



Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. *Matthew 4:1-11*

**Mass Intentions**

This Weekend

<b>Saturday</b>	3:30 PM	Recitation of the Rosary
<b>February 29</b>	4:00 PM RIP	Francis Coyne By: Charles & Betsy Bashaw
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 AM	Recitation of the Rosary
<b>March 1</b>	10:00 AM RIP	Dennis Nauceder By: Theresa Nauceder

Daily Masses

Monday	7:00 AM RIP	Lottie Green (bday rem) By: Green Family
March 2		
Tuesday	7:00 AM RIP	Georgette Savoy By: David Savoy & family
March 3		
Wednesday	7:00 PM RIP	Mike Shaughnessy By: a friend
March 4		
Thursday	7:00 AM RIP	Marylou Viveiros-Palmariello By: Karen Brodeur
March 5		
Friday	5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
March 6		

Next Weekend

<b>Saturday</b>	3:30 PM	Recitation of the Rosary
<b>March 7</b>	4:00 PM RIP	Norman LaCoille By: Chad, Kristen & Tony
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 AM	Recitation of the Rosary
<b>March 8</b>	10:00 AM RIP	Michael Shaughnessy By: Sean Doyle & James Jones

Readings for the Week of March 2, 2020

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11  
**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

**Parish Support**

WEEKLY GOAL \$2000.00

Weekend of February 22, 2020 & February 23, 2020

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 1302.00
Envelopes	\$ 861.00
Loose Donations	\$ 441.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 80.00
Votive Candles	\$ 27.00
	\$ 1409.00

Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$338.00

**Last Year's Offertory Collection**  
**February 17, 2019 \$ 2548.00**

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

Lector: Laura Rounds  
 EMHC: Bill O'Connor  
 Greeters: Sandi Gaspardino, JoAnn Marino, Eliane Davidson

**Sunday March 8, 2020**

Lector: Paul Mercier  
 EMHC: Jim Aldrich  
 Greeters: Marge Ladd, Ann Hadley & Betsy Mercier

**Stations of the Cross will start on February 28<sup>th</sup> and run through Lent, ending on April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sunday, March 29, 2020, 3:00 PM**  
**St. Peter's Church**

There will be a Lenten Penance Service Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm, at St. Peter's Church. This is a combined service with St. Charles. Father John will be joined by Father Maria in hearing individual confessions following the service.



*Pray for Healing and Comfort*

**Especially for:** Constance Burns, Carole Zinter, Deacon John Blicharz, Doreen Aldrich, Mary Frances Branch, Warren Peschl, Daniel Bryant, Monica Luedtke, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr. Fr. Al Dagnoli, Paul Desruisseaux, Betsy Bashaw, Betsy & Bob Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Mary Damon, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hinds, Maria Coyne, Mary Grippo, Madison Bills, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Peggy Lafave, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hinds, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Ellah Williams, Fred Waryas, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Kathy Mcarthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elyse Garrett, Ed Atkins, Conner Glover. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Maria Lazar to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

**First Sunday of Lent**

After Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture. The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted. Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness. As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God. (Copyright © 2020 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com))

**There will be a Memorial Service for Georgette Savoy on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Sterling House on Atkinson Street, Bellows Falls.**

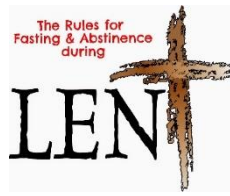
**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and Mar 27-29, 2020 in Albany, NY. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.



**Sharing Thoughts with Deacon John Blicharz.**

Join Deacon John as he discusses Foster Parenting with Alex Stradling, Throughout the month of March. Airs Sundays at 10:00 am / Tuesdays at 8:00 pm / Saturdays at 3:00 pm on Fact 8 TV. If you would like to do a show with Deacon John please contact him at 802-463-4206



**GUIDELINES FOR LENT**

The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. The rule of **fasting** states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength", are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59. Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended. Parents and teachers should see to it that, even those who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.

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As Knights we are called to be leaders within our



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Church and live our Baptismal promises. Let's use the time of Lent to open our hearts to the power of God's love. This Easter season, may we strive to live up to our principles of Fraternity, Unity and Charity. Lent is upon us and we are currently conducting our annual "40 Cans for 40 days of Lent" Program. Please help our community by bringing nonperishable food items to church each weekend. Our goal is to exceed last year. For more information on how to join the Knights of Columbus please call Grand Knight, Tom Ronning (603) 313 - 8839.



**3rd Annual Catholic Men's Conference - Saturday, March 28th**

St. Anthony's Church - White River Junction. Price is \$40.00 per person, under the age of 21, \$20.00 per person. The keynote Speaker is retired Air Force Captain, Guy Gruters. Cpt. Gruters is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent 5 1/2 years as a POW in Vietnam, and a lifetime Catholic. Other speakers include Monsignor John McDermott and Mr. Paul Kendall. There will also be opportunities for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, fellowship, and Mass with Bishop Coyne. Registration and more information at [www.vermontcatholic.org/men](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/men)

**Hunger in Our World - CRS Rice Bowls**



When Jesus fed 5000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you Contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more. **Please pick up a CRS Rice Bowl in the vestibule or sacristy. Thank you.**