



This Sunday's Counsels

THEME: Christ's call for repentance exhorts us not to fall back into sin.

WORD: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11; 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9

ORDER: "Repent."

PROMISE: "He redeems your life from destruction; he crowns you with kindness and compassion." (Ps 103:4)

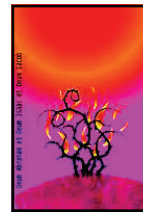
DIRECTIONS:

- Do corporal works of mercy.
- Receive the sacrament of Reconciliation frequently.
- Practice fasting and almsgiving.

R e p e n t a n d B e S a v e d

REFLECTION: Repentance is our way to salvation. True repentance is the way to get closer to our God and our Lord Jesus Christ who is always there to forgive us, and who wants to forgive us for every time we stumble. Our Lord promised the heavenly kingdom for the repentant sinner. His mercy is endless and all He wants us to do is come to Him frequently to ask for forgiveness and resolve to do better with the grace, blessing, and strength that He can provide.

Our God is not only a good God. He is also a just God and sees our hearts and what is in our thoughts as we come to Him for forgiveness. Yes, He will forgive seventy times seven, which for the Hebrew is infinity. He has also sent His Son to show us the way and so we may bear fruit as He prunes and cultivates us. We must also resolve and ask for the grace and the blessings to be faithful to His teachings. As the parable of the fig tree demonstrates, our good Lord gives us ample time to reflect on our sins especially during this season of lent. We must be



vigilant, however, that we do not exhaust the patience of our Lord and the time He provides to change our ways. There will come a time when judgment will be rendered and we must account for our time on this earth. We must account for how we responded to His call to give witness to His love, mercy, and forgiveness.

We are asked not only to be righteous and faithful. We are asked to be active and involved in doing corporal works of mercy and extending our hand to the less fortunate. We have many opportunities for doing this within the community and outside of the community. We are asked to extend our help not only to those who are believers but also to the unbelievers. We are asked to be like our Lord Jesus Christ who extended His arms not only to friends but also to His enemies, not only to the lovable but also the unlovable.

Lent focuses our attention to the ultimate sacrifice our Lord Jesus made for us be-

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S a i n t J o h n o f G o d — M a r c h 8

In 1503, at the age of eight, John fled from his parents for some unknown reason. For a while he was a cowherd, then a book dealer. Matters spiritual were of no particular interest until he heard the preaching of Blessed John of Avila. Then his conversion was so sincere and sudden that he was considered to be out of his mind. While rescuing the sick from a burning hospital at the risk of his own life, it became clear to him what his future work should be.



In 1540 he founded the Brothers of Mercy (approved by Pius V, 1572), a community dedicated to caring for the sick. The members bind themselves by a fourth vow, the service of the sick. Because of his work our saint has become the patron of hospitals and the dying. His name is in the Litany of the Dying.

Teaching Schedule



March

- 12 Mark 10 Series on Saints—St Patrick St. Williams
- 19 SE 1-2 Gospel of Mark and Matthew Nativity
- 26 LSS 11 Orientation to Service Ministry
St Al's After Worship
- 27 LSS 0-11 Approaches to the Bible, Book of Books
Venue and Time TBA

PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE, WRITING
MATERIALS AND SNACK!

Community Calendar

- Mar 5-7 YLSS#7 @ St. Aloysius Church
Application Deadline Jan 15, 2010
- Mar 13-14 Basic Prayer Counseling for Covenanted
And Committed Radisson Hotel Carteret
- Mar 20-21 Advance Prayer Counseling @ Radisson
Hotel Carteret Requisite: Basic Prayer
- Apr 30—May 2 ME#12 Weekend
- May 7-9 John 6 Crossing

Announcement

Sacrament of Reconciliation from 7:30—8:15 before
every Healing Mass at St William the Abbot.

God's Blessings

Birthdays

Rolly Salomia	3/6	Rey Inid	3/7
Edgar Arabit	3/8	Elma Pontipiedra	3/10
Melo Mabutas	3/10		

Anniversary

Cesar & Rosalie Angeles 3/10

The Lord's Provision — February 19, 2010

Love Offering: \$ 228.00 Tithes: \$ 540.00
John 6/Youth: \$ 105.00

Thank you for your generosity!

What: Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine

Where: Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

When: April 11, 2010

How Much: \$30/person

Meeting place is at GSP Commuter parking lot at Tinton Falls (Corner Route 36 & Hope Road, next to Holiday Inn) @ 5:30am

For questions, contact Edd & Marilyn Roy at
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To sign up for Prayer Counseling Retreats (see Community Calendar) , contact John and Daday Young at telephone # 609-625-9350 or email address edwordy@comcast.net

Our God is A Forgiving God

In this season of Lent we are reminded of how God gave up His only Son to die on the cross to save all of us. His love for us is everlasting and endless that even when we wander and fall He continues to pick us up and lead us back.

Many times when we are faced with illness and pain, we turn to Him for comfort and strength, and He never fails us. When we are overcome with sorrow and uncertainties, He allows us to pour our hearts out and He blesses us with peace and guidance. When we commit mistakes and failures, He pardons and forgives. So to our dear God, continue to crown us with Your kindness and compassion so it overflows to people around us. Bless us with Your constant love so we could pass it on to others. Help us to remain faithful to You as we try to live like You.

Thank you for bringing light into our lives and pray that we can brighten other people's lives.

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cause of his immense love for us. He performed the ultimate sacrifice of giving up His life in atonement for our sins. In this third Sunday of lent, we are asked to be truly repentant for our sins to obtain the kingdom of God and make us pleasing in His eyes. We are asked to show our love for the Lord by performing corporal works of mercy and by being faithful and continuously proclaiming His teachings.