



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalm 91

Romans 10:8-13

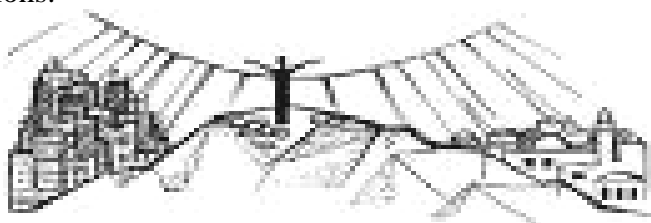
Luke 4:1-13

KEY VERSE: "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve" (v.8).

READING: After Jesus' Baptism (Lk 3:22), he was led by the Spirit into the desert where he fasted and prayed for forty days. There Jesus was tempted by the Evil One just as the people of Israel were tested for forty years (Dt 8:3). The first temptation echoed Israel's failure to trust God in the desert when they were hungry. Jesus knew real hunger during his fasting, but he refused to turn stones into bread. Instead he put his trust in God. The second temptation was the desire to attain earthly power and glory. Again Jesus resisted this enticement; he came, not as a regent, but as God's suffering servant. The third test was for Jesus to display his power by throwing himself over the Temple parapet. Jesus' real power was his ministry to the poor, the sick and suffering. In each trial, Jesus showed that he was the faithful Son who refused to succumb to the attraction of power, prestige and position. Satan was defeated and retreated until the final test when Jesus conquered evil on the cross.

REFLECTING: As I begin this Lenten Season, am I striving to overcome sin in my life?

PRAYING: Lord Jesus, help me to turn to you in all of my temptations.



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LUKE 4:8

Lent 1
February 21, 2010

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R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.		
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C: No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.		
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“Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God”
1 John 4:15



Everything Lent

Lent has begun and Lent focuses on an increased emphasis on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We were reminded that ‘now is the acceptable time’ to work on our discipleship. As Christian Catholics, this is a penitential time for us all. It is a time to reevaluate our lives to see if we are following the commands of our Lord. There are disciplines such as abstinence of meat foods on Wednesdays and Fridays. Other disciplines are attending Lenten Devotions such as Bitter Lamentations or Stations of the Cross. Extra efforts should be made to attending Holy Mass on Sunday. We must not forget our almsgiving as well. All these disciplines enhance our penitential discipleship. Are we up to the tasks? For guidance, maybe we should pray daily the following:

“God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.” Amen

2009 Stewardship Report Available

Persons wishing to receive their 2009 Stewardship Donations, please contact Fr. Bruce @ 412.276.5562 and your donations will be given to you for tax purposes.



Nite At The Races rescheduled to April 24th
Gates open at 6:00 P.M.



Frozen Pierogi Available

No date has been set for the next Pierogi Sale. There are frozen pierogies available after Mass. See Steffi or Ted to purchase.

Mark Your Calendars

March 6th PNU District Meeting
March 28th Palm Sunday Breakfast/Egg Hunt
March 14th Institution of PNCC
March 30th Mass of Chrism-Holy Family
April 30th-May 2nd Mission & Evangelism
May 9th Mothers Day Breakfast
June 20th Fathers Day Breakfast
July 4th-8th Diocesan Youth Retreat
July 26th-20th 2010 National Youth Convocation
August 7th District 5 PNU Family Picnic-Idlewild
October 4th-8th General Synod



Parish Haiti Relief Raffle

The YMSR Branch 70 Men's Club will be holding a Raffle to benefit our parish's Haiti Relief Program. Proceeds will be given to the local Pittsburgh base relief organization, Brother's Brother Foundation who is actively involved with the Haitian people rebuilding homes and giving medical supplies. Donations are \$5.00 a strip ticket. Prize will be an autographed Steeler Jersey by Big Ben #7 which is on display in the Narthex. The winner will be determined by the PA Lottery on March 13th. The BBF, a 50-year old Pittsburgh-based international charity, has provided over \$3.4 billion of medical supplies, textbooks, food, seeds and other humanitarian endeavors. For more information concerning the Brother's Brother Foundation check their website at www.brothersbrother.org

National Church Center

We are in our second year of the National Church Fundraising. We are close to ¾ quarters of the way. Every dollar helps. Please make a donation. Forms can be found in the bookrack in the parish Narthex.



