



ST. PRISCILLA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 07, 2021



3rd

SUNDAY
OF LENT

"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.*"
- Jn 2:17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

©LPi

OUR MISSION:

We, the people of St. Priscilla Parish, grounded in the Word of God and Sacred Tradition, find strength and joy in the transforming power of Christ's sacrificial love as manifested in the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to lifelong spiritual formation, compassionate service, evangelization and the generous sharing of God's gifts with our parish family and the community at large.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM
 Sunday - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
 & 1:00 PM Extraordinary Form
 Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 8:00 AM
 Thursday - 7:00 PM
 Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
 Wednesday 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
 3rd Sunday of Month 10 AM - 1:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - immediately following
 8:00 AM Holy Mass
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Adoration - All day
 Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:30 PM
Friday (During Lent) 6:00 PM

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for a Baptism Preparation Class.

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying the Parish Office.

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 07, 9:00 AM

† Rev. Augusto Fonti by Graziano Canini
 † Henry & Virginia Zeniewicz by Joe Zeniewicz
 † Terry Burns by mom, Mille Burns
 † William & Patricia Mili by Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 07, 11:00 AM

† Donna Jasin by Edwin & Elain Martin
 † Augustino Tridico by John Gallagher
 † Gerald Horan by wife, Bernadine Horan
 † Lillian Austin by Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 07, 1:00 PM

† Francis Pagulayan by Amy Golonka

MONDAY, MARCH 08, 8:00 AM

Don Jarrett by sister JJ Gallagher

TUESDAY, MARCH 09, 8:00 AM

† Fernley & Pertunen by Diane & Ralph Fernley

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 7:00 PM

† Dorothy Burban (50th Anniv) by Diane Bergman

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 8:00 AM

† Charlie Camilleri (1st Anniversary) by wife, Cathy
 † Marty Jasin (Memorial Birthday) by Judy Gross & Marc VanSolokema

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 4:30pm

People of St. Priscilla
 † Rev. Augusto Fonti by Graziano Canini
 † Antonio Carta by Silvana Carta
 † Joseph & Rosemary Jarrett by daughter, JJ Gallagher

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 9:00 AM

Mike & Maryann Jenkins by Joe Zeniewicz
 † Jennifer L Shepan by Tondreau Family
 † Patricia, Aloyoius Jr & Al III Korke by John Skowronek
 † Robert Rich by Bob & Judy Fowler
 † Charles & Lillian Heintz by Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 11:00 AM

† Rev. Augusto Fonti by Graziano Canini
 † Peter Vu by Family
 † Fred Powers by wife, Rose

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1:00 PM

Maria Restuccia by Robert Wenderski



02-28-2021

Teresa Belle Hutley

Daughter of
 Jennifer N Phillips & Ryan R Hutley

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Week 1 Diane Novotny

Week 2 Rose Schmidt, Sally Hutsko,
 Karen Kelley O'Brien

Week 3 Ned Rice, Connie Lark, Kenneth Ricer, Concetta Russo

Week 4 Pete Arciero, Antonio Gabbana,



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Natalie Yurgil-Coast Guard, Benjamin Schmidt-Air Force
 Brent Vann-Army, Brian Golonka-Army, Jacob Stanton-Marines

INTENTIONS REVISED To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office at 248-476-4700. Names of the sick will be listed for 3-months unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

SERVICE MEMBER FAMILIES

Call us to add your ACTIVE DUTY spouse, child or grandchild.

DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Mar 13 4:30pm	Larry Miller	John Gallagher Volunteer Needed
Mar 14 9:00am	Merwyn Cheruvathur Eve Lee	Julie Tondreau Laurie Dlaziel
Mar 14 11:00am	Debbie Knott Pat Phillips	Lou Barrett Annette Haapala
Mar 14 1:00pm	Extraordinary Form (Latin Traditional)	

USHER TEAMS PLEASE FOLLOW 2020 SCHEDULE

MARCH - - Saturday TEAM A Sunday TEAM B
 APRIL - - Saturday TEAM B Sunday TEAM C

MARY'S HELPERS –March 2021

03/16 Vi Hanis & Dorothy Iannarelli
 03/23 Marge Kelley
 03/30 Off

"A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt, and must empty ourselves. Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your weakness."

