

First Sunday of Lent February 20-21, 2010

Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Week's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13
Next Week's Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17--4:1; Luke 9:28-36

Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear the Lucan version of Jesus' temptation in the desert. As do most adults, Jesus faced temptations to be filled with food, power, and wealth, and he also faced the temptation to test God's fidelity to him. Jesus successfully defeated the temptations. We might say, "Easy for Jesus...not so easy for us!" Yet, if we truly believe that Jesus was fully human and fully divine, we have to take his humanity very seriously, knowing that the temptations were as real for him as they are for us. An important difference between Christ and us is that he never forgot to whom he belonged and who sustained him. We tend to develop amnesia for all that God has already done (and continues to do) for us. We are tempted by the ways of the world, to worship people and ideas that cause us to doubt who we are and to whom we belong. Make no mistake about it: even though we might not be tempted by a "devil," the temptations we face are just as diabolical as the ones faced by Christ. May God grant us the grace to successfully resist them.

Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

Carol Bleistine, Vicente Rax & family, Maggie Lears, Janet Rogucki Kreiss, Sr. Katherine Mueslein, RSM, Dean & Man Brackley, Douglas Parker, Vince Gomes, Jerry Hammell, Gerri Gray, Marian Booth, Mary Beth Harry, Jo van Gaal, John Douglass, Marie Oberle, Sandy Neubauer, Annette Froehlich, Peter Landry, Fr. Bob Judge, Evelyn Steinrock, Terry Hawthorn-Nan, Martha Moyer, Caylee Crews, Sr. Mary Louise Lynch, MMS, Riley Davis, Colette Bleistine, Kyla Zeilinger, Carol Tiff, Colette Danek, Jane Schaberg, Paul Joop, Pat Kane, Natalie Barringer, Marion Jervey, Paula LaSalle, Barbara Cheles, Mary Smith, Ruby Strawberry, Bob Twynham, John Garvey. *Names will be listed for 6 weeks. If you would like a name listed for an additional 6 weeks, please notify the rectory).*

Let us pray for our deceased: Francis Catania, father of Betsy Leighton.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb 20, Anne Reed Knott, <i>deceased.</i>	Friday, Feb 26, Fred Cossentino, <i>deceased</i>
Sunday, Feb 21, Jean Sweeney Stockwell, <i>deceased</i>	Saturday, Feb 27, Curwood G. Hill, <i>deceased</i>
Monday, Feb 22, Thomas O. Wood, <i>deceased</i>	Sunday, Feb 28, Joseph Volpe, <i>deceased</i>

Collection Update

Offertory February 6-7th: \$733.00
Second collection February 6-7th to benefit Community Center and Outreach Ministries: \$39.50

Last Weekend's Offertory: \$6,533.08

Last weekend's 2nd collection to benefit the Archbishop's Annual Appeal: \$927.00

This weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Next weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit our Community Center and outreach ministries.

This Week at Corpus Christi

Tue, Feb 23, 5:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Tue, Feb 23 7:00 pm	Tri Church Education Series	Brown Memorial
Wed. Feb 24, 12:00 noon	Community Ecumenical Lenten Service	Memorial Episcopal
Wed, Feb 24, 7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Rectory
Sat, Feb 27, 9:00 am	Holy Week Planning Mtg.-Liturgy Comm.	Rectory
Sun, Feb 28, 9:15 am	Sunday School / Coffee Café	Rectory / Midtown
Sun, Feb 28, 2:00 pm	Pre-Cana Sessions	Rectory

Coming Up at Corpus Christi

Mon, Mar 1, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory
Tue, Mar 2, 7:00 pm	Tri Church Education Series	Brown Memorial
Wed. Mar 3, 12:00 noon	Community Ecumenical Lenten Service	Memorial Episcopal
Wed, Mar 3, 7:00 pm	Lenten Reconciliation Service	St. Ignatius
Sat, Mar 6, 8:00 am	Social Ministry Convocation	Seton Keough High School

Visit our website at www.corpuschristibaltimore.org for our more complete calendar of events.

Congratulations to Luke Alexander Hoogstraten, son of Keith Hoogstraten and Nicholle O'Malley, baptized this Saturday at Corpus Christi!

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Tri-Church Education Series:

“Confronting Evil: Baptism, Penance & Exorcism”

The first of our Tri-Church education series offered by Corpus Christi, Brown Memorial, and Memorial Episcopal Churches begins this Tuesday, February 23, at Brown Memorial Assembly Hall (W. Lafayette & Park Aves.). This Tuesday's talk will be led by Rev. Andrew Foster Connors, who will discuss the power of baptism in confronting evil. Fr. Rich and Rev. Martha Macgill will respond. A light supper will be held at 6:30 p.m., followed by presentation and discussion at 7:00 p.m.