Opening Hymn: "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Forty days and forty nights Thou was fasting in the wild
Forty days and forty nights tempted and yet undefiled.

Shall not we Thy sorrows share and from worldly joys abstain
Fasting with unceasing pray'rs strong with Thee to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press, flesh or spirit to assail
Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint or fail.

So shall we have peace divine, holier gladness ours shall be,
Round us, too, shall angels shine such as ministered to Thee.

Keep, o keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by Thy side,
That with Thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.



Closing Hymn: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Lord, who throughout these forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us to overcome our sins,
And close by You to stay.

As You with Satan did contend,
And did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in You to fight
In You to conquer sin.

As You did hunger and did thirst
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and so to live,
By Your most holy word..

Abide with us, that through this life,
Of doubts and hope and pain,
An Easter of unending joy
We may at last attain.

THEME-Do my actions show what I believe?

The Passover Meal was the Jewish people's commemoration of deliverance from slavery. In the same way, our Eucharistic meal, the Mass, celebrates our redemption from the slavery of being in the bondage of sin if we are in grace and we follow the commandments that Jesus gave to us. In gratitude for divine mercy, we bring our offerings before the altar. That is what stewardship is all about. What we are willing to sacrifice from our pockets in thanksgiving to what we have received, demonstrates what our commitment and expectations are from God. Great will always be the reward. We just have to believe it. Paul reminds us how expansive God's blessings and mercy really is for those who keep a true discipleship and call upon the name of the Lord.

Like Jesus, we must confess our faith when we are faced with the temptation to turn away from God. It is so easy to miss Mass on Sunday or ignore the Church's calling to build His Church with the talents we have received. We must ask ourselves, what kingdom do I really serve? Do I worship before the throne of earthly power falling prey to today's progressive agendas or do I worship before the altar of the Lord? Do I find satisfaction in the things of the world or in God's life-giving word? What we confess with our lips must be believed in our hearts.

Let this great Lenten Season show each of us the path to eternal life by making the most of what is offered. It is a time for our own personal sacrifices to the Lord through prayer, meditation, and almsgiving.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Yellow Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	C. Trumpe	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	T. Tomco & G. Jugan	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers
<u>Next Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Blue Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	H. Albeck	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	S. Tadjanski & K. Maglicco	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Server

This Week

Sunday, February 21, 2010

	Lent 1
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
<i>+Henrietta Kushner Int Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Foster and children.</i>	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
School of Christian Living	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
SAMBS Meeting (postponed from last Sunday)	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.
+Genevieve Lawrence Int Children and Grandchildren	
Baptism of Sydney Marie Lawrence	

Monday, February 22, 2010

Annunciation Bell Choir	7:00 P.M.
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Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Bitter Lamentations	7:00 P.M.
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Chopin Choir Rehearsal following Lamentations
Bible & Apologetic Class following Lamentations

Friday, February 26, 2010

Stations of the Cross	7:00 P.M.
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Sunday, February 28, 2010

	Lent 2
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
<i>+Dorothy Donahue Int Mr. & Mrs. Richard Contrella.</i>	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
School of Christian Living	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

We welcome Sydney Marie Lawrence, child of Gregory and Stacey Lawrence to the Christian Faith upon her baptism this morning during the 11:00 AM Mass.



Thank You to all the men who these winter snow storms who have their time to shovel the snow around the parish property.

We thank our Banner Ladies for their beautiful banner for the Lenten Season reminding us through symbols the love that God has for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus and the legacy of His Covenant.