First Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2020

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


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1st
Sunday of Lent

MASS SCHEDULE:
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM
Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Rosary: Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4:00–4:45 PM or anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM: Arrangements are to be made in advance. Parent Baptismal Class and Sponsor’s Certificate are required. Please call the Parish Office to register.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months before the wedding. Please contact the Parish Office before you set your date or reserve your hall.

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday–Friday 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
Closed Saturday & Sunday
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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, MAR 1** SVDP Easter Food Collection
- 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:30 AM PSR/HH
- 11:00 AM Mass

**MONDAY, MAR 2**
- 8:05 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Adoration
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy
- 7:00 PM Our Journey with Jesus/HH
- 7:00 PM HNS Meeting/UR

**TUESDAY, MAR 3**
- 8:05 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:15 AM Momento Mori/GA
- 7:00 PM PSR/HH
- 7:00 PM Confirmation Practice/C
- 7:00 PM Momento Mori/UR

**WEDNESDAY, MAR 4**
- 8:05 AM Avilas followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Bible Study
- 4:30 PM PSR/HH
- 6:00 PM Bereavement Ministry/UR

**THURSDAY, MAR 5**
- 8:05 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/C

**FRIDAY, MAR 6**
- 8:05 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 7:00 PM Confirmation

**SATURDAY, MAR 7** SVDP Easter Food Collection
- 11:00 AM Baptism: Stella R. Schell
- 5:00 PM Mass

**SUNDAY, MAR 8** SVDP Easter Food Collection
- 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:30 AM PSR/HH
- 11:00 AM Mass

**Q** Why is the Vatican sometimes called the “Holy See?”

**A** A little background in ecclesiology will help explain why we call the Vatican the Holy See. The Church is very structured and organized in its hierarchy. A diocese is a geographic area governed by a bishop appointed by the Pope. Each diocese is further broken down into parishes, which have pastors who represent the bishop in his teaching authority.

The diocese of Rome has a particular role in the Church because of its importance and antiquity. The Pope is head of the Church because he is the Bishop of Rome. Every bishop has a seat or throne, which is the symbol of his teaching authority and is located in the cathedral of each diocese. The Latin word for seat is “sedes.” So each diocese can be referred to as a “see.” Most people think that St. Peter’s is the cathedral of Rome, but St. John Lateran Basilica is actually the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome. This is where the Pope’s seat or throne as Bishop of Rome is found. So, the Holy See is a reference to the chair of Peter, the Pope’s Chair.
Lent is here. It’s March First. The year is starting to slip by us very quickly. I always look forward to these sacred six weeks leading up to Easter. Our initial drive towards our Lenten practices come with good intentions. Can we advance each day with the resolve to stick to our spiritual practices? Many people taper off on their determination to stay the course because they do not see immediate growth. We must remember spiritual growth is not based on instant success. I would be inclined to expect some difficult struggles along the way, many distractions, and moments that try to deter us from the Lenten path towards Holy Week.

Here is something to remember from the gospel. Jesus was constantly bombarded with distractions, nay-sayers, misunderstanding from his closest disciples, and the devil. Yeah, Jesus encounters this evil entity in the desert for some forty days. During this time of trial, Jesus will be questioned, interrogated, and tempted to the highest degree by the devil. Evil’s purpose is to see that no good comes to anyone. Hence, you create a distraction to make something look good but underneath the reality is so far from the truth of goodness. This is core of today’s gospel.

The distractions created are the actual temptations posed by the devil to throw Jesus off and succumb to immediate satisfaction. Turn these stones into bread, meaning you should have your every physical need satisfied. There is no reason to fast (remember he is in the desert where growth and water is scarce). What the devil is saying is whatever you want and whenever you want it, it is yours. Can you imagine that temptation in our lives? How many of us would at least explore, if just a little to see what we could get?

Jesus is then tempted to throw himself from the parapet of the temple and watch God’s angels catch him and secure his life. This daring temptation will prove the extraordinariness of who Jesus is. He is doing something spectacular that into today’s culture would “blow-up” on the internet. Jesus simply says, “Do not put the Lord, your God, to the test.” I am sure that none of us will throw ourselves from the top of our church expecting God to catch us. But do we ever put God to the test? How many times have you or I asked God for a sign when we are under stress or must make a difficult decision? Do we ever test God in other ways? The way of Christ was sheer faith.

Finally, Jesus can be given all the kingdoms of the world, which is way beyond what the devil can deliver. This temptation is about who to worship. If Jesus believes the devil can offer the world, he will worship him. However, Jesus’ faith in his Father is unshaken. He worships God, his Father, and does everything to stay in right relationship with him. If Jesus were to do the unthinkable and worship the devil, he would find out quickly that these promises the devil cannot keep.