Community Ecumenical Lenten Services

The Christian churches from Bolton Hill to West Baltimore will be joining in prayer each Wednesday in Lent (February 24 through March 31) at noon at Memorial Episcopal Church (W. Lafayette Ave & Bolton St.). In order to facilitate Corpus Christi's participation in these service, there will be no 12:10 p.m. Wednesday Mass during this time. Please join in praying with our Christian neighbors.

Corpus Christi Church Choir

If you are interested in singing in the Corpus Christi Church Choir, you can pick up a schedule by the piano. The Choir is open to anyone high school aged and older who enjoys singing and wants to participate in this ministry during liturgy.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

The parishes of Corpus Christi, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Ignatius will celebrate a Lenten Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Ignatius Church (740 N. Calvert St.). An opportunity for individual celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered.

Investiture Ceremony for Reverend Monsignor Bozzelli

Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on Charles Street. We have some tickets left. If you want tickets, please leave a message for Betsy at 410-523-4161, or e-mail Betsylafferty@verizon.net.

Food Allergies? Gluten Intolerance?

Corpus Christi has low-gluten (<0.01% gluten) altar bread for individuals with celiac disease or wheat intolerance, as well as hosts prepared in dedicated kitchens without risk of peanut contamination. If dietary restrictions require you to receive these hosts at communion, please see Fr. Rich.

BEYOND CORPUS CHRISTI

Adult Lenten Morning of Recollection

On Thursday, Feb. 18, from 9:30-11 am, Our Lady of Grace Church in Parkton will host a Morning of Recollection. The facilitator will be Dr. Jack Buchner and the theme, "A Scriptural Look at the Passion in everyday Life." There is no fee. To register or for more info, please contact Dr. Buchner at 410-329-6826. In addition, Stations of the Cross, with Catechesis will be prayed at Our Lady of Grace Church on Lenten Fridays at 2 pm.

“The Elixir of Love” at Memorial Episcopal

The Chesapeake Concert Opera will present the comedy *The Elixir of Love* on Feb 26 and 27th at Memorial Episcopal at 8 p.m. In this show, the Average Joe tenor is in love with a beautiful soprano who is way out of his league. She's well aware of this and enjoys taunting him. The situation is complicated by the arrival of a swaggering young sergeant (sung by Memorial's Doug Peters!) and a traveling magician who sells the tenor an "Elixir" to win over his love. Tickets are \$10 for students, seniors, military and \$15 for adults in advance and can be purchased online with credit card or from Marilynn or Beth at Memorial with cash/check. Tickets at the door are \$20.

In Good Conscience

There will be a showing of *In Good Conscience*, a documentary about the journey of Sr. Jeannine Gramick in ministering to the LGBT Community with New Ways Ministry on Saturday, March 6, 2010, 11am to 2pm, Towson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1710 Dulaney Valley Road, Lutherville. Sr. Jeannine will be present to discuss the film and her work.

Pastoral Care Training for Visiting the Sick

The Spiritual Care Department of St. Joseph Medical Center is offering training to lay people to help volunteers develop skills for making pastoral visits to the sick, especially those in hospitals. Training will be provided by hospital chaplains and health care professionals on topics including assessing needs, listening skills, praying with the sick, and coping with difficult situations. Training sessions are March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2010, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center, Towson, MD. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Registration deadline is Feb. 25. Contact person for more information and to register is Chaplain Jane Mayrer at janemayrer@comcast.net or 410-664-6081.

Lenten Day of Prayer

A Lenten Day of Prayer will be held at the Mission Helper Center, 1001 W. Joppa Road, Towson (entrance on Chestnut Ave.) on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Registration: 9:30 a.m./Closing Liturgy: 3:00 p.m. Theme: No Other Way (reflection on how the teaching and life of Jesus illumine our experience of suffering and daily life). Keynote: Jim O'Hara. To register contact Sr. Jane Geiger, MHS, 410-823-8585, Ext. 330, jgeiger@missionhelpers.org. Free will offering; lunch provided.

Catholic Medical Professional Symposium

Archbishop O'Brien invites Catholic healthcare professionals, them to join him on March 6, 2010 for the 2nd Annual Symposium for Catholic Medical Professionals, *End of Life Care and the Catholic Medical Professional*. This event will feature Wesley Smith's "*Utilitarian Ethics and the Sanctity of Human Life*" and a panel addressing euthanasia, rationed care, advanced directives, the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, physician-assisted suicide, the state of living and dying in America, and the medical professionals' role in end of life care. Panelists include Rev. Michael A. DeAscanis, MS, STL; Dr. F. Michael Gloth, MD; and Dr. Marie Hilliard, PhD, JCL, RN. Please join us at 1PM at St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, MD. For more information, please see www.archbalt.org/respect-life/catholic-healthcare-symposium.cfm Please RSVP by February 25, 2010: online; (410) 707-9842; or johanna.coughlin@archbalt.org.

Church Leadership Institute, Spring Session

Church Leadership Institute, Spring Session 2010 will be starting the week of March 15, 2010. Classes will be at various sites throughout the Archdiocese. For more information or to register, please call Pat Ashby at 410-547-5470.