gossip: Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm:
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from anxiety: Feast on faith.
Unknown Author

Catholic Men's Conference Schedule Saturday, March 20

If you purchased a ticket for last year's (cancelled) conference we already know who you are. On Thursday, March 18 you will receive an email with a link to the 2021 conference. You do not have to pay anything. If you did not purchase a ticket last year and would like to participate in this year's 'remote and interactive' conference please call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345 for a ticket ($20). You can view this year's entire conference from home or with friends. The schedule is: **12:00 noon to 12:45 pm** ~ Welcome by **Bishop McManus** followed by: **Dr. Scott Hahn**: "*The Road to Emmaus: The Path to Lifelong Conversion"* ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Scott Hahn *** **12:45 pm to 1:30 pm ~ Bishop Robert Reed**: *"O God, Just Give Me One More Chance"* ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Bishop Reed *** **1:45 pm to 2:45 pm ~ Luis Soto**: *"Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas"* ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Luis Soto *** **2:45 pm to 4:00 pm ~ Dr. Scott Hahn**: *"The Power of the Sacraments"* ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Scott Hahn *** **4:00-5:00 pm ~ Mass with Bishop McManus** and concluding comments.

'You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.' – John 8:32

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In Word & Deed

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Lent is our time to focus as we hear the words of encouragement and direction from Scripture. We support each other as we worship together and share the Body and Blood of Christ. We pray for one another and for ourselves to be faithful to the mission. Focus your faith on the things that count. Love God with all your heart. Serve the Lord in others. Be the faithful servant that seeks to do God's will in the ordinary routine of each day. Pray often and help those who need you, especially those close to you at home, work and school. To win at faith, you must be focused on what is important and then act accordingly.

–Jim Gaffney

FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

Each night before the kids went to sleep, their parents asked them different questions, such as, what was the best part of the day? What was the most difficult part? Who needed your help the most? Who needs some prayers? What will you do tomorrow to make it a better day? The questions might vary, but the purpose was to get the kids thinking about both the good and bad parts of the day and what they can do to make it better.

Traditionally, a good spiritual practice includes an examination of conscience. Often phrased as questions, the personal exam is a spiritual check-up, looking to see how well faith was lived, virtues practiced and sin avoided during the course of the day. It is a type of reflection that makes the person more aware of their strengths and weaknesses, their temptations and sins. Knowledge of daily failings enables the person to choose to do better by focusing on grace and virtue rather than giving in to temptation.

Asking questions at home can help make everyone more aware of the importance and social impact of faith. How well did you keep your Lenten sacrifice? Did you pray today? What good deeds did you accomplish? Is there someone we should pray for? How did you see God today? Discussing our practice of faith makes everyone a little more aware of God and more committed to keeping the faith not just in Lent, but every day.

–Jim Gaffney

Pour out the same Holy Spirit
on these elect, who
long for your sacraments.
Guide them along the
paths of right faith,
safe from error, doubt, and unbelief,
So that with eyes unsealed
They may come to see you
face to face.

RCIA # 168

When our weakness causes discouragement, let your *compassion* fill us with hope

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Every human being has a great, yet often unknown, gift to care, to be compassionate, to become present to the other, to listen, to hear and to receive... Those who are not afraid to hold a hand in gratitude, to shed tears in grief, and to let a sigh of distress arise straight from the heart, can breakthrough paralyzing boundaries and witness the birth of a new fellowship , the fellowship of the broken. -Henri J.M. Nouwen

Offered by the St. Luke's Bereavement Team:
Michael Barretti with Melanie Board (in-person)
Nancy Papp with Kate Curley (zoom meeting)

In-Person dates:
(7:00-8:30 pm, parish center)

Wednesday, Apr. 7, 2021
Permission to Mourn

Wednesday, Apr. 21, 2021
The Mosaic of Grief

Wednesday, May 5, 2021
Anniversaries and Holidays

Thursday, May 20, 2021
Spiritual Care: Loss and Meaning
with Monsignor Mike Foley

Wednesday, June 2, 2021
Restoring Balance, Care while moving forward.

