



1st Sunday of Lent
February 20-21, 2010

We hear the familiar drama of Jesus being tempted by the devil. During His being baptized, Jesus heard His identity as the Beloved One. He heard it, received it, and then began living it. What we

hear is both the three temptations proffered by the devil and the three affirmations by Jesus of Who He knew Himself to be. So they are less temptations, but more a context for Jesus to begin showing up as Who He had heard He was.

The key word in the devil's presentation is "if". The devil wants to offer or hand over to Jesus what is already in and of Jesus. The devil quotes scripture but says "if you are" and Jesus replies with scripture but denies the "if". Much has been spoken and written about how we are tempted with offerings of power, domination and possessions, as was Jesus. Those are worthy temptations about which to consider all right, but in this context of Lent, the more important reality to consider is how we are tempted to deny our relatives having been also baptized. Jesus lived out His "I am" because He had listened and believed He was the Beloved.

Jesus could listen to all temptations, challenges, and invitations to disown Himself, to fall down, to be unreal, because He listened once and often, to the prayer of God over and within Him. Jesus lived Who He had received from God. We follow Jesus in and out of the same waters of indicative identity. We follow Him also in and out of the temptational fields of our lives. We forget so easily. If we don't tell the stories of our pasts we will forget who we are.

Our forty days have begun. Our preparing to celebrate our identity has begun. We will listen to the stories, sing the songs, do the things which reveal to ourselves who we really are. We will receive again our name, our holiness. The real new life flows from the truth that we will do those things which reveal who we know ourselves to be. The people of Israel knew who God named them by their being baptized through the Exodus. They were to live in community doing the holy things of which offering the first fruits was a sign. We too have received our names through our being immersed in the baptismal waters. We are who God has claimed us to be and we are called to do those actions appropriate to that name.

Communion Cloth Ministry:

Feb. 21...Linda Goodman Feb. 28...Nancy Boehm

➔ **The next RCIA class will meet from 5:30 to 7 PM on February 22, 2010.** The topic this week (make-up class) will be **Ministry**. Meetings take place in the lower parish hall by Fr. Don's office.



If you would like your FY 2009 tax letter to verify your contributions to the parish, please call the church office at 301-334-2202. Remember,

we can only verify those donations made through our envelope system. A little reminder: you must fill out the envelope and note the amount on the envelope in order for us to record it into the Data System. Thank you.



Parish Council Elections are Coming! If you would like to run for parish council or would like to nominate someone, **with their permission**, please notify the church office soon. Elections will take place in March, and we need a little biographical blurb to publish for election weekend, March 20-21. We vote new members on each year in multiples of three--3 members go off and 3 members are voted on. Terms are three years. Prayerfully consider serving our parish in this important ministry.

MINISTERS of the MASS: Feb. 27-28, 2010

4:00pm-Saturday, Feb. 27

Read: Boehm

Euch. Ministers: Lander, Schrider, Gillespie

5:45pm-Saturday, Feb. 27

Read: Reams

Euch. Ministers: DiSimone, Coviellos

9:00 am-Sunday, Feb. 28

Read: Sunny

Euch. Ministers: Nolan, O'Neal, Poyer

Altar Server Team: #5-Hanek, McCrobie



This week in our parish...Feb. 20-28, 2010

(Mass Intentions and other activities)

Sat.	Hope Marie Upton (D)	4:00pm
	Leo Rowan (D)	5:45pm
Sun.	Our Parish Family	9:00am
	RCIA-Rite of Election---at the 9am Mass	
Mon.	Bruce Deal (D)	8:15am
	Choir Practice	5:30pm
	RCIA	5:30pm
Tues.	Gary Yoder (D)	6:30pm
	Bell Choir...will begin March 2 nd at 5:30pm	
	Parish Day of Adoration 7am-7pm-Chapel	
	Reconciliation-Father Don's office...5:30-6:30pm	
Wed.	Ted Farnan (D)	12:00pm
	Bible Study lower level/parish center	9:30am
Thurs.	Communion Service	8:15am
Fri.	Michael Lio (D)	8:15am
	☺Fish Dinners 4:30 to 6:30pm	
Sat.	Our Parish Family	4:00pm
	Vicki Hamrick (D)	5:45pm
Sun	Maurice Cleary (D)	9:00am

