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SUNDAY OF LENT

"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from
the mouth of God." - Mt 4:4

**Sunday, March 1**

9:00 AM Joseph Shubilla - Mike & Sue Havrilosin
 11:15 AM Martha Lock - Christian Women

Monday, March 2

7:00 AM Julia & Leo Rokosz - Phyllis & Phil
 Gianuzzi
 5:30 PM Light is On

Tuesday, March 3

7:00 AM Deceased & Living Members of the
 Kowalski & Wakeham Families - Frank
 & Carolyn Kowalski

Wednesday, March 4

7:00 AM Janice & Helen Shilkoski - John, Mary &
 Nancy Lynch

Thursday, March 5

7:00 AM Joseph Stempien - Family

Friday, March 6

7:00 AM Harold & Bertha Gabriel - Hal Gabriel &
 Dianne Vozzak
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

4:00 PM Edward Klauss - Mr. & Mr. Michael
 Naperkowski

Sunday, March 8

9:00 AM Margaret M. Petlock - Husband, Elmer
 11:15 AM David Richards, Sr. - Wife, Theresa

SANCTUARY VOTIVES: In Memory of Jim J. Ruth -
 By Bob & Sharon Flynn

SACRED HEART CANDLES: In Memory of John
 Bunsick - By Daughter, Janiece DeMuro & Family

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$4,060.20

LOOSE: \$202.00

DUES: \$1,561.00

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23

SUNDAY: \$3,869.06

LOOSE: \$265.00

AIR CONDITIONING: \$983.00

FUEL: \$1,267.00

EASTERN CHURCH: \$417.00

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Education and
 Health Care of Clergy

SUNDAY REFLECTION

How do you deal with temptation? That's the personal challenge given to us by the Word of God on the first Sunday of Lent. An so we begin our journey with Jesus, traveling to the holiest place we can reach at this point in our lives. This Lent is like no other. Last year, you had different needs, different areas of growth, different levels of insight and understanding. Much has happened since then, and all of it is a preparation for what the Lord is going to do in your life right now. What victory do you need? What needs to be resurrected? To get there, Jesus will lead you through the cross of penance and self-denial, into His tomb, and out into God's light where His love provides healing and new life. During Lent, and every time we make sacrifices and connect our sufferings to the Passion of Christ, we follow Jesus to the cross and to resurrection. This involves seeing our own crosses in a new light, for the Calvary Road is the only way to reach the victories that we yearn to experience. If we want Easter to be more than just a holiday of colored eggs, chocolate bunnies and big dinners, we have to make Lent more than just 40 days of enduring an annoying, obligatory sacrifice, eating meatless pizza on Fridays, and going to an occasional extra event at Church. If we want to experience the power of resurrection, we have to experience the power of mourning and repenting from our sinfulness. In other words, we have to experience the powerlessness of death of our worldliness, the death of our behaviors that are not like Christ's.

LIGHT IS ON - Starting this Monday evening up until Holy Week, an opportunity is presented for an hour of prayer and reflection, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take this time to make your Lent more meaningful as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. The Service will begin at 5:30 PM. You may stay for the entire Service or go to confession.

LENTEN OUTREACH PARISH PROJECT - Next Sunday we hope you will consider donating **PASTA** e.g. mac & cheese, dry or canned spaghetti. Also **SOCKS** for all men, women and children. Every year your response has been very generous. Please place your donations on the altar railing or the kneelers near the sanctuary.

OPERATION RICE BOWL - This is another spiritual exercise which asks us to make some material sacrifice to help the poor. Consider taking one home (at Church entrances) and place it somewhere in your home. Make it visible on the kitchen table, near your bed, etc. and take your loose change into them as often as you can. This is also a great way to help your children to practice charity.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour beginning next Sunday.

PARISH FISH FRY - Our parish will have a Fish Fry take-out Dinner on April 3rd. Fish, Mac & Cheese & Cole Slaw for \$9.00. Orders will begin this weekend.

