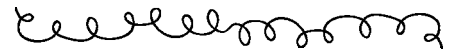


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Third Sunday of Lent  
March 7, 2021



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**WEDDINGS:** Those who become engaged are requested to reach out to a parish priest at least six (6) months before the desired wedding date.

Please also reach out to Deacon Warner for information about our Pre-Cana program around the same time.

**BAPTISMS:** Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday following the Noon Mass, approximately at 1:00 PM. Parents are requested to call the Parish Center and speak with Deacon Warner or one of our parish priests who can assist them in registering their child for the Sacrament of Baptism. Deacon Warner can schedule the Pre-Jordan Baptism Program with the parents of the child at the time of registration.

Any questions or concerns about the Sacrament? Reach out to Father Rossi or Deacon Warner, thank you!

## < MASS SCHEDULE >

### Weekend

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:30 PM

Sunday ..... 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

### Weekday

Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 AM

Saturday ..... 8:00 AM

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday ..... 3:30 - 4:15 PM

## PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday & Wednesday ..... 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Tuesday & Thursday ..... 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM

Friday ..... 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Saturday ..... 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sunday ..... 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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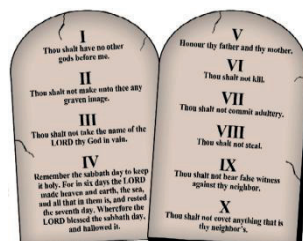
Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We find ourselves now commemorating the Third Sunday of Lent. The past few weekends we have heard about the covenants represented by Noah and the rainbow, with Abraham and Isaac, and now we hear about the ratified covenant of the Ten Commandments with Moses. This covenant is so solemn and serious that the Israelites kept the tablets of the Decalogue in a specially made container called the “Ark”. Eventually under Solomon they would build a grandiose temple that enshrined this Ark and the Covenant made by Moses between God and His chosen people, Israel. In today’s world the Ark is no more – and no more is the grandiose temple of Solomon in Jerusalem. But as God’s chosen people today, we are called to follow the Ten Commandments even though they may seem burdensome and challenging. Sometimes we can weaken the Decalogue to simplistic commands of “*don’t do this...*” when instead Jesus teaches a differing interpretation – for example: regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment – most of us don’t worship false Baals (gods of our own fashioning); but we do at times put things before God that are not eternally important – maybe community events, our children’s sports, gatherings with friends... We can also fall into a selfish narcissism of thinking we are more important than God – putting our own desires and choices before worshipping God on Sunday.

Everybody wants a lived faith that is easy. The Jews wanted signs so they would not have to change their bad habits of faith. Many people today travel throughout the world looking for miracles so that they might “*see and believe*”. The Gentiles & the Greek philosophers of Apostolic times wanted easily understood theories on who God is and why Jesus came to us. Many people today get caught up in rationalizing their way out of faith and morality. “We,” St. Paul says to the Corinthians this weekend, “offer something that is not based on rationalization nor on wonders. We preach Christ crucified.” The crucifix both reminds us of Christ’s sacrifice and calls us to join our Savior in sacrificing ourselves for Him and for His Father’s kingdom. Not easy, but this is the way of the Lord! The Ten Commandments call us to a way of life that is out of tune with our modern society and what social media teach - and, to some degree, society is “out of tune” with the ways of God. Honesty, respect for parents, faithfulness to a spouse, respect for property, putting God before all personal matters, giving Jesus one day a week - are all ways that we are distinct from others. To be distinct, to be separate for the Lord, is what we mean when we say, “*We are called to be holy.*” I want to leave with you the words of the sinner turned convert St. Augustine: “Our Lord’s driving out of the temple people who were seeking their own ends, who came to the temple to buy and sell, is symbolic. For if that temple was a symbol it obviously follows that the Body of Christ, the true temple of which the other was an image, has within it some who are buyers and sellers, or in other words, people who are seeking their own interests and not those of Jesus Christ. But the temple was not destroyed by the people who wanted to turn the house of God into a den of thieves, and neither will those who choose evil lives in the Catholic Church and do all they can to convert God’s house into a robber’s den succeed in destroying the temple. The time will come when they will be driven out by a whip made of their own sins.” May this third week of Lent be an opportunity for us to pray for those fallen away, and for those who are far from living the Commandments of God.

