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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 am Weekday: 12:05 pm

Holy Day: Call the Parish Office or See Notices

Confession: Mon. thru Fri., 11:45 am

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

Mass Intention: Leslie Merkel

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #700

Tis Good Lord to Be Here

PSALM #790

Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

OFFERTORY #426

By the Babylonian Rivers

COMMUNION #727

Let Us Break Bread Together

RECESSIONAL #417

Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days

Holy Communion – *This is a reminder that Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved to actively practicing Catholics. If you are not Catholic or have not been actively practicing your faith, then please refrain from receiving Communion. If you would like to learn how to be welcomed to full Communion, we would love to help. All you need to do is contact a priest. Our contact info is in this bulletin.*

LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

TODAY'S MASS

8:30 am: Samantha Perez Extraordinary Ministers: Barbara Goode, Bill Lipchak, Samantha Perez

FINANCE: Gabi Wolz, Bill Lipchak

10:45 am: Steve Gerloff Extraordinary Ministers: Marie Martinelli, Joe Naman, Mimi Schoof

FINANCE: Chris Thomas, Kathy Kelly

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Will Rogers Extraordinary Ministers: Kim Taylor, Linda Shisler, Maggie Wilkins

FINANCE: Chris Thomas, Ron Hurst, Doug Dewing

10:45 am: Jim Martinelli Extraordinary Ministers: Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli

FINANCE: Mary Wayte, Eileen Zorzi

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Joseph Birchett, Rollo Brown, Steve Campbell, David Coffman, Bill Holzgreffe, Shirley Hudson, Camilla Hull (mother of Doyle Hull), Connie Klyver, (friend of Ginnie & Marilyn), Maria Konwerska, Cathy Lipchak, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, Nancy Naman, Jesse Oliver, Darnetta Robinson, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor. Thank you for your prayers.

If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or dying and desires a visit from a priest, please call or email us. Without your help, we have no way of knowing.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: John J. Beall, Sr.

Tues.: Mass Intention: Libera C. Evans

Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wed.: Mass Intention: Mary Herbert

Thurs.: Mass Intention: Sophie Doctor

Fri.: Mass Intention: Bernard Mrock

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Hello all!!!

I hope your Lent is progressing wonderfully.

For the pastoral message this week, I wanted to talk about the scripture account of Christ spending 40 days in the desert, all the while being tempted by the devil.

Christ was human and felt everything we would have felt had we spent 40 days in the desert. I could not imagine fasting for 4 days straight...one is long enough...but 40 days!!! That's a long time.

There are so many truths in that incident in Christ's life. Many different things God is teaching us.

One of them for sure has to do with from where we draw our strength.

The devil, in each of his temptations of Christ was using his (the devil's) same old tricks that usually trip us up. But to each of his usual temptations, Christ has a great response.

What are the usual tricks?

The first has to do with an OVER-RELIANCE on food or stuff. The devil tries to tempt Christ to turn stones into bread. Can you imagine how hungry Christ was after all that time? He was probably dreaming about his mom's cooking!

And yet Christ rejects the temptation. 'Man does not live on bread alone.'

The devil tries to tempt with an OVER-RELIANCE on self as well. All Christ has to do is bow down to the devil and the devil promises him unlimited power on the earth. Again very tempting. With that authority, Christ could have satisfied any need he ever had. He could have provided money and security to all his loved ones and they would have no more worries through that power the devil was offering.

But Christ says no. 'Worship God alone.'

The devil also tries to tempt with an OVER-RELIANCE on the angels. The devil tells Christ that if he were to throw himself off the mountain, the angels would save him. Christ responds, 'you shall not put God to the test.'

In each of these temptations the devil throws at Christ, there is an underlying temptation running through them all. It has to do with the temptation to rely on anything and everything other than God. Temptations to rely on food/stuff, ourselves, or even others.

We similarly are tempted to find our security (and thus, our happiness) in these three things as well. We are tempted to rely too much on stuff (you name it...food, clothes, cars, homes, etc.), on ourselves (our talents, our title, our physical strength), and even on others (but remember the bible says 'rely on God alone' and 'trust God alone').

Especially in our current era, when we are so successful with medicine, with science and technology, we can idolize humanity and what humanity can do. We can even make idols out of our children or spouses/girlfriends/boyfriends. But an overreliance on these things has a false bottom.

A big part of Lent is remembering who we rely on to provide for us and how we can fulfill the deepest longings within us. That which cares for us and fills us is not stuff, it's not ourselves and it's not even others. It is only the Almighty.

I am amazed at how quickly I am reminded of my weakness whenever I attempt fasting. Fasting is very difficult and as such, is very humbling and helps us to see how much we rely on God's provision. It's one of the best outcomes of fasting...and is why it's recommended during Lent.

Christ shows us the way. It's not always the easiest way in the short term, but it's the true way. And it is better to be in the truth, even if it's harder than to fall for the devil's temporary illusion of satisfaction. -Fr. Rossi

FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION, a *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat*, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany, will be held March 24-26, 2017. This retreat is for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. The weekend combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussions in a guided process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat you can contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings at 804-704-0429 or email: RV4hope@gmail.com.

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	5,080.34
Gain	\$1,792.34

Outreach & Social Ministry – 97 lunches were served on Tuesday, March 7. 57 dinners were served on Wednesday, March 8. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

The Bishop Barron series *Pivotal Players* continues with St. Thomas Aquinas.

2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *Building Our Family of Faith*
The 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway. Many of you have received a letter from Bishop DiLorenzo asking for your support. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our In-Pew pledge process at all Masses during the weekend of March 19. It is very important for all of us to make a gift to the 2017 Appeal.

Each gift that is contributed to the Appeal makes a real difference because the gifts of many enable our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services such as heating and grocery assistance to families, health insurance for our retired priests and tuition for our future priests to attend the seminary.

In addition, all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. All pledges can be paid in 10 convenient monthly installments. Please answer Bishop DiLorenzo's request and make a generous gift. Thank you in advance for your support.

Join us as we celebrate a culture rich in heritage at our annual African Mass on Saturday, March 18, 2017, 11:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 3300 R. Street, Richmond, VA 23223. Please share in this Eucharistic Celebration sponsored by the Office for Black Catholics. For more information, please contact Pam Harris or Katie Lemza at 804-622-5262. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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