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**Introduction to The Liturgy of the Word:** The kindness and mercy of God is acknowledged by today's response to the Psalm: *"The Lord is kind and merciful."* This kindness and mercy of God is illustrated when God called and revealed himself to Moses with the sacred name *'I am who am'* and sent him to rescue the Israelites from the hands of the Egyptians and to lead them safely out of Egypt to the promised land (First Reading). To confirm to us that the Lord God was able to fulfill his promise in the first reading, St. Paul goes on to attest the journey of the Israelites to the promised land. To get out of Egypt, the Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry land through the intervention of God. They were guided by the cloud that led them during the day and also kept them safe from the Egyptians in the night. They were provided with water from the Rock to drink and were fed with manner from Heaven. Despite doing all these for them, the Israelites complained and grumbled and so they were not able to make it to the promised land because they perished (Second Reading). The Gospel reading for today contains two disastrous events that led to the death of the people who were unprepared for the day of judgment because they refused to listen and amend their own ways. As a cautionary measure on our own part we are made to understand that God will deal with us in the same manner if we do not use wisely Jesus' warning to bear fruit that befits repentance.

**God Knows What is Going On in Own Lives and Cares About Us His Children:** Today's first reading does not only present God as all powerful and all-knowing, but as the God who reveals himself to Moses as the '*I am who I am*,' and as the one who protects his children and provides for their sustenance as well. That God is all-powerful and all-knowing and so knows all about what is happening to the Israelites is illustrated in the fact that he took the initiative to call Moses, to reveal himself to him and told Moses: "*I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." In this incidence of the burning bush we see God's worry for the children of Israel in Egypt and so God sent Moses to rescue and set them free. The very sacred name "<i>Yahweh*" which God revealed to Moses means "*He who is always there-I am the one who is always with you.*" For the believer, this name "*Yahweh*" expresses the hope that the Lord God will always be with His children. To the Lord God who made himself known by this name to Moses, it expresses the promise that He will always be there for and with his children.

**The Unrepentant Who Persist in Their Sins!** An unrepentant person is described as a Christian who although believes in Christ is just merely professing the faith but is not moved by the Spirit of God in the heart to amend his ways. The apostle John clearly states: *"If we say, 'we have fellowship with him,' while we continue to walk in darkness, we lie and do not act in truth"* (1 John 1: 6). The unrepentant refuses to ask God for forgiveness or has no remorse for their sin or to turn away from their sin and change. The unrepentant person simply decides to go on sinning and remaining in sin. St. Paul warned of the consequences of unrepentance: *"By your stubbornness and impenitent heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself for the day of wrath and revelation of the just judgment of God, who will repay everyone according to his works: eternal life to those who seek glory, honor, and immortality through perseverance in good works, but wrath and fury to those who selfishly disobey the truth and obey wickedness. Yes, affliction and distress will come upon every human being who does evil, Jew first and then Greek" (Romans 2: 5-9; Psalm 62: 12). The results of righteousness will be desirable and beautiful, while the consequences of unrepentance will be ugly and harsh.* 

It Is Up to Every Individual to Keep the Heart and Soul Pure/Clean: God creates a pure heart and a clean soul in us but it is up to us to keep our hearts pure and our souls clean. Desiring or thinking or even just praying that the Lord God make our hearts pure and our souls clean is not enough and so we have to accompany all these with good work and repentance whenever we fall. It is up to us to always keep the heart pure and the soul clean. Whenever we realize that we have soiled or broken our relationship with God, we have to repent as Jesus said: *"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"* Without repentance, a sinner is still what he is-an unrepentant sinner and such a person is at the mercy of God. Those who do not turn away from their faults and turn towards God, will end up like those Galileans or the eighteen who were met unprepared and died or like the fig tree on which no good fruit was found after three years and was to be cut down but was only given a second chance. Like the Jews, Jesus exhorts us to repent and reform our lives otherwise the merciful God will not put up with us indefinitely. Although God patiently waits for us to repent of our sins, He will not wait forever. Let's heed the voice of Jesus calling us to repent.

**Closing Prayer:** May God bless us and grant us the grace to live good lives and to repent of our faults whenever we know we offended God or other people.

### ~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

PARISH STEWARDSHIP"As each of us has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1Pt 4:10). Thank you all for the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.Needed Each Week: Needed Year-to-Date: Date: March 13, 2022 Other Collections: Ukraine Collections:	<u>St. Anne</u> \$2,242.45 78,485.70 66,322.46 905.00 246.00 363.00	<u>St. Catherine</u> \$2,548.08 89,182.80 93,209.74 1,952.00 250.00 368.00	<u>St. Gabriel</u> \$508.62 17,801.70 19,510.77 825.00 50.00	<u>St. Raphael</u> \$800.60 28,021.00 27,157.79 832.35 211.00 237.00	
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### This Week in our Parishes

### Saturday, March 19, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael

(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,

St. Gabriel & St. Raphael)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel

(Joan Eskelinen)