May we ask the Lord for His mercy and compassion for ourselves and those that we love and care for – family, friends, neighbors, and fellow disciples of the Lord. God bless you and your loved ones!

+ Father Rossi



## ***Mass Schedule***

### ***Sunday, March 7***

**8:00 AM** Linda A. Duaine r/b Bernice Jones  
**10:00 AM** Frank Vera r/b Theresa Vera  
**12:00 PM** Louis Panepresso r/b Family

### ***Monday, March 8***

**8:30 AM** Mary A. DiSandro  
 r/b Florence & Tom O'Rourke

### ***Tuesday, March 9***

**8:30 AM** Veronica Tevis r/b Son, Joseph Tevis

### ***Wednesday, March 10***

**8:30 AM** John James Leonetti r/b Family

### ***Thursday, March 11***

**8:30 AM** Margerie & Leonard Nessel  
 r/b Frank & Adele Nessel

### ***Friday, March 12***

**8:30 AM** Bill McDowell r/b Eleanor Keeton

### ***Saturday, March 13***

**8:00 AM** Betty Clifton r/b Adele & Frank Nessel  
**4:30 PM** Joseph McDowell, III  
 r/b Dan McDowell, Son

### ***Sunday, March 14***

**8:00 AM** James & Mary Callahan  
 r/b Vince & Elaine Hollister  
**10:00 AM** The Abt Family r/b Haney Family  
**12:00 PM** Beverly Owens r/b Maureen Reiser

## ***Pray for Our Sick...***



Jerry Austin, Christy Boyce, Braxton Branca, Richard Bryan, Connie Ceola, Mary Clark, Megan Clifford, Helen Coe, Lisa Costello, Al Dinter, Kimberly Doering, Destiny Dowd, Baby Everly Durham, Joe Elitz, Larry Grebe, Alice Greiss, Vince Grillo, John Fritz, Tim Hill, Richard Himes, Glen Kaiser, Jean Kronbar, Joseph Kronbar, Joel Laskey, Cathy Leitner, Regina Long, Sante Lucarini, Tony McAniff, William McCracken, Marlene McDermott, Kathy McDowell, Staci McFadden, Joan McReynolds, Tony Maher, Cecilia Mallon, Mary & Peter Marcolina, Carol Masterson, Anna Meredith, Peggy Moran, John Murphy, Peggy O'Leary, Anna Palermo, Joe Pellicchia, Sally Park, Mario Ragazzzone, Virginia Richards, Danny Rodriguez, Steve Ruczynski, Jerry Russ, Janet Segaline, Kristy Seiger, Agnes Smith, Robert Snyder, Sr., Tommy Stride, Connie Tolchin, Joseph Verrello, Anna Mae Weber, Jack & Sophie Weber, Dorothy Wizimirski, Ariella Zemek, John Zemek

## ***Pray For Our Deceased...***



Allyson Devlin, daughter of Brain & Stephanie Devlin  
 Kathleen Gorey, niece of Kathy Zaremski  
 Thomas Stokes, husband of Fran Stokes

## ***Schedule***

### ***Sunday, March 7***

**9:00 AM** SCRIP Sales – Parish Center  
 ...until 12:30 PM

### ***Monday, March 8***

**7:00 PM** Al Anon Meeting – Spirituality Center

### ***Tuesday, March 9***

**9:00 AM** SCRIP Sales – Parish Center  
**7:00 PM** Prayer Group – Spirituality Center

### ***Wednesday, March 10***

**6:30 PM** St. Vincent DePaul Meeting  
 ...Spirituality Center  
**7:00 PM** Parent Meeting for Confirmation  
 ...Church

