



Our Parish COMMUNITY

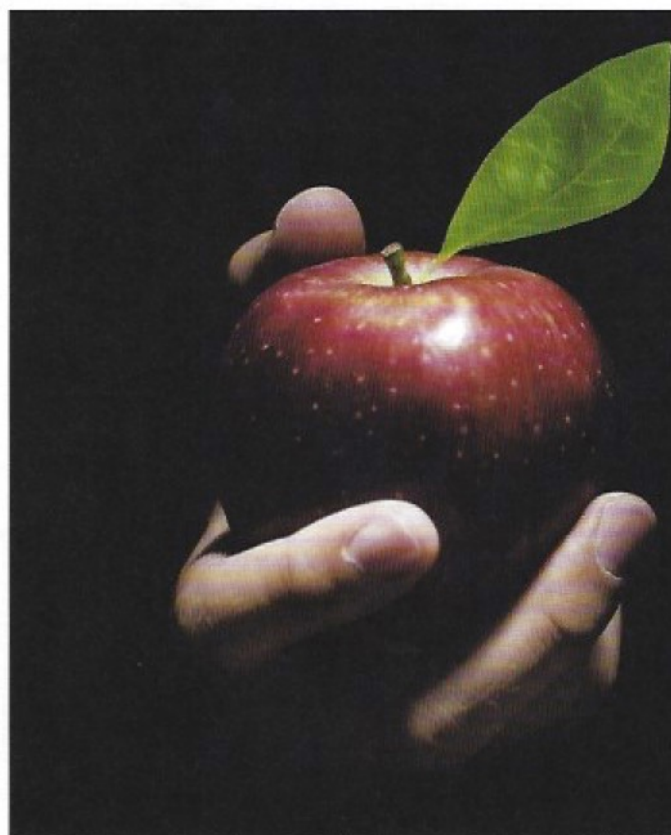
March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

Mt 4:1-11



*Jesus answered [the devil],
"Again it is written,
'You shall not put the Lord,
your God, to the test.'"*

MATTHEW 4:7

Try It! You'll Like It!

If only temptation was obvious, we might have a better chance of avoiding it. But sometimes it's so subtle. It often disguises itself as something rather attractive. This is precisely what happened in the Garden of Eden. Scripture says temptation takes on a living form—a serpent that convinces the woman that the fruit of the wisdom tree will make them "like gods, who know good and evil" (Genesis 3:5).

Who wouldn't jump at such a possibility? Actually, who hasn't already fallen into that trap—acting as if we are God, thinking we know everything or wishing to be in complete control? Our faith certainly encourages us to become more and more like God. What made that desire wrong was the way Adam and Eve sought to become like gods in their own way, not God's way.

The Gospel passage tells us that Jesus also was tempted. Who doubts that Jesus wanted to be successful in his ministry? But what would he do to ensure success? Would he use divine power to attract a following? No! Would he call upon God to protect him from misunderstanding, rejection, even physical harm? No! Would he bargain with the devil, who obviously exercised power over many people? No! That was not the way he would be the Messiah. Unlike the couple in the Garden, Jesus recognized what was wrong even when it was disguised as something good. How good are we at recognizing temptation in our lives?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *In what ways does temptation sometimes trick you?*
- ★ *What can you do so you won't be tricked?*

**Parish of the Visitation
and St. Raymond
St. Andrew's Church**

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Masses: Saturday: St. Andrew's~ 4:00pm
Sunday: Church of the Visitation~ 10:30am
Confessions: Saturday: St. Andrew's Church from 3:15pm to 3:45pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat Feb 29	4:00pm	ST. ANDREW'S – Cheryl Prashaw by Phil, Linda, and Family
Sun Mar 1	8:30am	ST. PATRICK'S
	10:30am	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION – Intentions of the People of the Parishes
Mon Mar 2	7:45am	ST. ANDREW'S – Jean Amyot by John & Marguerite Eckman Sue Ann Cutler by The Cutler Family
Tues Mar 3	8:30am	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION – Paul Paige Jr. by Kenny & Laura Lavigne
	9:30am	LBSH, Brasher Falls
Wed Mar 4	9:30am	HIGH STREET APTS, NORFOLK – Marion Bond by Donald LaShomb
	6:00pm	ST. ANDREW'S – <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thu Mar 5	5:00pm	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION – <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	5:30pm	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION – Lola Germano by Bob & Ann Wilson
Fri Mar 6		FIRST FRIDAY
	5:00pm	ST. ANDREW'S – Paul Cutler by The Cutler Family
Sat Mar 7	9:30am	FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS – St. Raymond's Rectory Chapel, Rosary Confessions 9:00am
	4:00pm	ST. ANDREW'S – Matthew Mott by Robert Reagan
Sun Mar 8	8:30am	ST. PATRICK'S - Intentions of the People of the Parishes
	10:30am	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION – Michael LaShomb by Shirley Ryan