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

Director of Religious Education
Alyssa Choraszewski
dre@saintpriscilla.org

SELF-SACRIFICE

Both seasons of Advent and Lent are times of waiting. During Advent we are full of joyful hope in our waiting. On the flip side, Lent can often feel like a dreadful period of waiting. If I were to pick a favorite between the two seasons I would pick Lent. Yes, the decorations around the parish are stark. And yes, we don't have any cheerful carols to sing. However, I find myself drawn to the season because of it is so relatable.

I often reflect on Jesus' ministry and what ran through his mind when he foreshadowed his death. He had to have gone through periods of fear or anxiety. We know he was not free from the crippling emotion of fear and we know this because of his plea to God in the garden of Gethsemane. But beyond that moment of fear, did he ever feel anxious when he warned about destroying the temple like we heard in today's Gospel? Not only were the words he spoke radical at the time, but so were his actions. If we honestly believe he is truly man just as he is truly divine, then he must have had moments of anxiety and worry.

We just don't know this side of Jesus very well. Unfortunately most of us don't spend enough time reflecting on the human side of Jesus. But we should! Because we aren't divine. We can't heal people with our touch, we can't walk on water, we can't calm storms, and we can't multiply fish and loaves of bread. It is the human side of Jesus that unites us to the love of God. Which is why I love Lent so much.

Each year, the Church gives us 40 days to reflect on how our sufferings and our sacrifices can be and are united with Christ's sufferings on the cross. Additionally, it is a time to humble ourselves. We don't deserve such an intense love. We receive this love continually despite all of our wrongdoings and mishaps. Throughout our days we become so comfortable in this gift of love that we throw it to the side. Sometimes we treat this love with disgust. Or we treat the

love as a burden—a chore. I mean, yes, this love we receive from God requires work on our end. But God is so gracious! He accepts our measly attempts at sacrifice...passing up a piece of chocolate or avoiding fast food. These are luxuries we are simply avoiding and calling them sacrifices. They are good stepping stones though. It is almost like dipping our toe in the pool rather than jumping in.

Mother Teresa says it so beautifully. The Lenten sacrifice must empty ourselves. We must strip ourselves down and humble ourselves before God and give ourselves fully to him. Lent is our opportunity to practice this behavior. Because it does require practice. And it requires discipline. *We are supposed to feel and be weak in the moment of sacrifice!* Jesus struggled to carry his cross, he suffered a terrible death. He was embarrassed, humiliated, weak, tired, and vulnerable. But he went through it all out of love for you. The least we can do is love him in return with our own version of self-sacrifice.

If you haven't been, I invite you to join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm. Walk the journey to the crucifixion with Jesus and conclude by praising him as the Blessed Sacrament to conclude the night.

Bible Study with Mary Rice

Area of Study:

Gospel of Luke

When: 1:30pm Wednesdays

Where: IN PERSON IN THE

ACTIVITY CENTER and Facebook Live (if joining in person, masks and distancing are required)

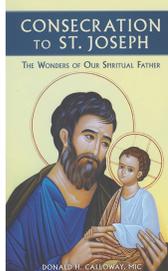
If you cannot join us in person or on Facebook

Live, you can watch the study every week

directly on our website at saintpriscilla.org/bible-study



Consecration to St. Joseph Book Study



We will begin a 33 day journey to Consecration to St. Joseph on March 30 which will conclude on May 1 the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. If you would like a book, please email me at dre@saintpriscilla.org. Books are \$8/ea.

READING 1

[Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17](#)

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

"Remember to keep holy the sabbath day.

"Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

[19:8, 9, 10, 11](#)

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.



SECOND READING

[1 Cor 1:22-25](#)

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Verse Before the Gospel

[Jn 3:16](#)

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

GOSPEL

[Jn 2:13-25](#)

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE

By: Mary Rice & Ned Rice

Thou shall not covet: to desire something intensely, so much that, if it were possible, I would steal it.

