

## First Sunday of Lent – March 5, 2017



### **Mark Forrest in Merchantville!** **Today ~ March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM in Church**

To start this season with something both very special and very spiritual, we are going to have Irish Tenor Mark Forrest here at our parish for the first weekend of Lent today, Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. He will perform a spiritual concert at 3:00 PM. On Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, he will lead an evening of Marian song and reflection.

Mark is an award-winning tenor who has graced the major cathedrals of the world with his clear and melodic voice. He has sung for St. John Paul II, St. Teresa of Calcutta, Charlton Heston and Maureen O'Hara, to name a few.

Mark was born in Dublin and attended the Royal College of Music on a full scholarship. Later he studied music at the Catholic University of America on a full scholarship as well. His concerts are deeply spiritual and his love for the Catholic Church always shines through.

Mark and his wife have faced great challenges in their own family life with two of his seven children being deaf, blind and seriously ill. He has established a foundation on a farm in Virginia to provide for the needs of disabled children.

You will be amazed by his music and his testimony of faith. Come out for these events and jump-start your Lent with an infusion of hope and inspiration. See you there!

With blessings,

*Fr. Tim Byerley*  
*Pastor*

## House of Charity 2017



Our goal is **\$241,118**



To date we have raised

**\$157,415**

**66% of our Goal!**

*Thank you!*

If you graciously made a pledge using a credit/debit card, please call the Rectory during normal business hours with your card number in order for us to process your pledge.

### ***Lenten Regulations***

The days of **both Fast and Abstinence** during Lent are **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of **Fast**, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of **Abstinence**, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of Abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially” or as a whole is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of Penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as Penance.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2017 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 11, 2017.

## Parish Upcoming Events



### **Stations of the Cross and Benediction**

Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 PM  
with School Children (except during Holy Week)

Every Friday evening in Lent at 7:00 PM  
Living Stations on Good Friday at 7:00 PM



### **Prayer at the Cross**

Every Tuesday evening in Lent at 7:00 PM

### **Inspirational Concert**

Mark Forrest – Irish Tenor

**~ TODAY ~**

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM**



**Marian Evening of Prayer with Mark Forrest**

Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

### **Parish Mission**

March 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 7:00 PM each evening

Preacher: Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA



Theme: *Healing the Family*

## **Inspirational Concert**

**~ TODAY ~**

and

**Marian Evening of Prayer**

**~ TOMORROW ~**

with



**Mark Forrest**

**International Irish Tenor**

Mark Forrest the International Irish Tenor is coming to St. Peter Church on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Mark has captivated audiences from the White House and Carnegie Hall to Cathedrals and stages worldwide. Mark is the father of eight boys and currently resides in Northern Virginia. Mark and his wife Muriel are founders of the Faith and Family Foundation which helps special needs children.

**Sunday, March 5, 2017 @ 3:00 PM**

**Inspirational Concert**

Enjoy an outstanding inspirational concert with the internationally acclaimed Irish Tenor, Mark Forrest.

*Free will donation!*



**Monday, March 6, 2017 @ 7:00 PM**

**Marian Night of Prayer**

Enjoy a Marian Night of Prayer with Mark Forrest. Reflect on the Blessed Virgin Mary's role in your own spiritual life. (Includes Adoration, meditation, music and prayer.)

*Free will donation!*

### **PLEASE NOTE!**

There will be

**NO MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA on  
Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

You are welcome to join us at 7:00 PM  
for a Marian Night of Prayer with Mark Forrest



*\*Mass Celebrant Code:*

*TB = Fr. Tim Byerley – LEP = Fr. Larry Polansky*

<i>Intentions:</i>	<i>Requested by:</i>	<i>*Mass Celebrant</i>
<b>Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
6:45 AM Doris Rapone	Flora Schubert	LEP
9:00 AM Mary Cornely	Sally Dawson	TB
<b>Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup></b>		
6:45 AM Florence Hogan	Estate	LEP
9:00 AM Mary Cornely	Hesser Family	TB
<b>Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
6:45 AM McMenamin & Mooney Families	Estate	LEP
9:00 AM Robert Gallagher, Jr.	Christina Gallagher	LEP
<b>Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup></b>		
6:45 AM Francis Rooney, Jr.	Family	LEP
9:00 AM Robert Jackson	Family	TB
<b>Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
6:45 AM Louis & Angelina Marchione	Their Daughter-in-law	TB
9:00 AM Mary Cornely	Stridick Family	TB
<b>Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
9:00 AM Dec/Mbrs Trino & Arandilla Family	Ruth Trino	TB
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Peter Parish		TB
<b>Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
7:30 AM L/D Mbrs of Badame/Taddeo Family	Family	LEP
9:00 AM Mary DiSabato	Sinatra Family	TB
10:30 AM Mary Cornely	Mae Hogan	TB
Dec/Mbrs. Smurlo/Rendak/Novosielski/Zanowicz Family	Ray & Theresa	TB
Mary Cornely	Patrick & Tina Meade	TB
Isabelle D. Pounds	Fran & Margo Salerno	TB
Margaret Mullin	Pierlott Family	TB
12 Noon Dec/Mbrs Sheridan Family	Lori Kauffmann	LEP
7:00 PM Helen Bellm	Lorraine, Shawn & Josh	LEP

