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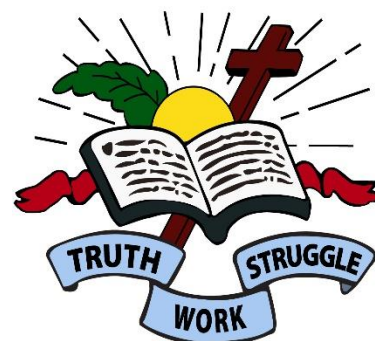
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First Sunday of Lent

A Sabbath Thought

We begin the season of Lent with Jesus' proclamation of the good news: "The time of fulfillment is now. The reign of God is near. Reform your lives." This is *good news*? Yes, it is the promise of our salvation.

About Today's Bible Readings

GENESIS 9:8-15

In the covenant with Noah, God promises that the water will never again form a flood to destroy humanity. In baptism, waters now become our salvation.

PSALM 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1 PETER 3:18-22

This letter of the early church makes an explicit connection between the waters that carried Noah to safety and the baptismal bath that saves us.

MARK 1:12-15

In several short sentences, the gospel of Mark outlines the purpose of Lent. Like Jesus, we enter a desert in order to confront our evil and reform our lives.

ENTRANCE RITE: Sirach 44:17-18

V. Noah, found just and perfect, renewed the race in the time of devastation. Because of his worth there were survivors, and with a sign to him the deluge ended;

R. A lasting agreement was made with him, that never should all flesh be destroyed.

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: Sirach 43:11-12 (Recited in place of the Alleluia)

V. Behold the rainbow! Then bless its Maker, for majestic indeed is its splendor.

R. It spans the heavens with its glory, this bow bent by the mighty hand of God.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY Feb. 18th

First Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Imposition of Blessed Ashes for those unable to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday.

SUNDAY Feb. 25th

Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Stations of The Cross will follow the Mass.

LENT

Ash Wednesday is the start of the Lenten Season. I hope that everyone is ready to begin our solemn Lenten journey as we follow our beloved Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ along the path of His Passion. Please be sure to take one of the Lenten Devotional Booklets from the table in the Narthex to aid you in your prayers and meditations during the Lenten Season.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross after Mass each and every Sunday starting next week and leading up to Holy Week. I hope that everyone will plan on staying after Mass to join together and that you urge your families, friends and neighbors to attend as well. This is a beautiful and moving form of worship and it helps to focus our thoughts and prayers on our Lord and Savior as we reflect on His Passion and Death.

Sip and Paint!

On Sunday, February 25th we will be hosting a **Sip and Paint Event** here in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 PM. For the very reasonable fee of \$25.00 you will receive a canvas and the use of paints and other supplies along with guidance and instructions that will allow you to create a unique work of art. No previous knowledge or skills are required to do this. You are welcome to bring your own food and drinks and light refreshments will be available for purchase. Invite your friends and neighbors to what promises to be a fun time for all. Please contact :

Katina Ewaskiewicz 609-516-6870 or Michele Ewaskiewicz 609-516-6862

for complete details. We hope to see everyone there.

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; For the health and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Berne Bloom, Joan Mainzer, Tom Goff, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, Teresa Vista Gumiran, George Jugan, Prime Bishop Emeritus John Swantek and Joseph Seliga. **Our Father...**

Saint Valentine's Day Breakfast

Our annual Saint Valentine's Day Breakfast will be held today, February 18th, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be:

ADULTS \$10.00

CHILDREN (under 12) \$3.00

I hope that everyone will be able to attend and that they will bring family, loved ones and friends for the good food and Christian Fellowship that we always enjoy at these events. Loretta Mikovsky can be contacted for advance ticket sales.

Today's Hymns

*Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord!
Singing off key is better than silence.*

The Hymns below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books.

Opening Hymn

#1 – Hymn Of Faith (Verses 1 & 4)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator (Verses 1 & 4)

Offertory Hymn

#26 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Post Communion Hymn

#113 – When I Survey The Wond'rous Cross

Recessional Hymn

#94 – People, My People
