

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

*Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.*

— Psalm 25:4

### PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalm** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

**Gospel** — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**When we die, our money remains in the bank. Yet, when we are alive, we don't have enough money to spend. In reality, when we are gone, there is still a lot of money not spent.**

**One business tycoon in china passed away. His widow, was left with \$1.9 billion in the bank, and married his chauffer. His chauffer said: "All the while, I thought I was working for my boss...it is now only, that I realize that my boss was all the time, working for me!"**

**The cruel reality is: it is more important to live longer than to have more wealth. So, we must strive to have a strong and healthy body. It really doesn't matter who is working for who.**

**In a high end hand phone, 70% of the functions are useless! For an expensive car, 70% of the speed and gadgets are not needed. If you own a luxurious villa or mansion, 70% of the space is usually not used or occupied. How about your wardrobe of clothes? 70% of them are not worn. A whole life of work and earning...70% is for other people to spend. So, we must protect and make full use of our 30%.**

**Think about our soul and eternal life. Work and live for eternal glory.**

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$5,347.00	\$5,229.00
Number of Families contributing	149	122
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (6 Weeks)	\$19,153.00	\$18,513.00
Received to Date	\$15,900.00	\$13,532.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$3,253.00	\$4,980.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$361.00	\$1,190.00

Twenty-nine ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$804.00
Amount Outstanding	\$24,901.00

Seven people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

### HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$335.00	\$1,370.00

Six people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$16.00.

26 **CHILDREN** contributed \$120.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$81.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 106, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 140 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 120.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Faro in loving memory of Mary "O'Malley" Carroll on their 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary;
2. Pete Mike, Allison, Luxe and Seve in loving memory of Ned Sherlock on the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and in loving memory of Mary Carroll Sherlock on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
3. The Family of Nora Dempsey in loving memory of her on the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
4. the Wife and Family of Pete "Mockhem" Mulholland in loving memory of him on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death;
5. the Family of Pete George Carroll in loving memory of him on the 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death;
6. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The second collection this weekend will be for ***Black and Indian Home Missions***. Please be generous in this collection.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

**Feb. 23: Legion – O.L. of Epiphany**

**Mar. 2: Religious Education Teachers**

**Mar. 9: Lectors**

**Mar. 16: Youth Group & Young Girls Organization**

**Mar. 23: Society of Mary Immaculate**

**Mar. 30: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE** are announced for the second time for Jim Preston Carroll and Cynthia Carroll.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed this Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a \$500 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a \$50 donation in thanks to St. Expedite for a favor received; a member for a \$50 donation in thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Joseph, and to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

**RICE BOWLS** are in the Atrium of the Church. Please take one.

**MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER** Thanks to the Legion of Mary, we will have Morning and Evening Prayer in the Church during Lent. All are requested to make use of this golden opportunity to join in the world-wide praise of God at the beginning and the close of each day. Morning and Evening Prayer will begin this Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**MORNING PRAYER** Mon. thru Friday 9:30 a.m.

**EVENING PRAYER** Monday & Friday 6:30 p.m.  
Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 4:30 p.m.

**MASTER'S TABLE** Ann T.'s Legion Group is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master's Table in Augusta on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ann T.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A kid had swallowed a coin and it got stuck in his throat, and so his mother ran out in the street yelling for help. A man passing by took the boy by his shoulders and hit him with a few strong strokes on the back, and he coughed the coin out.

"I don't know how to thank you, Doc...." His mother began.

"I'm not a doctor," the man replied, "I'm from the IRS."

#### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Sending

**Monday:** Presidents' Day

**Wednesday:** St. Peter Damian

**Thursday:** Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday

**Friday:** St. Polycarp; **Abstinence**

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** For Pete Suedle Carroll.

**Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Mary Catherine Sherlock.

**Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.

**Thursday:** In loving memory of Pat Frup Riley on his 78<sup>th</sup> Birthday..

**Friday:** For Tommy Jude O'Hara on his 23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.

#### **MY PRAYER**

Each day when I awake, I say a little prayer.  
For I know that God will listen, He is always there.

He is the only one, in whom I put my trust.  
The one I can confide in when the going gets really rough.

He listens to my every word and guides me through each day  
I know He won't desert me, He's a friend that's here to stay.

#### **READERS**

**Sat. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Christina & Natalie  
**Sat. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Jay & Bridgette Anna

**Sun. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Ned's Rose Marie & Jimmy Joseph

**Sat. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Sable & Mary Martha  
**Sat. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Carolyn & Mary Regina Apple

**Sun. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph

#### **READERS – WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** Joy  
**Tuesday** Cathy Lisa Butts  
**Wednesday** Mary Martha  
**Thursday** Allison  
**Friday** Karen

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.** Front Left Cup  
**February 17<sup>th</sup>** Bridget Ann Winnie Ann

**Saturday 7:00 P.M.** Front Cup  
**February 17<sup>th</sup>** Jay Johnny Jay's Ann

#### **Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie  
**February 25<sup>th</sup>** Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

**Monday** Mary Cat  
**Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora  
**Wednesday** Ann T.  
**Thursday** Bibbie's Catherine Ann  
**Friday** Bridget Ann

#### **INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES**

Some people make your life better by walking into it, while other people will make your life better by walking **OUT OF IT.**

A mistake that keeps being repeated is not a mistake; it is a **CHOICE.**

A friend in need is a friend **INDEED**

#### **26 LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET SHOW YOU THE WAY OF LIFE.**

**Always Be Cool. Don't have Ego with Friends and Family. Give up Hurting Individuals. Just Keep Loving Mankind. Never Omit Prayers. Quietly Remember GOD. Speak Truth. Use Valid Words. Xpress Your Zeal.**

#### **~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~**

Lord Jesus, give me a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, and a great love of You. Take from me all luke-warmness in the meditation of Your word, and dullness in prayer. Give me fervor and delight in thinking of You and Your grace, and fill me with compassion for others, especially those in need, that I may respond with generosity.

Amen