

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** Since by Baptism we share the death and Resurrection of Jesus, today's readings refer to Baptism directly or indirectly. **The Scripture lessons:** The first reading tells us how man irrevocably broke the *original covenant* God had made with Adam and Eve and how the merciful God selected Noah and his family to renew the covenant. Noah's rescue from the flood symbolizes how we are saved through the water of Baptism which cleanses us of sin and makes us one with Christ. In the second reading, St. Peter shows us how Noah's episode prefigured Baptism. He reminds us that as Noah and his family were saved from the waters of the deluge, we are saved through the waters of Baptism. Baptism is an outward sign of the New Covenant that God made with his people. It makes us adopted children of God, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter by his forty days of prayer and penance in the desert immediately after his baptism. It also tells us how Jesus started preaching his Messianic mission, "*The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel.*" **Life message:** Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did, using the methods Jesus employed. Jesus conquered his tempter, the devil by prayer, penance and timely use of the word of God. Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him speaking to us through the Holy Bible and by practicing self-control on our evil tendencies.

### **FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT**

1. Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent including GOOD FRIDAY.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence only one full meatless 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 one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter. 5. Going to Mass every Sunday, doing acts of charity, forgiveness, and good deeds of virtue are obligations of daily life of Catholics especially during Lent. **Historical note:** In the past, the Greek Orthodox Christians had 180 days of fasting and the Orthodox as well as Catholic Syrian Christians had 225 to 290 days of fasting every year. The Roman Church also had a number of fast days. Technically speaking, fasting is now only required on two days, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday in Lent. In the United States, in addition, abstinence alone is commanded on all Fridays of Lent.

| <b>MASS SCHEDULE<br/>FEBRUARY 17 - 25, 2018</b>                              |            |  |
|--|------------|--|
| Saturday, February 17  | 5:15 p.m.  | Exequiel Zamora  |
| Sunday, February 18  | 8:30 a.m.  | Donald Ford  |
|  | 10:00 a.m. | Our Parishioners   |
| Tuesday, February 20   | 6:30 p.m.  | Deceased members of the Dennis family                    |
| Wednesday, February 21   | 9:00 a.m.  | Deceased members of the Fortier family                   |
| Thursday, February 22  | 9:00 a.m.  | Deceased members of the Henderson family                 |
| Friday, February 23  | 11:00 a.m. | Bridlewood Manor<br>Deceased members of the Laird family |
| Saturday, February 24  | 5:15 p.m.  | Our Parishioners   |
| Sunday, February 25  | 8:30 a.m.  | Walter and Verne Pashnicki                               |
|  | 10:00 a.m. | Nic Deneault   |
| <b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for:<br/><i>Amerian Mohammed</i></b> |            |  |

|                             |   |                                   |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Weekly Target:<br>\$3500.00 | Actual Offering –<br>February 11, 2018: \$2838.50 | Operating<br>Shortfall: \$ 661.50 |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Remember in your prayers: Reggie Bernardo, Armand L'Anglais, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Dorothy Meaney, Stella Alberry, Heidi Reid, Kathryn Coates, Gerald & Irene Moriarty, Bibin John, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice Belec, Carmen Hampel, Margaret Smith, Grant Marshall, Margrite Dezainde and Mary Gladu.

**RCIA:** Please pray for our Catechumens Ella Walker and Jessie Franklin and our Candidate, Darren Stadig, their families and sponsors at this time as they prepare to be received fully in the Catholic Church. **A reminder to all RCIA Catechumens and Candidates that they must attend the three Scrutinies at 10:00 a.m. Mass on March 4, March 11 and March 18.**

**LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATIONS:** All celebrations start at 3:00 p.m.:

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday, March 4  | St. John Bosco, Brockville     |
| Sunday, March 11 | St. Mark's, Prescott           |
| Sunday, March 18 | St. Francis Xavier, Brockville |
| Sunday, March 18 | St. Mary, Morrisburg           |
| Sunday, March 25 | Holy Cross, Kemptville         |

