



**1ST Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2018**

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Upcoming Events:

Annual Lenten Penance Celebration – March 22nd at 7PM in the Church.

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7PM – Church

Good Friday – Passion of the Christ – 3PM – Church

Easter Vigil – 7:30PM – Church

Sunday Masses: 8AM, 10AM, Noon and 1PM Spanish

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“What gets you through it?” asks someone acknowledging someone else’s deep pain.

“Splashes of joy,” they respond, refreshed and ready keep going.

This is the key to the way we should live – simply and completely. Grounded in God as the foundation of all our joy, we align our actions, interactions, choices, and behaviors with a joyous attitude and gratitude. We can become joyologists.

Things often don’t go according to plan. Sometimes they go utterly and spectacularly wrong. Joyologist aren’t free of life’s speed bumps. Life even delivers them a truckload of lemons on occasion. But joyologists simply edit out the negative, recognizing that negativity breeds negativity. Then they edit in the good that is happening, no matter how little or much.

Joyologists don’t worry obsessively, lament over the might-have-been, or get caught up in “someday....” They are grateful for every moment, give thanks for the good in their lives, and appreciate the little things – a breathtaking sunset, an engaging conversation, a delicious meal. Fully engaged in the now, when life gets bumpy, they choose to power ahead. God directs joyologists to connect with people who are having a hard time bouncing back, helping them turn the lemons into a refreshing glass of lemonade.

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The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)



It is the first Sunday in Lent and the Gospel message reminds us today that we should, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." Jesus' gospel message is one of love and forgiveness, and believing in this message, one should be drawn to repent. Like Jesus, we too are tempted. However, unlike Christ we often fall to these temptations. What temptations do you struggle with? Do you find yourself falling to the same temptations and struggling with the same sins? As these sins and temptations are

drawn to your mind, bring them to God. Embrace the truth of forgiveness, and repent, by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



"Believe in the gospel." In the middle of temptation and wild beasts, Jesus was still in the presence of angels. Perhaps this is where belief in the Gospel is at its fullest; right in the middle of both the good and the bad. Our belief calls us to truly change and grow, no matter what surrounds us. St. Paul reminds us that faith without work is essentially dead. Lent is a special time to examine how we live out our faith among the good and the bad and to do something about it.

On the way home: Have you ever experienced something good during a bad experience?

Prayer, Penance and Works of Charity are the three-fold program of Lent. We encourage you to make this you're best Lent of your life.



"Prayer for the good of your soul." We encourage you to come to daily Mass as often as possible during Lent. Mass will be celebrated Monday through Friday at 6:30AM and 8:30AM in the Chapel. On Friday's, the **Station of the Cross will be at 7:00PM** in the Church. Take each Friday as an opportunity to experience special

meaning during Lent by attending the **"Way of the Cross" (Stations)**. Let this important devotion help you to: grow closer to others; strengthen your faith community; grow in faith and love and enhance your celebration of Lent.

"Fasting for the good of your body." The church calls us to do penance - to have a change of heart - and as a sign of that change, to die to ourselves by fasting and abstinence. Fasting means only one full meal for those 18 to 59 years of age. Abstinence means no meat for those 14 years and older (Good Friday is a day of strict fast and abstinence.) Every Friday of Lent is a day of abstinence. While these are minimum practices of penance specified by our Church, we are urged to do something that is truly penance for us, to say "no" to legitimate desires to strengthen our sense of discipline and resistance to temptation.

"Almsgiving for the good of your neighbor." The Lord and His church also call us to turn away from centering our lives on ourselves and our pleasure, to turn to the Lord and serve Him, especially in our needy brothers and sisters. **Operation Rice Bowl** is an excellent opportunity to encourage and participate in this meaningful Lenten observance. Give your sacrificial gifts to Operation Rice Bowl to help our sisters and brothers in need around the world through Catholic Relief Services' development projects.

Lent Reconciliation Service is scheduled for March 22nd at 7:00PM here at Our Lady of Fatima combined with Holy Spirit & St. Peter's.

This weekend: The second collection this weekend is for our **Annual Fuel Collection**. The money received will help defray the cost of our heating and electric bills for the parish church and rectory. We ask again for everyone's support for this fund. Our heating/fuel bills over the past several months, due to the frigid temperatures have risen sharply. We again thank everyone for their generous support and contributions to this collection.



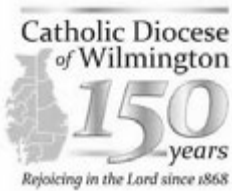


Our reading today from Genesis is the conclusion of the very familiar story of Noah and the Ark. It's always a little bit strange that the symbols from this tale are used to decorate nurseries. The homecoming of a new baby seems to stand in such stark contrast to the destructive flood that creates the need for Noah's protective ark. The innocence of a newborn seems in radical opposition to the wickedness that moved God to send the waters over the whole



earth. Yet perhaps there is a subtle reminder amidst this contrast, a reminder carried in today's gospel and in the entire season of Lent. The difficult truth is that all of us, including young children, even including Jesus himself, are subject to the temptations of sin. No one is exempt from the need day after day to choose love and peace and justice over selfishness, violence, and greed. All of us need the help of angels and the reminder of God's fidelity stretched across the skies to live righteously.

Help kick off a year to remember! Diocesan 150th anniversary to begin March 3rd.