Space limited to 8. Register with Julie Basque at 508-366-8509 or pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org

Zoom Meeting dates:
(7:00 pm, parish zoom acct.)

Wednesday, Apr. 7, 2021
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Nine Special Days with St. Joseph Charlton
Join us for a Novena in celebration of the life of St Joseph and seek his intercession. **Beginning Thursday March 11 at 6:00 pm** concluding with Mass on his feast day Friday, March 19. This celebration will be live in the church as well as live streamed on Facebook and on our parish website. The Novena will consist of Prayers, reflections and the Litany of St Joseph. Each evening will reflect a particular theme: Foster Father of Jesus; Chaste Husband of Mary; Man chosen by God; Faithful Servant; Patron of the Church: Patron of Families: Patron of Workers: Friend in Suffering: Patron of a Happy Death. On the last evening, **March 19**, Mass will be celebrated and Blessed St. Joseph Bread will be given out AND the Premier Presentation of the Award Winning short film (14 minutes) "JOSEPH", written, produced, and directed by Alex Diaz of St. Joseph parish will be shown.

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration
Tuesday 9:30AM to 1:00PM
Benediction at 1:00pm

3rd Sunday of Lent
"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." (Exodus 20:4) How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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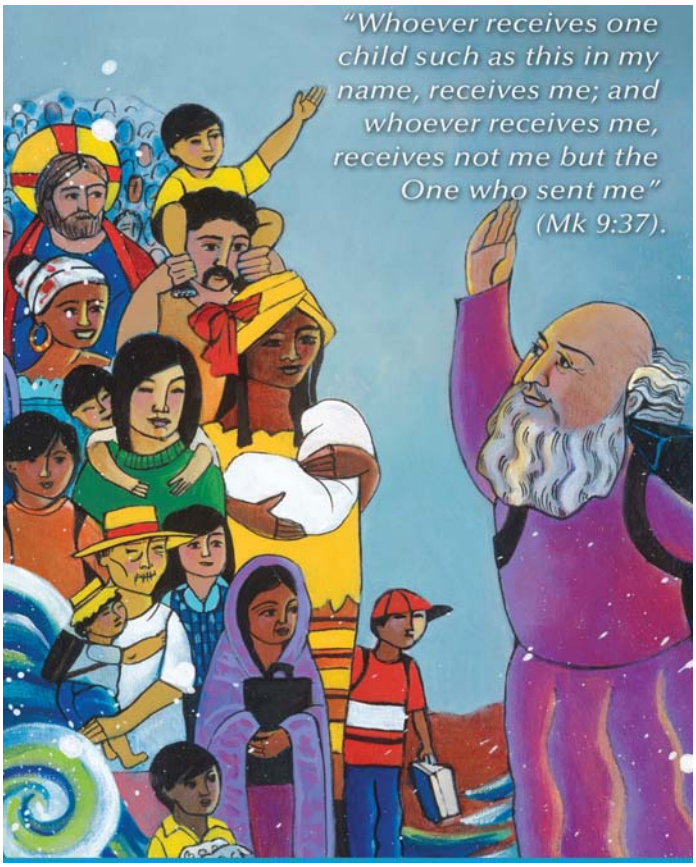

LORD'S DAY MASSES
Saturday: 5 PM, in Spanish 7 PM
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM,

Weekday Masses
Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM
Holy Days
7:00 AM, 12:10PM and 7:30PM

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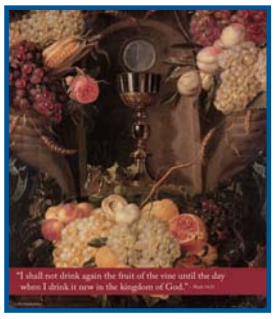

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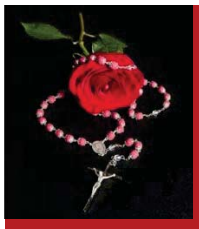
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