



Temptation of Christ by Sandro Botticelli



St. Peter's Church
OF SPRING GROVE, IL

Sunday, February 18th 2024
1st Sunday of Lent

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT
As parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church, we strive to imitate Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship, love and service.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

(9:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Saturday Reconciliation

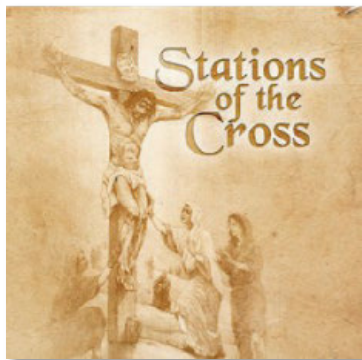
2:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday's: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 6:45 a.m.

Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In the desert, Jesus endured forty days of hardship and temptation. But He did not endure it alone: "the angels ministered to Him," the Gospel tells us. Remember that you do not face Lent alone! God is beside you in your journey through the desert.



Called by many names, such as The Way of the Cross, Via Crucis or Via Dolorosa, the Stations of the Cross allow Christians to follow in the footsteps of Christ during His Passion on Good Friday. Even if we cannot physically go to the Holy Land, we can journey there spiritually when we meditate on Christ's path to Calvary. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ, every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m., and together let's walk with Jesus on the Way to the Cross.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER



**Every Friday Evening
at 6:00 p.m.
in the Church Hall**



St. Peter's is blessed! We have seven wonderful parishioners who are joining the Ministry of Ushering! We thank Gene Skrypnyk, Dan Kieres, Kathleen & David Harms, Rich Wirch, Vince Desecki and Mike Wyatt for their service to us and the Lord!

Reconciliation

Living Lent More Intently

St. Peter's Lenten Confessions are

Every Saturday: 2:00 – 3:45 p.m.,

March 20th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

& 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

or call Fr. Joe at 815-675-2288 for an appt.



Mark Your Calendars Sunday, March 3rd

After the 7:00 and 9:00 a.m.
Masses!

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In order for us to have the bread available, we are in need of some volunteers to pick up the bread on Thursday evenings at 8:45 p.m., and drop off at the Parish Hall on Friday Morning's after Mass.

If you are able to help, please contact Deb Christian 708-436-8927 or email the Women's Ministry at stpeterswm@gmail.com.



On the Cover

"Temptation of Christ" by Sandro Botticelli, executed in 1480-1482 and located in the Sistine Chapel, Rome.

The subject of the title takes place in three scenes in the upper section of the fresco. On the left, Jesus, who has been fasting, is tempted by the devil, in the guise of a hermit, to turn stones into bread. In the second scene of temptation, at the upper center of the picture, the devil has carried Jesus to the top of the temple of Jerusalem, represented by the façade of the Chapel of Santa Maria in Traspontina of the Church of Santo Spirito in Sassia in Rome. The devil tempts Jesus to challenge God's promise that He will be protected by angels, by throwing Himself down. In the third temptation, to the upper right, the devil has taken Jesus to a high mountain where he shows Him the beauties of the Earth. The devil promises Jesus power over this domain, if He will deny God and bow down to the devil. Jesus sends the devil away from Him, while angels come to minister to Him.

In the foreground, a man whom Jesus has healed of leprosy presents himself to the High Priest at the temple, so that he may be pronounced clean. The young man carries a basin of water, in which is a bough of hyssop. A woman brings two fowls for sacrifice and another brings cedar wood. These three ingredients were part of the ritual of cleansing of a leper. The high priest may symbolize Moses, who transmitted the Law, and the young man may symbolically represent Christ, who, according to the Gospels, was wounded and slain for the benefit of mankind, and healed through the Resurrection so that mankind might also be made spiritually clean, and receive salvation. In Christian symbolism, many stories, such as the healing of the leper, are perceived to prefigure the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, or other events in his life.



St. Peter's next adult Bible study will be starting soon and we invite you to be a part of it!

No Greater Love will be an *amazing Lenten journey* and it begins at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning, February 27th in the Parish Hall. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, ***No Greater Love*** is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for each and everyone of us! Best-selling author, Edward Sri, will guide us through the last hours of Christ's life. Participants will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary, and with every step we take, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context will shed light on the mystery of Jesus' suffering and death. **Do you want to experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable love for you? Do you want to grow closer to Jesus?**

This is the last chance to register and reserve your workbook before class starts!

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Lent and the Flood

I would bet money that somewhere in your church this Lent, there's a bare tree branch draped in purple fabric and an empty bowl filled with rocks.

I'm not poking fun, the desert imagery that surrounds the season of Lent isn't a cliché — or if it is, it's only because clichés are essentially true. Lent is the desert. Lent is the wilderness. Lent is the time of less.

But what if Lent was also the flood?

It seems counterintuitive, floods are excessive, and we don't think of Lent as a time for superabundance. Lent is when we limit experiences outside of ourselves in order to limit proclivities within ourselves. Lent is not a time for anything to be washing over us, consuming us, carrying us away on a tide.

Unless...it is.

Consider the flood of the Old Testament. An act of destruction, yes, but also an act of purification. An endurance test for the soul, an epic trust fall exercise between God and Noah in which Noah had to ride the literal waves, clinging to life as God wiped away everything familiar. Everything sinful.

In Lent, we relinquish our weaknesses and our infirmities to the flood. It's frightening, certainly. But it's also exciting. Because just as the flood destroys everything, it also makes everything possible. It is a baptism.

Lent, like the flood, makes the world new.

"Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit." — 1 Peter 3:18

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



FOR THE WEEKENDS
2/17 - 2/25/2024

The Mass		For	
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 2:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Betty Rygiel
Sun	7 am	†	Peter Keim
	9 am	†	Benjamin Peterson
	11 am	†	Doris Osborn
Tues	8 am	†	Edward Umbricht
Wed	8 am	†	John & Betty Rygiel
Thur	8 am	†	Larry Kostroski
Fri	8 am	†	Louis & Patricia Fiorelli
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 2:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Mike Frer
Sun	7 am	†	Mary Lou May
	9 am	†	Sheila Seigel
	11 am	†	Norman Glandon

Three women were sitting at the dinner table discussing their problems about getting older. The first one said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand while standing in front of the refrigerator. And I can't remember whether I need to put it away, or start making a sandwich."

The second lady said, "Sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember if I was on my way up or on my way down."



But the third one said, "Well ladies, I'm glad I don't have any of those problems knock on wood," as she hit her knuckles on the table. She looked up and said, "That must be the door! I'll get it."

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Lenten Resources

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	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday 2/17 4:00 pm	Jean Rygiel	Carol Magnine	George Gemberling Gary Miller
Sunday 2/18 7:00 am	Stan Tinsley	Mary Seil	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Nancy Piggot	Mike Gordon Jeff Miller
11:00 am	Joanne Prato	Deacon Mark Marge Ladner (Choir)	Tom Fanella John Ellicson
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday 2/24 4:00 pm	Jerry Bodden	Deacon Mark	Deb Christian Denise Wahls
Sunday 2/25 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Shaun Gosselin Scott Hastings
9:00 am	Jeff Kelley	Heather Justen	Paul Leali Ron Hlavin
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Mike Gullifor Mike Rygiel (Choir)	Rich Yager Chad Franckowiak
Homebound Ministers February 18th - First Sunday of Lent Nancy Piggot, Kathleen Van Ella, Julia Francis & Paul Serio February 25th - Second Sunday of Lent Thomas Gough, Georgene Keim, Mary Seil & Steve Besetzny			

The Seven Penitential Psalms:

Psalms 6, 31[32], 37[38], 50[51], 101[102], 129[130] and 142[143]

During times when we wish to express repentance and especially during Lent, it is customary to pray the Seven Penitential Psalms. The penitential designation of these psalms dates from the seventh century. Prayerfully reciting these psalms will help us to recognize our sinfulness, express our sorrow and ask for God's forgiveness.

The Seven Penitential Psalms have long been regarded as David's lamentations of repentance for his sins against Bathsheba and Uriah, and for his other sins. While the Seven Penitential Psalms are sometimes associated with the Seven Deadly Sins, they also form a kind of spiritual ladder. *Cardinal Pierre d'Ailly (1351-1420) for example assigns successive virtues to embrace with each psalm—fear of punishment (6) sorrow for sin, then confession and remission (32) hope of grace, then more fear, followed by hope again (38) love of purity, mercy bestowed (51) longing for heaven (102) distrust of your own strength and confidence in divine mercy (130) and joy (143).*



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from February 11th through February 24th for
† **Edward Umbricht**

May this light which reminds us of
Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary
Welcome them into eternal peace.



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into
your hands, all fellow parishioners
we know and love, who are ill or injured
and in need of Your healing touch.
Jesus, be with them all, especially:

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If you know someone who is sick and asking for prayer, but they are not registered members of our parish family, please allow us to solicit support for them by adding their names to our Prayer Chain Ministry. Just visit **StPeterCatholicChurch.org** and **after clicking where it reads CONTACT US, simply follow the directions under PRAYER REQUEST.**

Lent is the perfect time to take stock of your current spiritual practices and add new ones to your daily routine. Remember the words of Jesus: "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Start off your Lenten season right by taking time to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and designating a time each day to pray.

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1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 18th

First Sunday of Lent

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am**
- NO - OCIA
- SVdP Meeting - Parish Hall - 12:00 pm
- NO - Faith Formation Classes

Monday, February 19th - Parish Officed Closed - President's Day

- No Faith Formation Classes

Tuesday, February 20th

Wednesday, February 21st

- **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm**

Thursday, February 22nd

- Choir Practice - 6:00 pm

Friday, February 23rd - Parish Office Closed

- Soup Supper - Parish Hall - 6:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross - Church - 7:00 pm

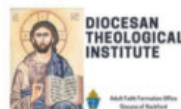
Saturday, February 24th

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 6:45 am**

Sunday, February 25th

Second Sunday of Lent

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am**
- OCIA - Upstairs Office Conference Room - 10:00 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes - Grades 2nd & 7th - 6:00 pm



When people study the Bible, they tend to focus on the "big names": Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Peter, Paul, and John, to name a few. But we shouldn't overlook the subtler, no less important ways that God has worked through the women who appear throughout salvation history.

THE STORIES OF WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

This course will focus on the contributions of many of these women; their stories, sometimes mysterious, sometimes heart-rending, always dramatic, need to be remembered and celebrated, for their lessons are timeless and their impact is still being felt to this day.

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MARRIAGES - Please contact Father before you set a date, at least six months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION - Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the Office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.

REGISTRATION - New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at StPeterCatholicChurch.org

HOSPITAL VISITS - If you wish Father to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling (815) 675-2288

FUNERALS ARRANGEMENTS - are to be made in consultation with Father.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK - If you or someone you know is sick, injured or being admitted to a hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office without delay.

Should there be an emergency after normal business hours, please call (815) 675-2339

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