

Mass Intentions from Feb 17 to 25, 2018

Sat. Feb 17/4:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa & Nick Baird

Sun Feb 18/10:30 a.m. Cesarina & Luigi Orsini - Orsini Family
 Giovanni Bellini - Anna Bellini & Family
 Giuseppe Diamanti - Francesca Diamanti Family
 Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott Family
 Kevin Loughman - Cindy, Kristin & Glen
 Luigi, Sandra & Antonio Onesi - Nick Cicchino

Wed. Feb 21/9:00 a.m. Rosaria Bertucci & Vito Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi

Thu Feb 22/9:00 a.m. Dr. Robert J. Brodrick - Claire Veilleux-Brodrick

Fri. Feb 23/9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa & Nick Baird

Sat. Feb 24/4:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa & Nick Baird

Sun Feb 25/10:30 a.m. Cesarina & Luigi Orsini - Orsini Family
 Yvette Hanna Sarena - Family
 Giuseppe Venanzi - Angela Venanzi
 Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott Family
 Jovita & Santos Baldesco - Lilian Aida Baldesco
 Madeleine, Mary & Paul Chung-Pin-Yong - Chung-Pin-Yong Family
 Deceased members of The Orsini, Narducci, Troli & D'Angelo Families - Orsini Family

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - (Year B)

First Reading (Genesis 9:8-15)

God gives us the rainbow
 as a sign of God's everlasting covenant with humankind.

Second Reading (1 Peter 3:18-22)

God's will is to save us all.
 Baptism is God's pledge to us of this desire.

Gospel (Mark 1:12-15)

After being tempted in the wilderness by Satan, Jesus begins his proclamation of the Good News from God.

Reflection

Solitude in the wilderness radically changes our perception of ourselves and the world. Jesus became empowered through being driven by the Spirit into the wilderness, emerging from it to proclaim the kingdom of God. We may grow through our Lenten practices and through solitude to become channels of the life of the Spirit on our world.

Love for All

Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another. Each is responsible for the care of this family.

LAUDATO SI, ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

REMINDER

Please pick up your **2018 SUNDAY ENVELOPES** at the back of the church.

Dear Parishioners,
 It was suggested at the last wardens meeting that we have a second collection once a month with regards to maintenance. Inserted in your box there is a monthly envelope for maintenance. This is an important contribution for the upkeep of your parish.

According to last year's contributions this amount was less than 1.90\$ per person per month. How can we maintain the upkeep of your parish with these poor results? As stewards it is your responsibility to help maintain the increasing costly operations of your church. Please be considerate and generous in this regard if your parish is to continue to exist and use your monthly maintenance envelopes so that we do not need to resort to a second collection every month.



Our next upcoming event hosted by Our Men's Club is...

Palm Sunday Lunch
Sunday March 25, 2018 at noon.

A limited amount of tickets will be on sale soon
40\$ adults and kids 12 and under 20\$.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Every Sunday 15 minutes before mass.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Our weekly Goal	\$2,829.30
Last weekend's collection & other income	\$5,407.85

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2018, 06.02.2018

The following is the Message of the Holy Father for Lent 2018 on the theme: "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt 24: 12).

A Cold heart

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice,[2] in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, "the root of all evil" (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments.[3] All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own "certainties": the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God's plan, were created to sing His praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.[4]

What are we to do?

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception,[5] and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. 2 Cor 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God Himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of His children. If through me God helps someone today, will He not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.[6]

To be continued...