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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Anniversary of Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church

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 9th

1st Sunday of Lent

**Anniversary
of the Institution of the Polish
National Catholic Church**

**Daylight Saving
Time Begins!**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

WED. – March 12th

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

**“Free” Lenten Meal Before
@ 6:00 PM**

**Sponsored by the ANS
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
and Tomato Soup!**

SUNDAY – March 16th

2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

WED. – March 19th

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

**“Free” Lenten Meal Before
@ 5:30 PM**

“FISH FRY”

**Sponsored by the YMS of R
Hand Battered Fish Filet
Sandwich, French Fries
and Cole Slaw!**

Lenten Devotional Booklets

These are on the table in the vestibule.
Please take one and spend a few minutes
each day of Lent in prayerful reflection.

Cemetery Adornments

In preparation for the Spring Clean Up of the Parish Cemetery, we ask that if you have any adornments on your gravesites that you wish to keep, that you please remove them soon or they will be disposed of. Thank you for your prompt attention.

INTENTIONS:

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 Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Greg Potash, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, John Halecky III, Jer and Tim Checket, Leina Jean Meier, Cassidy Durante, Dre Curto, Brenda Hoffa, Teri Hettinger, Joe Gimont, Dan Chujko, Chester and Cherrie Kitchman and John DeHart. For the repose of the soul of David Mulutzie. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, March 9th; The YMS of R will meet in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass. I encourage all of the men of the Parish to attend and to join the YMS of R.

Wednesday, March 12th; Free Lenten Meals preceding Stations of the Cross begin each Wednesday of Lent. Church Organizations, individuals or families are needed to volunteer to sponsor these meals. There is a signup sheet on the table in the vestibule or see Tom Schalata for more information. Meals at 6:00 PM and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, March 16th; The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, March 23rd; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 AM Mass.

Saturday, April 5th; Lenten Penitential Service at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, April 6th; YMS of R Egg Sandwich sale after each Mass. Don't miss out on these famous sandwiches.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

NEW PICNIC TABLE DRIVE

The YMS of R is asking for donations to purchase new, lightweight, plastic, folding tables for use during the Annual Picnic. Our old, existing tables are wooden and quite heavy to move from the church to the picnic grounds and back, plus this is damaging them in the process. It is proposed to purchase about twenty new tables at a cost of approximately \$85.00 each. Donations, if made in cash, should be placed in a separate envelope marked “YMS of R Table Drive” and checks should be made Payable to “St, Stephens YMS of R” and noted for Table Drive. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

PIEROGI MAKING

The Picnic Committee has established tentative dates for pierogi-making. They are as follows: March 14 & 15, March 28 & 29 (Potato); April 11 & 12 (Potato); April 25 & 26 (Cheese); May 9 & 10 (Cheese), May 30-31 (Cheese); Sauerkraut- to be determined. A sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule for volunteers.

This week is the first sessions and we are in need of several more volunteers. Please consider helping out at least one of the days by signing the sheet in the vestibule. Thank you for your consideration.

COFFEE, DONUTS and FELLOWSHIP

We are pleased to gather for Fellowship in the Church Hall following each Mass.

Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for donuts being \$1.00 each. I hope that many of you will join us.