



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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The Land Lies Fallow

Take a winter ride on a late February day to get out of the house for an hour or two, and hereabouts you are soon beyond the city and out into the countryside. The sun is shining and the roads are dry for a day or two, but one thing becomes immediately clear: As far as the eye can see, the land lies fallow.

In a few months, corn will stand high here and green grass will cover what has not been plowed and seeded. But for now, everything is either snow covered or large brown patches of earth, resting for the season. As much as I love the countryside in Spring, Summer, and Autumn, there's a stark beauty to the harsh wintry landscape.

There is life under there, one can believe, but it is not yet apparent, an apt metaphor for our spiritual lives as we begin another Lenten season. There is no question that, like the soil taking its much-needed rest in the winter, our spiritual lives need a time as well to pull back, consider an honest assessment of our relationship with God, and make some clearly needed adjustments.

Years ago I used to look forward to Lent as a time to lose 10 or 15 pounds like clockwork, a sort of built-in diet plan for Catholics to be accomplished by cutting back on desserts and second helpings. Any spiritual benefit was a nice bonus. But these days, I find myself much more concerned with the state of my soul than this aging body. With good fortune, the latter might last another decade; it's the soul I need to concentrate on right now. After all, it is bedrock Catholic teaching that we will all spend eternity in one place or another, by our own choice. How we live now will determine where we will live later.

In one sense, that is a daunting prospect. As the numbers on my age chart tick upward, I have been giving a good deal more reflection to where my relationship with God stands. Like anyone else who is being honest in that assessment, it's not a pretty picture. We all know, better than anyone else, our own faults and failings, "what we have done and what we have failed to do." It's the latter that keeps a sinner awake at night, and we are all sinners.

Mercifully, the Church provides us an annual season to dig deep and set things right. This year, may we use that season well.

— Lou Jacquet

Lenten Regulations from U.S. Catholic Bishops

Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18) are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence (no meat). For members of the Latin Catholic Church (St. Brendan, St. Christine, and Our Lady of Sorrows, for example), the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Five More Fish Dinner Weeks!

If you did not have the chance to enjoy the fish dinners this past Friday, you still have five more weeks to try it.

The beer batter, baked and fried fish are all big sellers. You can also get Cajun seasoning on your fish. As Father Loveless always said, this is the best fish on the West Side of Youngstown. There is homemade haluski, mac and cheese, and parsley potatoes that are enjoyed by all. You can call in your order on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Friday starting at 9 a.m. THE NUMBER TO CALL TO ORDER is 330-799-3683. Hope to see you on Friday.
— Patty Infante

Sunday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Randy O'Malley by O'Malley Family

Wednesday, March 12

9:00 a.m. Mike Mraz by Deborah Zalovcik

Sunday, March 16

9:00 a.m. Blessings for Jerry Kernan / 90th Birthday by Kernan Family

Please Pray For Our Sick

Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

Pray for the Faithful Departed

Sr. Marjorie Haidet, H.M.

Remembering Sister Marjorie

Sister Marjorie Haidet, H.M., 94, who died Feb. 25 at Villa Maria Community Center, had an outsized role in St. Brendan Parish's ability to provide quality Catholic education to students.

For 40 years, Sister Marjorie taught in diocesan schools in Cleveland, Rocky River, Lakewood, Massillon, Canton, Niles, and Salem. She carried her considerable classroom experience into assignments as principal of St. Patrick School in Hubbard and St. Paul School in Salem.

Her time at St. Brendan was special. She was our school's longest-serving principal, having served from 1982 to 1996.

Though enrollment had peaked decades earlier, Sister Marjorie still had ample responsibility as the school observed its 70th anniversary in 1995. St. Brendan had 224 students, including an all-day kindergarten; nine full-time lay teachers; a librarian; computer, art, music, and physical education teachers; and a full-time kindergarten aide.

Former students and parents used social media to share their memories of her in and beyond the school hallways.

