# First Sunday of LENT

March 1, 2020

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

#### **Eucharist:**

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30am Sat. Vigil: 4:00pm Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

## Reconciliation: (Confession)

Saturday: 3:00pm - 3:30pm and *anytime* by appointment.

## Anointing of the Sick: (& Ministry to the Sick)

Call the rectory anytime a person is sick and would like anointing or a visit

#### **Baptism**:

Please call our parish office to arrange pre-Baptismal instruction and the time of the ceremony.

#### **Holy Orders:**

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434 1660, if you want to learn more about becoming a priest or deacon, or, contact Fr. Greg Galvin, Vocations Office: 860 887 9294.

#### **Matrimony:**

Preparation for marriage must begin at least six months before actual ceremony. Please call our parish office.

#### **Confirmation:**

Confirmation preparation begins in the 9th grade and the sacrament is received in the 10th grade. Adults can join the **RCIA**.

#### Holy Days of Obligation:

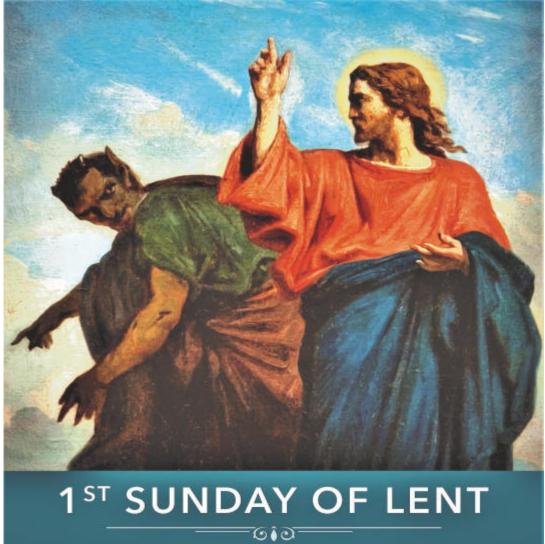
7:30am& 6:30pm (No evening Mass the day before the Holy Day.) *The Rosary* is prayed Tuesdays at 4:30pm.

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Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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#### Winter Weather

If there is a school cancellation <u>or delay</u> due to snow, morning Mass will be celebrated at 12:00pm noon.

## MASS Schedule this Week

Sat. Feb. 29

4:00pm Deceased Members of the Capasso, Piersa

and Biondo Families

SUNDAY March 1st FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00am Dominic Dowgewicz r/b the Shedlosky Family 10:30am Richard & Josephine Dell'Erbo r/b their family

Dyanne Oeschger Harmon r/b her parents

Mon. March 2

7:30am For the intentions of Sandra Kasavage r/b Jules

Sciocchetti

Tues. March 3

7:30am Healing for Barbara

Wed. March 4

7:30am Pete Lesser r/b Jules Sciocchetti

Thurs. March 5

7:30am Robert & Marguerite Graves

6:00pm For the parishioners of Christ the King

Fri. March 6

7:30am Rick Rubelmann r/b his sister and family

Sat. March 7

4:00pm John Kwasniewski

SUNDAY March 8th SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00am Nancy Stark

10:30am Salvatore J. Osso Jr. r/b his family

Debra A. Gregorash r/b a friend of the family

The Sanctuary Lamp this week will be lit for Rick Rubelmann

### SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### First Reading

The story of the Garden of Eden reveals that humanity's first sin against God was that of disobedience. In what areas of your life do you struggle to obey God?

#### **Second Reading**

Paul saw Jesus' obedience not only as reversing the disobedience of Adam, but also bestowing upon believers righteous and eternal life. What do you find most interesting about this revelation from Paul?

#### **Gospel Reading**

Jesus resisted the devil's temptations by remaining

focused on his fidelity to the Father. What temptations are you willing to confront during the season of Lent?



#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our



lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?

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Readings for the week of March 1, 2020

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf.

3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

[Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19

[18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk

11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,

7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-

26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43

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Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33;4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2

Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9





## MONTHLY DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS Saturday, March 7, 2020, 8:30am

at St. Patrick Cathedral, Norwich

Pray for the pre-born, the sanctity of **all** human life, and healing for all who, because of abortion, have suffered. Join Fr. Walter Nagle, celebrant.

The Power of Prayer is Endless.

Welcome women of all ages!



**Danielle Bean** 

## and Strengths Keynote Speaker

Our Tapestry of Faith: Affirming Feminine Gifts

<sup>10th</sup> Annual Norwich Women's Conference Co-sponsored by: Office of Faith Events and Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9 am-3 pm



St. Bernard School, Uncasville, CT

Workshop **Options** 1- Faith & Family 2- Women of the Bible 3- Prayer Always/ All Ways 4- Mary Not A Gentle Woman 5- Our Sisters' Stories

Afternoon

Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Cote - Reconciliation and adoration

6- Faith Sharing

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Deadline for registration March 13, 2020 No refunds or event transfers Please bring a canned good for those in need! \*Gluten Free lunch option will be available\* Babes in arms welcome!

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Or contact Office of Faith Events, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT, 06360 860-848-2237 ext. 304

See the parish office box in hallway for registration forms.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of **Lent**: 40 days dedicated to prayer, fasting, and reflection in preparation for the great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum.

We pray that this day marks the beginning of your spiritual renewal. If we can help you with prayers or resources during this Lenten Season please contact us at 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net.

