

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS  
**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
 March 22, 2020

“Surely the Lord’s anointed is here before him. But the Lord said to Samuel: ‘Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart... Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in his hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the Spirit of the Lord rushed on David.’”

Midway through the holy season, preparing to celebrate the Paschal mystery and live Holy Week, today is a fine time to pause, look into our hearts, and ask what else needs to be done. Our journey through prayer, devotion and good works has been quite good. Maybe we can make it better. But let’s reflect on the words of the Book of Samuel.

We judge by appearance, but ‘God looks into the heart’. What He sees is probably quite good, but we know there might be some shadow to be removed, or mess to be cleaned up. The Sacrament of Reconciliation perhaps has been put on a back burner, but today becomes the source for our improvement and growth. Decide today to use this gift of Jesus to His church and make a good confession. ‘Be reconciled to God.’

*Dear Parishioners:*

**ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** This includes: Lenten Dinners, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Vespers, Novena, The Light is on For You, Religious Education, RCIA, Youth Group, Rosary, Choir, Blood Pressure Clinic, Drop-In Group, Crafters Group, In Home Eucharistic Ministry, Fletcha, Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes

*Thank you to everyone that participated in our weekly Bible Study with Fr. Perry. We will see you again in September!*

Rosary is prayed every morning after 7:30 a.m. Mass and also on Wednesday evenings at 6p.m. in the church. All are welcome! Students preparing to receive a Sacrament may use this as a prayer experience. Due to the current coronavirus spread Wednesday evening Rosary has been called until further notice.



**Dear Parishioners,**

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

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**Prayers for our Patriots**



The Church of Saint Luke would like to ask our parish family to pray for our active men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces. Do you have a loved one that we do not know about? Please

call the Parish Office so that we may add them to our list.

*Rct. Matthew Boesze*

*Sgt. Ryan Combs*

*Capt. Evan Dimakas*

*1Lt. Melanie Dimakas*

*Cpl. David Long*

*Sgt. Zachary Long*

*Capt. Tim Moore*

*Major. Kristen Torma*

*Capt. Matthew Torma*

**Do you Want to Know More About the Annulment Process?**

In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact Fr. Perry or the Diocesan Tribunal Office at (570) 207-2246 to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the decree, *Quemadmodum Deus*, by Pope Pius IX declaring



Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus, as the Patron of the Universal Church. In commemoration of this anniversary and recognizing, the fitting time for

the Church to invoke the intercession of this guardian, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera is declaring this year as a "Year of Saint Joseph" to be observed in the Diocese of Scranton from March 19, 2020 to March 19, 2021. To assist in celebrating this "Year of Saint Joseph," a prayer card to Saint Joseph, and novena prayers and sample intercessions for the Universal Prayer can be found at the entrances of the church. Bishop Bambera invites us all to renew our devotion to Saint Joseph during this commemorative year, and seek his powerful intercession to safely guard the Church from all evils, just as he protected the Holy Family from harm. Saint Joseph, our guide and patron, pray for us.



**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:  
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

**NEXT WEEKEND WILL BE FOR  
RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

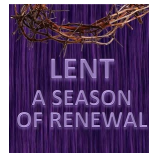
**PARISH GIVING**

**Total Collection For The Weekend of**

**2-23-2020**

**\$ 14,413.00**

**Lenten Penance Service Schedule**



Most Holy Trinity Church, Cresco  
Sunday, March 22nd at 2p.m.

Our Lady of Victory Church, Tannersville  
Tuesday, March 24th at 7p.m.

The Church of Saint Luke, Stroudsburg  
Thursday, March 26th at 7p.m.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Brodheadsville  
Sunday, March 29th at 4p.m.

St. John's Church, East Stroudsburg  
Tuesday, March 31st at 7p.m.

St. Matthew's Church, East Stroudsburg  
Monday, April 6th at 6p.m.



Family of the month for January is, Robert and Victoria Armstrong. The Armstrong family have been involved with our Soup Kitchen Ministry and have been team leaders for 15 years. Robert helps with the Soup Kitchens monthly orders, and makes sure that the order is correct and the food is stored properly. Robert also helps with funeral services and also helps decorate the church for Christmas and Easter and other special occasions. Victoria is a member of the Crafters Group and also is a member of the Communications Committee. We are so blessed to have the Armstrong family as part of our Parish Family.

