

St. Edward Catholic Church

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120 St. Edwards Lane, Herminie, PA 15637

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



Year B - Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Laetare Sunday

March 14, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays - Tues & Thurs 9:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30AM - 4:30PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confession on Saturday at 5:15 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Baptism Class.

Please call the parish office to schedule.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor and arrange date at

least 1 year in advance. Attendance at

Marriage Prep. Program is required.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic should contact the Faith Formation Office.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Communion calls to the sick and homebound and those confined in nursing homes are made regularly. Please notify the parish office.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Karen Rumbaugh 724-864-5066 or e-mail kmrumbaugh@gmail.com

CONTACT US:

Parish Office: 724-446-5197

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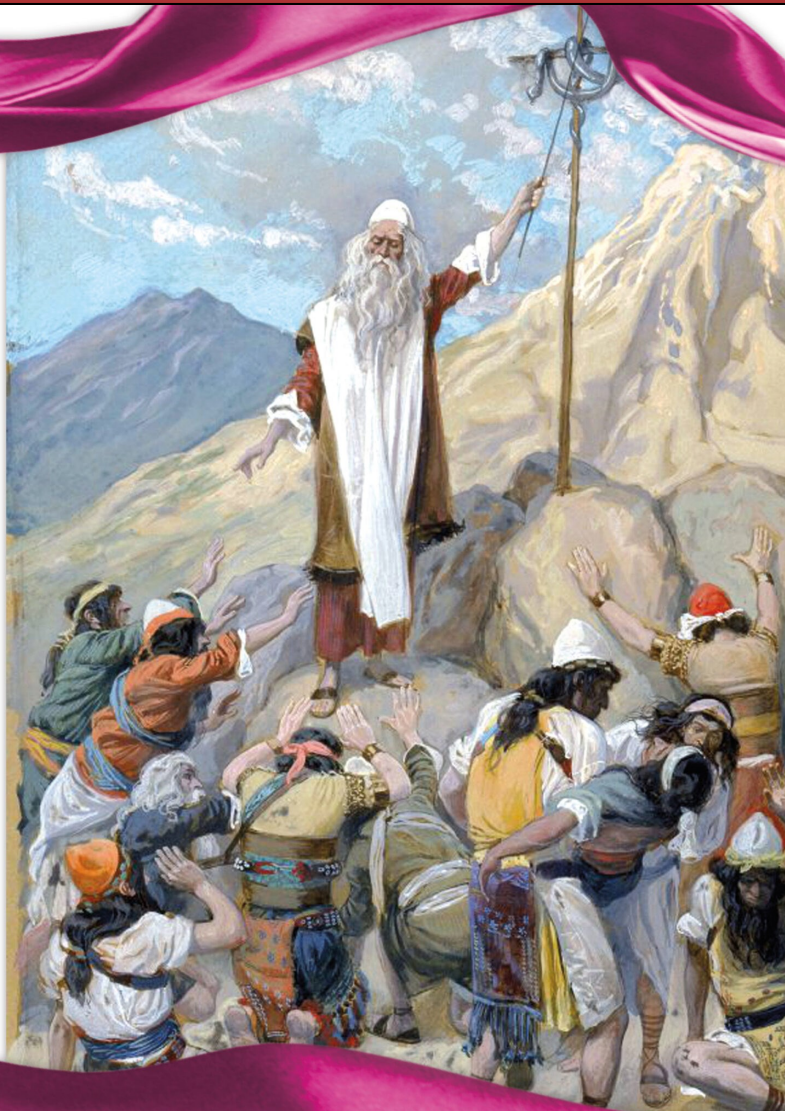
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Jesus said to Nicodemus:
“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

John 3:14,15

The Brazen Serpent
by James Tissot, circa 1899



4TH SUNDAY OF

LENT

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Parish Mission Statement

We, of St. Edward, are a large parish family diverse in age, community and background. We are united by a shared Catholic faith, offering hospitality and opportunities for spiritual growth. Our baptismal commitment is continually renewed by living and proclaiming the word of God, through our celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. The proclaiming of our faith is found in our example and participation in the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we strive to grow in Christ during our journey of a lifetime.