You are cordially invited to join Bishop Malooly at the Diocese of Wilmington's Sesquicentennial Kick-off Mass on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Sixth and West Streets in Wilmington. Gather and pray with Catholics from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington by Blessed Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1868.



Pray for the sick of the parish:

Frances Grecco, Eugene Smallwood, Connie McElwee, Donald Yanick, Carmelita Kutch, George Dzarnik, Cindy Johnstone, Leslie Hampton, Anna Brown, Matthew Gray, Richard Woerner, Joseph DiMartino, Donna and Bill Thomas, Rev. Robert Hoban, Hayden Godwin, Gerard Pelletier, Francis Pelletier, Pat Donohue, William Hoops, Tony NeCastro, Irene Suigne, Silva Lopez, Robert Evanousky, Mary Harrison, Meta Caserta, Scott Baker, Tyler Messinger, Ben Saffer, Joan Carilli, Joe Ellis, Len & Margaret Earl, Fred Hagerty, Helena Miller, Tommy Martone, Samuel Watts, Frank Yarrusso, Marianne Geier, Betsy Tong, Tony Arcaro, Anna McDonald, Christopher White, Maureen Monaghan, Darlene Bargelski, Donna Hagan, Dr. Marion Panyan, Kansas Collins, Frank Pecoraro, Mary Querey, Rosa Santos, Kay Jarman-McElwee, Gina Coburn, Helen Toto, Mary Allen VanAken, Angeline DiRienzo, Meghan Ward, Linda Murphy, Donna Cronk, John Haller, Elizabeth Keenan, Raul & Juanita Lopez.



Marriage Moments: Rolling your eyes, a scowl, ignoring a request by walking away can speak louder than a yell. Check out any belittling mannerisms you may have that hurts your spouse.

Parenting Pointers: The month of February is Black History month but sensitivity to people of a race different from your own is bigger than just one color. As a family, learn about a race, different from your own, this month.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, February 19 (Presidents Day)

9:00AM James DeCarlo

Tuesday, February 20

6:30AM Dorothy Sobocinski

8:30AM Joseph DuPuis

Wednesday, February 21 (St. Peter Damian)

6:30AM Roseann Manganaro

8:30AM Charles DeGino, Sr.

Thursday, February 22 (Chair of St. Peter)

6:30AM Lillian Fagioli

8:30AM Felix Poppiti, III

Friday, February 23 (St. Polycarp)

6:30AM The Daney Family

8:30AM William Messick

Saturday, February 24

8:30AM Anthony Anolore

5:00PM John A. Nelson
(David & Christine Roberts)

7:00PM Mike Stasho (Maria Brambilia)

Sunday, February 25

8:00AM Doris M. Kulakowski
(Chris & Diane Thompson)

10:00AM People of the Parish

Noon James DeCarlo (Sheryl Cook)

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Sunday, February 18

PREP – 8:30AM – School

Youth Group – 1:00PM – Board Room

Sp Alco Anony – 6:30PM – McDonough

Holy Week Choir – 7PM - Church

Monday, February 19

President's Day – Offices closed

Sp Alco Anony – 6:30PM – McDonough

Sp Parish Choir – 7:00PM - Chapel

Tuesday, February 20

English AA – 7:00PM – McDonough

Sp Encuentro – 7:00PM – Conf Room #1

Parish Choir – 7:30PM - Church

Wednesday, February 21

Spanish AA – 6:30PM – McDonough

Spanish RCIA – 6:30PM – Convent Rm. 1

PREP – 6:30PM – School

Thursday, February 22

Cub Scouts – 6:00PM - Hall

Spanish Choir – 6:00PM – Chapel

Spanish Encuentro – 6:30PM – Convent Rm 1

Friday, February 23

Spanish Choir – 5:00PM – Chapel

Stations of the Cross – 7PM - Church

Saturday, February 24

Confirmation Session – 10AM – Board Rm.

Spanish Choir – 4:00PM – Chapel

Neo-catechumen – 8:00PM – Middle Room

Sodality Information

The OLF Sodality Bake Sale

will be held on **Palm Sunday**

Weekend, March 24/25,

2018 after all the Masses and

is being held in the Convent. The bake sale is the Sodality's only fundraiser for the year. If you can help with a cake, cookies or pie, your donation would be greatly appreciated. Call the rectory office and leave your name, number and item you will be donating. Thank you once again for your continued support of this fundraiser.



SANCTUARY CANDLES

All four candles are in memory of **James DeCarlo** (requested by the Family)

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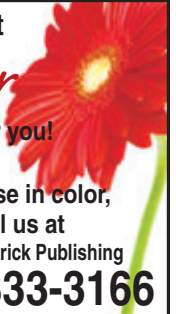
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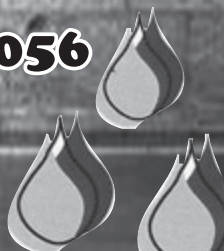


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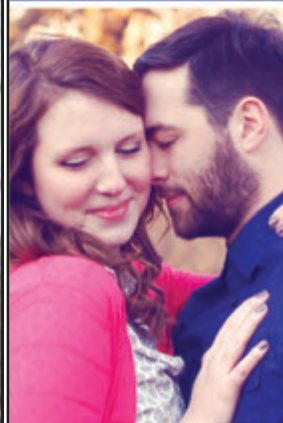
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