

FIRST SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**



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# CORPUS CHRISTI, HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.



### Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

#### March 3:

Envelope Total: \$10,313

Electronic Giving: \$ 2,239

**Week Total: \$12,552**

**2018—Mar 4: \$14,093**

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

### ADORERS NEEDED

Adorers are needed. If you can devote an hour with the Blessed Sacrament, please call Rita at (201) 288-5210.

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. PAT....

Some of us discover how weak we are when we try to break a habit. The anti-smoking patch doesn't work, the diet plan is impossible and our Lenten efforts may topple.

What Jesus did is beyond comprehension. Jesus' resolve echoes in the closing words of today's Gospel: "Jesus said to him in reply, "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time."

The power of good shatters the wiles of evil. Perhaps, the glory of heaven is so great that it makes our time on the earth pale in significance. It is probably something we will never understand until we get there.

Trust, trouble, temptation. The Israelites remembered and trusted in God's constant, guiding presence and gave back to God the first fruits of the land. The psalmist trusted God would be present in times of trouble. Jesus survived temptation in the desert, only by trusting in God. In whom or in what do we place our trust when we are troubled and tempted?

The first Sunday of Lent always features Jesus' temptation in the desert, and today, we hear Luke's rendition of the story.

Jesus' temptations are prototypes of every individual's temptations and the things that can destroy the life of any community, including the church. Jesus' responses offer guidelines, reminding us of the implications of claiming our status as children of God's providence.

When we experience the desire or opportunity to exercise power, Jesus teaches us how to ask, "Whom does it serve? Finally, he shows us that faith is an invitation to growth in a relationship, not an insurance policy or a tool to manipulate God.

I thank all who were present last weekend asking for volunteers to spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. Sign-up sheets are available. Thank you to Rita Licameli who coordinates the Adorers. She has great devotion, and I thank all who come on a regular basis. Adoration is open Monday—Friday from 11am to 11pm.

God Bless,  
Fr. Pat

### MEALS WITH A MISSION COMEDY NIGHT.....

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Garfield Senior Center, 480 Midland Ave.

Doors open at 7pm, show starts at 8pm

Bring your own food and drinks

Admission is \$40/pp

For tickets call Alisa (201) 280-7176 via text or email [alisa18@optonline.net](mailto:alisa18@optonline.net)

Come join the fun, and support a worthy cause!

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2019 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast & Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

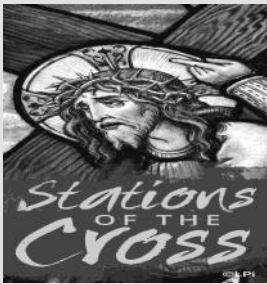
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast & Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019.**

\*Canon 920, 1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**



### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)**

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

### CATHOLIC MEN'S COMMISSIONS Archdiocese of Newark

*Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, March 16, 2019, at Seton Hall University.* This year's theme, for the English track is "For a time such as this, Holiness and Hope!" The speaker for the English track will be Fr. Larry Richards, the founder and president of The Reason for Our Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization dedication to "spreading the Good News" by educating others about Jesus Christ and hosts various radio shows and programs on EWTN. The Master of Ceremonies, Gregory Floyd, is the Executive Vice President of Mission at Eva's Village. The day begins at 8am with breakfast and ends at 4:30pm.

Registration fee for the event is \$25/adults. Priests & religious are free. The day includes continental breakfast and lunch. Visit [www.menscommission.org](http://www.menscommission.org).



### MASS INTENTIONS

There are open Mass intentions for the **6:30am Mass during the months of March, April & May.** If you would like to remember a loved one at Mass, please stop by the Parish Center to schedule a Mass.

### ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Archdiocese of Newark will be honoring married couples who will be celebrating their 50th, 25th and 5th anniversaries this year. The Mass schedule is as follows for all counties:

**April 28, 2019 for 50 years  
June 2, 2019 for 5 years & 25 years**

If you are celebrating one of these special anniversaries and would like to attend the respective Mass, please contact Mary Beth at the Parish Center, (201) 288-4844, ext. 132 to register. The deadline for the 50th Anniversary Mass is April 19th and for the 25th and 5th Anniversary Mass it is May 24th.