Masses For The Week

SAT:	MARCH 13
6:00pm	For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish
SUN:	MARCH 14
9:00am	† Joseph Ostroski (Anni) (Family)
11:00am	† Maryann & Norm Verdun (Family)
MON:	MARCH 15
	No Mass Today
TUE:	MARCH 16
9:00am	† Shirley Diana (Jack & Patti King)
9:30 - 10:30	Holy Hour
WED:	MARCH 17
	No Mass Today
THU:	MARCH 18
9:00am	† Dorothy Bolam (B.R.) (Les & Karen)
9:30am	Stations of the Cross
FRI:	MARCH 19 – Feast of St. Joseph (Abstinence)
7:00 PM	Special Intention - Father Richard
SAT:	MARCH 20
6:00pm	† Mike O'Neill (Anni) (Adrienne & Family)
SUN:	MARCH 21 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:00am	For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish
11:00am	† Deceased Members -Beran Family (Kristoff Family)

Laetare Sunday ~ Rejoice O Jerusalem!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION March 7, 2021

Adult Envelopes	\$5,098.00
Loose	\$94.00
Monthly	\$1,064.00
On-Line Giving (43 families)	\$3,578.00
Total	\$9,834.00
Amount budgeted for Weekly Offertory	\$7,096.00
Over / (Under)	+ \$2,738.00

Thank you for your generosity!!

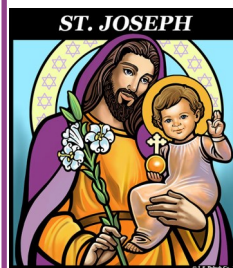
Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.



The return from exile in Babylon was second only to the Exodus from Egypt as a founding narrative shaping the Jewish identity into which Jesus was born and in which his church took root and began to grow. If we read between the lines of the two New Testament readings from today, we can see the outlines of this same pattern of God bringing humanity from sorrow into joy: The Hebrews' slavery in Egypt and the Judeans' exile in Babylonia reveal a universal truth, that we belong to the God who is "rich in mercy," and we are assured that "when we were dead in our transgressions," God "so loved the world" that he sent Jesus to be the way of our redemption, our salvation.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called "Laetare Sunday," or "Rejoice! Sunday." Even if we feel overwhelmed by the darkness of sin (our own and others'), wondering whether God really is working on our behalf, we can put our faith in today's Word that it is so. For this, we can truly rejoice—we are more than halfway to Easter!

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

St. Edward parish will celebrate a special Mass on Friday, March 19th at 7:00pm, the Feast Day of Saint Joseph.

Please see the special St. Joseph Prayer inserted in the bulletin this weekend.

FROM FR. RICHARD

This Sunday, according to tradition, the color of the day is rose. Laetare Sunday - the fourth Sunday of Lent - is a sign that Holy Week and Easter are fast approaching. The somber color purple is blended with the joyous colors of Easter to give us the symbolic rose color.

Making a good confession is an important part of our Lenten season. Confessions are heard each Saturday as follows: Seven Dolors at 3:15 PM - before the 4PM Mass and Saint Edwards at 5:15 PM before the 6PM Mass. Please know that you are always free to call for an appointment at any time to have your confession heard.

The DLA continues and we thank you in advance for your donation to it. The success of the Diocesan Lenten Appeal is a much-needed part of keeping our diocese and parish up and running.

Thank you for cooperating with the parish in helping us to return to our practice of receiving Holy Communion in the front of the church. If you are unable to come to the front of the church for Communion, remember that ministers will be going through the church to bring it to you. Just remain in your seat.

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MIGHT NOT PERISH BUT MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM."

The above verse from the Gospel of John is often called "the little gospel" because the truth of Jesus mission is so clearly explained. Let's try to meditate on this verse often during the coming week.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Richard

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS - Bill Knack, of our parish, who died this past week. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on March 8th. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

QUEEN OF ANGEL SCRIPS - You have the opportunity next weekend to purchase scrips "Gift Cards" to do your shopping in support of our Regional Catholic School. Scrips will be available in the church vestibule after the 9am & 11am Masses. Available this year are: Eat n Park Gift Cards along with Giant Eagle, Shop n Save, Walmart/Sam's Club and Kohls.