We are most appreciative for everyone being considerate of those who come before Mass for quiet prayer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1	Faith Formation Classes
	FAPC, 9:20am – 10:20am
March 2	NHN Nursing Home Crafting
	FAPC, 10:00am – 12:00pm
March 2	NHN Bingo
	High Street Apts, Norfolk, 1:30pm – 3:30pm
March 6	World Day of Prayer
	FAPC, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
March 8	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
	FAPC, 8:30am – 12:00pm

SCHEDULE FOR LENT 2020

Lenten Penance Services

Sunday	March 22 nd	2:00pm at Visitation Church
Sunday	March 29 th	2:00pm at St. Patrick's Church

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – Thank you for your generous support. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late!

Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING

How much time have you spent this week in prayer for others and for the work of the Church?

Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond

February 23-24, 2019 - \$1,211.00

February 22-23, 2020 - \$981.00

Adult Env. \$828.00/Plate \$58.00

Maintenance \$95.00

St. Andrew's Church

February 23-24, 2019 - \$1,518.00

February 22-23, 2020 - \$1,632.00

Adult Env. \$1,262.00/Plate \$352.00

Votive Candles \$18.00

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

The annual North Country Catholic subscription campaign begins next weekend. The paper features regular messages from Bishop LaValley, authoritative information about what the church teaches on the issues that you face in 21st-century life and inspiring stories about people living out their faith. Subscription Envelopes are available at the entrance of the church and can be placed in the collection basket or you can mail a check for \$27 to North Country Catholic, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY, 13317. ANOTHER OPTION is to "go green" and receive your NCC through email every Monday. If interested, write your email address on the envelope.

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Religious Education: Director of Faith Formation - Carol O'Brien Gonthier



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Ministry Fair

NHN Outreach Ministry offers volunteers an opportunity to share their unique talents in a variety of ways. We offer social outreach opportunities, assist those with personal needs as well as partner with other outreach programs. Come visit us at the Ministry Fair to see if one of our ministries would be the right fit for you.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week at
The Church of the Visitation for
Dale Wells by Paula & Family.

You can memorialize the sanctuary candle for an offering of \$10.00. Please contact the parish office.

PVSR PRAYER LINE – LET US PRAY

Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer emotionally, spiritually, or physically especially for; *Leo Bond, Azlynne Williams, and Mandy Boyd*. If you wish to have someone listed for one month, please contact the Parish office at 315-384-4242.

Anyone from **Our Catholic Parishes** may request to have a person included in the bulletin for prayers. We will adhere to the practice of including a name for one month before removing it. Prayer can always be requested again at any time.

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LINE

Members of our Parish who would like a member of their family or a close friend put on our Prayer Line are asked to call either Doreen Valade @ 315-212-5729 or Ann Miller @ 315-353-2950. Please be sure the person we will be praying for agrees to this before you call. Everything you share with us is kept confidential.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SURVEY



Your input is appreciated as we make future plans for adult faith formation. This survey should take no more than 5 minutes. Type in this link, <http://bit.ly/surveyAFF> or point your phone's camera at the QR code. If you prefer, paper copies are available. Thank you!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Attn. Parishioners of St. Andrew's, PVSR, St. Patrick's, and St. Lawrence: St. Andrew's Annual St. Patrick's Day Party is coming up on Sat. Mar. 14 after the 4:00 mass. Traditional dishes will be served. Please bring a dish to pass. 50/50 raffle, door prizes, and NHN Fundraising raffle drawing. Entertainment by the Nichol Falls Fiddling Group.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "40 FOR 40"

Norwood and Norfolk K of C Councils are each holding their annual "40 for 40" can and food drives during Lent. Collection baskets are located in each of our churches. All items will be donated to both the Norwood and Norfolk/Raymondville food pantries respectfully.

