

March 1, 2009

LENT

1ST Sunday

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert to be tempted by Satan."

THE READINGS:

Genesis: 9:8-15. God's covenant with Noah and with us.

1 Peter 3:18-22. The flood and the covenant prefigure baptism that saves us.

Mark 1:12-15. Jesus is tempted in the desert.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat.	Feb. 28	4PM	Dorothy Dias
Sun.	Mar. 1	8:30	Luis Tavares
		10:30	Our Parishioners
Mon.	Mar. 2	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
		6:30PM	Rita & Vincent Powell
Tue.	Mar. 3	9AM	Maria L. Resendes & Leonora Resendes
Wed.	Mar. 4	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
		6:30PM	Lorraine Medeiros
Thu.	Mar. 5	9AM	Sr. Flora Desourcey O.P.
Fri.	Mar. 6	9AM	For the Conversion of Souls
Sat.	Mar. 7	4PM	Evelyn Aubin
Sun.	Mar. 8	8:30	Doris St. Pierre
		10:30	Angie & John Hoeschele

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4PM	Denis Morris
	Bob Nogueira
	Bob Viveiros
8:30	Walter Buote
	Diane Barboza
	Pat Canto
10:30	Taylor Kelly
	Carol Levesque
	Sharyn Fitzgerald

LECTORS:

Paul Levesque
Carolyn Reilly
Chris Plonka

FIRST PENANCE CELEBRATION: Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Saturday. Thank You to all our teachers and helpers who made their prayer day very special. Please pray for our youngsters as they now prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time in a few weeks.

CONFIRMATION PARENT'S MEETING: There will be an important Confirmation Parent Meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 6:15PM upstairs in the church. The meeting will discuss dress code, rehearsal, robe pick-up, etc. Please plan on attending. The meeting will take approximately 30 minutes.

DIANE PATRICK'S 7TH GRADE CLASS will sponsor the Sunday, March 8th 10:30 Mass. Students NINA FARIAS, MEGHAN PATRICK, MELISSA GUIRAND, BRIANNA SPAGNA, CONNOR GRACA, CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT, BRITTANY COYNE, HAILEY HASTINGS, ADAM COUITT and KAYLA CHERNECKY will be doing the greetings, readings, bringing up the gifts and collecting.

SUMMER LAWN CARE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: St. Bernard Parish is accepting lawn care proposals for the church and rectory grounds. Please contact the Church Office for more information (508)644-5585.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is lit for the month of March in memory of ED MCCARTHY. Please remember him in your prayers.

MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER AT TAX TIME. Your contributions are tax deductible! If you use the monthly envelopes, you may request a letter for the total amount of your 2008 contributions. The letter is provided as a convenience to our parishioners, and is not required by the IRS for your tax deduction. A letter is required if you gave a single contribution of \$250 or more. Please contact Sue at 508-644-5585 or email Sibernardassonet@aol.com to Sue's attention.

LAST CHANCE: THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE is NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH at White's of Westport. This year with the number of applications expected to be high, we need the support of the parishioners more than ever so that we can help fund the students who meet the criteria. Please help out by purchasing tickets to the event or buying a small item or gift card for the raffle. Tickets are \$30 and include a full course turkey dinner and dancing. Donations can be dropped off in the Church office or in the Religious Education office. Another way you can help is to purchase a \$2 or \$5 scratch ticket and donate it towards our "money tree" that will be raffled off at the dinner dance. There are many ways to help, and our students really need your support. Thank you for all you do!

LEARN HOW TO LOBBY: Corpus Christi Parish Hall, East Sandwich, MA - Thursday, March 5th 9:4AM - 3:30PM Interactive Training, materials and lunch provided from those doing the job. Day is free to those interested. Meet lawmakers, professional lobbyists, legislative aides and local community leaders to learn how you can have a real impact on public policy, especially when it comes to our Catholic values. If interested, call 508 269-7097.

ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS Mass. Citizens for Life will be sponsoring their Annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest for juniors and seniors in high school. This is a wonderful opportunity for pro-life students to have their voices heard, as well as to compete for a trip to the 2009 National Right to Life Convention. Check out the rules and find an application form on MCFL's website, www.masscitizensforlife.org. Look for the information under EVENTS on the home page. This year's state finals will be held March 28th at Boston College Law School during MCFL's annual convention.

KIDS WHO COOK will meet on Thursday, March 5th. Any questions? Call DENISE or TONY BRANCO at 508-763-8649.

IN YOUR PRAYERS: please remember the souls of JOHN E. SULLIVAN (former Sexton for many years) and LAURETTE DESLAURIERS whose funeral Masses were celebrated here on Friday. Also the soul of EDWARD HEALEY the father of Rev. Edward Healey, Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Harwich. May John, Laurette and Edward now share the promise of Eternal Life.

ADULT SERVERS FOR FUNERALS: Fr. Mike would like to put together a group of adults who might want to assist at serving funerals. Volunteers will be trained (it's not hard) and fortunately we do not get that many; so we might be able to establish a couple of teams. If you are retired or have the time in the mornings to serve and would like to assist, please give Fr. Mike a call at the rectory 508-644-5585.

