

**OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN**  
**(Week no. 7) - - - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - - - FEBRUARY 18, 2018**  
**Rectory Office: 822-0818**

**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

**Saturday, Feb. 17:** 5:00 p.m. = dec: Inge Radon by Phyllis Petre.  
(Vigil Mass for Sunday)

**Sunday, Feb. 18:** 9:00 a.m. = dec: Living and deceased members of Petre family by Petre family.  
(1st Sunday of Lent)

**10:15 a.m. = dec:** NO CROATIAN MASS TODAY.

**Monday, Feb. 19:** 7:30 a.m. = : NO MASS. Parish: Moved to March 15.

**Tuesday, Feb. 20:** 7:30 a.m. = dec: NO MASS. Reisch family (Moved to March 16.)

**Wednes. Feb. 21:** 7:30 a.m. = dec: NO MASS. Barone: (Moved to March 1.)

**Thursday, Feb. 22:** 7:30 a.m. = dec: NO MASS. Gojevic, Tomasic, Petrinec (Moved to April 13.)

**Friday, Feb. 23:** 7:30 a.m. = dec: NO MASS. Wilk. (Moved to March 23).

**Saturday, Feb. 24:** 7:30 a.m. = : Living and deceased members of the Petre family by Phyllis Petre.  
(Lenten Weekday)

(Vigil Mass for Sunday) **5:00 p.m. = dec:** Edward and Monique Piotrowski by Charlotte Gentile and family. Joseph W. Grgas (Birth remembrance) by daughter Marie and son Joseph. Peter and Ljuba Barbic (66 years death remembrance)

**Sunday, Feb. 25:** 9:00 a.m. = dec: For all souls in Purgatory.  
(2nd Sunday of Lent)

**10:15 a.m. = dec:** Ilija Kresic by Vlado and Perka Kresic and family. Dragica Petrinec (Death anniversary) by son Karlo and Anica Petrinec.

**THIS WEEKEND:** We welcome Rev. Michael Taylor who will celebrate our 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, Feb. 17 and the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Feb. 18. Father Taylor comes to us from Our Lady of Victory Basilica. (Note: Father Chris returns late Friday, February 23rd.)

**THIS WEEKEND:** Second collection is for our utilities.

**RCIA Confirmation classes** will be on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. or Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who is out of High School, has been Baptized and made their First Holy Communion has an opportunity to be Confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Eight sessions will be held and each session will last 1.5 hours.

**MONDAY, FEB. 19:** No CCD classes. PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY.

**THURSDAY (New Day, Twice Monthly)** Bible Study Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 1&15. Easter break.

**FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.** We are looking for families to participate in reciting the Stations, helping in the Choir and readings. If you or your family would like to help, please call Shawn or Anne at 860-1461 or 604-8998.

**SATURDAY:** No singing practice on February 24th.

**NEXT WEEKEND:** Our second collection will be for Black and Native Missions.

**CONFESSIONS DURING LENT:** Confessions will be heard every Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. starting February 27th. Confessions are also heard on Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and before weekend Masses.

**TODAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:** We begin the period of Lent 40 days before the Feast of Easter with distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Today's Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. We read in St. Mark's Gospel: *At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert.* Here St. Mark speaks about God's Spirit who came upon Jesus at His Baptism and overcame Him and His works. Under the influence of that Spirit, Jesus withdrew into the desert, far from the world. He was in communion with God, through prayer and meditation, to prepare Himself for His task of redemption. Satan tempted Jesus in the desert with many shrewd seductions. He wanted Jesus to listen to him and in that way turn Him away from the will of His Heavenly Father; that is to say: *to redeem mankind from sin.* We are all subject to Satan's Temptations. Our human nature is overburdened, by weakness and evil inclinations which lead us to evil and sin. Satan did not succeed in Jesus' case. Jesus, obedient to the will of His Heavenly Father, returned from the desert and began to preach: *"This is the time of fulfillment, the reign of God is at hand. Reform your lives and believe in the Good News."* This is St. Mark's summary of what Jesus preached.

-- VOCATION THOUGHT FEB 18 --

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Likewise, in places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Lauricella at 847-5535.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

**DATE:** Sunday, February 25, from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon. Scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, corn bread, breakfast roll, coffee, tea, milk and juice. Presale tickets: \$7.00; tickets bought at the door of our hall: \$9.00. **Last chance to buy tickets in advance is this weekend, Feb. 17 & 18.**

**DANAS: 1. NEDJELJA KROZ KORIZMU:** Pepelnicom smo ušli liturgijsko razdoblje od četrdeset dana prije blagdana Uskrsa. Današnja nedjelja prva je nedjelja u tom razdoblju. U kratkom Markovu evanđelju u samom početku stoji: *"Duh nagna Isusa u pustinju."* Riječ Riječ je o Božjem koji je prilikom krštenja sišao na Isusa i obuzeo ga svojim djelovanjem. Pod utjecajem tog djelovanja Duha Svetoga, Isus se prije svojeg javnog spasiteljskog djelovanja povukao u pustinju da se, neometan od svijeta, u druženju - - - po molitvi i razmatranju - - - sa svojim nebeskim Ocem pripravi na spasiteljsku zadaću. Uпустinji ga je Sotona iskušavao. Lukavim zavodjenjima želio je Isusa navesti da sluša njega i na taj ga način odvrati od volje nebeskog Oca na otkupi palo čovječanstvo. Svi smo mi ljudi podložni kušnjama i napastima đavolskim. A i naša ljudska narav, opterećena slabostima i neurednim sklonostima, navodi na zlo i grijeh. Vidjeli smo to na primjeru jednog poganina, a znamo da su i naša iskustva takva: stalno se moramo odlučivati između dobra i zla. Sotona nije uspio Isusa zavesti. Isus, poslušan svojem nebeskom Ocu, vratio se iz pustinje i počeo propovijedati: *"Ispunilo se vrijeme, približilo se kraljevstvo Božje. Obratite se i vjerujte Evanđelju!"* Tako je evanđelist: Marko u najkraćem obliku sažeo ono što je Isus propovijedao.

**AN IN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS IN ADDITION TO LENTEN REGULATIONS POSTED IN OUR BULLETIN LAST SUNDAY:**

**RECONCILIATION:** Catholics are bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year. (Canon 989C).

**OBLIGATION** The obligation which we have as members of the Church to do penance is a serious one. Furthermore, the obligation to observe, as a "whole" or "substantially", the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious one.

>>While no one should hold himself or herself lightly excused, one should not become unduly scrupulous. Failure to observe individual days of penance is less serious than the failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days.

**AREA EVENT**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 25:** Queen of Angels Church, Electric and Warsaw St. in Lackawanna, is having a spaghetti dinner from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 adults, and \$5.00 children under 12. **TICKETS ARE PRE-SALE ONLY.** For tickets call Jim at 432-8162, Mike at 648-2097, Gene at 646-0513, or rectory at 826-0880.

**LECTORS THIS WEEKEND:**

5:00 p.m. Gregory Schenck  
9:00 a.m. Jim Carr  
10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

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