**Holy Thursday Bread Baking**

If you can make a "traditional" or "ethnic" bread to present at the offertory at Holy Thursday Mass, we will gladly welcome it! Please call the Parish Office at (570) 421-9097 and let us know what bread you would like to present.

**Chrism Mass**

All the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend The Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. At this Mass, priests from throughout the diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support the priests of the Diocese. For reserved seating, call David Baloga at (570) 207-2213 ext. 1158.



Scripture Sharing meets every Monday in the Barrett Center at 6:00P.M. Please enter through the back door of the Barrett Center. Join us as we read, reflect, and discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship. All are welcome! Please contact Alicia at : (570) 807-1743.

**FOR SALE:** Vision Fitness Programmable folding treadmill excel cond. \$500.00. Tunturi Exec. Ergometer exercise cycle, good cond. \$ 100. Call Dan (570) 421-5467 Leave Message

**FOR SALE:** Honda portable 5000 watt, model eb5000sx gasoline powered generator. Excellent condition, approximately 9 yrs. old, used 3-4 weeks. Asking \$900. Call (570) 424-8761.

**FOR SALE:** Never used Foosball Table \$50.00. Please call (570) 460-8495

**NEEDED:** Villa of Our Lady Retreat House is in need of volunteers to help in the dining room and kitchen during weekend retreats. Please call Josandra for more information at (570) 839-7217.

**FOR SALE:** French Provincial 9 piece Dining Room Set. Includes 6 chairs, Table, Hutch w/ two new Table Protectors, 2 extension leaves, seats 12, w/ matching Liquor Cabinet on wheels, excellent condition \$500.00. Call: (570) 839-8203

**FOR SALE:** 14' Starcraft Vhull Boat w/ Trailer \$900. Easton Catchers Bag w/ Wheels excel cond \$75. Call Pete(570) 807-8875

**Chance Of A Lifetime Tickets!**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling



**Chance Of A Lifetime Tickets.** Proceeds are to benefit the Knights of Columbus State Scholarship. Prizes include: 2020 Chevy Spark Car, Ireland Trip, California & Wine Country Trip, Las Vegas Trip, Cancun Trip, Opryland Vacation, Kalahari Vacation, New England Cruise, Canada Cruise, National Park Trip, Historic Train Ride,\$2,000, \$1,000 iPad Pro, Smart TV, Pair of Honda Scooters. Tickets are \$1 each or 8 tickets for \$6.00. The drawing will be on April 30, 2020.

*Good Luck Everyone!*

James 4:6

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

If you are new in the parish or would like to become a member, we would appreciate it if you register.

(Please Print Clearly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving Out of Parish
- Want Envelopes
- Want Online Giving



**Confirmation Students needing service hours can sign – up in the Religious Education Office on Sunday mornings or by calling (570) 421-9097.**



**Confirmation Mass Reflection Book Collection: Sunday, March 29th**



**Families interested in bringing up the gifts of bread and wine at a certain Mass, should call the Parish Office at (570) 421-9097 ahead of time to schedule, or see usher before mass.**

**We would like to thank all the families that participated in our Lenten Rice Bowl. Through your generosity, families around the world will be helped .**



Tina, a middle school teacher tried to explain Thanksgiving to her four-year-old nephew, who thought it was a boring holiday with no presents or treats. She patiently explained that it was a time for appreciating all we have: a loving family, health, good food, ect. At bedtime on Thanksgiving evening, Tina overheard the boy saying a prayer: "Dear God: I am thankful for Mommy and Daddy and my sister– even though she breaks my toys– and my food and my warm house and my toys. I am thankful for my Aunt Tina, but could You tell her that she talks too much! I am only four!"