God's blessings and peace, Andrea, Liza, Marianne and Mary-Jo, Office of Faith Events, Diocese of Norwich



Dear Lord, As we enter this Solemn and Holy Season, we pray that you would send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might prepare ourselves

for these coming 40 days of Lent. Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so that we can understand the magnificence of Your Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of Eternal Glory with You. AMEN.

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## LENT at our Parish

- Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7:00PM
- Morning Mass: Monday Friday at 7:30AM
- **Evening Mass: Thursdays at 6:00PM**
- Soup Supper: Thursdays after the 6PM Mass
- The "Little Black Book" Lenten Devotional pick up a copy in the narthex
- "Best Lent Ever" free email inspiration. DynamicCatholic.com/best-lent-ever
- CRS Rice Bowl get one in the narthex
- **Reconciliation (Confession):** 
  - Saturdays 3-3:30pm at CTK
  - -"Mercy of God" in our Deanery: Fri. 3/20 11am - 5pm & Sat., 8am - 2pm @ Our Lady of Sorrows, Essex

Saturday, March 14, 2020 6:00PM (after the Vigil Mass) Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall Tickets: \$20, ages 5-12: \$10 On sale in the narthex or Parish Office

Sanctuary Candle Beginning this month, the Sanctuary Candle may be reserved on a weekly basis in memory of and to honor a loved one.



3rd Sat, even months

1st Sun, odd months

2nd Sun, odd months

#### Regularly scheduled parish events:

N.L. Soup Kitchen Sign-up

N.L. Soup Kitchen Serve (Sun. Supper)

Children's Choir Tuesday 6:15pm Tuesday 7:30pm Adult Choir **Eucharistic Adoration** M-F 6:15-7:15am 'God Squad' Prayer Group M-F mornings after 7:30am mass Tuesday 4:30 pm Rosary 1st Thursday 6:00pm Men's Club Holy Trinity Pro-Life Group 1st Wednesday 7:00pm Small Christian Community (scripture sharing) Wednesday 7:00pm Bible Study (for all) Thursday 9:00am Women's Bible Study Wednesday 9:30am Parish Pot Luck Supper last Friday of month 6:00pm Shoreline Soup Kitchen Sign-up 2nd Sun, even months Shoreline Soup Kitchen Serve (Sat. breakfast)



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#### Lenten Message, 2020

"At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." Matthew 4:1-2

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

The Gospel proclaimed on the First Sunday of Lent each year always takes us into the desert with the Lord Jesus. This is intentional. As with so many of our Catholic traditions and rituals, our annual observance of Lent is intimately tied to Sacred Scripture. The journey of our Blessed Lord into the desert for forty days and nights provides not only the inspiration, but also a model for our own forty-day observance of Lent.

Following His baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus went out into the desert for, what we could call today, a forty-day retreat. He ventured into the Judean wilderness, away from the ordinary, everyday distractions of His life in order to be more recollected and focused. The length of time is significant. The number forty, as with many other numbers that occur in Scripture, has a symbolic meaning and signifies a period of preparation. For example: the rain fell upon the earth for forty days and nights in preparation for a renewal of humanity and deepening of God's covenant with Noah; Moses fasted for forty days on Mount Sinai in preparation for receiving the Ten Commandments; the people of Israel wandered through the desert for forty years in preparation for their entry into the Promised Land – and there are many other such examples in both the Old and New Testaments. In this case, Jesus goes into the desert for forty days and nights to prepare spiritually for His public ministry of preaching and healing.

During this period, the Lord prepared by fasting as well as by entering into intense prayer and communion with God the Father. Both of these spiritual practices can help bring us closer to God and know His will; they deepen our understanding of the particular mission entrusted to us by God and strengthen our resolve to accomplish it. It was also during this time, however, that the Lord was tempted by Satan. The goal of the devil is always to tempt us to turn away from God and His divine plan. Thus, the devil tested the Lord and His dedication to His evangelical mission, by appealing to three common areas of weakness for us as humans: His physical hunger after a period of fasting, to the human desire for power, and to the human tendency to put God to the test. Despite his tricks, the Lord resisted Satan by reflecting on the very truth and power of God's Word which He cited in response to each temptation.

This very brief reflection on the time the Lord spent in the wilderness shows us that, as we go out into the desert of this Lent and try to draw closer to God through our own efforts at prayer, fasting and works of charity, our purpose during this season is to not only deepen our relationship with God, but to come to an awareness of, and fuller participation in the mission that God has entrusted uniquely to us. We must likewise acknowledge that Satan wants to prevent this and that he will try to distract or discourage us. But, if we allow ourselves to be nourished on and strengthened by God's Holy Word; if we seek out the power of His grace available to us through the Sacraments, especially confession and the worthy reception of our Lord in Holy Communion, we too will be able to withstand whatever temptations we may face. Then, we will emerge from this Lent better prepared, not just for the celebration of Easter, but also to live our mission to give witness to the Gospel and, most importantly, for eternal life with God and the Saints in Heaven.

God bless you and may you have a Holy Lent.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Bishop of Norwich

Patrick Matthew Crawley, son of David and Jacqueline was baptized here on February 23, 2020.

here on February 23, 2020.

Frederick James Chard, V, son of

Frederick IV and Sarah was baptized here on December 28, 2019. We joyfully welcome them to the family of God at Christ the King Parish. Alleluia!



#### **CTK Prayer Line**

To request prayers for *any* intention, need, or in thanksgiving, please call Michele, 860-434-8529.

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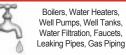
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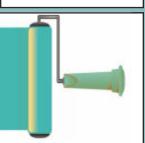
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