

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF SCHROON LAKE AND OLMSTEDVILLE

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, FEBRUARY 21, 2010



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### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. (Ant.) 4:30pm (OLL)  
Sun. 10:30am (OLL)  
Sun. 8:30am (SJC)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sat. 3:15 to 4:00pm (OLL)      Sun. 8:00 to 8:20am (SJC)

**BAPTISM:** By appointment

**MARRIAGE:** Arrange six months prior to the wedding date

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Feb. 20	4:30pm (OLL)	Victor Organek by Nancy Booth
Sun., Feb. 21	8:30am (SJC)	Bernard Lynn by Rusty Kotula & Family
	10:30am (OLL)	Ann Whyte by Mr. & Mrs. Emile Valley
Mon., Feb. 22	8:30am (OLL)	Deceased Relatives & Friends of Mr. & Mrs. Real St-Cyr
Tue., Feb. 23	8:30am (SJC)	Deceased Relatives & Friends of Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Hewitt
Wed., Feb. 24	8:30 am (OLL)	Deceased Relatives & Friends of Joseph Provoncha
Thu., Feb. 25	8:30am (OLL)	Deceased Relatives & Friends of Rita Burdick
Fri., Feb. 26	5:00pm (OLL)	Deceased Relatives & Friends of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Provoncha
	7:00pm (SJC)	Deceased Relatives & Friends of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Moriarty
Sat., Feb. 27	4:30pm (OLL)	For all Parishioners of both Parishes
Sun., Feb. 28	8:30am (SJC)	John Hack by Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Hewitt
	10:30am (OLL)	Chester McNally by Joseph Provoncha

## LAST WEEK'S INCOME

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Envelopes	\$1184.00
Youth	8.25
Plate	<u>249.75</u>
TOTAL	\$1442.00

### Saint Joseph's Church

Envelopes	\$449.00
Plate	<u>35.00</u>
TOTAL	\$484.00

## HOW TO BE ABOVE TEMPTATION

The approach of Jesus to his temptation in today's Gospel should help us in our efforts to be above temptation in our lives. There used to be an anti-drug campaign whose mantra was *just say "No" to drugs*. If only things were so simple when evil comes our way. We have to be able to say "No" and we have to be able to say why we are saying "No". We see both things in the temptation of Christ. He could send the devil away with such dispatch because fasting had made him strong. Indeed, Jesus sent him away with such authority because he was armed with the Word of God.

No matter what the temptation – to turn stones into bread, or to worship the devil or to cast himself from the pinnacle to the temple – Jesus could say why it was he resisted. We don't live by bread alone; God alone is to be worshiped, we should not put God to the test.

The flattery with which the devil addresses Jesus – "if you are the Son of God" – shows us the irony of the temptations. Jesus is the Bread of Life. He shares the one divinity, which is to be worshiped with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus cannot test his Father, because his mission is to be tested on our behalf, so that flesh that failed in Adam should win the victory in him. We aren't above temptation by our humanity, which is always frail, but by being in Christ.

Reflection based on Luke 4:1-13 by Father Guy Mansini, OSB

## AN INTERESTING REFLECTION ON THE CURRENT RECESSION

Brother Paul, a monk at the Trappist Monastery of the Genesee in Western New York made this remark regarding the current economic crisis facing so many people. He said that there are many requests made to the monks to pray for those who have lost their jobs and are seeking employment. In fact some unemployed men and women have come knocking at the door of the monastery looking for work in the bakery that financially supports the monks in the community. Brother also reported that the soup kitchens in nearby Rochester are busier now than at any other time since they have been in operation. The hungry unemployed eagerly await the monastery bread truck that makes 30 regular stops delivering thousands of loaves of Monks' Bread with no charge.

Dom John Eudes Bamberger, abbot of the monastery, said that he looks at the recession as an opportunity to set things straight, to reevaluate our values. He questions whether we are actually doing this and says that the debt we've imposed on our children is not the answer. It is merely a "Band-Aid." Here is the abbot's prescription for coping with the current economic recession.

- + Look at the whole of life, not just the current situation.
- + Resist "going with the flow" and being satisfied with the values propagated by society.
- + Spend as little time as possible glued to the television.

- + Spend at least 15 minutes a day in quiet meditation and prayer, asking yourself what it means to be a person, what it means to love and whether “this world” is all there is.

The media would have us be fearful in the face of recession. Brother Paul suggests we drop our fears at the foot of the Cross of Jesus who said so many times: “Fear not!”

### **PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL AND HUMAN GROWTH**

The Priory Retreat House in Chestertown has programs for people of all faiths.

**Day Programs** – The Sisters and guest speakers conduct these programs.

**Weekend Retreats / Workshops** – Participants are accommodated in double rooms. Single rooms are also available at extra cost.

To register call the Priory at 494-3733.