

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 02/21 (Today) Bitter Lamentations at 9.40am. Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism. Regular COFFEE HOUR in the church hall.
- 02/26 (Friday) Stations of the Cross at 5pm.
- 02/28 (Sunday) Bitter Lamentations at 9.40am. Holy Mass at 10am. Mass Intention: "For + STEPHEN MCCARTHY"

- Yesterday's POLISH FOOD SALE turned out really well thanks to the work and time of our volunteers: **Diane & Linda**. BIG THANK YOU for your time and hard work!
- We're looking for volunteers to run March fundraising events in the Church. **In the back you will find a Sign-Up list (yellow sheet) for the upcoming sales and dinner.** Please, consider your participation! Let's pray & work together for the good of the Church and salvation of every soul...
- We would like to remind you about the possibility to **offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention!** Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam. **Have a blessed week!**



## LENTEN DEVOTIONS

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Fridays of Lent at 5pm.

**BITTER LAMENTATIONS**  
Sundays of Lent at 9.40am.

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# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

## I SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTION - 10am

*For the benefactors of St. John's Church (both living and deceased).*

### INTROIT

C: Noah, found just and perfect, renewed the race in the time of devastation. Because of his worth there were survivors, and with a sign to him the deluge ended;

R: **A lasting agreement was made with him, that never should all flesh be destroyed.**

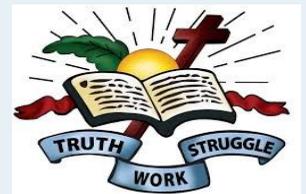
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**



## HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



## MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

## READING 1

### A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."

God added:

"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to

## GN 9:8-15

come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PS 25

*„Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.“*

## READING 2

### A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter.

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh,

he was brought to life in the Spirit.

In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark,

in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## 1 PT 3:18-22

## GOSPEL

## MK 1:12-15

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Mark's account of the temptations is short, not specific in regard to what the temptations were, and open-ended in not mentioning that this was the only temptation by the devil. The temptation in Mark's Gospel, as well as the parallel accounts of the temptation in the other Gospels, is the preparation for Jesus' public ministry. As Jesus is tempted, He realizes the need to proclaim the GOoD News of the Reign of GOD. The Reign of GOD is the New Covenant (New Testament) in which GOD establishes a new bond – GOD binds divinity again to humanity in and through the person of Jesus, true GOD and true human. This binding again is true religion (re [again] ligio [binding]). It is the New Covenant in and through Jesus' ministry, teaching, healing, suffering, death, and resurrection.

As I reflect on the readings and the theme of covenant, I recall what a covenant is. A covenant is the official statement of a relationship – a bond – between two parties, usually two unequal parties, in which the greater party takes the first step. As far as the Bible is concerned, a covenant (or testament) is the declaration of a relationship between GOD and the people.