I say this at the beginning of every Lent. This is my favorite time of year to pray and worship. Our liturgies are deep and meaningful. Our Lenten practices should only enhance our relationship with Christ. However, it is easy to give up and allow our drive towards Holy Week to be mediocre. What I am saying to myself each morning of Lent is “Stay On Top of It” and “Don’t Lose Sight of It.” What is the “It?” This is our time to dive deep into the mystery of Jesus’ Passion, Death, and Resurrection. We pray, fast and perform acts of charity all for the reason of seeking greater intimacy with Christ. This is Lent and this is our preparation for Holy Week.

Momento Mori or “remember your death” is a Lenten Spiritual practice that has deep roots in our tradition and history. We especially saw this in times of strife in our history. The medieval times made this a powerful practice to partake. Those who will be a part of this practice have been advised to begin their reflection guided in their “Momento Mori” books starting last Wednesday. We will have our first session of reflection groups on Tuesday Morning at 9:15AM-10:15AM or Tuesday evening 7PM-8PM. Our hope is not to see death as something we avoid, but an aspect of life that leads us to our life in heaven. If that is the case, we realize the value and significance of life here on earth.

All are invited to attend the first session of Love, Life, and Lent: Perspectives on Non-Violence on the Wednesdays of Lent. Our first session will be held at The Unitarian Universalist Church, at 10848 Chillicothe Road this Wednesday from 7-8:30PM. The Unitarian Church will host this meeting and the presentation will be provided by Seth Bryant from the Kirtland Temple Visitors Center. The presentation is described as follows: The saying goes, “sticks and stones,” but words not only can hurt, some words spoken and written in the past have incited terrible violence. This class explores how words create worlds, for better and worse, with historical examples including one from Seth’s own tradition. I hope you will consider attending these sessions with me.

Have a great Lent and remember to stick to your Lenten promises to grow in the Lord.
Growing Through Grief - Bereavement Support Series

Grief is like having broken ribs. On the outside you look fine but with every breath it HURTS. After the loss of a significant person in our lives, we experience a wide variety of feelings and emotions. We are here to help you work through the stages of grief and find ways to continue on. Please join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 PM thru March 18th in the Upper Room. Feel free to join us even if you’ve missed previous sessions. To register or if you have any questions please call Debbie Lokar at the parish office.

Breadth of Life Luncheon

Gary Hunter, Executive Director of Ohio Route 6 Tourist Association, will speak at the March 11th Breadth of Life Luncheon. He will take you on a visual, historic ride across Route 6 through the State of Ohio and beyond. A life-long resident of U.S. Highway 6, he has been promoting Route 6 and surrounding communities for years. He and his wife, Pat, have traveled through all 10 counties in Ohio and all 14 states through which it runs. The luncheon will be held at St. Noel’s Parish Hall in Willoughby Hills from Noon to 2 p.m. Cost is $18 per person which includes tossed salad, lemon pepper cod, parsley buttered red potatoes, vegetables and cheesecake. All are welcome. Call Debbie Lokar at the parish office for reservations by March 6.

Hot Meals Program Needs Our Help

Help is needed to serve the Hot Meals Program at St. Philip Neri Community Center on Sundays, May 24th or May 31st. For further information or to let us know you are available please contact Debbie Lokar.

Divorce Recovery for Catholics

This 8 Week Support Group, designed to meet the needs of those who are divorced or separated, will begin Thursday, March 12th and run through May 7th, at St. Mary Church, 401 North Street, Chardon, from 7- 9PM. Sessions are designed to offer direction, support, and the tools for coping with this life-changing experience. For more information or to register, please call Catholic Charities at 352-6191 or 1-800-242-9755, or email kjubeck@st-gabriel.org. There is no charge for this program, all materials are provided, and it is open to people of all faiths.

Humor from the Caddyshack

The inmate was aware that all prison mail is censored. When he got a letter from his wife asking when to plant the potatoes, he wrote back: “Do not, under any circumstances, dig up the old garden spot. That’s where I buried all of my guns and the loot.” Within a few days his wife wrote back, “The police were here and they dug up the entire backyard.” He replied, “Now is the time to plant the potatoes.”

Father Jim

Momento Mori

If you have registered and have your book, the dates for the Lenten Spiritual Devotion “Momento Mori” are on the six Tuesdays of the Lenten Season from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in the Gathering Area or from 7:00 PM to 8:00PM in the Upper Room. We will meet on the following Tuesdays: March 3rd, March 10th, March 17th, March 24th, March 31st and April 7th. We are looking forward to a spirit-filled devotion.

Retrouvaille Weekend

The next Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for March 27th - 29th. This is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help. RETROUVAILLE, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of $150 is required to join the program. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.

News from AM 1260 The Rock

We’re hiring! AM 1260 The Rock is looking for a part-time accounting coordinator to process donor gifts, handle accounting functions and be a part of our growing apostolate! More information, including application instructions, is available at www.am1260therock.com.

Wedding Banns

II Kyle Majewski & Dominique Alioto
“Forgiven” Study Program
This Lenten season, we recommend the FORMED program, “Forgiven: the Transformative Power of Confession.” It is a 3-week, video-based study that can be done individually. Go to formed.org/signup, select your parish, register with your name and email address, check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED to access thousands of movies, programs, audio files and books.

