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First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Mar. 9th	First Sunday of Lent, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Stephen Toman - <i>Daughter</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Mar. 10th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Mr./Mrs. Vincent Cilia & Family - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Tues. Mar. 11th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	David McWhirter - <i>Anon.</i>
Wed. Mar. 12th	Ember Wednesday, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Gearon Family - <i>Anon.</i>
Thur. Mar. 13th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Mr. Mark Mitchell - <i>Colleen Mitchell</i>
Fri. Mar. 14th	Ember Friday of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	† Ralph Kujawski - <i>McGovern Family</i>
Sat. Mar. 15th	Ember Saturday of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Irene & Jerry Shekletski
Sun. Mar. 16th	Second Sunday of Lent, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Mrs. Marilyn Lessel - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

DEVOTIONS

Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday — After Mass

Friday-Sunday — Before Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

First Sunday of Lent

INTROIT

Ps. 90, 15, 16

He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him; I will deliver him, and glorify him; I will fill him with length of days. *Ps. 90, 1.* He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High, shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. *V.* Glory be ... He shall call upon Me...

COLLECT

O God, Who dost purify Thy Church with the annual observance of Lent, grant to Thy household that what it strives to obtain from Thee by abstinence it may secure with good works. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

2 Cor. 6, 1-10

Brethren, we exhort you that you receive not the grace of God in vain. For He saith, In an accepted time have I heard thee, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee. Behold now is the acceptable time, behold now is the day of salvation. Giving no offense to any man, that our ministry be not blamed: but in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God; in much patience, in tribulations, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labors, in watchings, in fastings, in chastity, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armor of justice on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report, and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastised, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as needy, yet enriching many; as having nothing, and possessing all things.

GRADUAL

Ps. 90, 11, 12

God hath given His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. *V.* In their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

TRACT

Ps. 90, 1-7, 11-16

He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High, shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. *V.* He shall say to the Lord, Thou art my protector and my refuge: my God, in Him will I trust. *V.* For He hath delivered me from the snare of the hunters, and from the sharp word. *V.* He will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust. *V.* His truth shall compass thee with a shield: thou shalt not be afraid of the terror of the night. *V.* Of the arrow that flieth in the day; of the business that walketh about in the dark: of ruin and the noonday devil. *V.* A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh to thee. *V.* For He hath given His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. *V.* In their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou

dash thy foot against a stone. *V.* Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk, and thou shalt trample under foot the lion and the dragon. *V.* Because he hath hoped in Me, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he hath known My name. *V.* He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: I am with him in tribulation. *V.* I will deliver him, and I will glorify him; I will fill him with length of days, and I will show him My salvation.

GOSPEL

Matt. 4, 1-11

At that time, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry. And the tempter coming said to Him, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Who answered and said: It is written, Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, and set Him upon the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down: for it is written, That He hath given His angels charge over Thee, and in their hands shall they bear Thee up, lest perhaps Thou dash Thy foot against a stone. Jesus said to Him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again the devil took Him up into a very high mountain; and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and said to Him, All these will I give Thee, if falling down Thou wilt adore me. Then Jesus said to him, Be gone, Satan, for it is written, The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil left Him; and behold angels came, and ministered to Him.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 90, 4, 5

The Lord, will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

SECRET

We solemnly offer the sacrifice at the beginning of Lent, beseeching Thee, O Lord, that, while we restrict ourselves in the use of bodily food, we may also refrain from indulgence in harmful pleasures. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Ps. 90, 4, 5

The Lord will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

POSTCOMMUNION

May the holy partaking of Thy sacrament strengthen us, O Lord, and purify us from the old life, and make us sharers in the mystery of salvation. Through our Lord.

First Sunday of Lent

Originally the forty days of penance were counted from this Sunday. The liturgical gathering of the “station” takes place today, as it was since the fourth century, at Saint John Lateran, which is the patriarchal basilica of the Bishops of Rome. At its first consecration, it was dedicated, to “Saint Savior,” a name which calls to mind the Redemption accomplished by our Blessed Lord.

Immediately after His baptism, our Lord began to prepare for His public life by a fast of forty days in the mountainous desert which stretches between Jericho and the mountains of Judea. It was there that He was tempted by Satan, who wished to discover whether the son of Mary was in reality the Son of God (Gospel).

As in the case of Adam, he addresses his first attack to the senses. Our Lord is hungry and the tempter suggests to Him that He should turn stones into bread. In the same way he tries, during these forty days, to make us give up our fasting and mortification. **This is the concupiscence of the flesh.**

The devil had promised our first parent that he should be as God. Now he takes our Lord to the pinnacle of the Temple and tries to induce Him to let Himself be carried by the angels through the air amidst the applause of the crowds below. Satan tempts us by pride, which is opposed to the spirit of prayer and meditation on God’s word. **This is the pride of life.**

Finally, just as he had promised Adam a knowledge which like that of God himself, should enable him to know all things, so Satan assures Jesus that he will make Him ruler over all created things if He will fall at his feet and worship him. In the same way the devil seeks to attach us to temporal goods, when we ought, by alms and works of charity, to be doing good to our neighbor. **This is the concupiscence of the eyes or avarice.**