PACZKI RAFFLE WINNERS:

1st Prize - \$500.00 - Chris Halchak
2nd Prize - \$300.00 - Christine Wilk
3rd. Prize - \$200.00 - Lisa Mikush
4th. Prize - \$100.00 - Joe Wassel
5th. Prize - \$100.00 - Arline Deleman
6th. Prize - \$100.00 - Frank Stanovich
7th Prize - \$50.00 - Gene Matthews
8th. Prize - \$50.00 - Bree Ann Fetterman
9th. Prize - \$50.00 - Kathleen Waltos
10th. Prize \$50.00- Kim Kretchmer

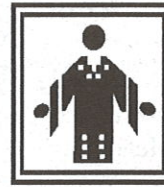
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

EUCCHARISTIC WAY OF THE CROSS - Thoughtout the Lenten Season, this devotion will be held every Friday at 5:30 PM. This is an unique way of having Eucharistic Adoration and observing the Stations of the Cross. We encourage you attend. Our children will conduct the Stations devotion sometimes during a Friday TBD.

2020 PASCHAL (EASTER CANDLE) - We are grateful to the Anonymous donor who sponsored the candle this year. It is used throughout the Easter season and at all baptisms, confirmations, funerals and special devotions. May Christ's light shine in us all.

DINNER FOR KIDS - There will be a special fundraising event to help sponsor this special program on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, to be held at Misericordia University. The reception will be from 5:30 pm and to be followed by a buffet at 6:30 pm. The cost will be \$50.00 per person. This event will honor several individuals including our own Deacon Joe DeVizia who was one of the primary founders. Anyone who has volunteered to deliver meals to kids and are members of our parish, we will gladly cover the cost. Please contact Father Terry if interested. Deadline to register is March 19th.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL- We are grateful to those who to date have made their pledge. However for the first time it has fallen short of the goal. Our goal is a high one but it has been achieved in the past. Due to the number of previous donors who have died or are in poor health has affected us. But there are still many who can and should make some effort to help. \$6000.00 is short of goal. We have a good and supportive community. Let's step up and do better in this regard. It will affect us and the Diocese in many ways.



FROM THE PASTOR

When I was on Retreat last year the theme was Renewing Our Hearts. I'd like to share with you, as we begin this Lenten Season, suggestions to keep our hearts in good shape through interior (spiritual) exercises to strengthen our relationship with God. Try to keep your heart in good shape by engaging in some of these concrete practices or activities to strengthen our relationship with others.

Interior Spiritual Practices: Methods of Prayer: Lectio Divina, using a text of scripture or a short passage of spiritual reading book, read it slowly. You might go back to a phrase or a word that strikes your heart and repeat it. You are not reading for information, but for transformation. **Go Slow,** taste the words, digest the thought. Remembering it during the day. E.G. If God is for us, who can be against us. God who did not spare His own Son but handed Him over to us all, how will God not also give us everything else along with Him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? Christ Jesus who it is who died, or rather was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. (Romans 8:31b-34). This is another suggestion based upon St. Alphonsus that builds on the above. **Beginning:** still your mind and heart. Put yourself in the presence of God by making an act of faith, of humility, ask for light and strength from the Holy Spirit. Read a short passage from Scripture or a spiritual book. **Meditate/Reflect** on what was read, what it means, what it teaches you. **Contemplate:** be still in the presence of God. **Prayers of Petition:** Pray for the graces you need for daily living and for the needs of the world. **Resolution:** Make one practical resolution you can do today. **Conclusion:** Thank God for whatever grace you have received and ask for help to keep your resolution. Part II, next week - Examination of Conscience and Exterior Spiritual Practices.

LOTTERY

Wed. Feb. 12	692	Stella Page
Thurs. Feb. 13	552	
Fri. Feb. 14	970	Shirley Klauss
Sat. Feb. 15	332	Jim Tomasura
Wed. Feb. 19	258	Ruth Wren
Thurs. Feb. 20	106	
Fri. Feb. 21	289	Dave Talacka
Sat. Feb. 22	676	Ruth Wren

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: When was the last time I gave in to temptation? What wisdom have I gained since then?