***“Jesus was tempted by Satan; and the Angels waited on him.” – Mark 1.12-15***

**St. John Bosco Parish**  
**Schedule of Revenue and Expenses**

|  | <u>2017 Budget</u>      | <u>2017 Actual</u>       | <u>2018 Budget</u>       |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>   |                         |                          |                          |
| Weekly collections (including Easter, Christmas)                       | \$ 200,000              | \$ 208,639               | \$ 200,000               |
| Fundraising  | 12,750                  | 14,094                   | 13,000                   |
| Diocesan collections   | 8,000                   | 8,863                    | 9,000                    |
| Utilization of refugee support donations                               | 18,000                  | 17,876                   | 7,669                    |
| Sacraments - Confirmation, First Communion<br>and Marriage Preparation | 2,200                   | 3,070                    | 3,000                    |
| Special collections  | 2,600                   | 2,730                    | 2,175                    |
| Grocery cards  | 8,000                   | 6,900                    | 7,000                    |
| Other  | 5,600                   | 7,373                    | 5,800                    |
|  | <u>257,150</u>          | <u>269,545</u>           | <u>247,644</u>           |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |                         |                          |                          |
| Pastor and staff remuneration and benefits                             | 69,452                  | 73,654                   | 72,836                   |
| Utilities, repairs and maintenance:                                    |                         |                          |                          |
| Parish Centre  | 42,000                  | 29,765                   | 35,000                   |
| Rectory  | 6,600                   | 4,445                    | 6,000                    |
| Diocesan Cathedraticum assessment                                      | 18,000                  | 18,498                   | 18,500                   |
| Office supplies and telephone  | 17,000                  | 15,620                   | 16,500                   |
| Diocesan collections   | 8,000                   | 8,863                    | 9,000                    |
| Property taxes and insurance   | 10,250                  | 8,786                    | 8,900                    |
| Refugee support  | 18,000                  | 17,876                   | 7,669                    |
| Diocesan Priests' benefit fund assessment                              | 5,974                   | 6,086                    | 6,175                    |
| Sacrament preparation  | 3,000                   | 2,953                    | 3,000                    |
| Rectory  | 7,000                   | 6,718                    | 7,000                    |
| Sanctuary and Catechetical   | 5,000                   | 5,831                    | 6,000                    |
| Donations  | 4,000                   | 3,109                    | 4,000                    |
| Other  | 9,700                   | 6,364                    | 9,800                    |
|  | <u>223,976</u>          | <u>208,568</u>           | <u>210,380</u>           |
| Sub-total  | 33,174                  | 60,977                   | 37,264                   |
| Utilization of property improvement donations                          |                         |                          | 36,000                   |
| Property maintenance fund collections                                  | 14,000                  | 14,232                   | 14,000                   |
| Property maintenance/improvement projects                              | (35,000)                | (42,619)                 | (60,000)                 |
|  | <u>12,174</u>           | <u>32,590</u>            | <u>27,264</u>            |
| <b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>                                 | <b><u>\$ 12,174</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 32,590</u></b>  | <b><u>\$ 27,264</u></b>  |
| <b>Parish's operating surplus at end of year</b>                       |                         | <b><u>\$ 162,622</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 189,886</u></b> |
| <b>Donations restricted for future property improvements</b>           |                         | <b><u>\$ 36,000</u></b>  | <b><u>\$ -</u></b>       |
| <b>Expected parking lot maintenance/improvement costs:</b>             |                         |                          |                          |
| 2018 fiscal year   |                         |                          | \$ 60,000                |
| 2019 fiscal year   |                         |                          | 60,000                   |
|  |                         |                          | <b><u>\$ 120,000</u></b> |

