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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2015

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY – 6:30 PM
THURSDAY – 8:30 AM
FRIDAY – 8:30 AM
SATURDAY – 8:30 AM
VIGIL – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY – 10:30 AM
IN SPANISH – 1:00 PM
HOLY DAY – 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - 10 - 6:15 PM
SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon

BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM
HOLY DAY – NOON

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: *Chant by Cantor*

OFFERTORY: *"Forty Days and Forty Nights" #526*

COMMUNION: *Chant by Cantor*

MASS PARTS: *Siena Mass Chant, St. Michael Hymnal #149*

Pastor's Column

To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael:

“And well did it become the Divine Mercy to appoint a time for, repentance.” That was how Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman began some sermon notes for a First Sunday in Lent. He recalled in Acts 24: 24-25, how Antonius Felix, the Roman procurator of Judea who came to meet Paul with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he talked to them of the Christian faith, of justice, and of chastity, and of the judgment to come, “Felix being terrified, answered: For this time, go thy way: but when I have a convenient time, I will send for you.”

When is it a convenient time to quiet our conscience, to face square-on those things in our lives that keep us from worshiping our Lord with a heart that is not weighted down with sin? Maybe we will wait until the latest pattern of temptation is past, or when the current troubles are over with, or when we “enjoy” life just a little bit more. The trouble with “a little more,” is that deep down we know that “there is no satisfaction in sin, each sin is the last. But the thirst comes again.” Maybe we rationalize that we will wait until the end

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of life, or when we retire. Our passions sometimes burn out, but Newman notes that “the change of nature is not the coming of grace. We may change, but we shall not be nearer heaven. To near heaven is not a natural change, but a specific work...it is not a growth till there is something to grow from.”

Now is the appointed time. Lent is that time when God in his divine mercy appoints for us a time when he sends; he calls us to repentance. “Not sternly, but most lovingly and [hopefully] persuasively she does it.” Unlike Felix, there is no reason we may feel terrified at the prospect of knowing ourselves a little bit better through the Sacrament of Confession, or through some intentional devotional reading this Lent, or attending each Friday observance of the Way of the Cross.

Pope Benedict reminded us that our reconciliation came at a high price; that of the cross raised on Golgotha, the total gift of self. He urged us all to “come out more and more from our selfishness and our closures, to make room for God who opens and transforms the heart.”

The almsgiving, prayer and fasting of Lent are all ways we may begin rendering our hearts. Not with big lists of what we are giving up to put on public display, but with quiet, secret self-denials and simple generosity. I didn’t pass on gossip today. I didn’t react in kind to the sarcastic comment I received. I remembered to thank God for my coffee this morning. I cleaned the bathroom and I’m not going to get upset that no one noticed.

Benedict called on all of us to begin our Lenten journey with trust and joy, accepting the Lord’s invitation to makes us new men and women capable of sharing in the life of Jesus. And his last words, in his last homily as pope –“May the Virgin Mary accompany us in this time, the Mother of the Church and model of every true disciple of the Lord. Amen!”

ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr. Dean

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, February 22:

SECOND COLLECTION - UNITED MINISTRIES
9:00 - 10:15 AM - Religious Education Class
9:00 - 10:15 AM - Vice & Virtue Class in the Parish Hall
10:30 AM –Mass

Tuesday, February 24:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, February 25:

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM Adoration
6:30 PM - Mass
7:00 PM - Confirmation and Dead Theologians Classes

Thursday, February 26:

8:30 AM - Mass

Friday, February 27:

8:30 AM - Mass
6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28:

8:30 AM - Mass
9:00 - Noon - Adoration & Confessions
9:10 - 11:00 AM - Jr. Legion meeting in the Rectory
11:00 AM – Legion of Mary meeting in the Rectory
5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 1:

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM - Religious Education Class
10:30 AM –Mass

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday, February 22:

SECOND COLLECTION - UNITED MINISTRIES
8:00 AM – Mass
After Mass Fr. Robert Barron Vice & Virtue DVD

Friday, February 27:

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 1:

8:00 AM - Mass

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jimmie & Patricia Solomon

Larry Schmidt

Jared, Cara, Matthew & Brooke Smalley

GOD'S LIVING CHURCH PRESERVING TRUTH

We need the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church to pass on and preserve the truths of God.

I hope as you read this, you are nodding your head as Catholics and saying, well of course that's why Jesus chose and taught the apostles, gave them authority and established the church under the Pope and Bishops in communion with him.

We proclaim at each Mass that we believe in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church when we say the Nicene Creed. But the significance of that statement must be understood in the context of Christianity today. Just walk through Springfield and you will find more and more Protestant churches defining the truths of God in very different and often contradictory ways based on their interpretations of the Bible. In some cases, Protestants claim that the Holy Spirit is now doing a new thing even though the "new thing" contradicts passages in the Bible or church traditions.