MEET OUR NEW BISHOP - "The Accent On-Air" will premiere on WTAE Channel 4 on Sunday, March 21 at 11:30 a.m. The show will re-air on Sunday, March 29 at 11:30 a.m. This special episode of "The Accent On-Air" features a video biography of newly ordained and installed Bishop Larry J. Kulick, including a visit to his hometown of Leechburg and his alma mater, St. Joseph High School in Natrona Heights. Plus, highlights from his Ordination and Installation as Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg and a look at how his strong Slovak roots influenced his formation. "The Accent On-Air" is always on TheAccentOnline.org.

THE WELL MEN'S CONFERENCE - The Diocese of Greensburg men's conference, THE WELL, will have a virtual conference on March 20 from 9-11:30 a.m. The seminar is free to anyone who wishes to attend and will be available on the Diocese of Greensburg website and Facebook page. The theme of the event is "Jesus is Knocking, Open the Door!" Two dynamic speakers will be featured: Mike Aquilina of Bridgeville, an award-winning author of more than 50 books on Catholic history, and Father Boniface Hicks, O.S.B., director of spiritual formation at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. Interested men are asked to register so they are able to receive detailed information. Registration can be found at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL. Those who have paid and registered for the in-person conference, scheduled for Sept. 25 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg, are registered for this event.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – ST. EDWARD

PALM SUNDAY –	Mass at 6pm; 9am; 11am
HOLY THURSDAY –	Mass at 6pm
HOLY THURSDAY –	Adoration from 7-9pm
GOOD FRIDAY –	Liturgy at 2:30pm
GOOD FRIDAY –	Stations of the Cross 7pm
HOLY SATURDAY –	Basket Blessing 12:00 Noon
HOLY SATURDAY –	Easter Vigil Mass 8:30pm
EASTER SUNDAY –	Mass at 9am & 11am

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – SEVEN DOLORS

PALM SUNDAY –	Mass at 4pm & 10:30am
HOLY THURSDAY –	Mass at 4pm
GOOD FRIDAY –	Liturgy at 12:00 Noon
HOLY SATURDAY –	Basket Blessing 12:00 Noon
HOLY SATURDAY –	No Vigil Mass
EASTER SUNDAY –	Mass at 8:30am & 10:30am

HELP AVAILABLE

If you are in need of Food or other assistance during this pandemic, please contact our St. Vincent de Paul Helpline at 724-493-3987. Please leave a message and your phone call will be returned.

VOTIVE LIGHTS

DECEASED + Carmine Cortazzo, Sr., Nick Orlandi, Ernestine & Joseph Ostroski, Jessica Strasser, Mary Lou Tatsch, Luigi & Carmela Veltri.

SPECIAL INTENTION - Anonymous, Angie Cortazzo, David, Faletto Family, A,N & E Grebur, Johnston Family, Kuttler Family, Ryan Pavsek, Rohac Family, Rumbaugh Family, Agnes Vincent, Waugaman Family, Heather L. Zarisky.

RESERVED VOTIVE LIGHTS

DECEASED + Paul P. & Rose Adams and Catherine M. Adams, Adolph & Jennie Baloh, Andrew Bencloski, Violet & Richard Bencloski, William & Mary A. Beran and Anna Marie Beran, Sylvester Boban, Dorothy Bolam & Arthur Meneghini, Laurie Lynn Burns and Martin J. & Elsie Garcar, Anthony & Elizabeth Cambruzzi, Gregory & Ethel Diffendal, Virginia Falsik, Bill & Joanne Gilchrist, Justino & Helen Gioannini, John & Elizabeth Hazlinsky, Thomas & Margaret Hazlinsky, Sr. and Thomas Hazlinsky, Jr., Albert & Anna Lazar, Mary D. Moran, Patrick & Wilmina Moran, Mike O'Neill, William & Patricia Radziwon and Sandy Foster, Raymond Michael Reilly, Matt Rendulich, Grace (Boots) Sabljak, Paul Slobodnjak, Eugene Stefanacci, Stefanacci Family, Ralph J. Vincent.