Adoration
Would you consider giving the Lord, who is the giver of time, a visit during Lent? Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration every Monday (except holidays) following the 8:30 AM Mass until 10PM. Our Lord welcomes you and would like to see you. We have a need for substitutes during Adoration. If you are available, please call Debbie Lokar at the parish office. Experience His love and peace and grow deeper in love with Him.

Christ Child Society
Please join the Christ Child Society of the Western Reserve chapter for the 27th Annual Red Wagon Luncheon being held at LaMalfa in Mentor on Wednesday, April 29th at 10AM. The theme this year is "Bloom Where You Are Planted." Along with100 red-bowed baskets there will be a Silent Auction of many wonderful items. A Premier Raffle with cash prizes of $3,000, $1,000 and $500 is an annual favorite (winners need not be present). Tickets are $5 ea or 6/$25. Jesi Stracham, Inspirational Speaker, will be the highlight of the event. Luncheon tickets are $50 and can be purchased online at christchildwesternreserve.org. Please contact Elaine Rozic at 440-352-1172. Limited seating available. RSVP by April 6th.

Christ Child Clothing Cottage
The CCWR Clothing Cottage has quite a few 1st Communion dresses. These donated dresses are in really good condition and are being sold for $8.00. There are also some veils for sale for $2 - $3. Stop by to take a look and visit the FB page for sales like this. Cottage hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 9:30 AM- 4:30 PM and it’s located in the Pastina shopping plaza in Mentor across from Walmart. Proceeds benefit Lake County children in many, many ways from Eye Screening of Preschoolers to scholarships for college students. Please visit www.christchildwesternreserve.org to find out more about this women's Christian organization.

Food, Fun & Festivities
St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Fundraiser
Saturday, March 14th following 5PM Mass in Hanson Hall

This festive evening will include Irish music, a multitude of baskets to be raffled, and a live auction -- guaranteed fun! The delicious homemade dinner includes corned beef and cabbage, colcannon, potatoes, carrots and dessert. Soda, iced tea, beer, and wine will be provided.

Food has been generously donated by local companies. All proceeds from the evening will benefit Joseph House, St. Philip Neri Hot Meals Program and Adam Hess. Volunteers from Holy Name Society (assisted by members of the Joseph House Board) will be cooking and serving the meal. Only $20.00 per person! Tickets can be purchased at the parish office. Cash or check (made payable to Holy Name Society) accepted. Please get your tickets soon as the deadline is Wednesday, March 11th. Only a very limited number of tickets will be available the night of the event. Thank you!

Divine Mercy Cenacle
Monday, March 9th at 1:30PM the Divine Mercy Cenacle will be meeting in the Gathering Area. We will be reviewing weeks 6 and 7 of the Cenacle Formation Manual. I look forward to your input and presence.

Debbie Lokar

Four Seasons Book Club
The Spring season will soon be upon us so let’s check out another good read.
On Heaven and Earth presents a series of conversations from the man who became Pope Francis, Jorge Mario Bergoglio and Rabbi Abraham Skorka. They share their thoughts on faith, family, prayer, guilt, death and many other topics. Both men sought to build bridges among Catholicism, Judaism, and the world at large. Hope you can join us Tuesday, May 12th at 7 PM in the Gathering Area to share your opinions, questions, likes and dislikes regarding the book. Please acquire it on your own.
God Bless You for Your Generosity

Stewardship Report-February 22/23, 2020
Weekly Collection (244 envelopes): $11,468.00
Weekly Collection Goal: $12,662.00
Weekly Collection surplus/deficit: (-) $1,194.00

YTD Collection: $499,409.90
YTD Goal: $500,363.00
YTD Collection surplus/deficit: (-) $953.10

St. Vincent de Paul
Lent is a call to “give alms for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. In effect, they are ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

Hunger in Our World
When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

Easter Food Collection News
The Easter Food collection begins this weekend! We are collecting non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies and paper products. Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the bins in the Gathering Area. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted! Also, please make note on your calendar that we will be packing & delivering the baskets to those in need in our community on Palm Sunday, April 5th following the 11AM Mass.

Legacy Fund
As we demonstrate our devotion to God this Lenten season, we are reminded to be stewards of our faith. By providing a gift through your estate planning, you leave a sign of your commitment to continue the good work of the Church. To begin planning for your legacy, or to become a member of the Divine Word Legacy Society, please contact Fr. Dave or Shari Allwood at the parish office or Sandy Lucas of the Catholic Community Foundation at (216) 696-6525 x1640, email: slucas@catholiccommunity.org for a confidential conversation.

Remember Our Sick & Suffering!

Please take a moment to lift these individuals up in prayer this week. Please notify the parish office when a name can be removed from the list. Thank You.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
March 7th-8th, 2020

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