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First Sunday of Lent • February 17, 2013

Good News!

February 17, 2013

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
Dt 26:4–10 / Rom 10:8–13 / Lk 4:1–13


It's said that people sometimes have to hear a message seven times before it actually sinks in. I'm not sure the Church leaders who constructed the Lectionary knew this rule, but they obviously believed there was something important or us to hear in Jesus' temptations by the devil, because we hear a version of this story every first Sunday of Lent. This story is a good check as to whether last Wednesday's ashes have truly sunk in—and whether we're indeed ready to fully enter into Lent.

We may not think temptations to turn stones into bread and to rule all the kingdoms of the world are particularly relevant, but Jesus' temptations were all about control and the desire to do for ourselves what only God can do. In that light, they're completely relevant. I'm not sure a day goes by when I'm not tempted to take the reins of control from God.

Yet Jesus, in his tired and hungry state, managed to resist these temptations. The words of Scripture were easily on his lips and helped him stay focused solely on God. He modeled the quote from Deuteronomy that we hear in today's reading from Romans: "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart."

Most of us likely have favorite Scripture passages which, when we hear them at Mass, refresh and renew us. Perhaps we can commit some of these words of "the Word" to memory and hold them particularly close every day this Lent. Keeping God's Word near us, readily on our lips and in our hearts as Jesus did, can help us release control and stay rooted in God.

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Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH

BOLTON, CT (12)

THIS WEEK
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEB. 16 – 17, 2013
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, FEB. 16 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Giovanno Roebino and +Francisco & +Vincenza Russo
request of Josephine Maratta

Coffee After 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, FEB. 17 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for all Parishioners of St. Maurice

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Antoni & +Helena Babiec request of Bieszczad & Fiano Families

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, FEB. 18 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Marie Ann Madore
request of her Daughters & Son

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Martha Turner
request of Lynn Mancino

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20 – NO MASS

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

3 to 7 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, FEB. 21 – NO MASS

FRIDAY, FEB. 22 – NO MORNING MASS

5 – to 7 P.M. – Fish Dinner

7:00 P.M. – Stations of the Cross and Mass

Mass offered for +Paul Dube and Levi Fournier request of the Grandchildren

SATURDAY, FEB. 23 –

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – February 10 – \$1,049 (snow strom)

Last year's Offertory – February 12 – \$3,333

"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 simple line from the Old Testament presents us with two challenges. First, do we bring God our first fruits-the best that we have to offer? Regarding our gifts of time, talent and treasure, do we give God our "first fruits" or what is leftover? Second, do we remember that everything we have has been given to us by God? We brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing from it. So why not share what we have while we are here?

NEXT WEEK
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEB. 23 – 24, 2013
USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, FEB. 23 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Francesa Quagliano
request of Josephine Maratta

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Jean Gately

Coffee After 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, FEB. 24 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Donald Holbrook
request of the Family

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation

9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Del & +Henrietta Bernais and +Jeffrey Braman request of Bernadette Devlin

Altar Servers: Amilia Herasimowicz

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Cliff Scorso

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, FEB. 25 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Jeannette Dube
request of Lou & Dorli Cloutier

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +William Miller
request of Irene Kwiatkowski

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27 – NO MASS

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

3 to 7 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, FEB. 28 – NO MASS

FRIDAY, MAR 1 – NO MORNING MASS

5 – to 7 P.M. – Fish Dinner

7:00 P.M. – Stations of the Cross and Mass

Mass offered for +Maggie O'Donnell
request of Tony and Kathleen Conneely

SATURDAY, MAR 2 –

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of February 17, 2013

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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General Information for the Observance of Lent**FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

These regulations unite the whole Catholic Church throughout the world in the Lenten journey of repentance and conversion of heart. Observed in a spirit of generosity, fast and abstinence remind us of our own frailty and make us more sensitive to the needs of others. Acts of penance find their completion in works of charity and justice.

Fasting: Those between the ages of 18 and 59 years old are obliged to observe the laws on fasting. Traditionally, to fast means limiting oneself to one full meal in the day and two smaller meals. The two prescribed days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence: The law on abstinence obliges all those who are over the age of 14. On days of abstinence meat is not eaten at any meal. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples

“God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage”.

To register for a 4 session class call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

Feb. 22, Mar 3, 8, 15, 2013, 6:30 P.M.-8:45 P.M. at St. Francis Church, Middletown. OR

Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 2013, 9:30A.M.-11:45A.M. at St. Matthew Church, Tolland

Marriage Encounter Weekend

“We thought we had a great marriage, but now our love is so much deeper than anything we could have imagined.”

Rediscover each other with a heart-to-heart Marriage Encounter. To register for the March 8-10 weekend in E. Hartford or for info call 860-376-0440.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat Weekends

If you are silently grieving after an abortion; then healing, forgiveness and peace can have a beginning with a

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat. Retreat February 22-24 in Hamden call 203-631-9030 and in Westerly, RI March 8-10 call 401-421-7833 ext. 118 OR

www.rachelsvineyard.org.

“Project Rachel” is a Diocesan outreach for anyone in need of healing. Priests in “Project Rachel” can help you through healing and forgiveness. Call 860-889-8346 ext. 283. All inquiries are confidential.

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Time: 5 to 7 P.M.

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The Office for Safe environments has recently has recently revised the following diocesan policies, Pastoral Code of Conduct, Sexual Misconduct and Comprehensive Screening, as well as instituted the new Electronic Communications, Internet, and Computer Use Policy. Copies are available from your parish office or Child Advocate, on the diocesan web site (www.norwichdiocese.org), on Praesidium’s Armatus program, and from the Office for Safe Environments (860-848-2237 ext. 212 –or–ose@norwichdiocese.net).

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