**Consecrate yourselves!**



Valarie Adam  
Linda Anderson  
Emma Ayala  
Kevin Bailey\*  
Vicki Bardsley  
Geovanny Bautista  
Joe Bell  
Robert Bennett  
Bonnie Bertini\*  
Tina Berwick  
John Burch  
Marian Burns  
Ralph Bush  
Charles Campbell  
Karen Connelly  
Aubrey Connors  
Richard Creo  
Cecilia Crowe  
Paul Crowe  
Mark Davenport  
Lida Davenport  
Jack Dempsey  
Anthony Desire  
Corrine Desterdick  
Artemio Domingo\*  
Dolores Dzydzora  
Joan Ferretti  
Shelia Fullerton  
Joseph Gebhardt  
Deborah Giemza  
Ruth Hargreaves  
David Hart

Roslyn Hayes  
Linda Hedges  
Patricia Hermit\*  
Deacon Tom Hogan  
Loretta Horn  
Sister Janice  
Howard Jenkinson  
Aaron Jones  
Edward Karcharski\*  
Kelsey Kirby  
Ellie Kloss \*  
Nancy Kochan  
Sebastian Lattuga  
Matthew Ledner  
Jim Lester  
Roseann Lopiano  
Mary Ludlow  
Sandra Luongo  
Billy Lynch\*  
Joe Lynch  
Frank MacKinney  
Rosalie Marrone  
Jennifer Matlock  
Richard Maylander  
Joseph McLean  
Samuel McLean  
Rose Mistretta  
Glen Neihart  
Kerry Nelson  
Sarah NelsonBernadette  
O'Reilly  
Daniel Ortiz  
Jonathan Perez

Theresa Peck  
Nancy Perretta  
Janet Perriene  
Lydia Rose Peters  
Abigail Possinger  
Nora Roberts  
Cecilia Robl  
Maria Celina Rodriguez  
Luis Rosado  
Rosa Maria Santos  
Ann Schuer  
Michael Serenson  
Melissa Strand  
Joan Stradford  
Donald Strong  
Frank Tasetano  
Austin Tichenor  
Gene Tirpak  
Audrey Toranzo  
Corey Trunfio  
\*Martha Vaca  
Christopher Vanatta  
Maureen Vecchione  
Brenda & Dave Verigo  
Joseph Vibercik  
Corrine Volpe  
Feno Volpe  
Essie Walker  
Frances Wash  
Catherine Webster

Dear Parishioners: Due to the increasing number of people being exposed to the Corona virus, we want to help keep all of our parishioners and people in our community healthy, and of course prevent the spread of this virus. All church activities including Religious Education, have been canceled until further notice. Weekday and weekend masses will continue as scheduled. The Parish Office will be closed to the public, until further notice. If you have Church business that you would like to schedule, we ask that you please contact the Parish Office at (570) 421-9097 or email the Church Office at: [office@churchofsaintluke.org](mailto:office@churchofsaintluke.org). We will be more than happy to assist you in any way possible. Scheduling a Mass Intention or purchasing a Mass Card can be handled over the phone or through email. Payment options are available through my eOffering or by mailing a check to the Parish Office at 818 Main St, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. If you have questions about my eOffering we can assist you by calling the Parish Office, the process is quite simple and takes very little time. We can also mail you instructions on the "How-To-Register."

**SANCTUARY LIGHT IN MEMORY  
OF  
JAMES VECCHIONE**



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**OUR LITURGIES FOR**

**MONDAY, MARCH 23**

**7:30 A.M. Mass**

Stella Yoost by Norma Watkins

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

**7:30 A.M. Mass**

Mary R. Driebe by Marianne & Terrence Snyder

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

**7:30 A.M. Mass**

James Vecchione

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

**7:30 A.M. Mass**

John Murray by Norma Watkins

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

**7:30 A.M. Mass**

Jennifer Grella by The Church of Saint Luke Youth Group

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

**4:30 P.M. Mass**

Brian Corcoran by JoAnne Tahaney

George DeRenzis by Claire Coleman

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Mr. & Mrs. John Baxter by The Tatu Family

Tyler J. Rodimer by Sallie Hosko

**9:30 A.M. Mass**

Pearl Hammond by Michelle Geise & Family

Judi Wilson by The Wilson Family

**11:00 A.M. Mass**

For The Parish

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# Kids Corner