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First Sunday of Lent, BDW

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Dominica Prima Quadragesima

Corinthians 6, 1-10; Psalm 90, 11-12; Matthew 4, 1-11

From the Pastor

Lent is the most important penitential season of the year. Penance is not optional to our salvation as we are all sinners in need of repentance. Plan to make a good confession this Lent in addition to the obligatory fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Spring Oyster Fest on Saturday, March 24th. If you are unable to clear your calendar that day, please take a flyer for family or friends who may be interested. Benefactors are donating the shrimp and oysters. We are still in need of fresh ham and side dishes.

Please note our new listing of staff members on the back of every bulletin beginning with this edition.

God bless all our families,
Lent Adoration, Confession and Stations Join us during Lent for confessions and adoration followed by Mass on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm and on Fridays for dinner at the hall, 6 pm, followed by Stations of the Cross in church at 7 pm. Keep in mind that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from eating of flesh meat, as is the case all year.

February 27th Penance Service in Waldorf Plan to make your Lent confession at Our Lady Help of Christians Penance Service in Waldorf at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, February 27. A number of priests will be available that evening.

Society of Ss. Aloysius and Alphonsus The Society of Ss. Aloysius and Alphonsus is a newly formed group being established for parish altar servers. The ends of the society are the sanctification of its members, the formation of acolytes, the fostering of vocations, and the beautification of the Sacred Liturgy. The first members of the Society will be inducted Monday, February 19th, following a 9:00 am Sung Mass at historic S. Francis Xavier Church in Newtowne Neck. All are invited to attend. Any boys or men interested in membership are encouraged to contact Father Cusick, Jamieson Scarlata, or Stephen Krautle.

TODAY: Redemptorist Mission, 3 pm Plan to join Father David Verghese, CSsR, for a Lent mission this Sunday, February 18th, beginning at 3 pm in the church. Father David will arrive around 2 pm and join us for lunch at the hall so you can meet and chat with him beforehand.

The mission will include Eucharistic adoration and opportunity for confession, concluding around 5:30 pm.

Faith on Twitter "There is no love – no charity – without truth, just as there is no real mercy separated from a framework of justice informed and guided by truth..." - Archbishop Chaput - Follow @MCITLFrAphorism

"And Lead Us Not Into Temptation" "This petition goes to the root of the preceding one, for our sins result from our consenting to temptation; we therefore ask our Father not to "lead" us into temptation. It is difficult to translate the Greek verb used by a single English word: the Greek means both "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation."150 "God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one";151 on the contrary, he wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin. We are engaged in the battle "between flesh and spirit"; this petition implores the Spirit of discernment and strength. CCC 2846 "The Holy Spirit makes us discern between trials, which are necessary for the growth of the inner man,152 and temptation, which leads to sin and death.153 We must also discern between being tempted and consenting to temptation. Finally, discernment unmasks the lie of temptation, whose object appears to be good, a "delight to the eyes" and desirable,154 when in reality its fruit is death. CCC 2847 "God does not want to impose the good, but wants free beings. . . . There is a certain usefulness to temptation. No one but God knows what our soul has received from him, not even we ourselves. But temptation reveals it in order to teach us to know ourselves, and in this way we discover our evil inclinations and are obliged to give thanks for the goods that temptation has revealed to us." CCC 2848 2848 "Lead us not into temptation" implies a decision of the heart: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. . . . No one can serve two masters."156 "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit."157 In this assent to the Holy Spirit the Father gives us strength. CCC 2849 "God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the

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Monthly Financial Report

October 2017

Offertory including fuel fund \$13,080.00
Other Revenues \$2340.00
Total Income \$15,420.00
Total Expenses \$13,240.00

Dedicated/2nd Collections
World Mission Sunday \$355.00

Thanks for your generous support.

Please pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Betsy Behne, Richard Estes, Dorothy Hume, Miles & Elizabeth Torreyson. Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com to arrange for him to visit any homebound, ill or hospitalized parishioners or family members.

Children's Faith Formation

Our Church teaches that parents are the first teachers in the ways of Faith for all of our young people. No one has more power or responsibility before God for witnessing to our children of the fact of the Lord's Resurrection and His presence in our lives through the Church. Those parents who wish to augment home school with parish faith formation are welcome to enroll children for classes at the hall on Sundays at 10 am and Wednesday afternoons at 4 pm. Email Donna at markboat55@yahoo.com.

Week at a Glance

Holy Sweepers for the Weeks of February 18 and 25

Kay Family
Long Family

February 24

Lector
Jon Kay
Altar Server
Teams as assigned

February 25

Lector
Ray Hitch
Altar Server
Teams as assigned

UPCOMING

Monday, February 19: Mass for Society of Ss Aloyisus and Alphonsus, Sr Francis Xavier, Leonardtown, 9 am
Friday, February 23 and all Fridays of Lent: Supper at Hall, 6 pm, Stations at church, 7pm
Thursday, March 22, Shucking night, Hall, 4 pm; Saturday, March 24: Oyster Fest, Hall, 12-3 pm

Mass Intentions and Schedule this Week

Table with 5 columns: Day, Date, Time, Intention, and Special Event. Rows include Sunday 18 February, Monday 19 February, Tuesday 20 February, Wednesday 21 February, Thursday 22 February, Friday 23 February, Saturday 24 February, and Sunday 25 February.



*** Mass 9 am, S Francis Xayvier, Newtown Neck ** Mass in English *Not public
If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com, stop by the parish office during regular business hours, drop a note in the collection basket or see Father after Mass. The customary offering for a Mass, per Archdiocesan guidelines, is \$10.00.

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Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Sunday... 9:00am ** Traditional Latin 11:00am
Weekday Masses in Latin: See schedule in bulletin.
Saturday.... 9:00am and Vigil of Sunday 5:30pm**
Holy Day Masses: 8:00am and 6:00pm**, 7:00pm
Confessions offered prior to all weekend Masses
** English language Masses

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment 6 months in advance. Bulletin Deadline: Two Thursdays prior to the date of publication. Send to braun.cait@gmail.com or call the rectory 301-274-3416. New Parishioners: Welcome! Please complete a registration form, available in the back of the church, and return it to Father or drop in the collection basket.