

GROWING IN LOVE
Reflection

Dealing with temptation and growing as spiritual persons are two sides of the same coin. Each of us is tempted in ways that threaten to pull us away from the love of God and others. So we need to really pay a lot of attention to temptation in our lives. Temptations tell us exactly where we need to grow. That makes sense because a temptation is directed towards our weakness.

If something appeals to your pride, or triggers your anger, or gets you into a lustful mood, then you know what you have to work on. That's what you need to bring before the Lord. That's what you need to pray about as if your life depended on it. That's also perhaps what you need to bring to a spiritual counselor or a trusted friend. And that's exactly where God wants to bring growth and healing into your life. And so, in a strange sort of way, temptation is a gift. It points to those areas in life where we still need growth and healing.

So what should we be doing during Lent? Is there some plan we can all follow, so that when Easter comes we will be satisfied with the way we spent the Lenten season? I'm afraid not. But having said that, there are certain paths we can explore in our Lenten journey. For some of you, your path might be more quiet time spent in the presence of God. For others it might be reading something which addresses your specific spiritual needs. Or it might be that you need to spend more time sharing your thoughts and feelings with your spouse or a special friend - trying to break down your personal isolation.

Lent is above all an opportunity. We are invited into the desert, not alone, but along with Jesus. Not to beat ourselves unmercifully by concentrating on how terrible we are, but to discover, with God's help, where we are able to increase the love we have for God, others and self.



ADORATION

The only time now in need of another adorer is **Wed. 8 PM**. However, the hours between 2 & 5 every day could use some extra coverage. People may find it more convenient to call Rita if they wish to signup. (288-5210). May The Lord bless you, indeed, as you get to know Jesus.

DOING SOMETHING FOR LENT

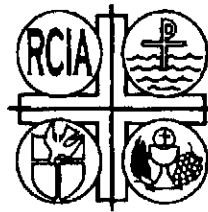
Remember when Lent meant giving up something we generally enjoyed. Although that may not be as common today, the season of Lent provides an opportunity to stop and reflect a little about life, God and ourselves. On four consecutive Tuesday evenings Fr. Tom will offer a type of mini-retreat based on the writings of St. Paul. The titles of the four nights are as follows:

- Feb 26 Conversion - It's for Catholics Too
- Mar 4 It's OK Go Ahead and Sin
- Mar 11 It's Not So Much What We Do
- Mar 18 Where Do We Want to Get To?

These sessions will be held in the parish center meeting room at 7:30 and last for an hour. There will be a suggested action after each of the first three nights to do at home. Questions and comments will be welcomed. Although the topics connect into each other you can come for as many nights as you are able. No registration is required.

Why not do something for yourself this Lent?

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church.

The process is concerned with the total formation of the person into believing with the Church community, living with the Church community, praying with the Church community and serving with the Church community.

This gradual development culminates in the celebration of the initiation sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist at Easter time.

RCIA team is proud to present Timothy Figlia, Catechumen. He has completed the first step which is catechesis and continues to the second step which is the liturgical rite, called both election and enrollment of names.

The church makes its "election". She concludes on the basis of testimony of godparents and catechist and Timothy's reaffirmation of his intention, that Tim is sincere in his call.

Tim expresses his desire to be a Catholic Christian in definite and affirmative terms.

The RCIA team is very proud of this young man. Please join us in prayer for Tim as he journeys to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart for the "Rite of Election", today February 10th at 2:30 PM.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Sponsored by the Rosary society

Please come down to the cafeteria for coffee and ...after the 9 AM and 10:30 AM Masses.

The Rosary Society always welcomes new members. Rosarians are required to say one decade of the Rosary daily, to attend monthly meetings (first Thursday after the first Sunday of the month), to pray the Rosary for deceased members, and to participate whenever possible in various service projects. Simply come to a General Meeting or call Membership Chairperson Dee Sullivan (201-288-7415) for further information.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

On February 10, 11 or 12, our teaches and religious ed teachers will be attending a course on the Creed given by Father Tom. Preparation and a subsequent assignment will be necessary to receive Doctrinal Certification.

Starting Monday Feb 25 and for 5 Mondays thereafter, our confirmation candidates will be hearing presentations and lessons on the sacrament of Confirmation. The sessions are mandatory for the candidate and a parent or sponsor. But in addition, parishioners are invited particularly to support or to listen to each speaker. The 25th's speaker is **Carmen Hickey** who will address the power of Baptism and a faith journey.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE
February 23 & 24, 2008**

Are your closets bursting with clothing and household items you don't use and you don't want to throw out? You can now clean out your closets, help our school and the less fortunate people in Africa, Central America, South America, India and Eastern Europe.

Our school is collecting clean wearable, usable clothing for men, women and children, including shoes, belts, scarves, hats and ties, soft household items such as sheets, blankets curtains, tablecloths, and towels and soft toys such as stuffed animals. We will receive 13 cents for each pound of clothing collected which will be used to offset operating costs of our school.

Start cleaning out your closets today. Bring your donations to Mass in well tied plastic garbage bags on Saturday and Sunday February 23 and 24, 2008.

