



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 20

8:30 AM David Brophy

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 20,

5:30 PM Joseph & Anna Firca

7:00 PM Trisha Hulanick

Sunday, February 21

7:30 AM Jeffrey Sacks

9:00 AM Amelia Belunis

10:30 AM Fred Cassel

12:00 PM William Welsh

7:00 PM Evelyn Petroski

Monday, February 22, Chair of St. Peter

7:00 AM Owen D. Burke

8:30 AM The Stetz Family

12:00 PM Gertrude Kenna

7:00 PM Maria Zeman 33rd Anniversary

Tuesday, February 23, St. Polycarp

7:00 AM Siobhan Toomey

8:30 AM Edwin J. Ziobro

12:00 PM Eleanor Renkiewicz

7:00 PM Edward Dalton, Jr. 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, February 24

7:00 AM Charlotte Anthes 1st Anniversary

8:30 AM Tony Dorio

12:00 PM The Carvalho Family

7:00 PM Helen Chrebet 1st Anniversary

Thursday, February 25

7:00 AM Casper (Jack) Sheldon

8:30 AM Mary Zampella

12:00 PM Lenny Palermo

7:00 PM Patrick Rocks

Friday, February 26

7:00 AM Christina A. Cherichello

8:30 AM Alice Aklonis

12:00 PM Socorro Imperial

7:00 PM Patricia Miller

Saturday, February 27

8:30 AM Christina Valvano 1st Anniversary

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 27

5:30 PM Margaret & James Mahon

7:00 PM Arthur Perez

Sunday, February 28

7:30 AM Joseph Stulpin, Sr.

9:00 AM Charles, Wilhemina & Angel Marie

10:30 AM Hugh, Hugh, Jr., Pat

Mary & Eugene O'Donnell

12:00 PM Fred Cassel

7:00 PM Rose Marie DeLaura

Our Weekly Collection

For the week of February 14, 2010 \$12,934.50

**Stations of the Cross will be each Friday after
the 7 PM Mass during Lent.**

Every year on the First Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to reflect on Jesus' experience of forty days in the desert, when he was tempted by the devil. In the three temptations, the devil keeps asking Jesus to redefine his mission. Jesus' responses clearly show that Jesus knows that his mission is to do the will of his Father, and he will not be diverted from his task.

The first reading this Sunday is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy. It describes the ceremony involved when a person offers the first fruits of his harvest to the Lord. The priest puts the offering on the altar, and the person making the offering declares publicly his gratitude for all the good things God has done for him. These good things are a list of the mighty acts of God on behalf of the Israelite people, and each person making this declaration identifies himself as part of this community of salvation. We give thanks as part of a community which has experienced God's favor.

The second reading today is from the Letter to the Romans. St. Paul declares that our salvation comes from our personal faith in Jesus Christ. We are each called to confess with our mouth and believe in our heart that God has raised Jesus from the dead. This task of confessing or professing our faith is a personal responsibility of each believer. Our salvation depends on how we embrace the Lord Jesus in faith.

Lent is a time of renewal for us as a community of faith, and also a time of renewal for each one of us individually. To the list of the mighty acts of God that we find in the first reading, we can add the wonderful events of God sending us Jesus as our Savior, and Jesus freely offering Himself so that all of us could be saved. We are called by our baptism to live in a community of faith. We are also called by name. Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead for me. He invites each one of us to put our personal faith in him.

In our Mass today, Jesus comes to be with us, to strengthen our faith, and to invite each of us again to follow him on the path to salvation.

God bless you!
Father Bob

Schedule of Events for February 21st -February 28th

Sun	Mass & Confessions 7 pm
Mon	Novena Mass, Miraculous Medal&St. Jude 8:30 am Recitation of the Rosary 6:40 pm Novena Mass, Miraculous Medal & St. Jude 7 pm Catechesis 8 pm
Tues	Senior Citizens Meeting 1:30 pm Mass & Confessions 7 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm C.Y.O. Meeting 8 pm
Wed	Mass & Confessions 7 pm R.C.I.A. Instruction 7:30 pm Beloved Disciple Prayer Group Meeting 7:45 pm
Thurs	Cenacle of Life in Church 8-8:30 am & 9-9:30 am Mass & Confessions 7 pm Celebration of Conversion 8 pm Bereavement Support Meeting 7:30pm
Fri	Mass & Confessions 7 pm Stations of the Cross after 7 pm Mass Spirit & Truth Meeting 8 pm
Sat	Pre Cana Marriage Preparation Confessions 1-2 pm Mass & Confessions 7 pm
Sun	St. John the Apostle 60 th Anniversary Mass 12 pm Reception in Auditorium following Mass Mass & Confessions 7 pm

February 21, 2010—1st Sunday of Lent

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." - Deuteronomy 26:10

This simple line from the Old Testament presents us with two challenges. First, do we bring God our first fruits – the best that we have to offer? Second, do we remember that everything we have has been given to us by God? We brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing from it. So why not share what we have while we are here?

Adorers are needed for our twenty four hour a day Adoration Chapel. The hours most in need are, Sunday at 3 am, Thursday at 11 am, and Friday at 6 pm.

Memorials for the week of February 21st



Altar

Candles:In memory of Trisha Hulanick

Tabernacle

Candles: For the Intention of Anne & George Wilk

Sanctuary

Lamp: In memory of Frank & Florence Cahill

Bread

& Wine: In memory of Marilyn Seymour

Adoration

Set: For the Intention of Edgardo Ortiz

**Songs of Celebration for
The First Sunday in Lent**

Gathering Song :	Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior	GP2-662
Presentation Song:	The Lord is My Hope	GP2-631
Communion Song:	Pan de Vida	GP2-500
	Shelter Me, O God	GP2-500
Sending Forth:	Change Our Hearts	GP2-349

***We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of
Anna (Ann) Segotta***

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Anne Gessner	David Wallster	Jean Tokar
Ann Fegter	Louis Scafidi, Sr.	Thomas Hathaway
Jason Greenbush	William Campbell	Pietro Battistella
Mary Piersel	Alexander Moya	RussD'Arcangelo
Helen Pamori	Dot Aliverto	Mary Holencsak
Raymond Payne, Sr	Theresa Russell	Ed Rutkowski
Noreen Roach	Edward Miller	Bertha Madjeski
Nancy Ludivico	Arthur Garrett	Angelo Pauline
Harrison Gassaway	Henry Joice	Mary Jo Makowski
Edgardo Ortiz		

Please Pray for Our Military and Their Families

Lt Cdr. Frank J. Walter III USN,
2LT Jeffrey A. Regep USA,
Eric Hearing , National Guard
PO3 Thomas Maes-USN,
AIC Wesley T. Koza USAF,
Rev. Captain Henryk Lorenc US Army Chaplain.
HM3 Lance Dearing, USN,
PFC Gregory Melencio USA
SSG Douglas Fishgrund USA
Mercylinda V. Miro USN
Lt. John DeLorenso USAF
LCPL Stephanie Rae Cowley USMC
LCPL Shane Paul Santelli



**You are invited to attend
St. John the Apostle Church's
60th**

**Anniversary Mass to be held
Sunday, February 28, 2010
12 Noon**

**Light reception following in the
Sister Donna Marie O'Brien Auditorium
Please join us in prayer, remembrance and
Celebration on this special occasion.**

**Please return all 50/50 raffle books by Monday,
February 22, 2010**