

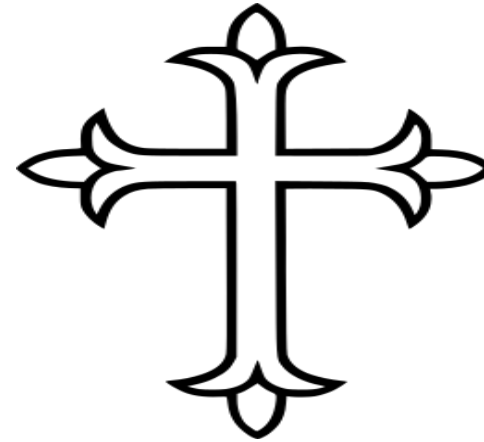
St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 10, 2019

Reflection on Sunday's Readings

Scripture lessons: The first reading describes the ancient Jewish ritual of presenting the first fruits and gifts to God during the harvest festival in order to thank Him for liberating His people from Egypt and for strengthening them during the years of their trials and temptations in the desert. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 91), points to Satan's third temptation of Jesus in the desert as recorded in Luke's Gospel. In the second reading, St. Paul warns the early Christians converted from Judaism not to yield to their constant temptation to return to the observances of the Mosaic Laws. He reminds them that they will be saved only by acknowledging the risen Jesus as Lord and Savior. The graphic temptations of Jesus described by Matthew and Luke in their Gospels are pictorial and dramatic representations of the inner struggle against a temptation that Jesus experienced throughout his public life. The devil was trying to prevent Jesus from accomplishing his mission of saving mankind from the bondage of sin, mainly through a temptation to become the political Messiah of Jewish expectations, and to use his Divine power first for his own convenience and then to avoid suffering and death.

Life Messages: 1) **We need to confront and conquer temptations as Jesus did, using the means he employed:** Like Jesus, every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth and a position of authority, and is drawn to the use of unjust or sinful means to attain good ends. Jesus sets a model for conquering temptations through prayer, penance and the effective use of the "word of God." Temptations make us true warriors of God by strengthening our minds and hearts. We are never tempted beyond the strength God gives us. In his first letter, St. John assures us: "*The One Who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world*" (1 John 4:4). Hence during Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer (especially by participating in the Holy Mass), with penance and with the meditative reading of the Bible. Knowledge of the Bible prepares us for the moment of temptation by enabling us "to know Jesus more clearly, to love him more dearly and to follow him more nearly, day by day," as William Barclay puts it. 2) **We need to grow in holiness during Lent by prayer, reconciliation and sharing.** We become resistant and even immune to temptations as we grow healthier in soul by following the traditional Lenten practices: a) by finding time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him and listening to Him; b) by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives by uniting ourselves with God both by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and by forgiving those who have hurt us and asking forgiveness of those whom we have hurt; and c) by sharing our love with others through our selfless and humble service, our almsgiving and our helping of those in need.



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Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 PM	St. Aloysius
Saturday	5:30 PM	Sacred Heart Church (July 4th to Labor day)
Sunday	9:00 AM	St. Aloysius
	11:00 AM	Gate of Heaven

Weekday

M/T/F	8:15 AM	St. Aloysius
Thursday	12:00 PM	St. Aloysius

Adoration

M/T/F	7:30 to 8.15 AM
Friday	9.00 AM to 12.00 PM

Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Eve:	5:30 PM	Gate of Heaven
Holy Day:	9:00 AM	St. Aloysius
	7:00 PM	St. Aloysius

Sacraments

Confession: Before all mass

Baptism: Call the rectory for the arrangement

Marriage: Call the rectory to schedule your Wedding and pre-Cana classes.

Pastoral Visitation

When confined at home, please call the rectory to arrange for a visit and Holy Communion. Please call the rectory if you are facing surgery or hospitalization and would like the Sacrament of the Sick.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a parish, we strive to bring our communities of Catholic Christians together, as we have for over 100 years, by loving and serving God and Each other through Worship, education and service.

MASS INTENTIONS: Mar 9- Mar17 , 2019

Saturday, Mar 9

8.15 AM- All Widows
4:00 PM - Duke Smith

Mon, Mar 11

8:15 AM - Rita Jeanne Schwarz

Thurs Mar 14

12. PM - Alice Rooney Peg Piggott family

Saturday, Mar 16

4:00 PM -

Sunday, Mar 10

9:00 AM - William McRell
11:00 AM - Mealie Family

Tues. Mar 12

8:15 AM - Ianine Lusker

Fri. Mar 15

8.15 AM- Pat Norris

Sunday, Mar 17

9:00 AM- Chris Farrell
11.AM- Eleanor & Frank Fay

NOTE: No Gifts can replace offering a mass to departed soul or welfare of living. We have openings for weekdays and weekend masses. The first come will be served first. The mass stipend per mass is \$15.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & DECEASED

For the Sick: Jim Engelhardt, Kevin & LarryMcHugh, Joni & Vinny Salvatore, LilianCoy, Colleen&JerrilynnO'Neill;Nora Fernandez, Mary Jones, James Knack, Laurene Symanski, Lisa Grieco, Ken Duffy; Laurie & William McMichael, Carol Faughn,Christopher Merklin, Jack Tempel, Robert Ackerly, Sr. Grace, Maureen Connolly, Dave Tucker, Shannon Bruning, Patty Lewis, Lynne Hyzer, Beth Marie Martin, Kristi Romolo, Erma Carlson ,Linda Bonin, Jim Wilbur, Dom Formato, Darren Steele, Jonell Dalton, Carrie Neer-Molinari. Mary Muhlig. Scott Branning. Easton Gorr. Joyce conroy.

For the Deceased: Rita Margaret Reda.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Is in need of spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna fish and jelly

Collection for last Week

Total: \$ 1255

Thank you

Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel- Luke:9:28b-36

BIBLE STUDY

Good Soil Bible Study Group will meet this week.

Time: Tuesday 4.00 PM at Church basement

St.Patrick's Day Dinner

March 17, 2019

Rockland House, Roscoe

\$26.00-Ticket-Benefits:

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5:00pm- Social -Cash Bar, 5.30 PM- Corned beef & Cabbage Dinner

Contact for Tickets:

Judy(Livingston Manor) 845-439-4960

Barbara(Roscoe)845-439-4163

Note: Tickets must be purchased in advance by March 10, 2019. Tickets are being sold after 4.00 PM, 9.00 AM & 11.00 AM Masses.

INTRODUCING...DISCOVERING CHRIST!

Curious about the meaning of your life? Seek answers at Discovering Christ, a 7-week experience that includes dinner, an engaging Bible-inspired message, and discussion. The series will run for seven Sunday evenings, February 24 -April 14th, from 5:00-7:30pm, right here at St. Peter's! ALL are welcome. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please visit www.discoverchristssullivanco.org, or you may contact the Rectory.

A Mediation on the Cross

Grasping the secret of the cross is not something we do once and for all. Sometimes we grasp it, and we are inside the circle of understanding; and sometimes we don't grasp it, and we are outside the circle of understanding. For example, after Peter denies Jesus during the passion, the Gospels tell us that "Peter went outside." They are referring to much more than simply stepping outside through some courtyard door. Peter was stepping outside the circle of both true discipleship and of a true understanding of life. His denial of Jesus took him "outside." We too, in our following of Jesus, sometimes step "outside" when we give in to temptation or adversity. But then, if we repent, like Peter, we can step back "inside."