During the time of Christ, each year every Jewish male was required to travel to Jerusalem for three holy feasts (**Shavuot, Passover, and Succoth**). Often the whole family would attend. These journeys were known as **coming up to Jerusalem**. It was a great time of ceremony and excitement. *TRADITION!*

At the time of the feasts the crowds would gather in the temple **area** near the Sanctuary (Court of the Men and Court of the Women); yet they would never even get a glimpse inside. Only Levites (descendants of Levi who had duties in the Tabernacle) could enter the Holy Place. They also sang and played musical instruments while the people prayed outside. Only the *High Priest* could enter the Holy of Holies which contained the **Ark of the Covenant**—and then only once a year!

Before the ceremonies, there was a lively business in selling oxen, sheep, and doves to the pilgrims for sacrificial offerings. That meant that a lot of cheating was going on. An animal that you brought from your home was sure to be unacceptable for some imaginary flaw and only the animals for sale were considered **perfect**. Even the money of the people who had come for the feast wasn't acceptable; they had to exchange their coins for "temple money".

Seeing that a place of worship was turned into a market place, Jesus was irate. There was no doubt of Jesus' righteous anger when he saw the money changing tables and the dishonest men who were enriching themselves Surely this travesty of worship must have been heart-breaking for him! It was time for action, not mild suggestions! Over the tables went! In spite of his *zeal for my Father's house*, notice a difference in Jesus' actions. He **drives** out the sheep and the oxen but he *asks* those who sold doves *to take them out* (*John 2:16*). I think that this is a tender moment. Jesus shows consideration for the little doves who would be fluttering around helplessly in the throngs of pilgrims.

How did the practices of money changing take hold? Perhaps someone asked for a table and then saw that he could make a profit on each transaction. As profits grew, the desire for money became stronger and the coveting set in. Greed took over; it was way past coveting. God must know that we ease into dishonesty.

Many years ago I visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Numerous gift shops abutted **all** the outside walls of the church----it was a disturbing sight. I returned two years later, visited the Shrine again, and the shops had been moved to about two blocks away. The house of God was cleansed! Jesus must have been cheering them on.

The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye (Ps.19:9).

ART & ENVIRONMENT

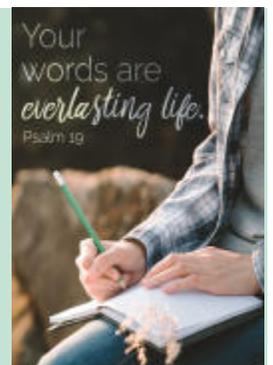
Christmas Thank You

A great big thank you to those parishioners who gave up their Saturday mornings to come and help decorate the church for the holiday season. I believe fellow parishioners and Fr. Joe were very happy with the outcome. Also, a shout out to those of you who came to take everything down, boxed and returned to their proper places. It all went so smoothly and without you it would have taken so much longer to get things accomplished. I cannot thank you enough. On **APRIL 3rd** we will be setting the church for the Easter season. Details to follow...so...please save the date! Thanks again, Judy & Art & Environment Team



READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY 03/08 2Kgs 5:1-15ab•Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf42:3]•Lk 4:24-30
TUESDAY 03/09 Dn3:25, 34-43•Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]•Mt 18:21-35
WEDNESDAY 03/10 Dt 4:1, 5-9•Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]•/Mt 5:17-19
THURSDAY 03/11 Jer 7:23-28•/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]•Lk 11:14-23
FRIDAY 03/12 Hos14:2-10•Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11 ab, 14 and 17[cf. 11and 9a]•Mk 12:28-34
SATURDAY 03/13 Hos 6:1-6•Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]•Lk 18:9-14





EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday's following 8:00AM Mass
Benediction and Repose at 7:00PM

RECONCILIATION

Friday's of Lent 6:00 PM

March 12th, 19th & 26th
Saturday's at 3:30 PM

STATIONS of the CROSS

7:00 PM the Friday's of Lent

JOIN US: For a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer and meditation as we recall the sufferings that Jesus endured during His Passion.