### Sunday, March 20, 2022

8:00am Reconciliation at St. Catherine
8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine
9:00am Mass at St. Catherine *(Special Intention for Kristen Metzke)*10:30am Rosary at St. Anne
11:00am Mass at St. Anne *(Steven Fitzgerald)*

### Monday, March 21, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (Lois Loyd)

### Tuesday, March 22, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (Special Intention for All Our Living)
9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation
6:30pm-7:00pm Stations of the Cross and Confession at St. Gabriel
7:00pm-7:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel (Tom Kane)

### Wednesday, March 23, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Eunice Krueger)
5:30pm-6:00pm Stations of the Cross and Confession at St. Catherine
6:00pm-6:30pm Mass at St. Catherine (Special Intet. for St. Catherine Parishioners)

### Thursday, March 24, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (For a Fruitful Lenten Season)
9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine
4:30pm Stations of the Cross and Confession at St. Raphael
5:00pm Mass at St. Raphael (Special Intention for Maxwell Jewett)

### Friday, March 25, 2022

5:00-5:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Anne 5:30-6:00pm Mass at St. Anne (Special Intention for St. Anne Parishioners)

### Saturday, March 26, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael (Ronald Frayer)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel (Joseph Gauthier)

#### Sunday, March 27, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Al Vichunas) 11:00am Mass at St. Anne (Bill Manczak)

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LENT FOR LIFE RICE BOWLS: Rice Bowls will be available at back of church for parishioners to take and use during this Lenten season. Please be generous in your giving for those less fortunate than us.
- Volunteer Cleaners Needed! St. Anne parish is asking for volunteers to do light cleaning of our church before Mass each weekend. The plan is for volunteers to sign up for a month at a time. To help with this stewardship of our church, please call the parish office at 724-6713. Thank you.
- ST. CATHERINE/ST. GABRIEL LECTOR SCHEDULES AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULES: Will be out by the end of the month and if you are not available any weekends in April, May or June please contact the parish office at 989-471-5121 by March 28th.

### TO HELP REDUCE EXPOSURE TO COVID-19, MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER ARE AVAILABLE.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

**SUNDAY:** EX 3:1-8A, 13-15, 1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12, LK 13:1-9

<u>MONDAY:</u> 2 KGS 5:1-15AB, LK 4:24-30

**TUESDAY:** DN 3:25, 34-43, MT 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY: DT 4:1, 5-9, MT 5:17-19

THURSDAY: JER 7:23-28, LK 11:14-23

### FRIDAY:

IS 7:10-14; 8:10, HEB 10:4-10, LK 1:26-38

> **SATURDAY:** HOS 6:1-6, LK 18:9-14

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

**Sunday:** Rev. Christopher Jarvis

**Monday:** Rev. Alex Kowalkowski

**Tuesday:** Vocations to the priesthood and all religious life

> Wednesday: Rev. Richard Kropf

**Thursday**: Rev. John Ladd

**Friday**: Rev. Scott Lawler

**Saturday**: All Seminarians

## LENTEN ACTIVITIES

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THUR	FRI	SAT
St. Catherine8:00-9:00AMConfession8:30-9:00AMRosary9:00AMMassSt. Anne ChurchNo Confession10:30-11:00PMRosary11:00AMMass	<u>St. Anne Church</u> 9:00AM Mass	St. Anne Church9:00AMMass9:30-10:30AMAdoration/ConfessionSt. Gabriel Church6:30-7:00PMStations ofthe Cross& Confession7:00-7:30PMMass	St. Catherine Church 9:00AM Mass 5:30-6:00PM Stations of the Cross & Confession 6:00-6:30PM Mass	St. Catherine Church9:00amMass9:30-10:30AMAdorationSt. Raphael Church4:30-5:00PMStations ofthe Cross& Confession5:00-5:30PMMass	Stations of the Cross & Confession 5:30-6:00PM Mass	St. Raphael           3:30-4:30PM           Confession           4-4:30PM           Rosary           4:30PM           Mass           St. Gabriel           6-6:30PM           Confession           6-6:30PM           Rosary           4:30PM           Mass

# HOLY WEEK



### HOLY THURSDAY | APRIL 14

5:30PM Mass at St. Anne in Harrisville

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15

5:30PM Mass at St. Anne in Harrisville

### HOLY SATURDAY | APRIL 16

all at St. Anne Church in Harrisville 11:00AM - Blessing of the Baskets 9:00PM - Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 17

**9:00AM** - **Easter Sunday Mass** at St. Catherine Church **11:00PM** - **Easter Sunday Mass** at St. Anne in Harrisville

#### LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE:

- Catholics 14 years or older are bound to abstain from meat all Fridays of Lent. No meat may be eaten on these days.
- Fasting Catholics age 18 years through age 59 are bound to the obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- We are to have only one full meal and two smaller meals. Eating between meals is not allowed but liquids are permitted.
- The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops explain that those who may be excused from fasting and abstinence include those outside the age limits, if physically or mentally ill, if suffering from chronic illness such as diabetes, and pregnant or nursing women. For more information on Lenten practices visit usccb.org



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