### Sanctuary Lamp in the Church

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Holy Souls in Purgatory the week of March 5<sup>th</sup> – March 11<sup>th</sup> requested by A Parishioner.

### Sanctuary Lamp in the Convent Chapel

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of Thomas Buono, Sr. the week of March 5<sup>th</sup> – March 11<sup>th</sup> requested by his Wife, Joan.



### Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Holy Souls in Purgatory the week of March 5<sup>th</sup> – March 11<sup>th</sup> requested by A Parishioner.

*F*ather's *Q*uick *Q*uote: "Do you wish your prayers to fly to God? Give it two wings: **FASTING** and **ALMSGIVING.**" ~ *St. Augustine*

## Adoration Chapel



You are cordially invited to come and spend an hour a week in adoration of Our Lord in the Adoration Chapel!

**24 hours a day! Pick your hour!**

All hours are available most especially:

Sundays ~ 3:00 AM – 4:00 AM

Sundays ~ 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Saturdays ~ 6:00 AM – 7:00 AM

Saturdays ~ 11:00 PM – Midnight

Call Flora @ 665-4833 or Stacey @ 856-304-2261  
or

Ben @ 662-4338 to schedule your hour.

### Intercessory Rosary Group

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month  
@ 3:00 PM in the Convent Chapel.

## Parish Sick List



Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to add a loved one to the list. *You are kindly asked to inform the person that their name will appear in the Bulletin.*

Ray Amatrudo, Joan Anders, Vincent Barone, Bernadette Bierbach, Theresa Brown, Barbara Brownholtz, Eva Burgess, Matt Curley, Barbara DeFranco, Ray Dick, Louis Elbert, John Faggioli, Sr., Carole Friel, Jackie Gedraitis, James Genzano, Louis Grosso, Mimi Hall, Joe Junikka, Maryann Kearney, Jean Kisiel, Irving Lamb, Jr., Thomas McKelvey, Mary Moran, Carmel Naples, Marilyn Ott, Frank Pedano, Dawn Riley, Frances Rittenhouse, Mark Stevens, Jessica Sudell, Dave Taggart, Joe Teti, Bob Walker, Andrea Young.

***May God heal them in mind, body and spirit!***

***Thank you for your prayers for our sick and shut-ins.***

**PLEASE call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373  
when your loved one has recovered!**

## Parish Weekly Offerings



First Collection for the weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> was **\$15,412.46**. Second Collection was **\$2,850.13** for a total of **\$18,262.59**.

***Thank you for building up God's Kingdom  
in our Parish!***

## FaithFULL Food Drive 2017



The Diocese of Camden's 4<sup>th</sup> annual FaithFULL Food Drive is set for Sunday, April 2, 2017. It is our hope our parishes and schools will work together to collect 150,000 pounds of food – more than any single faith community could raise on its own! Donations

support anti-hunger efforts throughout South Jersey in partnership with Catholic Charities, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, and many small, local pantries. Place your non-perishable food donations in the barrels at the entrances of Church beginning this weekend!

***Thank you for your support and generosity!***



### Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **First Sunday of Lent**

First: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
Second: Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19  
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

### Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

First: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18  
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

### Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **St. Perpetua & St. Felicity, Martyrs**

First: Isaiah 55:10-11  
Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15

### Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

#### **St. John of God, Religious**

First: Jonah 3:1-10  
Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

### Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **St. Frances of Rome, Religious**

First: Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25  
Gospel: Matthews 7:7-12

### Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

First: Ezekiel 18:21-28  
Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26

### Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

First: Deuteronomy 26:16-19  
Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

### Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **Second Sunday of Lent**

First: Genesis 12:1-4a  
Second: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9





### Upcoming Baptismal Classes

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

*All classes begin at 8:00 PM in the Senior Center.*

**You may schedule the Baptismal date at the class.** Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to register for a class so that we have adequate materials. Godparents are welcome, if able to attend. Both parents are encouraged to attend the class and children are welcome.

