

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 7, 2020

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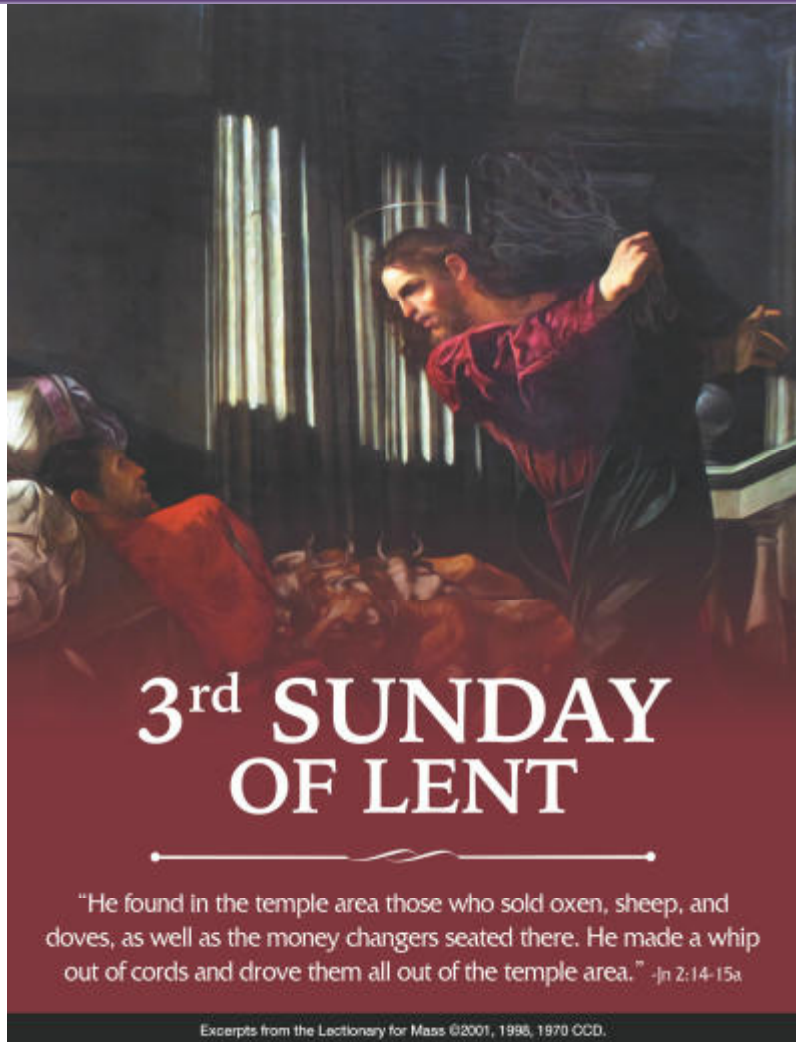
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Fr. Joe: times vary Tues-Fri.

Holly & Kim: Tues. thru Thurs.

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Monday



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Please call the office for appointment.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please contact parish office or pastor at least six months prior to proposed wedding date so that preparations can be completed. No weddings during the six weeks of Lent.

INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE INFANT BAPTISM ARE REQUIRED: Sessions are as announced or pre-arranged with the Pastor. Sessions meet only if appointment has been made with the pastor. If possible, please complete a green baptismal request form (located in the vestibule), and return it to the parish office before attending sessions. Parents need to attend, God-parents are encouraged to attend. Godparents and parents should be active in their faith and at least one Godparent should be Catholic.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS! New Parishioner Registration Forms can be found at the front entrance of church and on our website. You may also call the Parish Office to register.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

INTENTIONS

Mon	Mar.	08	No Mass	Lenten Weekday (2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30)
Tue	Mar.	09	No Mass	Lenten Weekday (Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35)
Wed	Mar.	10	No Mass	Lenten Weekday (Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19)
Thurs	Mar.	11	No Mass	Lenten Weekday (Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23)
Fri	Mar.	12	No Mass	Lenten Weekday (Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34)
Sat	Mar.	13	No Mass	Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sun	Mar.	14	9:30 am	Fourth Sunday of Lent (2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21)

Our Parishioners



Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17. Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11. 1 Corinthians 1:22-25. John 2:13-25.

Cleansing Temples. After turning water to wine at Cana, Jesus goes to Jerusalem today and cleans out the Temple. This can be a helpful metaphor for our Lenten retreat. We say that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. How, then, are we to act? The Book of Exodus is clear. It speaks of right conduct in all areas of common life.

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- What needs cleaning in my thinking and speech?
- What needs cleaning in my actions?
- How will I embrace and support others who are also cleaning up?

PRAYER TO MAKE A “SPIRITUAL COMMUNION”

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen**



Maren Poettker, Tom Blair,
Duane Kapp, R. Lee Willette,
Michael E. Horstmann, Josie Kandler,
Father Dale Maxfield & Father Joe

The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do...

