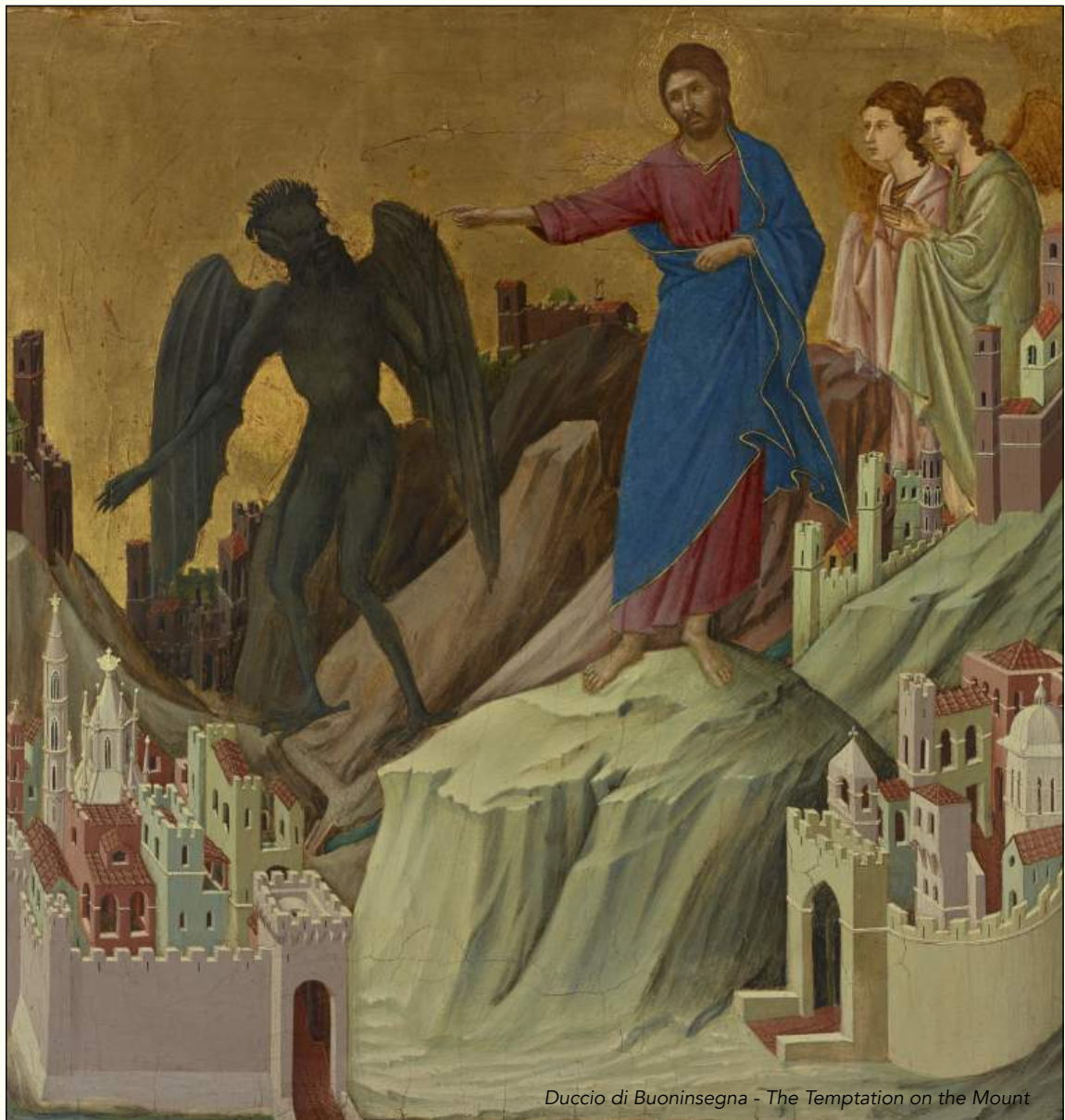


HOLY GHOST CHURCH - PROVIDENCE, RI
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 26, 2023



Duccio di Buoninsegna - The Temptation on the Mount

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written:

*The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."*

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Matt. 4:8-11

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS - PARISH ACTIVITIES

Saturday, February 25

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 PM - Vigil †Assunta & Americo D'Ambra
†Benjamin Mesiti

Sunday, February 26

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM - English* †Yvette Vary
10:30 AM - Italian †Vincenzo Constantini
12:00 PM - Spanish *Pro Populo*

Monday, February 27 - No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, February 28

7:00 AM* †Francesco & Theresa Taraborelli

Wednesday, March 1

7:00 AM* †Ellis Kenny

Thursday, March 2

7:00 AM* †Luduina N. De Melo

7:00 PM - Spanish

Friday, March 3

7:00 AM* †Sr. Margeurite Montalto, RSM

Saturday, March 4

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 PM - Vigil †Tom Colasanto
†Michael Ferri

Sunday, March 5

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM - English* †Ann Marston
10:30 AM - Italian †Rita Schiappa
12:00 PM - Spanish

Saturday, February 25

- Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Confessions 3:00 PM until the Vigil
Mass at 4:00 PM.

