



# Holy Family Parish

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## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Weekends: Saturday.... 4 PM

Sunday.....11 AM

Weekdays:

Tuesday & Wednesday ... 8 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass schedule in  
the bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3 PM

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### Save the Date:

Here is a list of upcoming activities.  
Listed below are some of the dates you  
will want to reserve in the coming  
months.

2/24 to 3/31

Every Wednesday—Stations of the  
Cross at Holy Family 12PM

Every Wednesday—Stations of the  
Cross at St Anne 6:30 PM

**MARCH 7, 2021**  
**THIRD SUNDAY**  
**OF LENT**

**4:00 PM | Saturday, March 6**

Lector: Dan Landini  
Eucharistic Minister: Ann Page

**11:00 AM | Sunday, March 7**

Lector: Aleta Keegan  
Eucharistic Minister  
Dennis Balenovich

**4:00 PM | Saturday, March 13**

Lector: Stan Materkowski  
Eucharistic Minister: Dan Landini

**11:00 AM | Sunday, March 14**

Lector: Pat Beneccio  
Eucharistic Minister: Barry Beneccio

**Saturday, 3/6 | Vigil 3rd Sunday of Lent**

For: Monica Sanutelli  
By: Holy Family Bible Study

**Sunday, 3/7 | 3rd Sunday of Lent**

For: Fr. Reginald Russo  
By: Fr. Dave & the Parishioners of Holy Family Church

**Tuesday, 3/9 | Weekday**

For: Deborah Simmons  
By: Gail Phillips

**Wednesday, 3/10 | Weekday**

For: Velma Kosor  
By: Family

**Saturday, 3/13 | Vigil 4th Sunday of Lent**

For: Bob Nedwick  
By: Aleta

**Sunday, 3/14 | 4th Sunday of Lent**

For: Stanley & Agnes Minkus

**Financial Report for 2/21/2021**

Offertory: \$3,064.00

Loose: \$18.00                      Home Missions: \$5.00

Monthly: \$442.00                      Accent: \$5.00

Candles: \$65.00                      Central & Eastern

Ash Wednesday: \$55.00                      Europe: \$5.00

Flowers: \$30.00

Sol. Of Mary: \$5.00

Palm Sunday: \$50.00

First Offertory: \$10.00

**Parish Income: \$3,739.00**

**Parish Budget: \$4,000.00**

**Under Budget: -\$261.00**

**Total Offertory: \$3754.00**

**First Reading:**

In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day He rested. (Ex 20:11)

**Psalm:**

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

**Second Reading:**

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (1 Cor 1:25)

**Gospel:**

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

**Readings for the week of March 7, 2021**

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: 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, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Observances for the week of March 7, 2021**

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. John of God, Religious

Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

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**Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information**

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

## WORSHIP TOGETHER

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent** – I don't know how many of you would have grown up with it, but in our home the Season of Spring marked the beginning of Spring Cleaning. Curtains off the windows, washed and put outside to dry and freshen up; cleaning the windows, cupboards and everything else. As a kid growing up, Mom & Dad would do the heavy work, but we kids had the responsibility of sorting thru our bedrooms and cleaning them, getting rid of the clutter and starting all over. I could never figure out why I had to take everything out of the dresser drawers and wipe them out since – how could they get dusty or dirty since the drawers are kept closed? I also was, sort of, in charge of cleaning the garage and much of the basement from the grime that collected over the winter months. I'm not sure Spring Cleaning is as big a thing today as it was back then. Since we all have busy schedules, maybe we tackle one room at a time whenever our schedules permit it.

Since the Season of Lent takes place during the Spring-time of the year, it's a good way to look at the Spiritual side of our lives and consider what needs cleaned out so as to get a fresh start and be more in line with the ways of God.

The excerpt from Exodus reminds us of the physical slavery that the Jewish people experienced in Egypt for 430 years and how God saved them. God also gives them a set of guidelines (Commandments) to teach them the mutual respect they owe to one another and to God, Himself. Whenever we adhere to His teachings, we allow ourselves to be freed from slavery to sin.

St John places his account of Jesus cleansing the Temple at the beginning of the public life of Jesus, whereas the other Gospel writers place it at the end, just before His passion. When it occurred isn't the important point here. What is important is what all four Gospel writers record. Their intentions, all similar, focus on the actions of Jesus as one of the final straws in His irritation of the authorities. Such an attack on Temple practices would be viewed as blasphemous by them and would push them into arresting Jesus.

John is concerned throughout his Gospel to portray Jesus replacing the great symbols of Israel's past with His own person. What more central symbol was there in the people's belief than that of the Temple? Here was celebrated the very presence of God, originally in the form of the tablets of the Ten Commandments handed down to Moses as the expression of the Lord's covenant with His people. For John this replacement of the Temple by the person of Jesus will lead ultimately to His passion, death and Resurrection, but John wants his readers to be aware of this transformation as they read the rest of the Gospel.

The timing of the event is significant. It is just before the start of the celebration of Passover, the occasion in which the freedom of the people from slavery is celebrated. Jesus in His person will be the freedom of those who follow Him. As St Paul points out – madness and foolishness to the Jews and Greeks, but for those who follow Christ the very power and wisdom of God.

The point that Jesus wishes to make is that the people had lost sight of the real meaning of the Temple. Treating it as a commercial thoroughfare, they no longer placed God's commandments at the center of their lives. As Jesus cleanses the abuses, He also tries to get them to see Himself as the new center of their relationship with God – not so much with the stone and mortar Temple, but a new relationship with God, Himself, as the center. It is through their allegiance and fidelity to God that they will be renewed and cleansed.

The Lenten Journey challenges you and me to ask ourselves: where is Christ in our lives? Is He number one, or do other preoccupations take precedence? Do we have time for Him or do we let our daily concerns, activities and practices leave him little, if any, time or space? If our relationship with Christ is central, then the way we deal with the business of life will flow from that and we will have a better sense of peace and direction. If we try to work the other way – bringing Christ into our lives as secondary or a last resort – then we will find ourselves lost and confused. Sometimes we are like the people of Jesus' day – we lose sight of what our Baptism calls us to be. Like them we, too, place demands on God / making Him continually prove Himself to us. We insist on miracles. Paul cautions the new believers of Corinth not to second-guess God's desire to be good to them. We, also, must be faithful despite feelings that can lead us to doubt God's love.

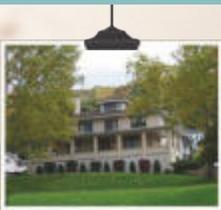
We continue to stretch, abuse and otherwise ignore the First Commandment by setting our wants and desires, our comforts and pleasures ahead of what God wants. In setting our priorities we let our relationship with our community of faith and our temple go astray. We do have to truthfully ask ourselves – Have we made God more important than our families, than our jobs, than our pleasures, than our own very lives? Or, do we still make excuses to miss Mass, not participating with God's family, not making quality time for our children or our spouses? Do we still make excuses for not utilizing a God-given gift in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Whether it is Spring Cleaning at our homes or not, a cleansing of our hearts, mind and souls should be ongoing every day of our lives. We do this with a daily examination of conscience and a sincere act of contrition. Let us turn to Him Who will guide us in His ways, free us from slavery to sin, and reward us with true freedom.

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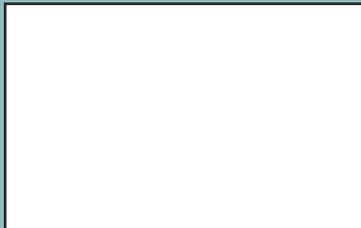


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