PALM SUNDAY

Saturday	March 27	4:30PM
Sunday	March 28	9:00AM
	March 28	11:00AM
Latin	March 28	1:00PM

HOLY THURSDAY

April 01 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY

April 02 Noon

HOLY SATURDAY

April 03 9:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY

	April 04	9:00AM
	April 04	11:00AM
Latin	April 04	1:00PM

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

by Mary Pugliese, RN

10 Pandemic Tips for Older Adults (and the People Who Love Them)

- 1. Get the vaccine as soon as you can.** It's safe and will help keep you from getting a bad case of COVID-19 if you do get exposed. Look for updates on how and when to schedule your appointment from your state, county or city health department, or the health system, doctor's office or pharmacy where you get your care and medications.
- 2. Once you're vaccinated, don't act as if you have superpowers.** First of all, it takes up to two weeks for the first dose to teach your immune system about the coronavirus. And it takes two doses of the vaccine, several weeks apart, to get full protection.
- 3. Whether you've gotten the vaccine yet or not, keep wearing masks, avoiding gatherings and non-essential trips.** The virus is still widespread across most of the United States, so even as more people get vaccinated and their vaccine takes effect, it could take months for the spread to slow. It's still important to do all the things we've been doing since last spring to reduce the chance of getting or spreading the virus.
- 4. Get outside - and make a plan to meet a friend outside, with masks on and staying apart, if you're feeling well.** The weather may be cold, but if you dress appropriately (including footwear with appropriate grip) you should be able to walk, hike, explore a park, have a chat or do other activities.
- 5. Don't put off regular medical and dental appointments, or delay emergency care.** Health professionals have learned how to protect themselves and you, from spreading or catching coronavirus - even during appointments where you have to take off a mask, such as getting teeth cleaned. You should not let fear of coronavirus keep you from seeking emergency care.
- 6. Move every day.** Even if you can't go outside, just walking around, climbing stairs, stretching, or tuning in to an exercise class online or on television can help you keep your mood up and your muscles working.
- 7. If you have to go to work in person, or a member of your household has to go to school or work in person, be extra careful.** Even after someone starts the vaccination process, there's still a risk they could get sick. If you find out that someone at your workplace or school has been exposed or gotten sick, follow the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control about staying home (quarantining) or staying in a room away from others (isolating).
- 8. Be prepared.** As the virus continues to spread, and vaccination ramps up, it's important to know what to do if someone you live with gets sick with COVID-19.
- 9. Connect.** Even if you're not comfortable getting together with people outside, or going into stores for essential trips, you should make a special effort to connect with others virtually during the winter months. Loneliness and social isolation have doubled among older adults during the pandemic.
- 10. Help others.** If you have the ability to give time, money or expertise to a cause or organization you believe in, or to help neighbors with simple tasks such as snow shoveling, pet walking or outdoor chores, this is a good time to do so. You may find that helping others helps you too.



MANN'S FAMILY FUNERAL HOME

CHARLES MANNS
PRE-PLANNING

DICKSON MANNS
MANAGER

HILARY MANNS-GENTRY
DIRECTOR

17000 MIDDLEBELT AT SIX MILE + LIVONIA, MI 48154

INFO@MANNSFUNERALHOME.COM

(734) 425-1800

WWW.MANNSFUNERALHOME.COM

4LPi

WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES

- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT
careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers

COMPLETE CONCRETE

LICENSED & INSURED

Driveway & Walkways • Porches & Patios
Garages & Foundations • Concrete & Asphalt Removal
Loading & Hauling

More For Your Money
248-476-9107
~ Over 30 Years Experience ~

KILLERDECKS.COM

Decks • Front Porches • Screened Rooms
Room Additions
Basement Remodeling

734-728-2276
thedeckbarn.com

AE Auto Care

Complete Auto & Truck Repair
Art Elliason-Owner
17175 MIDDLEBELT • LIVONIA, MI 48152
(734) 522-7222

DON'S PLUMBING

734-525-3874
Expert Plumbing Sewer & Drain Cleaning
LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER
Donald J. Wood

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.