## FEBRUARY 18, 2018

| MINISTRY SCHEDULES                 |                                     |                                  |                                      |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| MASS TIMES                         | HOSPITALITY                         | LECTORS                          | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS              | ALTAR SERVERS  |
| Saturday, February 24<br>5:15 p.m. | Josie Bracamonte<br>Theresa Houston | Grant Marshall<br>Joanne Story   | Mary MacDermott<br>Sylvia Shackles   | Sarah and Lauren<br>McDonald                             |
| Sunday, February 25<br>8:30 a.m.   | Noreen Shepherd<br>Rick Zabloski    | Theresa Iddon<br>Deborah Souder  | Judith Hart<br>Susan Visneski        | Grace Whiteland<br>Evan Duffy                            |
| Sunday, February 25<br>10:00 a.m.  | Teresa and Kevin<br>Tanney          | Robin Reil<br>Isabelle Heffernan | Deacon Shawn Souder<br>Mary Gilliard | Liam Heffernan<br>Christopher Logstrup<br>Joshua O'Keefe |

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

| DATE                   | TIME                         | EVENT   |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Monday, February 19    | OFFICE CLOSED FOR FAMILY DAY |   |
| Tuesday, February 20   | 1:30 p.m.                    | Bible Reflection                                  |
| Wednesday, February 21 | 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.            | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament                |
|                        | 7:00 p.m.                    | RCIA  |
| Thursday, February 22  | 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.            | Prayer Group in the Chapel                        |
|                        | 7:00 p.m.                    | Choir Rehearsal                                   |
| Friday, February 23    | 12:10 p.m.                   | Stations of the Cross followed by Soup            |
|                        | 7:00 p.m.                    | Marriage Preparation Course                       |
| Saturday, February 24  | All Day                      | Marriage Preparation Course                       |
|                        | After Mass At 5:15 p.m.      | Coffee Social – Hosted by Parish Pastoral Council |
| Sunday, February 25    | After 10:00 a.m. Mass        | Coffee Social – Hosted by Knights of Columbus     |

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries in February:  
**Earl and Rennie LeClair**                      **58 years**    **February 27**

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOCIAL AT SJB:**

During Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross before every Daily Mass. Starting on **February 16 and every Friday at 12:10 p.m.**, there will be Stations of the Cross followed by a Lenten Social. There will be a hot bowl of soup and a bun served every Friday from Feb. 16 – Mar. 23. Free will offering. Volunteers are needed to make soup or help serve and clean up. Please see the sign-up sheets in the atrium. Contact Margaret Cameron at 613-498-1702.

**SHROVE TUESDAY:** A **BIG THANK YOU** to all, especially the volunteers who made our Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper a great success. **We raised \$511.00.** A special mention to Roger Wooller, Stewart Glashan, Ken O'Grady, Tim Glashan, Mel and Josie Bracamonte, Pam Marchand, Mark and Phyllis Dennis, Sheila Fraser and Susan Visneski for all their efforts.

**ENROLLMENT MASS FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:**

All First Communion and Confirmation applicants **must** attend one Enrollment Mass.  
**First Communion**                      Sunday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m.  
**Confirmation**                              Saturday, March 3 at 5:15 p.m.  
     Sunday, March 11 at 10:00 a.m.

**2017 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** Are now available for pick-up in the atrium. Making them available for pick-up ahead of the Feb. 28 deadline saves the church the cost of mailing them individually, so we are grateful to our parishioners who take the time after Mass to retrieve them.

**THURSDAY LENTEN FAITH FORMATION:**

Anyone who wants to understand the Catholic Faith more deeply and discuss it with fellow members of the faithful are warmly invited to join Father Justin **Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. starting on February 22 at St. Francis Xavier Church** for a 5 week Lenten series of faith, fun and learning.

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE:**

St. Mary High School invites all Grade 6 and 8 students and their parents to the St. Mary Showcase Night on **Wednesday, February 21 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** This is an opportunity to acquire information about the Grade 7 and 9 courses, support programs, school life, meet staff members, tour our facilities, learn about our Specialist High Skills Major programs, experience a carousel of co-curricular activities.

**GIVE UP OF THE WEEK FOR LENT: grumbling!**

Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines. **GIVE UP** 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.

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