"I may have been a bit rebellious while she was my principal, but the pride she held that I was one of her students would always shine. She loved catching up with me every time I was in town and ran into her," wrote Corrin Flora in a Facebook post.

"What an amazing person you were. Huge Notre Dame fan, you always made that clear. In grade school, I caused you so much headache ... Years later we were able to connect and see each other and laugh about all of it. You were a big influence on my life at that time. May you rest in peace. You will be missed by so many," wrote Tony Patrone.



"She was a wonderful educator and woman of God. Many of us enjoyed her guidance," wrote Pat Hughes.

When Sister Marjorie left St. Brendan School, she retired from education but remained a member of this parish community. She served as a Eucharistic Minister and on various committees. Parishioners celebrated her 60 years of religious service at a reception in November 2012 in Maxwell Hall. She lived on Youngstown's West Side with Sister Zoe Ann Reiter, H.M. until she relocated to the Villa in recent years.

After her career in education, Sister Marjorie was on staff at Emmanuel Community Care Center in Girard, where homeless women and their children received support and compassion. She also worked in the greenhouse at Villa Maria Farm, where she enjoyed nurturing flowers and vegetable plants. She retired from active ministry in 2016.

There are many more tributes to Sister Marjorie than can be printed here, but these sum up the essence of her:

"She was smart, kind, and someone to look up to. Loved talking to her about her Emmanuel House work." — Cindy Rockney.

"Such a wonderful human being. I loved talking YSU football with [her] and gardening." — Gayle Slattery

"A friend to the Villa Maria farm. I will always be grateful for the days I spent with her in the greenhouse and market." — Beth Bartlett

"She was a beloved principal. She allowed me to grow as a teacher. I know that she has a place in heaven." — Mary Danus.

"What a blessing to have known and worked with her. No one can measure the many lives she helped and led to Christ." — Delores Crawford

—Debora Flora

Sunday's Scriptures: Forty Days In My Desert

The readings for today's First Sunday of Lent are from Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91; Romans 10: 8-13; Gospel of Luke 4:1-13

We are in the transformative season of Lent. It is 40 days of renewal, examination of life and spiritual growth. I hope and pray that this will be the most blessed Lent you have ever had.

In our first reading, Moses acts as priest for the Israelites of his day. He speaks to them as their leader and offers up for them a sacrifice of their first fruits to the God who freed them from Egypt. They are reminded how they were mal-

treated and oppressed, and how God heard their cry and rescued them. They respond by placing their offerings in worship to this great and loving God.

Psalm 91 is a prayer of great confidence: "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High...say to the Lord, 'My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust.'"

They are to call on God always, and especially when they find themselves in trouble.

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The Old Testament God (Yahweh) wants his people to have confidence in their relationship with Him. He is a warrior, God who will fight for them and protect them. They have angels whose role is to guard them at all times and in all circumstances.

In our Gospel, we read of a contest between good and evil. Jesus, after His baptism, filled with the Holy Spirit, is led by the Spirit into the desert for 40 days to be tempted by the devil. The devil tempts Him and throws everything at Him to try to draw Jesus away from his Father. The devil does not know the full depths of Jesus' love for the Father. He does not understand that the core of Jesus' being is obedience to the will of God. Jesus reveals the primacy of His love and union with God as He rejects every offer by Satan. He steadfastly tells the devil, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God; and Him alone shall you serve."

Lent 2025...we spend 40 days in our own desert, surrounded by temptation to serve Satan. Let us reject anything that is in opposition to God. Let us ask the angels who guard us for their help and protection. Finally, let us examine our conscience and cast away our sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Lent 2025...bring it on!

— Geri Jacquet

Altar/Rosary Dinner Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Altar/Rosary Chicken Dinner and made it a successful event. It was greatly appreciated. We had extra dinners, which were donated to St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen.

— Sharon Pasquale

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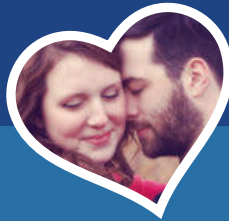
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