(Note: do not bring your donations in prior to that weekend since it is a fire hazard; also do not include any board games, books or plastic toys as we will not receive credit for such items).

Corpus Christi School **thanks our parishioners** for their support.

CALENDAR RAFFLE



The Corpus Christi Parish Calendar Raffle for 2008 will run from April 1 through June 29. Tickets are on sale now through March 28.

To conserve both Parish and environmental resources, we are only mailing calendar raffles to Parishioners who have participated in the raffle in the past, instead of to all Parish families. This will reduce our postage and printing costs and will save some trees.

However, everyone is welcome to play in the calendar raffle. An ample supply of calendar raffle tickets will be available at the Parish Center, and can be returned to the Parish Center with cash or a check payable to Corpus Christi HSA. As in the past, the price of one raffle is \$5.00, and 90 cash prizes totaling \$5,000.00 will be awarded. Every ticket is eligible for every drawing. Your support is deeply appreciated.

FISH'N CHIPS DINNER

Save the Date: Friday, **February 29**, the Rosary Society is hosting a Lenten Fish 'N Chips Dinner in the school cafeteria. Dinner will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. (takeout available at 5 p.m.). Ticket price is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 12 and includes soft drinks, coffee/tea and dessert. **Tickets will be on sale after all Sunday masses** beginning this weekend. Come to the cafeteria today for Hospitality Sunday after the 9 or 10:30 a.m. mass, enjoy a light breakfast and buy your tickets! For additional information or reservations, call Karen McDowell at 201-288-5738.

YOUTH MINISTRY

All high school teens are invited to a topic night on The Ten Commandments on Sunday night, 7pm, at the Corpus Christi Early Childhood Learning Center on the Blvd.

RETROUVAILLE (REDISCOVERY)

Marriage is a sacrament. It is about love, weddings, romance and anniversary dinners. But it is also about confrontation, balancing budgets, housekeeping and dealing with difficult children. Retrouvaille is a program of the Catholic Church designed to provide help and support to married couples who are in difficult relationships. The program is three-fold and begins with a weekend experience on April 4-6. For more information, please call Karen and John Panariello, Registering Couple, at (732)-276-7695, or the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark (973) 497-4327.

Collection Report

Collection for the weekend of Feb 3 = \$ 14,198.
Thank you for your continuing support.



Mass Intentions for the Week

ANTICIPATED MASS/SAT., FEBRUARY 9

5:00 PM Amelia Sanchez Yost and Daniel Sanchez

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:30 AM
9:00 AM Gregory Marques
10:30 AM Gennarelli Family
12:00 NN Harold Diedrich
6:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:30 AM Jadwiga and Bronislaw Drozd and Viola Bove
8:00 AM Joseph Romano

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30 AM Intentions for the family of Joshua and Shane Lohrmann
8:00 AM Andrew Conway - 9th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:30 AM Anthony Kulakowski - 10th Anniversary
8:00 AM Anthony Gallagher

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:30 AM William Lohrmann
8:00 AM Deacon Joseph Romano

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 AM Leonard Cannarozzi
8:00 AM Patrick Power

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00 AM Rose Donovan and Msgr Joseph Donovan

ANTICIPATED MASS/SATURDAY

5:00 PM Mary Zimmerman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30 AM
9:00 AM Olga Chrobock
10:30 AM Margaret M. Moogan
12:00 NN Giulio Sciancalepore
6:00 PM People of the Parish

CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Grant Borden** by his wife, Rita.

WINE HOSTS THIS WEEK

The wine and hosts to be consecrated at all the Masses this week were donated in loving memory of **Robert Reiner** by Catherine Reiner.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

May the **Holy Spirit** sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially:

Marisa Bielen, Joseph Brizzolara, Sophia Castro, Blanche DeMio, Rose Dietz, Elaine Dressler, Florence Foresta, Ann Fuoro, Anthony Gilio, Elvira Gillio, Patricia Gugliotta, Donald Johannemann, Anthony Lemonie, Catherine McClane, Sidney Nelis, Demetria Nieves, John Pabin, Dorothy Pizzagoni, Paul Rutt, Antonio Salcines, and Ivy Schirra.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for the departed members of our families, friends, community, and Corpus Christi Parish, especially **Kathryn Trippodo**.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Liturgy of the Word with Children - 10:30 AM Mass

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church

Bingo - 7:30 PM/Cafeteria

AA Meeting - 8:30 PM/Msgr. Fitzpatrick Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church

Choir Practice - 7:30 PM/Chapel Choir Loft

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Stations of the Cross - 7:30 PM/Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Confessions - 4:00 - 4:45 PM/Chapel

Bingo - 7:30 PM/Cafeteria

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Liturgy of the Word with Children - 10:30 AM Mass

AAA APPEAL

If you have not done so, please remember to return your completed pledge envelope for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the parish center. For those who have already made a contribution, thank you for your support.

"LOOK OUT CANCER HERE I COME"

There are still some copies available of this meaningful book for patients and for family (Also DVDs). Please contact the Parish Center if you wish to purchase either the book or DVD.