



March 6, 2022

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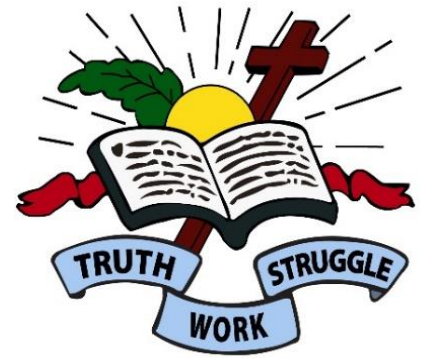
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

A Sabbath Thought

Our tradition has handed down to us a list of the *right* things to do during this season of Lent. But we must avoid the great temptation of Lent: to do those right things for the *wrong* reasons.

About Today's Bible Readings

DEUTERONOMY 26:4-10

As a thanksgiving for the rescue from Egypt, Moses developed a ritual offering for first fruits of the land to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

**R. Be with me, Lord,
when I am in trouble.**

ROMANS 10:8-13

For Paul, the belief in Jesus and confession of him as the Lord is the basis of salvation.

LUKE 4:1-13

Satan tempts Jesus in the wilderness. But Christ always seeks to do the Father's will, and the temptations come to naught.

ENTRANCE RITE – Joel 1:14

V. Proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the elders, all who dwell in the land,

R. Into the house of the Lord, your God, and cry to the Lord!

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

TRACT Jeremiah 2:5; Psalm 24:1

V. It was I Who made the earth, and man and beast on the face of the earth, by My great power, with My outstretched arm; and I can give them to whomever I think fit.

R. The earth is the Lord's and all it holds, the world and those who live there.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – March 6th

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

WEDNESDAY – March 9th

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 PM

SUNDAY – March 13th

Solemnity

Institution of the P.N.C.C.

Daylight Saving Time Begins!

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

WEDNESDAY – March 16th

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 PM

PICNIC COMMITTEE

As we begin preparation for the return of our annual picnic, much help is needed. If you can and are willing to help, please contact Jay Rowe, our committee chairperson at jrowe@oblon.com or call him at 484-332-9409.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

A Spring Clean-Up is planned for the Cemetery. If you have decorations on the graves that you want to keep, please remove them before March 17th or they will be disposed of for you.

Prime Bishop Mikovsky 25th Anniversary of Ordination

On Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA, You are invited to join Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky as he celebrates Holy Mass of Thanksgiving on his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Following the Mass there will be a reception/banquet (with limited capacity of 200) at the Cathedral Youth Center. More information is available on the flyer posted on the bulletin boards in the vestibule and in the Fellowship Hall and in the information rack above the bulletins.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Ed Edling, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Frank Fisher and Riley Rejniak. **Our Father....**

If there are any individuals who should be on this list or should be removed from it, please email or tell Fr. Sr. Donald so he can make the changes!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, March 6th; The ANS will meet in the Library at 11:00AM. All of the Ladies of the parish are urged to attend and to join if you do not already belong.

Monday, March 7th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00PM.

Tuesday, March 8th; The YMS of R will meet at 7:00PM in the fellowship Hall. All of the men of the Parish are encouraged to attend and to join if you are not already members.

Wednesday, March 9th; **STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM.** The Mission Commission will be serving potato soup beginning at 6:00PM.

Thursday March, 10th; The Book Club will meet at 7:00PM in the library. The book that will be discussed is "Where Do We Go From Here" by Dr. David Jeremiah. All are welcome.

Wednesday, March 16th; **STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM.** The YMS of R will be serving potato pierogis and mushroom soup.

Sunday, March 20th; Monthly Parish Committee meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I hope all committee members are planning to attend

Wednesday, March 23rd; **STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM.** The ANS be serving spaghetti with meatless marinara sauce at 6:00PM.

Wednesday, March 30th; **STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM.** Manhattan Clam Chowder and Tuna Salad on a roll served at 6:00PM.

Wednesday, April 6th; **STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM.** Mama's Pizza served at 6:00PM.

Tuesday, April 12th; Proposed trip to Scranton for the Chrism Mass at Saint Stanislaus Cathedral. More info to follow. Please sign the sheet in the vestibule if you are interested in joining us.

Wednesday, April 13th; **STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM.** Tuna or egg salad sandwiches served at 6:00PM.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

We are exploring several different ways of offering support for those afflicted by the turmoil in Ukraine. Please check back for more information on how we can help.

CROSS OF COMPASSION

Cross of Compassion, Cross of Salvation,
Cross of all Wisdom, Cross of Love.

He who would seek Thee, know Thee and love Thee,
He shall find guidance from above.