### ***Thursday, March 11***

**6:00 PM** SCRIP Sales until 7:00 PM  
**7:00 PM** Choir Practice – Music Room  
**7:00 PM** Boy Scouts – Parish Hall

### ***Friday, March 12***

### ***Saturday, March 13***

**4:00 PM** SCRIP Sales until 5:30 PM

*You may honor someone of your choice by requesting a sanctuary candle or altar bread and wine for each week of the year in the person's name. We ask for \$25.00 each. Please make arrangements at the Parish Center Monday thru Friday.*

### **Sunday Collection –February 28, 2021**

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| <b>Church Collection</b> | <b>\$ 8,325.50</b> |
| <b>E Giving</b>          | <b>\$ 2,263.00</b> |
| <b>Total:</b>            | <b>\$10,588.50</b> |

### **Second Collection – February 28, 2021**

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| <b>Church in Africa</b> | <b>\$ 592.00</b> |
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### **Second Collection Today**

**Building Improvement**

### **Second Collection – March 14**

**Latin America**

## *Vincentian Message...*

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked "*What sign can you show us?*" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent DePaul so that, together, we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

### **Dennis Kelly AOH Division 1 2021 Hibernian Hunger Project**

The Hibernian Hunger Project is a food collection sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America to memorialize "The Great Hunger" – the famine that devastated Ireland in the mid-1800's. The weekend of March 20 – 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be boxes in the Church vestibule. We will combine this food collection with our St. Vincent DePaul monthly collection. We realize that this is an incredibly tough time in so many people's lives. We simply ask that, if you are in a position to give, please do so – there are so many people out there in need of help. All non-perishable foods collected will be distributed to Delaware County and Philadelphia based food pantries.

### **FORTY DAYS OF LIFE**

Abortions are performed every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at Planned Parenthood Comly Road location. During these forty days, which began Ash Wednesday, any time you can spend in prayer at the Comly Road location would be appreciated, particularly Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> which is Saint Anselm's designated day. Thank you.

**Mount Saint Joseph Academy**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice Test – Saturday, March 27**  
**and Sunday, March 28**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice Test – Saturday, April 17**  
Registration is open at  
[www.msjacad.org/practicetest](http://www.msjacad.org/practicetest)

## **BRICK CAMPAIGN**

Due to the many requests we've recently had about the bricks in our Prayer Garden, we will take new orders for bricks beginning Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be our LAST campaign for 2021. The cost of the brick is \$50.00. You must complete an order form indicating the inscription you desire. The forms are available at the Parish Center.



*"Where's Me Lucky Ticket?"*

Saint Anselm Eighth Grade is offering a chance on \$300 worth of lottery tickets. Chances are \$10.00 each and will help raise funds for the graduation dance. The drawing will be held March 17, 2021 and tickets will be available in school and the Parish Center until 3:00 that day. You may also purchase on line via [venmo@Susan-Green-Dougherty](mailto:venmo@Susan-Green-Dougherty). Winner takes all – pack of sixty (60) \$5.00 scratch offs. Thank you for your support! Good luck!!!

### **ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys are welcome to attend an in-person Open House on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 AM – 1 PM. Pre-Registration is required (we cannot accommodate walk-ins for this event). Please register at <https://romancatholicshs.com/finalsite.com/admissions/important-dates>

### **ARCHBISHOP RYAN 7<sup>TH</sup> Grade Practice Scholarship Test**

Registration for Archbishop Ryan's 7<sup>th</sup> grade practice scholarship test is now open to member of AR's Class of 2026. Pre-registration is required. Choose from: April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM April 25 @ 12:00 Noon. This test is a practice round for our Presidential Scholarship and Placement Test in October. Please visit [www.arhs.me/practiceexam](http://www.arhs.me/practiceexam) to register.



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