

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

READINGS: Genesis 9,8-15 Psalm 25
1 Peter 3.18-22 Mark 1,12-15

Saturday, February 17, 2018 4:00 PM

Offered for: Anthony John McDonald, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Altar Servers: Meagan, Phillip and Morgan

Lectors: Janine Rourke & Amanda Rourke

Sunday, February 18, 2018 10:00 AM

Offered for: Joseph Woods, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Altar Servers: Cheyenne, Keon and Summer

Lectors: Carole Ross & Valerie Garrow

Tuesday February 20, 2018 7:00 PM

Offered for: Alfred Laffin, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 10:00 AM

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Offered for: Mitchell Sunday, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Thursday February 22, 2018 12:10 PM

Offered for: Manfred Ransom, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Friday, February 23, 2018 12:10 PM

Offered for: Francis Lazore, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Saturday, February 24, 2018 4:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:30 PM

Offered for: Orlo Ransom, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Altar Servers: Ceyenne, Keon and Summer

Lectors: Jamie Bay and Liz Sunday

Saturday, February 24, 2018 6:30 PM

TRI-DISTRICT ELDERS

Offered for: Nancy Thompson, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan

Sunday, February 25, 2018 10:00 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9:30 AM

Offered for: Hattie Cree Bashaw, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna and Rylee

Lectors: Lori Thompson & Phil Tarbell

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Lent, Father Jerome will be available to hear confession on Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:45 PM and Sundays from 9:00 – 9:45 AM.

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THIS SEASON OF LENT

In our preparation for Easter, God in His Providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a "sacramental sign of our conversion." Lent summons us and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold." (Matthew 24:12) These words appear in Christ's teaching about the end of time ...when false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is in the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

False prophets can appear as "snake charmers" who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others. False prophets can be "charlatans" who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains.

In his description of hell, Dante pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice, in frozen and loveless isolation. What are the signs that our love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money. The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in His Word and the Sacraments. All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own "certainties" the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien, or our neighbor who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God's plan, were created to sing his praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities -- the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

By devoting more time to prayer we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception and then to find the consolation God affords. Almsgiving sets us free from greed. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of his children. Fasting weakens our tendency to violence it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God.

Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.. .One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Mohawk)

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.

NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness", this will take place from Friday March 9th to Saturday, March 10th. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love. **POPE FRANCIS**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

A beautiful rainbow in the sky is the sign of the Covenant between God and man, a pledge that the waters "shall never become a flood to destroy all flesh" as it did in the days of Noah and the Ark. Every time we see a rainbow, remember God's Promise of Love for creation.

"The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the Good News." Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became incarnate to prove that God loves each and every one infinitely. Lent is a time to better realize that Love, as we contemplate the Passion and Death of Jesus, our Redeemer.

INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ANNULMENTS ON TUESDAY MARCH 27, 2018 , 7:00 TO 8:30 PM AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, CANTON, NY

This **FREE** workshop sponsored by the Matrimonial Tribunal of the Diocese of Ogdensburg is for people who wish to explore beginning the Annulment process. It will cover: Marriage/Divorce -- What is my status as a divorced person in the Church? Do I need an annulment? The annulment process Forms. The Tribunal Staff including Rev. Douglas J. Lucia, JCL, Rev. Garry B. Giroux, JCL, and Mrs. Elaine Seymour will have the forms available to begin the process and will be on hand to answer any individual questions as well. Light refreshments will be provided. To register, or if you have questions, please contact the Tribunal office 315-605-1087

An annulment is an official declaration by the Roman Catholic Church that a previous marriage is not spiritually binding, and removes that previous marriage as a barrier to an individual remarrying in the Church. Annulments are only granted after a civil divorce has been final and there is no possibility of reconciliation between the parties. The Diocese of Ogdensburg, in accord with the wish of Pope Francis that we show mercy and justice generously and freely, as Jesus does for each one of us., has eliminated fees for annulments.. The focus of the Marriage Tribunal is to help people to heal and move forward with their lives, and to grow closer to God.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT-- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence on **Ash Wednesday** and on **ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT**. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

FASTING--Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting on **Ash Wednesday** and **GOOD FRIDAY**. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving are keynotes of Lent.

EASTER DUTY: All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their serious sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year. They must also receive Holy Communion at least once each year between the First Sunday of Lent (February 18, 2018) and Trinity Sunday (May 27, 2018).

PRAYER AND PENANCE: The entire season of Lent should be observed in the spirit of prayer and penance. Spending extra time in prayer or Bible Study, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifice and self-denial, combined with works of charity and service to others, are excellent ways to obey the Lord's command to reform our lives and to prepare for the joyful celebration of Easter. Parishes are highly encouraged to offer periods of Eucharistic Adoration during the Lenten Season, as well as the traditional devotions of the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND THE RECITATION OF THE ROSARY.**

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING LORD, BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION, YOU HAVE SET US FREE. YOU ARE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

Lord, help all who now share the Cross of Suffering, especially Sylvia Bero, Marie Casey, Michael Thomas, Christopher Thompson, Robert Thompson, Rita Arbour, Louis Jacobs, Louis Garrow, Teddy Thompson, Florence Cook, Camryn Cook, Clyde Cree, Francis Cree, Marilyn Tarbell, Felicia and Hubert Jock, Isabel and Leonard Garrow, Larry and Paulette Pyke, Marjorie Thompson, Eleanor Thompson, Teddy Thompson, Nancy Phillips, April Benedict, Charlotte Francis, Abe David, Cecilia Lazare, Alexina Auger, Marita Francis, Jack Angus, Eric Seymour, Ruby Nowak, and Christian Jock. Bless all in our nursing homes, hospitals, addiction centers, and prisons and those who care for them with compassion. **ETERNAL REST unto Mary White Manning, May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. AMEN.**

COLLECTIONS

February 10-11, 2018

REG. MASS \$ 417.00 US \$ 367.60 CDN