-John 14:12

This weekend our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please us one of the reply envelopes that are available at church. If you are unable to attend Mass in person, please return your pledge card to the parish office. No gift is too great or too small. Please be as generous as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

To sign up for **Mass** click on the **Sign Up Genius** link found on our **Facebook** page or **Website**. You may also call the Parish Office during office hours before the date of the Mass you wish to attend. **We will continue to have live streaming of Sunday’s mass on our Facebook page.**

Sunday, March 7th

9:30 am—Mass

10:35am—11:45am—PSR for Grade 8

Wednesday, March 10th

6:30 pm—Stations of the Cross (led by PSR)

Thursday, March 11th

8 am— 12:00 pm—Quilting in Rectory Basement

Sunday, March 14th

9:30 am—Mass

10:35am—11:45am—PSR for all Grades

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekend of February 28th

Plate	\$25.00
52 Envelopes	\$2225.00
49 Online Donations.....	\$1655.00
Total	\$3701.00

Religious Education	\$7.00
Sister Parish.....	\$92.00
Black and Indian Missions	\$27.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$30.00
Catholic Relief	\$2.00

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal:

Total Received: (83).....	\$8606.00
Goal: (491).....	\$11,520.00

Please continue to support our Parish by sending in your contributions or through Online Giving.

Thank you, God bless and Please stay safe!!

PSR NEWS

Due to the number of catechists receiving the COVID vaccine on their weekends and not knowing how they will feel to teach, the last three PSR in-class sessions for grades 1 thru 7 will be on the same day. The new schedule for grades 1 thru 7 will be as follows:

Sunday, March 14

Sunday, April 11

Sunday, May 2—PSR closing day.

The 8th grade PSR class will continue to have class every Sunday at the Parish Center with the last day being May 2.

Confirmation for the 8th grade will be at St. Mary on Saturday, May 8th at 10am with Bishop Michael McGovern.

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY NEWS

As you are aware due to the pandemic, we put our quilt-of-the-month fundraiser on hold in 2020. We are now ready to resume the fundraiser and need your help making this a success. The first drawing will be held the end of April. Many parishioners picked up tickets in the church vestibule in Feb-Mar 2020, so if you haven't turned in your tickets now is the time to do so. Tickets can be turned in to the parish office mail slot. If you need additional tickets to sell to family or friends please contact Deb Arentsen (618-910-9870) or Bonnie Toennies (619-980-0763) and they will ensure you receive them. Your support is greatly appreciated!

PARISH NEWS

Stations of the Cross: St. Mary PSR program will be hosting the Stations of the Cross Wednesday, March 10th at 6:30 pm. There is no need to sign up online to attend, however you must sign in at the front entrance of church.

Parishioner Life Changes: Have you moved recently, dropped your landline or changed email addresses please send an email to stmary@stmarytrenton.com or call 224-9335 with any new changes or updates. Thank you!!

Rice Bowls: 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. *Rice bowls can be found at the entrance or church, the South vestibule of church and at the Parish Office.* **Turn in your gifts at the end of Lent.** **Online donations can be made at [crsricebowl.org/give](https://www.crsricebowl.org/give).**



Lenten Season

While **Fridays in Lent normally are a day of abstinence** from meat for Catholics, canon law provides an exception for solemnities that fall on a Friday. The Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19) will be on a Friday this year; therefore, Catholics are not obligated to maintain the usual Lenten abstinence on Friday March 19, 2021. Canon 1251 notes, "Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday."

Thoughts and Prayers: Know of someone who is need of thoughts and prayers? Please call the office at 224-9335 or email at stmary@stmarytrenton.com to put them on our Prayer List.

LOCAL EVENTS

COVID Vaccination Day: The date for the first round of the COVID vaccine will be March 18th from 10:00 am –3:00 pm. To be eligible you must reside in the 62293 Zip Code and be 65 or older. If you are interested, please call Trenton City Hall at 224-7323. If you wish to volunteer please contact Andy Weh at 204-6583.

GOLDEN EGG RAFFLE: Get your tickets to the 22nd annual St. Dominic Church **Golden Egg Raffle for a chance to win the grand prize of \$20,000!!!!** We are offering five \$1,000 prizes and there will be 2 consolation prizes of \$500 each. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold for \$50 each. Drawing on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. To get your name entered in the raffle, send your name, address and phone number along with \$50 to St. Dominic Church, 493 North Second St., Breese, IL 62230. For more information, call St. Dominic Parish office, 526-7746, M-F, 9am-3pm."

DRIVE-THRU FISH DINNER: St. George and St. Mary Life Teen (the high school youth ministry for St. George and St. Mary) will be having a **drive-thru Fish Dinner on Friday, March 19th**. More information will be available as the date gets closer.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE starts on Ash Wednesday and will end on Palm Sunday, March 28th. 40 days of Peaceful Prayer, Hourly Vigil, Fasting and Fellowship at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 317 Salem Place in Fairview Heights. Hours are 7:00am-7:00pm. Sign up at www.coalitionforlifetl.com.

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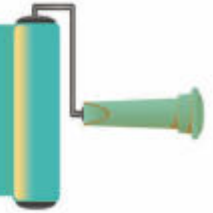


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