### "Big Bucks" Raffle Tickets



**AVAILABLE EVERY WEEKEND!**

**\$25,000 Grand Prize\* ~ Plus 99 other Prizes!**

\*Prizes based on sale of all 3,000 tickets

Stop by Pastors' Hall to purchase your tickets after **ALL** weekend Masses!

**Tickets are also available at the Rectory!**

### School News

#### Be a SPS Race for Education Sponsor

On Friday May 12, 2017, St. Peter School will host our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Race For Education. Below are the benefits for each level of sponsorship. All donations are tax deductible. Please commit by Friday, March 24, 2017. **New this year** - you can choose your sponsorship level and submit your donation online at <https://goo.gl/G6d37F>. Or please contact Tina Deiwert at [tdeiwert@verizon.net](mailto:tdeiwert@verizon.net), for more information.

#### Grand Sponsor \$500

Company Logo/Name on: Race T-Shirt and Complimentary Race Shirts; Lawn Sign on race track; DJ Announcement; Thank You Ad in Parish Bulletin and on SPS website

#### Patron Sponsor \$250

Company Logo/Name on: Lawn Sign on race track; DJ Announcement; Thank You Ad in Parish Bulletin and on SPS website

#### Friend Sponsor \$100

DJ Announcement; Thank You Ad in Parish Bulletin and on SPS website

## Track and Field



### Registration for the 2017 Season is underway!

We would like to invite every 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade student in our school and parish to come out and be a part of our track and field team!

Practices begin on March 6<sup>th</sup> and are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM at Pennsauken High School. The meets begin in early April and occur over six consecutive Saturdays from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We compete in the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1600m, 4 x 100m relays, long jump and shot-put.

For more information and to download our registration forms, please visit our school website at [stpetersschool.org](http://stpetersschool.org). The track and field page is under "Athletics".

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy O'Callaghan at [kathyoc@comcast.net](mailto:kathyoc@comcast.net).

*We are looking forward to a great season!!*

## St. Peter PTA & Knights of Columbus

Present



### IRISH FEST BEEF & BEER FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, March 25, 2017**

**8:00 PM to Midnight in Pastors' Hall**

**THIS ONE IS FOR THE ADULTS!** Come out for this community-wide event to celebrate being Irish or knowing someone who is!

COST \$20 per person/\$35\* per 2 tickets

\*Discount only applies on multiples of 2.  
**INCLUDED:** Food, draft beer, live music by Hit the Bottle Boys and DJ. 50/50 and Raffles too!  
Tickets may be purchased online through the school website on the event page: [www.stpetersschool.org](http://www.stpetersschool.org)  
Tickets will be sold after the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM weekend Masses beginning March 5<sup>th</sup>. Call Krista Dougherty for more info at 610-256-9188.

## Community News



**Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Super Stretch with Rossana

**Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Trivia with Rocky

**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Fit & Focused with Rossana

Intercessory Rosary led by the Legion of Mary

**Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Study

Guest Facilitators: Cheryl & Paul Foti

**Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Fast Forward with Rossana



### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!

Doors open at 5:30 PM. BINGO starts at 7:00 PM.

Admission is \$3 & includes cards for

7 regular games.

*Thank you for supporting our Bingo!*

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: BINGO at Saint Peter's

### Service Dates for Bingo Teams

March 1<sup>st</sup> – NO BINGO – ASH WEDNESDAY

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Team D ~ March 15<sup>th</sup> – Team A

## Around the Diocese

### *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat*

Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of past abortion(s). The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God and will help your soul find a voice, and transform the pain of the past into hope. Rachel's Vineyard is a "therapy for the soul" which combines a unique and creative process for psychological and spiritual healing.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries will be hosting a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion on:

**April 7 - 9, 2017**

This retreat will be held in **Doylestown, PA**

For more information call **Evelyn at 215-317-5752**

Or email at [evelynwalsh59@gmail.com](mailto:evelynwalsh59@gmail.com)

Read more about it online at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**All requests are strictly confidential.**



### Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. The next program begins the weekend of April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be offered in August. For more information or to register for one of the weekends, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

**All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.**

### Once-a-Month Bookstore



**TODAY – March 5<sup>th</sup>**

After the 10:30 AM & 12:00 Noon Masses  
in Pastors' Hall



Congratulations to the following St. Peter School alumni and parish members who have been named to the first semester Honor Roll at Camden Catholic High School, Cherry Hill:

