1st Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2020 A.D.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY
The GOSPEL
for All Ages

On this the first Sunday in Lent, Matthew’s Gospel 4:1-11 focuses on Jesus’s temptations by the Devil. Jesus as a human being was tested to see if he trusted in God above all others or if he relied on his own power in responding to the lure of sin. The Devil tempts Jesus three times, each time increasing the reward if Jesus will simply give in to the demands of the Devil and renounce his trust in God.

During our Lenten journey we have the opportunity to reflect on the many daily temptations we encounter. How will I respond? Do I have the trust in God to provide for my material needs? Will I ask for God’s help in resisting to do foolish things simply to impress others? If I am unable to resist temptations, do I remember that I am not perfect, only human, and seek God’s mercy and forgiveness?

As we begin our journey walking towards the burning bush and the holy ground remember our intention to slow down, become aware of our surroundings, find our own holy ground, rejoice in what we have discovered, and let God fill us with awe.

THE ABSENCE OF HOLY WATER

During Lent, the environment of the church should be one of starkness. We should be reminded of the desert experience. The color of the Season is purple. The holy water fonts should remain empty until after the Easter Vigil. This is done in order for the assembly to anticipate the waters of Easter. The absence of water in the fonts is a reminder for all of us that we are journeying in the desert with Jesus.
Next Sunday’s readings:  
Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 33:4-22;  
2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9.

Let us Pray For the Sick: May our prayers be a comfort to those who are sick or chronically ill: Janet Rocha Mireles, Joanne Jenkins, Belinda Reyna Gonzalez, Maureen O’Malley, Narisorn Bognuda, Jeremy Briscoe, Innette, Ross & Duncan Starkenburg; Nancy Hansen, Trina Domenghini, Kathy Ingersoll, Patti Tooker, Larry Stayton, Judy Preuss, Sandi Tannler, Terri Cavanaugh, Christine Hart, Jack Dooling, Maria & Joe Pascoal, Glen Bennett, Cecil Marie Krause, Sonia DeCicco, Stacy Axan, Arleen Bartulski, Virginia Avalos, Kylitia Palmo, Rita Marie Ayoob, Edward & Elizabeth Barwikowski, Peggy Grindrod, Frank Gutierrez, Mark Sigmund, Paula May, John Lowry, David London, Jeff Adams, Sherry Brazda, Abbey Heers, Connie & Alyssa Lopez, Kristy Moldrem, Carolina Gonzalez, Mary Marlene Greene, Ernie Gambellin, Enzo Keller, Betty James, Peg Jung, Zan Barr, John Paul Hope, Julia Thomas, Megan McAlpin-Sanchez, Joe Pollock, Alice Foster, Allen Beltrametti, Grace Poletti, Pat Doroski, Donna Pett, Cassey Schoening, & George Bellino.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPERS

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 4:30 p.m. followed by Soup Suppers.

If you would like to participate in the Stations of the Cross by being a reader or Cross bearer or if you would like to make the soup for the supper one Friday, please call the parish office at 805-995-3243. Thank you.

LENTEN OUTREACH

Wondering what to give up for Lent? Give up your spare change to help Anna’s Home. Restorative Partners manages this home for women coming out of incarceration. It provides a safe place for these women to be reunited with their children and to take the next step forward with their lives.

Please consider taking home a Lenten box to fill with your spare change. Please bring your box back to church between now and Easter Sunday. Thank you for supporting this this worthy cause. This Lenten outreach is being facilitated by the Altar Society.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2020

MORNING PRAYER WITH MASS  
Tuesdays of Lent at 9 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
Fridays of Lent at 4:30 p.m.

SOUP SUPPER  
Fridays of Lent following Stations of the Cross

FAITH SHARING  
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. & Fridays at 9:45 a.m.

LENTEN RETREAT  

By Fr. Patrick Dooling  
“Let God fill us with awe!”

He will speak during the Masses:  
Sat., Mar. 14, at the 5 p.m.  
Sun., Mar. 15, at the 9 & 11 a.m.  
On Mon. Mar. 16 & Tues., Mar. 17  
Mass is at 9 a.m.  
Followed by a reflection  
From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
Confessions available on Monday
**TIME CHANGE**
Don't forget to spring forward. Daylight savings begins at 2 a.m. Sun., Mar. 8.

**RECONCILIATION**
This Sat., Mar. 7, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the library from 4 – 4:30 p.m.

**ALTAR SOCIETY**
All parishioners are invited to the Altar Society meeting on Mon., Mar. 9, at 10 a.m. in the Community Room. New members are welcome. Invite a friend. For more information, please call Kathy at 805-995-aaaa.

**2020 ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL**
It's that time of year for the Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA). The parish goal for 2020 is $12,400.

The AMA kick-off began February 8-9. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal and help St. Joseph’s meet its goal. Brochures and envelopes are in the pews (or in the mail from the Diocese). Thank you!

**PARKING LOT UPDATE**
We have contacted Golden State Sealing & Striping and informed them that we would accept their revised bid to seal and stripe the church parking lot. They will do the job, but advised us that it would be best to wait until spring (around April) to do the work. They said it is very difficult to get a good job when temperatures are this cold and the hours of sunshine are fewer than in spring and summer. They will lock in the present bid until they complete the project.

Again, thank you all for your donations to make this happen. We will move forward to complete the job in the spring.

**FIRST TUESDAY BUNCO**
Bunco will be Tues., Mar. 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the hall. Please call Eleanor at 805-995-aaaa and let her know who your substitute will be if you are not able to attend.

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE (Mar. 7-8)**

**Sat. 5 pm:** Lector: Bill Mazzacane
EMs: B. Mazzacane, J. Edwards, J. Curti
Ushers: Arlene Delfous, Liam Baty
Server: Cindy Mazzacane

**Sun. 9 am:** Lector: Peg Donlan
EMs: D. Piwowarski, K. Friend, A. Ayoob
Ushers: Kay Ash, Carol Lowry
Server: Steve Semas
Coffee: Steve Semas
Hospitality: Anita Ayoob, Darlene Kelly

**Sun. 11 am:** Lector: Jackie Sterios
EMs: K. Hogan, E. Kiesewetter, B. Nelson
Ushers: Anne Bennett, Ed Kraemer
Server: Phil Kiesewetter
Music: Terry & Judy Ann Cross
Hospitality: Help please, 2 needed for the 2nd Sunday of each month

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat.** †Jack Monson by Barrie & Arleen Bartulski
Sun. @ 9 St. Joseph’s Parishioners
Sun. @ 11 Kathy Ingersoll by Diane Fletcher
Mon. Narisorn Bognuda by Dale Domenghini
Tues. Kathy Ingersoll by Diane Fletcher
Wed. Donald Pierce, Sr. by Dale Domenghini
Thurs. †Lucille Armstrong
Fri. †Darrell Fletcher by Diane Fletcher
Sat. †Bill & Kelly Wade
Sun. @ 9 †Frs. Con & Jim Sweeney & Mary Sweeney by Dale Domenghini
Sun. @ 11 St. Joseph’s Parishioners

While every effort will be made to offer Mass for your special intention on the requested date, please understand that circumstances occasionally make this impossible. Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church. For further information please call the office at 805-995-3243.

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**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lena Minetti whose celebration of life will be on Sat., Apr. 4, at 3 p.m. at the Vets’ Hall tent.