Sunday, February 26

- 8:15 AM - Confessions
- Coffee and Fellowship after the
9:00 AM Mass

Monday, February 27

- 7:00 PM Choir Practice
- 7:00 PM Emaús Meeting

Tuesday, February 28

- 6:00-7:15 PM Religious Education

Wednesday, March 1

- Adoration from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- Confession from 5:00 PM until
Benediction
- 6:00-7:30 PM Confirmation Class

Thursday, March 2

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Friday, March 3

- 7:00 PM Way of the Cross

Saturday, March 4

- Confessions 3:00 PM until the Vigil
Mass at 4:00 PM.
- Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sunday, March 5

- 8:15 AM - Confessions
- Coffee and Fellowship after the 9:00
AM Mass

*Confession available after the daily Masses until 8:00 AM and also on Sunday from 8:15 AM until the Mass at 9:00 AM.



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- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 3:00 PM until the beginning of the 4:00 PM Mass. It is also available on Wednesdays from 6:00 PM until Benediction, after morning daily Masses until 8:00 AM and at other times by request.
- Baptisms are held each first Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. Other times are possible by request.
- Weddings should be scheduled a year in advance to account for different situations that may be present with the bride and groom that take time to work through. A wedding will not be truly scheduled until it is demonstrated that a couple is free to marry.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Collect

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth.

Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH BEFORE MASS

O blessed Joseph, happy man whose privilege it was, not only to see and hear that God whom many a king has longed to see, yet saw not, longed to hear, yet heard not; but also to carry him in your arms and kiss him, to cloth him and to watch over him!

V. Pray for us Blessed Joseph.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promised of Christ.

Let us pray. God, who has conferred upon us a royal priesthood, we pray to you to give us the grace to minister at your holy altars with hearts as clean and lives as blameless as that blessed Joseph who was found worthy to hold in his arms and with all reverence to carry your only begotten Son, born of the Virgin Mary. Enable us to receive worthily the sacred Body and Blood of your Son, and help us to win an everlasting reward in the world to come. Through the same Christ our Lord.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH REUNION 2023 DINNER DANCE UPDATE

We had a successful meeting about the 2023 Dinner Dance part of our Parish Reunion. There was good attendance and the vote was almost unanimous.

While we have had great celebrations the past few years in our own hall, this coming year we will be having our Dinner Dance in another location. Doing so makes it possible to have more people attend and will require less work on our part to set up and run the event.

Going somewhere else will also mean that it will be new to most of us and the price per ticket will also be different. Almost all parts of what goes into a dinner is more expensive now.

An announcement of what venue was chosen will be made as soon as plans are firmly in place.

SVDP SOCIETY AT HOLY GHOST CHURCH:

Requests for the Society can be made by contacting the Rectory Office at [\(401\) 421-3551](tel:4014213551)

"The SVdP conference here at Holy Ghost is looking for volunteers to help on Saturdays from 10am-12pm. Please kindly talk to Father Francesco and/or Patrick. For these coming weeks, we are looking for cereals, snacks for children, rice and pasta.

The past two weeks we served an average of 30 families. Thank you in advance for your generosity and prayers."

Recently 177 people/38 families were served. The total number of Friends in Need for January was 550.

SEASONAL MARIAN HYMN UNTIL THE EASTER VIGIL

6.  **A** - ve, Re- gí-na cæ-ló- rum, * A-ve, Dó-mi-na Ange-ló- rum : Salve ra-dix, sal-ve por-ta, Ex qua mundo lux est or-ta : Gaude, Virgo glo- ri- ó- sa, Su- per om- nes spe-ci- ó- sa : Va-le, o valde de-có- ra, Et pro no- bis Christum ex- ó- ra.

Hail, O Queen of Heaven enthroned!
Hail, by angels Mistress owned!
Root of Jesse, Gate of morn,
Whence the world's true Light was born:

Glorious Virgin, joy to thee,
Loveliest whom in heaven they see:
Fairest thou where all are fair,
Plead with Christ our sins to spare.