Since the sword of the Spirit is the word of God, our Lord made use of the ninetieth psalm against Satan, and this is the theme of the whole Mass and is found again and again in the office of the day. “His truth shall cover thee with a shield,” says the psalmist. This psalm is, therefore, the ideal psalm for Lent as a special time of warfare against the devil. Again, the eleventh verse, “He hath given His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways,” recurs in Vespers like a refrain during the whole season. We find the entire

psalm in the Tract, which reminds us of the old custom of singing psalms during certain parts of the Mass. Some of its verses make up the Introit with its verse, the Gradual, the Communion and the Offertory, which last was formerly composed, in today’s mass, of three verses instead of one, following the order of the threefold temptation as recorded in the Gospel.

Side by side with this psalm the Epistle, certainly dating from the time of Saint Leo, sounds one of the characteristic notes of Lent. There Saint Paul borrows a text of Isaias: “In an accepted time have I heard thee, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee.” “Behold,” says the apostle, “now is the acceptable time, behold now is the day of salvation.” On this Saint Leo comments: “Although there is no season of the year which is not rich in divine gifts and in which we by God’s grace do not find immediate access to His mercy; nevertheless at this time when the return of the day on which we are redeemed summons us to fulfill all the duties of Christian piety, the souls of Christians must be stirred with more zeal for spiritual progress, and possessed of a very great confidence in almighty God. In this manner, with pure souls and bodies, shall we celebrate this mystery of the Lord’s Passion, sublime beyond all others. True, we ought always to be in the divine presence, just as much as on the Easter feast. But because this spiritual vigor is the possession of only a few, while, on the one hand, the weakness of the flesh leads to any very severe observance being relaxed, and on the other, the varied occupations of this life share and divide our interest, it necessarily happens that the dust of the world soils the hearts even of religious themselves. This divine institution has been planned with great profit to our salvation in a manner that the exercises of these forty days may help us to regain the purity of our souls, making up, in a way, for the faults of the rest of the year, by fasting and pious deeds. However, we must be careful to give no one the least cause of complaint or scandal, so that our general behavior may not be inconsistent with our fasting and penance. For it is useless to reduce the nourishment of the body unless the soul departs from sin.”

In this “acceptable time” and in these “days of salvation” let us purify ourselves with the Church (Collect), “in fasting, in chastity,” by zeal in hearing and meditating on the word of God and by charity unfeigned. (Saint Andrew Daily Missal)

St. Michael the Archangel Parish extends a warm welcome to all new parishioners in the parish. If you would like to register, please contact the rectory.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS begin Friday, March 7th, at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m., concluding with the Rosary. As a reminder **confessions will be heard from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Team B** will serve Stations of the Cross.

On each of the **Fridays of Lent**, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, after Communion, recite the "Prayer Before a Crucifix".

The Law of the Eucharistic Fast: Current Legislation. Under the New Code of Canon Law, the fast for Holy Communion is one hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist. Those who are able to maintain the previous discipline of the three-hour fast are still encouraged to do so.

CONGRATULATIONS: St. Michael's congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Tim Morris on the baptism of their baby girl, Dorothy Rose Morris, on March 1st.

SHROUD OF TURIN: During Great Lent, St. Vladimir parish of Scranton will be hosting an authentic replica of the Shroud of Turin from Sunday, March 30 to Friday, April 11, 2014. Everyone is invited to view the Shroud and learn of its history and authenticity. More information can be found in the vestibule of the church.

The Lenten Discipline consists of three special parts: *Corporal or External Practices*; *Spiritual or Internal Fast Practices*; and *Spiritual Practices*. Listed below are suggested practices that may be used along with your usual Lenten family traditions of sacrifices and penances.

Corporal or External Practices

- Take less of what you like and more of what you dislike at meals today.
- Take nothing to drink between meals today.
- Avoid listening to the radio at all today.
- Take only one helping of each item at meals today.
- Say an extra Rosary.
- Avoid any T.V. or videos; instead read the Passion of Christ in your Bible or Missal.

COLLECTION: March 2nd - \$1,979.00

Altar Boy Schedule

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9th
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Justin LaFata
AC2 Francis LaFata

TEAM D

MC William Skuba
TH Matthew Gillenkirk
AC1 Chris Shanahan
AC2 Joseph Schneider
C Patrick Schneider
S1 John Skuba
S2 Joseph Skuba
S3 Joseph Seeley
S4 Brendan Seeley

WEEK TWO

Monday
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday James McWhirter
7:45 a.m. Joseph McWhirter

Wednesday John Mitchell
7:45 a.m. Andrew Mitchell

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

TEAM B

Dominic Gardner
Jack Gardner
Francis LaFata
Stephen LaFata

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16th
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Joshua Sica
AC2 Timothy Sica

TEAM A

MC James McWhirter
TH John Gillenkirk
AC1 Joseph McWhirter
AC2 Patrick Seeley
C Robert Seeley
S1 John Pheasant
S2 Andrew Pheasant
S3 Matthew Gillenkirk
S4 Timothy Emig