**NO ONE CAN DO
EVERYTHING,
— BUT —
EVERYONE CAN DO
SOMETHING.**
~ MAX LUCADO

**COME AND VISIT
YOUR PARISH
MINISTRY
FAIR**

LEARN WHO WE
ARE AND WHAT
WE ARE ABOUT.
WHERE CAN YOU
SHARE YOUR TIME
AND TALENTS?

FEBRUARY 29TH
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH -

AFTER THE 4:00PM MASS

MARCH 1ST

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH -

AFTER THE 8:30AM MASS
PARISH OF THE VISITATION AND ST. RAYMOND -
AFTER THE 10:30AM MASS

ST. MARY'S FAMILY FUN NIGHT

St. Patrick's Day Community Dinner and Family Fun Night. Sunday March 15, 2019, 4:30 to 7:00 pm

St. Mary's School Gymnasium, 68 Court Street, Canton. Adults \$10, 4-8 Years Old \$3.00, Under 4 Free, Families \$32.00

Menu Includes: *Ruby Glazed Corned Beef, Colcannon, Shepherd's Pie, Irish Soda Bread*

Presentation of the Irishman of the Year Award, Fun Activities for kids, Hosted by the Canton Knights of Columbus



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Three Prize Winners

First name drawn gets choice of three prizes

Second name drawn gets choice of the remaining two prizes

Third name drawn gets remaining prize

Vintage Child's Pedal Tractor
Diptych Landscape Painting
\$100 Worth of Lottery Tickets

Tickets \$3.00 each; 4 for \$10.00

Drawing: MARCH 14, 2020

Community Outreach through the Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond and St. Andrew's Church, contact us at 315-384-4242

Rise!
Take Your Mat and Walk

WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER
2020

MARCH 6

LOCATION:
Fr. Amyot Parish Center
Norfolk, NY

TIME: 6:00pm



Written by the WDP Committee of Zimbabwe

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Dear Padre,

Is gambling a sin?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* mentions gambling in the context of “temperance” to moderate attachment to worldly goods, “justice” to render to our neighbor what is due, and “solidarity in accordance with the golden rule” (CCC 2407). “Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement. Unfair wagers and cheating at games constitute grave matter...” (CCC 2413).

Gambling, therefore, is morally neutral. When properly controlled, it can be a form of recreation for some. However, it becomes an enslavement when obsessive gamblers neglect their families or jobs, risk financial security, and compromise their responsibilities to self, others, and God. The allure of winning and the desire to win even more—along with venues that provide easy gambling credit and other incentives—often make it harder for people to know their limits. Consequently, a severe gambling addiction can lead and has led to stealing to pay debts, divorce, job loss, despair, and suicide.

No wonder St. Augustine cautioned, “The devil invented gambling.” Even if Satan didn’t invent it, he’ll gladly take credit for it when gambling becomes a means to his ends. In so many words, those who win large amounts from lotteries and games of chance frequently warn, “All that glitters isn’t gold.” Despite its enticements, gambling ultimately fails to satisfy the human heart’s longing for meaning and fulfillment.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

There are three temptations of Christ....First, wealth: seizing hold of goods destined for all and using them only for “my own people.” That is, taking “bread” based on the toil of others or even at the expense of their very lives. That wealth tastes of pain, bitterness, and suffering.

—HOMILY IN MEXICO, FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1–2, 11–18

Mt 25:31–46

Tuesday

MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10–11

Mt 6:7–15

Wednesday

MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 11:29–32

Thursday

MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14–16,
23–25

Mt 7:7–12

Friday

MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21–28

Mt 5:20–26

Saturday

MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16–19

Mt 5:43–48

Sunday

MARCH 8

Second Sunday
of Lent

Gn 12:1–4a

2 Tm 1:8b–10

Mt 17:1–9