SPECIAL INTENTION - Bonita Allen Family, Nancy & Glenn Merlin



God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
— *John 3:17*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;
Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;
Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday: St. Patrick
Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Friday: St. Joseph; Abstinence
Saturday: Spring begins

LENT, A SEASON OF THE WORD

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshipping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God reassures us in troubling times:

Do not be afraid — I am with you!
I am your God — let nothing terrify you!
I will make you strong and help you;
I will protect you and save you
Isaiah 41:10

Our faith in God can be a source of comfort and strength in the days and weeks ahead. Sacred Heart of Jesus, protect us. St. Edward, pray for us.



As we continue our journey through the Holy Season of Lent, we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection. At Easter, the paschal candle this year the *Messiah*, will remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.

During 2020, our parish worked to be the Light to so many in need, as we dealt with the challenges of the pandemic. We clearly saw the Body of Christ, the Church, working to heal itself, despite the physical separation and other challenges. We realized that the mission of the Church continues. We are called to be the light and spread the Good News.

DLA PARISH GOAL: \$85,000.00
DIOCESAN TARGET: \$53,095.00

GIFTS TO DATE: 122 Families 21.8%
\$36,610.00

All monies raised over our Diocesan Target will be given back to the parish to support the projects that have been on our DLA list for the past few years: continue the repair and repainting of the wooden frame around the church roof, much needed landscaping around the church, flower bed reconstruction, church window repair, and possibly if funds permit, a multi-phase reconstruction of the pavement leading up to the church.

Pledge cards can be mailed to the Diocesan Office or placed in the collection basket in the church vestibule. You may also drop off your gift at the rectory office or it can be mailed to the church. You may also visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/BeTheLight.

May each of us grow closer to the Lord through the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, so that we truly know the joy of Easter.

BE THE LIGHT for our faith community!



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

MIDDLE YOUTH MINISTRY - Grades 6-8

Classes continue on Monday, March 15th from 6-7:30pm in Edwardian Hall. This class should be in-person. E-mail notices will be sent to parents.

FAITH FORMATION - Grades 1-5

Classes continue on Monday, March 22nd from 6:00—7:30pm in the school building for all public school students in grades 1-5. This class should be in-person. E-mail notices will be sent to parents.



HOLY HOUR DURING LENT - Please join us on Tuesday mornings following the 9:00am morning Mass for Holy Hour from 9:30 - 10:30am in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Will be held this Lenten Season on Thursday mornings after the 9:00am Mass. Join us as we meditate upon the passion of Christ.

ADULT LENTEN FOLDERS - We encourage our Adult parishioners to use the self-denial folders during Lent. Additional folders are available on the bulletin table.

OPERATION RICE BOWL - Our Religious Education students and Youth Ministry students will be participating in the Rice Bowl program making small weekly sacrifices for the poor and needy. Additional Rice Bowls will be available on the bulletin table for others who would like to participate in this program.

LITTLE BLACK BOOK - As we continue through the Lenten Season, "Little Black Books" are available in the church vestibule. These six-minute meditations are on the Sunday Gospels of Lent (Year B).

FREE LENTEN PAMPHLETS - On the bulletin table are free Lenten pamphlets entitled: *Hope in the Cross*; *Lent, Keep it Simple*; *Lent, the Promise of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving*; *Lent with the Saints*. These will help you as you reflect on the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE: (All Fridays in Lent) All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

WEEKDAYS OF LENT: There is no obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended. These may include, in addition to fasting, participation in daily Mass,

LENTEN GREETING CARD PROJECT



The Friends of Faith Formation committee is sponsoring a Lenten Greeting Card project outreaching to the current seminary students and shut-in parishioners. Look for the Take & Make Greeting card kits in the church vestibule to participate. There will be adult kits and child craft kits available, each labeled respectively. Use the materials included within the packet to make a card for the person identified on the front of the packet. The purpose of your card should brighten their day and give them encouragement by knowing that they are in the thoughts and prayers of the members of St. Edward's parish. Once the card is completed please return it to the flowered box marked for cards, also located in the church vestibule. The Friends of Faith Formation committee will finish off the cards with addresses and postage.

An Irish Blessing



*May your troubles be less and
 your Blessings be more and
 nothing but Happiness come
 through your door.*