BIG Fish Dinner Update...for the February 19, 2010

Dinner... This thank you may be the kind that makes you wonder! This item must be written before the event, and...today the snow is falling, the wind is blowing, and one wonders...will we have the BIG Fish Dinners this week, the first week of Lent, 2/19/10. Well, we are ready to roll! The supplies have been ordered; the hall is prepared; the desserts are arranged, and whether we have the dinner or not, we would like to thank each one who committed to a dessert for us. Our SPECIAL bakers include: **Mary Ammann, Pat Ashby, Nadine Baughman, Barbara Bolden, Mary Boscaino, Kathy Brady, Brenda Brosnihan, Lynn Broderick, Joseph Butcher, Dee Burns, Frances Callis, Sandy Carlson, Margaret Carr, Annalea Catulle, Trisha Cheesman, Punky Chorpenning, Donna Cook, Jean Coviello, Judy Gillespie, Shannon Haley, Jean Schrider, Bonnie Sunny, Connie Tomlin, Christine Upole, Beb Ward, and Joan Schultz.**



Community Action Emergency Blanket Drive ...Please bring your donated

blankets to church or drop by the church office through March 8, 2010. Our parish will help with this community effort to provide warmth to families who are facing heating emergencies.

CALCULATORS SCHEDULE:

Feb. 21, 2010

Church: Team #5-Holt, McAndrew, Reams, Ammann
Center: Team #8-Schriders, Shaw

Feb. 28, 2010

Church: Team #1-Pentz, Kelly
Center: Team #6-Gloeckl, Boehms

PRAYER LIST FOR February...we pray for: Mary Lou Sheehan, Josh Carlino, Joe Wolf, Jack Poyer, Bill Santoro, Anna Riep, Sheila Javed, Brenda Thorn, John Devlin, Tillie Lucas, Mary Jane Hall, Joanne Kozier, Andrea Sereno, George Miller, Michael Schemering, Diane Sereno, Ronin Christy, Cynthia Wilson, Phyllis Howenstein, and Kadan Sharpless. **Names are changed at the beginning of each month.** Call the church office to add a name.



"When I called, you answered Me." (Psalm

138:3) The Archbishop's Annual Appeal presents us with the opportunity to give and help in this archdiocesan effort. Through the grants

of the appeal, parishes and schools are able to share our gifts with countless individuals of all ages. We received a grant last year to help us pay for repairs to the front steps of our church. Share your treasure to help those who are in need. Respond to our Appeal today!

HELP WANTED! ☺

YOUR parish is seeking assistance in MARCH and APRIL to help with the parish directory!

*Work: EASY

*Atmosphere: FRIENDLY

*Hours: SHORT

*Compensation: PRICELESS

Photography dates are set for April 6, 7 & 8, 2010. For more details, please contact Jeanne Lynch, our directory coordinator, at 301-387-6356.

Word of Life from our Respect for Life Office with the Archdioceses of Baltimore...

The Second Vatican Council reminded the entire Church that we are to be a leaven for the world's transformation. Recently, we have tried to be such a leaven in the debate about healthcare. It is not for us to speak to particular means of delivering health care; it is our responsibility, however, to insist, as a moral voice concerned with human solidarity, that everyone should be cared for and that no one should be deliberately killed.

~ Cardinal Francis George

St. Peter at the Lake Fund Update:

Total needed for construction:	\$1,400,000.
Previous amount collected:	987,597.
1/31/10 collected:	469.
<u>Total to date:</u>	<u>988,066.</u>
Needed:	\$411,934.

Homebound Prayer Intention for February: That all military personnel will feel the love and support of family and friends and will come home safely and soon.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February: That the Church will strive to follow Christ faithfully and proclaim His Gospel to all peoples.



Weekday Mass--Bad Weather Policy...If school is delayed or closed, **no** Mass at 8:15am. If school is closed or dismissed early, **no** Mass at 6:30pm. If school is closed or dismissed before lunch, **no** Mass at 12 noon.



1st Week of Lent...Together, we

pray: Into your presence we come, Father God as your children have done throughout the centuries. In vast

Cathedrals, parish Churches, Chapels, homes, warehouses, in lonely isolated places, alone or gathered together; your Church is wherever your people meet together in worship, in fellowship and in prayer. Your presence is wherever your Spirit is allowed to enter.

All: Be with us now, loving Father

Into your presence we come, Father God; remembering the sacrifice of your Son on a cruel cross so that we might know freedom from the guilt of sin, and be made right again with our Creator.

All: Thank you, loving Father