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**Fourth Sunday of Great Lent – “A”**  
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**March 19, 2023**  
*100<sup>th</sup> year of service*

**Events for the week:**

**Sun., 3/19/23 – IV Sunday of Lent**

10:00AM – Holy Mass for +James Dean,  
of. by wife, Marjorie.

**MON., 3/20/23 – Solemnity – St.  
Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**

12:00Noon – Holy Mass for all  
Parishioners.

**WED., 3/22/23 – Lenten Weekday**

6:00PM – Ministerium Lenten Service

**FRI., 3/24/23 – Feast – St. Gabriel,  
Archangel**

12:00Noon – Holy Mass

6:00PM – The Way of the Cross (4)

**SAT., 3/25/23 – Solemnity –  
Annunciation of the BVM**

4:15PM – Holy Mass

On today's Sunday we rejoice in the Lord and give thanks for the gift of Christ's resurrection from the dead, which gives us hope and confidence.

**I Reading:** I Samuel 16:1,6-7, 10-13

**II Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

**GOSPEL:** John 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, He saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked Him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.' Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbors and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered. They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he


**Next Sunday, March 26: V Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday**

**Lenten Penitential Service**

**10:00AM – Holy Mass** for +John Michael Stabinsky.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Helen Hopko - James Panco – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause. *H & R Center Tremont*: Dolores Halaburda. *Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski. *Green Valley Rehab, & Nursing Center, Pottsville, PA* - Carl Guzik; *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen.

**Next Sunday's Mass intentions:** March 26: +John Michael Stabinsky; Apr. 2: +Janet Dean; Apr. 16: +John David's family; Apr. 23: +James Dean; May 14: Mother's Day Mass; June 4: 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass of the Pastor's Ordination to the Priesthood; June 11: First Holy Communion Day Mass.

 The deadline to register for Mission & Evangelism Workshop is **April 17, 2023**. For any information, please ask the Pastor.

has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.' So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where He comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, He couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when He found him He said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at Him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.' Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to Him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see," your sin remains.'

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

- Hall for Rent is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.
- **Apr. 2 – Palm Sunday**
- **Apr. 9 – Resurrection of the Lord Solemnity**
- **Apr. 28-30 – 22<sup>nd</sup> National Mission & Evangelism Workshop** – St. Stephen the Martyr Parish in Reading, PA.

- **June 11, 2023** – First Holy Communion Day.
- **June 17** – Craft show
- **October 15, 2023, at 4:00PM Anniversary Holy Mass** – Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of organizing our parish; dinner will be in the Roman’s restaurant, Frackville, PA.

**SCHEDULE of MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES** – all services begin at **6:00PM**.

**March 22:** St. Joseph the Worker RCC (49 N. Line St.)

**March 29:** Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church (56 N. Balliet St.)