Words: Latin, 12th cent.
Music: Chant, Mode VI

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEWARE OF SCAM TEXTS AND EMAILS

In the past few months several people, including Fr. Francesco, were sent texts and emails asking for money or gift cards (supposedly from Fr. Francesco himself!) Thieves try to prey upon the generosity of parishioners from time to time.



If you receive a text message or email asking for money or that Fr. Francisco is in some kind of immediate need please call the rectory. Do not respond to the text or email.

ONGOING CATECHESIS

After receiving some feedback about ongoing catechesis inspired by Saint Scalabrini here are some updates. The first is that the location, at least as first, will be in the rectory. The style will be informal and will focus on fundamentals about the faith but also timely discussions about what is happening in the Church and the world and other topics or questions proposed by those who attend.

The time will be on Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM and the frequency will be once a month.

The start date will be announced soon. Also keep in mind that because we will not be following a program or book there is a the possibility to change things along the way.

PILGRIMAGE TO FÁTIMA, PORTUGAL



Our Organist/Music Director Jim Colson and his wife Nancy will be taking a group to Fátima, Portugal departing from Boston from July 5th to the 14th. (10 Days - 8 Nights) The price includes round trip airfare, hotel (with meals) the bus and driver, and Tour Guide in Portugal. Also, all the side trips are included; Aljustrel, Valinhos, the resort of Nazaré Beach, Coimbra, Aveiro, Óbidos, Leiria, and Tomar. Plus a great Pizza Night. Jim will also give two talks in Fátima about the Apparitions and the Fátima Children. The two young children were canonized in 2017 and Sister Lucia (the oldest) became a great friend of Jim Colson during the last 25 years of her life. Spiritual Director: Rev. Joseph Paquette - Daily Mass Arrangements by: Sagres Vacations, Fall River MA - \$3,099 (Double Occupancy), \$3,499 for a Single Room.

For a Brochure please see Jim or Nancy after Mass or you may call him at (401) 831-6016.

CRS RICE BOWL 2023



Rebecca and her husband Lotiang farmed and raised livestock for several years, but more frequent and severe droughts attributed to climate change have made farming difficult. Through a CRS program—in collaboration with the diocese of Lodwar in Kenya—a new well equipped with a solar plumbing unit was constructed in Rebecca and Lotiang's village. They can now access water to irrigate their fields and take care of their goats. They also learned new farming techniques through the program, such as how to grow kale, which they use to feed their family and sell at the market. Rebecca and Lotiang share what they have learned with others in their community so everyone can benefit.

8. While every exercise of the apostolate should be motivated by charity, some works by their very nature can become specially vivid expressions of this charity.

Christ the Lord wanted these works to be signs of His messianic mission (cf. Matt. 11:4-5). The greatest commandment in the law is to love God with one's whole heart and one's neighbor as oneself (cf. Matt. 22:37-40). Christ made this commandment of love of

neighbor His own and enriched it with a new meaning. For He wanted to equate Himself with His brethren as the object of this love when He said, "As long as you did it for one of these, the least of My brethren, you did it for Me" (Matt. 25:40).

Assuming human nature, He bound the whole human race to Himself as a family through a certain supernatural solidarity and established charity as the mark of His

disciples, saying, "By this will all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

"Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity: Apostolicam Actuositatem," No. 8

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EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA



On February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake devastated large areas of central Turkey and northwest Syria. The earthquake is the worst to strike Turkey this century. Later that day, the region experienced a second magnitude 7.7 quake.

Catholic Relief Services will support emergency relief efforts led by local partners in both Syria and Turkey with Caritas Turkey, Caritas Syria in Aleppo and Lattakia—where extensive damage has been reported—and other local partners. Already in Turkey, Caritas Anatolia, in coordination with authorities, is bringing displaced people to safe, open spaces and distributing hot meals and clothing.

To donate, please visit:
<https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes>

LENTEN COMPANIONS



Unfortunately we were not able to order Lenten Companions this year. We order them in bulk and they were sold out early.

Physical copies may be available at Catholic Book stores like Tally's or the La Salette Shrine.

Another option is to get the Companion as an ebook from Amazon or Apple Books and many other options.

OFFERTORY

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Collection: \$1916.00

Online Giving: \$199.45

OFFERTORY LETTERS

We hope that all of you have received your offertory letters for tax purposes by now.

Because of a change in how the Waltz company receives the envelopes the letters were delayed this year.

We apologize for this inconvenience. If needed, call the parish we can compose a letter for you.



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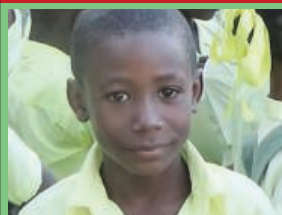
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