When there is no authority to preserve truth, chaos will erupt. We are living in times when Christianity often seems chaotic. Christian groups are redefining morality, family structures and basic tenets of the faith, such as the resurrection of Jesus and the dignity and rights of each person.

Former Protestant minister Marcus Grodi who is the president and founder of the Coming Home Network, which seeks to help Protestant ministers become re-united with the Catholic Church, said the lack of belief in the necessity of a church structure is a major

barrier to conversion.

Grodi said the reason so few well-informed non-Catholic Christians convert is "because they don't believe in the necessity of any church, let alone the Catholic Church for salvation. Following the lead of Martin Luther and John Calvin, they believe salvation is only a matter of an individual's faith in Jesus and that the 'church' is the invisible multitude of sincere believers, known only to God. Whether a

person belongs to a church let alone any specific church is immaterial to salvation."

Sounds very reasonable, doesn't it? But God knows us. He knows our ability to rationalize and justify just about anything. As Saint Paul wrote to Timothy (3:14-15), what was established was the "church of the living God" to be the "pillar and bulwark of the truth." It is God's truth that will save us and protect us from harm. Learn and embrace His truth this Lent.

HEALING

- *Annette Thomas
- *Nora Rabie
- *Kim Schott
- *Macky Hunter
- *Mike Ellis
- *Joyce Traughber
- *Shannon Bell
- *Don Cole
- *Eva Davanport
- *June Bell
- *Sandra Armour
- *Ann Marie Legate
- *Bea Heatherly
- *Susie Bess
- *Tom Cuff
- *Cheryl Bush
- *Jerry Bush
- *Robert Bradley
- *Dorothy Bradley
- *Gloria Snow
- *Ernie Axley Sr.
- *Thelma Lee
- *Richard Lee
- *Rosa Priest
- *Orvil Bray
- *Glen Isom
- *Mary Stout

DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

**Eternal rest grant them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

PETITIONS

*For the respect of human life from natural conception to natural death.

*For the protection of persecuted Christians around the world.

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

- *Dorothy Crosslin
- *Claudia Traughber
- *Mary Ann Klimek
- *R.C. Boyle
- *Dorothy Johnson
- *Tom Crumpler
- *Patty Zawierucha

ST. MICHAEL

- *John Baker
- *Elizabeth Jenkins
- *Robert & Regina Head

UNITED MINISTRIES FOOD DRIVE

During the 40 days of Lent, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Michael will conduct a food drive for the benefit of the local food bank -- United Ministries in Springfield.

Please bring in non-perishable foods, such as canned meats and vegetables, dry rice and boxed pastas. Peanut butter is one of the most expensive products to buy



and one of the most in demand.

A box for donations will be provided at the back of both churches.

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 2/28/2015

Lector: Carol Hostettler

Extraordinary Ministers:

Carol Huddleston & Claude Burton

Ushers: Harry Lee & Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 3/1/2015

Lector: Rose Mary Reed

Extraordinary Ministers: Paul

Nutting & Nathan Smith

Ushers: Don Owens & Volunteer

Altar Servers: Holly Wiemelt & Brianna Wiemelt

Collection Counters: Paul Nutting & Pam Curran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 3/1/2015

Lector: Debbie Traugher

Extraordinary Ministers:

Mike Ellis & John Restey

Usher/Greeter: David Tinkle

Collection Counters: Sandy Sawyer & Jim Conaghan

REMINDER

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

(Envelopes in the back of the parishes)

GOSPEL: 2/23-28/15

MONDAY: *Matthew 25:31-46*

TUESDAY: *Matthew 6:7-15*

WEDNESDAY: *Luke 11:29-32*

THURSDAY: *Matthew 7:7-12*

FRIDAY: *Matthew 5:20-26*

SATURDAY: *Matthew 5:43-48*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

2/15

Parish: \$3,587.45

ST. MICHAEL

2/15

Parish: \$1,471.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM

SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM

TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM

THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM

FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM

SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul of Ivy Hornsby by Hugh and Kay Braddock

For the repose of the souls of Andrew & Joan Catignani

by Tony & Cathy Cotter

For the intentions of Belinda Kelly by her family

For the repose of the soul of Jerry Traugher by Terry & Patricia Avril

For the intentions of Belle Holmes by her family

For the repose of the soul of Ivy Hornsby by Raquel Van De Velde

For the repose of the soul of Dorothy Johnson by Anthony & Mary Melton

For the healing of John Green by Jim & Paula Weller