THE NEXT YOUTH DANCE is scheduled for Friday, March 6th from 7-10PM for students in Grades 5-8. Tickets can be purchased at the Church Office during the week M, W, F, 9AM-1PM or during CCD Class hours SPECIAL NOTE: Tickets will be sold on Tues. & Wed. March 3rd & 4th from 5:30-6:30PM for students who cannot purchase during the day.

SERVE NEW ENGLAND –The orders for March should be placed and paid for by Sunday March 15. These orders will be delivered to St. Bernard Church on March 28 and available for pick up from 7-9AM that day.

30 WEEK CLUB'S FIRST MONTHLY DRAWING

TO BE ELIGIBLE, DUES MUST BE PAID THROUGH WEEK FOUR!

On March 7, 2009 after the 4PM Mass we will draw four \$100.00 winners for each week in February. The drawing will be held at the back of the Church. Still time to join!!!

Future drawing dates are: 4/5/09 after 8:30 AM Mass
5/3/09 after 10:30 AM Mass; 6/6/09 after 4:00 PM Mass;
7/5/09 after 7:00 AM Mass; 8/2/09 after 8:30 AM Mass;
and 9/6/09 after 10:30 AM Mass.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: will be held at Bishop Connolly High School on April 7, 14, 21, 28 & May 5th from 7 to 9PM. Advance registration is required. Please note one of the requirements to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation is that you have received your Confirmation.

ADULT SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION – Any adult who has not been baptized or received 1st Communion and wishes to do so, please call PAUL LEVESQUE at 508-644-2046, or contact him via email at Paul.Levesque@comcast.net.

THE FALL RIVER DEANERY will sponsor a Lenten Mission Mon., March 23rd- Thurs., March 26th. Fr. John Kelleher of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Centerville will preach. His theme is **"The Path of Christian Discipleship"**. There will be Mass at 12:05PM at St. Mary's Cathedral. The evening session within the context of Mass will be at 7PM at these churches: Monday, St. Joseph Church, Tuesday – Holy Trinity, Wednesday – St. Michael, and on Thursday – St. Anthony of the Desert Church on North Eastern Avenue – the Mass will be the Mass in the Maronite Rite.

BOSTON CATHOLIC MEN'S & WOMEN'S CONFERENCES –Saturday, April 18, 2009 (Men) and Sunday, April 19 (Women) at the Conte Forum at Boston College. Contact Paul Levesque at 508-644-2046, email paul.levesque@comcast.net or Carol Levesque at 508-644-2046, email carol.levesque@comcast.net.

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DAILY MASS DURING LENT: Will be Monday thru Thursday at 9AM and on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 3:30PM to accommodate those who do not like to go out in the evening and at 7PM for those who work and would like to make this Lenten devotion as a family.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Our Prayer Chapel (AKA Cry Room) is available for private adoration Monday thru Wednesday from 9AM-6PM. On Mondays of Lent we will have Adoration in the Church at 4PM concluding with Benediction at 6PM.

BIBLE STUDY: Our Lenten Bible Study will focus on the Eucharist and will take place on Monday evenings at 7PM following the 6:30PM Mass. So we may prepare please call the Church Office and leave your name if you would like to participate.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDY SERIES: See lilac flier.

LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER AND FAST: Sponsored by the Pro-Life Committee of our parish on Monday, March 6th, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 12 noon to 6PM in the Church.

FRIDAYS OF LENT – CLAM CAKES AND CHOWDER

Available Fridays during Lent...Combo special = 2 clam cakes and chowder \$5; Clam cakes are \$1.25 each, 3 for \$3, 6 for \$5, or 12 for \$9. Chowder \$3. French fries and beverages are \$1 each and special dessert \$2 each.

Lenten meals are not available March 6th

DIOCESAN RECONCILIATION WEEKEND March 20th/ 21st Every parish in the diocese will host **"Be Reconciled with God"**. This is an opportunity for Catholics, active and those who have fallen away, the opportunity to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Schedule is from 7-9PM on Friday, 10:30AM-12:30PM (flexible in case of funerals) and 1:30-3:30PM on Saturday. Basic questions concerning confession will be presented in the bulletin and hopefully ease the fears that should be replaced with joy and reconciliation.

Why do I have to confess my sins to a priest?

That's the way Jesus set it up on Easter Sunday evening. He said to his apostles that just as God the Father had sent him on this earth, he also sent him to save us through our sins. He breathed the power of the Holy Spirit, giving his Apostles God's power to forgive sins. He told them whatever sins they forgive are forgiven and whatever sins they retain are retained. (Jn 20:21-23; Mk 2.7) Since the Apostles were unable to read minds, the only way that they would know which to forgive and which to retain is if people told them their sins. Jesus thus established the

essential structure of the Sacrament of Confession. Just as Jesus uses priests to give us his Body and Blood at Mass, so he uses them to give us his Mercy in Penance.