

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2023



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Second: Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

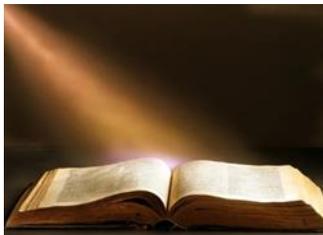
FOCUS: *Through Christ we are made righteous and have eternal life.*

On this first Sunday of Lent, our readings bring into focus the great drama of our salvation history: Our first parents sinned, and through them death came to all. Yet our gracious God sent his Son not to condemn but to free us and show his power over Satan. Through him we are made righteous.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, the serpent convinces the woman to eat fruit from the forbidden tree, which she shares with her husband. Their eyes are opened and they realize they are naked.

In the second reading Paul writes that, through the obedience of Christ, many will become righteous. In the Gospel, Jesus is tempted by Satan after fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. Jesus resists all that Satan offers and commands him to get away.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Mary Olsen, Margaret McCarthy and the Ryan, Borst & Costello Families

10 a.m.: Gloria Green, Tommy McCarthy and Michael Mont



MEDITATIONS FOR LENT ON YOUTUBE

"You cannot know God solely with your mind. You need full access knowing, which many call the contemplative mind."

— Fr. Richard Rohr

The season of Lent offers the prospect to clear away the ashes of what has been to make room for new growth to emerge. Contemplative wisdom invites everyone to embrace this time of silence and sparsity as an opportunity to reveal hidden truths.

Since its founding in 1987 by Fr. Richard Rohr, the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) has begun each day with a 20-minute period of contemplative prayer that he calls the "Daily Sit." He teaches that the contemplative mind can ignite the kind of spiritual wisdom that supports inner and outer transformation.

A series of **free Virtual Daily Sit Meditations** will be broadcast on YouTube from 1-1:30 p.m. **each Friday of Lent.** Led by CAC faculty and staff, these Virtual Sit Meditations offer the global CAC community a time of shared reflection, stillness and insight. Transformed people can help to transform the world and become a catalyzing force for change of consciousness.

To access the meditations, visit <https://cac.org>.

AFF EVENT SCHEDULED

As a result of the Adult Faith Formation Committee's brainstorming session last Sunday, a presentation will take place from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on **Sunday, March 12.**

The focus is **Spiritual Direction and the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises**, which are a compilation of meditations, prayers and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God.

Coffee and baked goods will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 12-19: Totaled \$ 7,649.99

Envelopes: \$ 2,675.00 – Online: \$ 4,974.99

THANK YOU!

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

Sunday

5 p.m.: 83

10 a.m.: 150

Ash Wednesday

9 a.m.: 95

7 p.m.: 67

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

✓ Wallkill East Rotary and the Town of Crawford and its Police Department are joining forces to sponsor their fourth annual **Food Drive** between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. next **Saturday, March 4**. Non-perishable, unexpired items can be dropped off at the Crawford Town Hall, 121 Route 302, Pine Bush. **St. Paul's Food Pantry** will benefit. Questions? Call Peggy Lucido at 845-304-2728.

✓ It's back: The **Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Tricky Tray**, with baskets donated by local salons, wineries, restaurants and more. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. next **Saturday, March 4**; calling starts at 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$5, with one full sheet; \$1 each additional sheet. For more information about this day filled with fun, food and prizes, contact Donna Coburn at 845-343-8836 or dcoburn@mtcarmelschool.org.

✓ "No Greater Love," the **Passion of Christ in drama, song and dance**, will be performed by the Xavier Company at 4 p.m. next **Sunday, March 5**, at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Bloomingburg. A light meal follows. Call 845-733-1477 to register.



COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Next weekend is **Commitment Weekend** for the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. If you have not made a gift yet, please prayerfully consider doing so.

From supporting needy parishes and religious education to charitable and mission works, your generosity makes a difference. As of last Friday, February 16, **\$16,920** toward our goal of \$48,200 has been received/pledged by 40 families. Thank you.



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CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Sharing God's Gifts Throughout
the Archdiocese of New York

EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION

Although last Sunday was designated by the Archdiocese as a day for churches to receive donations in the aftermath of the horrific earthquakes and aftershocks that hit Turkey and Syria, there's still time to help. We don't have to mail the check that represents your collective generosity until **March 7**.

EVERYONE'S IRISH ON MARCH 18...

Of course you can be Irish on March 17, too! But **Saturday, March 18**, is when our **corned-beef-and-cabbage** tradition returns after the 5 o'clock Mass.

Tickets, which are \$15, \$10 for seniors and \$35 for an immediate family, will go on sale after the Masses next weekend. And there will also be a **Coffee Social!**

IN SEARCH OF GOOD NEWS?

With a goal of enhancing a sense of community among Catholics and non-Catholics alike, *The Good Newsroom* was launched by the Archdiocese of New York in late November 2022. This new digital newsroom replaced the bi-weekly print newspaper that had been in existence for more than four decades. It relies on video storytelling and quick turnaround times for reporting Archdiocese events and initiatives.

And now *The Good Newsroom*TM has enhanced accessibility with the creation of an app that is available in the Apple Store and Google Play. Good news for those who want to stay in the know!

AARP'S TAX-AIDE

Thanksgiving. Christmas. New Year's. Taxes. And that taxing time is upon us.

But once again, free tax-preparation assistance is available through **AARP Foundation Tax-Aide**. For an appointment, call 2-1-1 (the United Way's Help Line) between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday-Thursday or 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday. There are 15 sites in Orange County, including locations in Pine Bush, Montgomery, Middletown and Walden.

An information packet will be provided beforehand so at the time of the appointment, all of the required documentation is brought. There will be a brief interview, and then a second appointment will be made to review and sign the completed return.

All Tax-Aide counselors will be fully vaccinated, and everyone entering the site must wear a mask.

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