Will

Kevin Bullock, MGR
Funeral Homes

37000 Six Mile Rd. • Livonia, MI 48152
734.591.3700
harryjwillfuneralhome.com

Redford & Wayne Chapels | Ask about our Silver & Gold Trips

WEINGARTZ

EVERYTHING FROM LAWN TO SNOW
WEINGARTZ.COM

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Judee Nelson** to place an ad today!
jnelson@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6319

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

SPREAD THE WORD

A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Too Sick for Mass?

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!
www.parishesonline.com

Charles R. Step
Funeral Home & Cremation Services

18425 Beech Daly Road
Between 6 & 7 Mile Roads
313-531-1888

PARKVIEW MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Serving the Community Since 1926
34205 5 Mile Rd.,
Just West of Farmington Rd.
734-421-6120

LARGE PIZZA WITH PREMIUM MOZZARELLA & 1 TOPPING

\$9.99

LIVONIA
7 Mile & Farmington
(248) 473-3999
JETS PIZZA

JOHN WOOD PLUMBING

734-425-0370
Fast Professional Service
Expert Sewer & Drain Cleaning
Lic. Master Plumber • Reasonable Rates
www.johnwoodplumbingllc.com

MIKE'S PLUMBING

Complete Plumbing
Sewer & Drain Cleaning
MASTER PLUMBER • Michael J. Wood
734-421-4633

Avis Ford

“The Dealership with the ♥”

GENE TATRO
Parts Manager • Parishioner
29200 Telegraph Road at 12 Mile
Southfield, MI 48034
Phone: (248) 355-7500

Neely-Turowski FUNERAL HOME

30200 Five Mile Rd • Livonia, MI
Director Todd N. Turowski
734.525.9020 TurowskiFuneralHome.com

100 YEARS
Family Owned and Operated Since 1919

ST. PRISCILLA TEAM

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Tuskiewicz
frjoe@saintpriscilla.org

DIR. OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Alyssa Choraszewski
dre@saintpriscilla.org
Faith Formation Office 248-476-4702

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Felicity Long
saintpriscillamusic@gmail.com

BOOKKEEPER

Paul Pyrkosz
bookkeeper@saintpriscilla.org

PARISH SECRETARY

Rose Powers 248-476-4700 X100
rose@saintpriscilla.org

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

John Gallagher 248-476-4700 X106
maintenance@saintpriscilla.org

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chris Walters (Chair) 313-622-4768
Linda Cook (Secretary) 248-479-6185

Members At-Large

Barb Hargan 248-933-0014
Joe Zenewicz 248-777-2374
Bill Fedelem 248-471-1909
Ralph Fernley 734-425-3179
Laurie Dalziel 248-345-0606

FINANCE COUNCIL

John Sullivan

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Larry Miller 248-470-7703

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Gene Tatro 248-408-0512

•EME

Sue Atherton 734-634-0602

•Altar Servers

Ann Nakic 248-390-4143

•Lectors

Lou Barrett 734-363-0043

•Usher Coordinator

Bud Flemming 248-861-9921

•Art & Environment

Judy Fowler 734-525-3771

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Pam Shepley 734-262-0109

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Lee Curtis 248-477-3424

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Joe McCallion (GK) 313-378-0249

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.. Excerpts:- ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE ©LPi

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Swieconka (sh-vee-en-soon-kah) is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. Special pride is taken in preparing a decorative basket with crisp linens, boxwood and ribbon woven through the handle. The tradition returns this year.



Fr. Joe will bless your baskets on Saturday, April 3rd at 11:00 AM

Observing the beautiful foods and creations of other parishioners is one of the joys of the event. Come join us and begin a new family tradition.

St. VINCENT de PAUL

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Potato, Rice & Noodle Side Dishes.
Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
& Spaghetti Sauce.

Thank You!

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING



Flower Memorial Envelopes are available in back of church and in the parish office.

Please return Clearly Printed envelopes to us by March 18th.