

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## 1 MARCH 2020

**Readings for Sunday, March 1:** Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

Like Adam and Eve, Jesus was tempted, but did not sin. Our sinfulness is acquitted through one man, Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified.

**Readings for Sunday, March 8:** Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9.

**St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Monday.**  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Monday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Chapel.**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
2 Mar. MON. 9:00 AM	Katharine Bolak	Sister, Monica
4 Mar. WED. 9:00 AM	Earl Keck	Wife, Cathy
5 Mar. THU. 9:00 AM	Dean Gulotta	Ron & Carol Fry
6 Mar. FRI. 9:00 AM	Rita Boyle	Jack & Lori Carr
7 Mar. SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
8 Mar. SUN. 9:00 AM	Rita Bernas	Husband & Children



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.  
**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING** of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.  
**REMEMBER OUR TROOPS:** Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING** on Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Hostesses: Louise Roberts and Betty Skokowski.

**NO SECOND SUNDAY HOSPITALITY** on Sunday, March 8.

**HOT BREAKFAST** on Sunday, March 29 in the social hall after the 9:00 AM Mass in conjunction with Sunday Hospitality and the Knights of Columbus. Please join us for a breakfast of eggs, meat, potatoes, juice and coffee. Adults - \$6.00; Children age 6-13 - \$3.00; Children to age 5 - eat free. Reservations requested - please sign up in church lobby before March 21.

**PAJAMA PARTY & MOVIE NIGHT** on Friday, March 20 beginning at 6:00 PM. See flyer in today's bulletin for all the details. Reservations needed - sign up in the church lobby beginning this weekend.

**THE ROSARY GROUP** leads the recitation of the Rosary every Sunday before the 9:00 AM Mass. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join in these special Marian Devotions.

<b><u>MINISTRY SCHEDULE - March 7/8:</u></b>
<u>4:00 PM Mass</u>
Celebrant - Fr. Ortega
Lector - Phyllis Villano
Extraordinary Ministers - Vincent Tammaro, Mara Tammaro, John Nester, Nikki Gambino
Altar Servers - Tommy Miller and Madelyn Miller
Greeters - Greg & Tracey Bell
<u>9:00 AM Mass</u>
Celebrant - Fr. Hickey
Deacon Michael Murtha
Lector - Sylvia Marcheskie
Extraordinary Ministers - Rita Templin, Cindy Nore, Chris Gerasimowicz
Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz
Greeters - Jack and Lori Carr

**REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY**

**First Sunday of Lent**

At birth we board the train and meet our parents,  
and we believe they will always travel by our side.

However, at some station, our parents will step down from the  
train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train;  
and they will be significant, i.e. and even the love of our lives.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum.

Others go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy,  
sorrow, fantasy, expectations,  
hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationship  
with all passengers  
requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is:

We do not know at which station  
we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way:  
love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do  
this because when the time comes for us to step down  
and leave our seat empty,  
we should leave behind beautiful memories  
for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life.  
Reap success and give lots of love.  
More importantly, thank God for the journey.

Lastly, I thank you  
for being one of the passengers on my train.

By the way, I'm not planning to get off the train anytime soon  
but if I do, just remember I am glad you were part of my journey.

As we journey into Lent, don't make your own plans too carefully, don't decide what you want to do or learn. March first. Go into this Lent like Jesus went into the desert – with nothing except vulnerability to God. Re-read the Gospel for today, Matthew 4:1-11 and sit with a cup of coffee or tea and reflect on the "Train of Life."

Have a good week!

Fr. Hickey

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## Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2020.....	\$4,476
Regular Sunday Collection - \$3,549	
Parish Giving - \$95	
Feast Day Collection - \$832	
WEEKLY DEFICIT. ....	(\$524)
Year to Date Budget. ....	\$170,000
Year to Date Collections. ....	\$150,401
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,424
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$19,599)
Average per week Deficit. ....	(\$576)
<i>FEBRUARY 17, 2010</i>	
Deposit.....	\$3,592
2018-2019 Deficit to Date. ....	(\$22,222)
Difference from previous year.....	\$2,623



**PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET** based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold on a monthly basis.

The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. Tickets are available after the Masses on weekends and at the parish office on weekdays. **This is our major fund raiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

### LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- February 17 - #155 - Stephanie Pacanowski - \$50.00
- February 18 - #885 - Joe Gierschick - \$50.00
- February 19 - #258 - Robert Fitch - \$50.00
- February 20 - #106 - unsold
- February 21 - #289 - unsold
- February 22 - #676 - unsold
- February 23 - #745 - Beth Chillot - \$100.00

**MASS ATTENDANCE for February 22/23:**

4:00 PM Mass - 192  
 9:00 AM Mass - 133  
 Total Attendance - 325  
 Mass Attendance for February 23/24, 2019 - 319

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**, March 7 and 8, will be for the Puerto Rico Earthquake Recovery. We have all seen and heard the news about the devastations caused by the earthquake in Puerto Rico. Many - including religious communities - have lost everything. This collection will help the people of Puerto Rico in their recovery.

### EASTER PLANT SALE

from Levengood's, Douglassville

All 6" Pots All \$10.00 each

Pick-up Times

Saturday, April 4 at 1:00 PM

Sunday, April 5 after 9:00 AM Mass

	Amount	Total
Red Tulips	-----	-----
Purple Hyacinth	-----	-----
Easter Lily	-----	-----
Daffodils	-----	-----
Total Order	-----	-----

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Date to Order is March 27.**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Friday, March 6 at 1:30 PM in the Church.

**FAST & ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR**

**LENT** - The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world. Operation Rice Bowl boxes are at the entrances to church for your donations. Also, Operation Rice Bowls are at the entrances for your homes.