

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 26th, 2023

In the First Reading we have the story of the tempting of Adam and Eve, and in the Gospel the story of the temptation of Jesus. They are two very sophisticated stories, thus very difficult to interpret. Jesus is the New Adam, who by His obedience restores for us the gifts lost by the disobedience of the first Adam (see Second Reading). He is also the New Israel. Like the first Israel He too was tested in the desert. But whereas the first Israel was found wanting, Jesus remained faithful to God. Following in His footsteps we should strive for our daily faithfulness to God.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 26 th <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, February 27 th <i>Lent</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, February 28 st <i>Lent</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Karen Dietrich</i>	By Tom & family
Wednesday, March 1 st <i>Lent</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Helen Meyer</i> + <i>Margaret Karley (Linwood)</i>	By John & Christine Dixon By the Estate
Thursday, March 2 nd <i>Lent</i>	8 am	+ <i>Daniel & Lucille Kelley</i>	By the Estate
Friday, March 3 rd <i>Lent</i>	8 am 7 pm	+ <i>Mary Malone</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	By Peter & Ornella Miller + family
Saturday, March 4 th <i>St. Casimir</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Maurice Downey</i>	By Diane Dietrich
Sunday, March 5 th <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week – St. Casimir (1458-1483) – St. Casimir, born of kings and in line to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, Jan (John) Długosz. Even his critics could not say that his conscientious objection indicated softness. As a teenager, Casimir lived a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy. When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir’s father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their governments. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the “enemy;” some of his troops were deserting because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home. His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. The lad made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor’s daughter. He reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father’s absence. He died of lung trouble at 25 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania. For many years, Poland and Lithuania faded into the gray prison on the

other side of the Iron Curtain. Despite cruel repression, the Poles and Lithuanians remained firm in the faith which has become synonymous with their name. Their youthful patron reminds us: Peace is not won by war; sometimes a comfortable peace is not even won by virtue, but Christ’s peace can penetrate every government repression of religion. St. Casimir pray for us!

DONATION RECEIPTS – The 2022 donation receipts are available for pick-up at the back of the church.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY – Monday, February 27th at 6:30 pm we will have a potluck dinner for any women who attended the first series on Daughter. Any women who would like to join the next session are welcome to come also! Our next series on Sister will begin Tuesday, March 7th at the church hall. We will typically meet every two weeks moving forward, but watch the bulletin for weekly updates. All women are welcome, and bring a friend!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Consider joining your fellow parishioners for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm. Be generous with your time and follow the Lord as he walks for our Salvation.

MASS INTENTIONS – We have run out of current Mass intentions. Please remember that you can offer intentions for both living and deceased loved ones.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION – Mark your calendars! Our Lenten Parish Mission with Bishop Lobsinger runs for four days beginning March 18th. Mass on Monday and Tuesday will be celebrated at 7pm, with confession to follow Tuesday’s Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH - Mass on Monday March 20, at 3:00 pm in the newly renovated Chapel at the Carmel of St. Joseph, St Agatha. The celebrant will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Light refreshments to follow.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP 2023 – The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites all parish ministers, youth ministry leaders to join in our annual Vacation Bible School workshop in preparation for summer children’s ministry. New to VBS? Looking to learn more about recruiting youth volunteers? Want a peek at new VBS kits available this year? Come and join us for this informative virtual workshop on April 19, 2023 from 7:00-8:30pm. Registration is available on the Diocesan website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

VOCATION SEEDS – Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Jim Valk, C.R., Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R., Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (R.S.J.C.), Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R., Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R., & Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,760.00. Maintenance \$730.00. Thank you for your generosity!