

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Prsident: As always, we turn to God with our needs, knowing that our prayers, made with humility and sincerity, will be heard.

- ☺ For the Church, which proclaims Christ crucified from nation to nation and from age to age, we pray;  
▶ **Spirit of all grace, help us.**
- ☺ For those with the power to make laws, that God's laws may be a model of how people are asked to treat each other, we pray;  
▶ **Spirit of all grace, help us.**
- ☺ For those who are entrusted with enforcing laws and making judgments, for law enforcement officials, attorneys, judges, and jurors, that they may show themselves worthy of the trust we place in them, we pray;  
▶ **Spirit of all grace, help us.**
- ☺ For those who suffer from the lack of those things we take for granted, especially for people who live in poverty in countries whose leaders and systems offer little hope for improvement, we pray;  
▶ **Spirit of all grace, help us.**
- ☺ For our own parish community, that we may be generous in sharing what we have with those who have less, especially during this holy season of Lent, we pray;  
▶ **Spirit of all grace, help us.**
- ☺ That those returning to the Church to celebrate with us during this Holy season may be blessed with a renewal of faith and a closer walk with the Lord, we pray;  
▶ **Spirit of all grace, help us.**
- ☺ That those who have died, may be welcomed into the house of the Lord forever, we pray;  
▶ **Spirit of all grace, help us.**
- ☺ For the intentions of our baskets, Sadie Behm, Maxine Skalski, the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes, the Diocesan Annual Appeal, and the success of our continued Renovation projects, we pray;  
▶ **Spirit of all grace, help us.**

(Pause for silent intentions to be offered from the heart.)

Prsident: God of justice and mercy, we lift our prayers to you today. Look with favor upon your people, as you have throughout time and place, and grant our prayers according to your will. We ask this through your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 3-4, 2018

### **Mass Intentions:**

†Sadie Behm  
†Maxine Skalski

Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes



### **Penitential Rite**

Lord Jesus, you suffered death on the cross, bringing us redemption and new life:

Lord have mercy.

.....Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you alone are the power and wisdom of God:

Christ have mercy.

....Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you strengthen us in our weakness:

Lord have mercy.

.....Lord, have mercy.

A reading from the book of Exodus.

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 carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers’ wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments. 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. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. 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. That is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. 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.”

The Word of the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#28, Gather - Psalm 42  
Song of the Exile

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

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 Gospel of the Lord.  
**PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!**

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I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the

resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.