### **DISTINGUISHED HONORS**

**Grade 10:** Matthew Manfredonia

**Grade 11:** Maureen Dymond, Cecelia Ensell

### **HONORS**

**Grade 9:** Matthew Callaway, Lillian Smith

**Grade 10:** Matthew Coffey, Lauryn Conley, Ronald Crane, Hayley Pierson

**Grade 11:** Brett Russell, Christopher Stefanacci, Brianna Broccoli, Christopher O'Callaghan

**Grade 12:** Samantha Kehner, Alanna Noone, Brandon Notz, William Eisler, Emilie Reustle

**February 2017**

**Baptisms**

Our newest Parish Family Members are:  
*Henry Robert Alberico, Sebastian Athanasius Dunne*  
*Ayla Grace Flynn, Elly Nguyen*  
*Lily Rae Pike*

**February 2017**

**Welcome**

Let us all welcome our new Parishioners who have registered at St. Peter Parish this month:

*Stephanie L. Bennett, Michele Collins*  
*Robert & Kimberly Cresthull*  
*Michael Flores, William & Letitia Glenn*  
*William Kettell, Wallace & Gail Morenzetti*  
*Hummlyn Morinuil, Jami Pirillo*  
*John & Maureen Roccia*  
*Margaret Rodden*

**February 2017**



Please remember in prayer those who have been buried from our Parish:

*Nicholas Marinella, Dolores C. McCaffery*  
*Dorothy Nasarzewski, William J. Myles, Sr.*  
*Barbara A. Osborne, Andrew J. Velten*

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

If in this year, 2017, you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on

**Sunday, June 18, 2017**

**3:00 PM**

Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
500 Greentree Road ~ Glassboro, NJ ~ 08028



Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant.  
A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall.  
Registration forms are available at the Rectory.  
Registration deadline is May 26, 2017.  
For more info, call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373.

**Service Schedule**

**Extraordinary Ministers for March 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM	S. Novella, E. Kradzinski, B. Boulger, F. Sinatra
7:30 AM	N. Perry, M. Ralbusky, A. Presenza
9:00 AM	K. O'Callaghan, M. O'Callaghan, M. Campbell
10:30 AM	M. Pascale, C. Petrowsky, A. Lipenta, E. Valenti, J. German
12:00 Noon	TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
7:00 PM	D. Montes, T. Crymes, M. D'Amico, M. DiPiero, T. Taylor

**Lectors for March 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM	J. Badolato & C. Gunderson
7:30 AM	C. Leone & P. Leone
9:00 AM	T. Curley & R. Curley
10:30 AM	M. DeFranco & A. DeFranco
12:00 Noon	TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
7:00 PM	J. Chevere & B. Fratto

**Altar Servers for March 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM	John Wirth, Shane Wood, Seamus Blessinger, Grace Blessinger
7:30 AM	John Martin, Anna Martin, Aidan Riley, Brian Clemens
9:00 AM	Anthony Faust, Teresa Faust, Raymond Basso, Benjamin Truong
10:30 AM	Marty Deluhery, Theodore Deluhery, Thomas Mikhael, Tyler Garden
12:00 Noon	TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
7:00 PM	Anthony Marinelli, Giovanni Marinelli, Mario Montes, Sebastian Montes

**Altar Servers for the Week of March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday\***

6:45 AM	Jackson DiBease & Vincenzo Spinola
9:00 AM	Eric Dungee & Brian Dungee

**Monday Night Novena**

Eric Goonan & Matthew Abate

**Thursday – Friday – Saturday**

6:45 AM	Kelly Bleistine & Michael Bleistine
9:00 AM	Michael Ricci & James McDermott



**Wedding Banns**



Please pray for all who are entering into the Holy State of Matrimony most especially:

*Luke Devlin & Colleen Finnegan*



## Readings for the First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

*TLM – First Sunday of Lent – 1<sup>st</sup> Class*

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### **Reading I – Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, “Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?” The woman answered the serpent: “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman: “You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil.” The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

### **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17**

***℟.* Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

***℟.* Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: “Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.”

***℟.* Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

***℟.* Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

***℟.* Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**



## **Reading II – Romans 5:12-19**

Brothers and sisters:

Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned — for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

## **Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11**

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.” He said in reply, “It is written:

*One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”* Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down.

For it is written:

*He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.”* Jesus answered him, “Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”*

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.” At this, Jesus said to him, “Get away, Satan!

It is written:

*The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”*

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.