### CALLING NEW MEMBERS...

What better way to praise God than by singing to Him, and praising Him! The Adult Choir is looking for new members. If you can sing and would like to join, please see Joanna or come to rehearsal which is every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Chapel. Your voices are needed....





**ANTICIPATED MASS, MARCH 9**

5:00 PM Murray Mascis

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Papa  
 10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Licameli Family  
 12:00 NN Living & Deceased Girl Scouts of Hasbrouck Heights  
 6:00 PM Ricardo Mattessich

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**

6:30 AM Jennifer O'Donnell (Living)  
 8:00 AM Anthony Tuzzo

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

6:30 AM Elliot Bailey  
 8:00 AM David Hernandez

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

6:30 AM Maria & John Tarabokia  
 8:00 AM Murray F. Mascis

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**

6:30 AM George Geswaldo  
 8:00 AM Muriel McGovern

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**

6:30 AM Edward Malley  
 8:00 AM MariLynn Dinallo

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

8:00 AM Alfonso Abujan

**ANTICIPATED MASS**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Urban & Senzon Families

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Minan & Casey Families  
 10:00 AM Michael Niewkrewicz  
 12:00 NN Murray Mascis  
 6:00 PM Marty Mattessich

**CANDLES, HOSTS & WINE FOR THE WEEK**

The candles to be burned on our altars as well as the hosts and wine to be consecrated at all the Masses this week were donated in loving memory of **MariLynn Dinallo** from her mother, Theresa.



**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Roberta Stedtler, Lynn Griffin, Alana Wiseman, Nicholas Schiro, Anthony Faresich

**MEALS WITH A MISSION**

If you would like to volunteer your time to feed the hungry and less fortunate, then Meals with a Mission is for you! Please call (201) 986-6325 or email carol-walsh@mealswithamissionnj.org.

May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Margaret Marchetta, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Dennis Dzugay, Cosmelina Cammarata, Fred Baxter, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Christine Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bing Savkov, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan (daughter), Michael Heitmann, Christina Belej, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Frank Coccaro, Elaine Adamkiewicz, Mishelle Kittlinger

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

LTWC—10:15 AM/UpCaf  
 Girl Scout Sunday & Reception—12 PM/Chapel & Caf  
 Bball—2 PM/Gym  
 ACCTm—7 PM/ECLC

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel  
 Bball—5 PM/Gym

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel  
 Bball—5 PM/Gym  
 Pastoral Council Mtg—7 PM/PC2ndFLLG  
 Cub Scout Ad. Ldr Mtg—7:30 PM/PC2ndFLSM  
 AA—8 PM/ECLC

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel  
 Bball—5 PM/Gym  
 Cub Scouts—6:30 PM/ECLC  
 Men's Cursillo—7:30 PM/PC1stFLCR

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel  
 Bball—5 PM/Gym  
 Boy Scouts—7:30 PM/ECLC  
 Men's Bball—9 PM/Gym

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel  
 Bball—5 PM/Gym  
 Cub Scouts—6:30 PM/ECLC  
 Ultreya—6:30 PM/Caf  
 Stations of the Cross—7 PM/Church

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

Hospitality—11 AM/Caf

**ACCTm**

Due to the inclement weather, our annual Paint & Shake has been moved to this Sunday, (3/10). Please bring your signed permission slips and checks (payable to Pencilworks Studios). There will not be a meeting next week as we are taking a trip to the Peace Island Institute.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

If you have felt the Holy Spirit moving you to become involved with a ministry and have a love of children, come share your faith with the children of Corpus Christi. LTWC is in need of volunteers for 10:00am Sunday Mass (children's Mass). If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact Donna Palmiotto at (201) 288-8012.