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[Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness \(Jésus tenté dans le désert\)](#)

James Tissot (1836–1902)

GOSPEL MEDITATION: MAKE TEMPTATION OUR FRIEND

Temptation does not need to be our enemy. It can become a means to salvation! St. Basil remarks, “As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation.” Here is the reason for Lent: to make temptation our friend. There is no doubt that we sin, even though we often prefer to forget or deny that fact. We are sinners. Given that fact, every temptation becomes an opportunity to choose either for grace or sin. The more we can choose virtue over vice, good over evil, truth over lies, and others over ourselves, the stronger we

will become. Properly confronting and dealing with temptation builds Christian character. Ironically, when we build strong Christian character, we gain control and satisfaction. They come from within.

Ryan Stevenson performs a great song titled “Eye of the Storm.” Life will always present us with challenges, lures, and promises to tempt us, causing us to succumb to weakness. But when we put God first and give God proper thanks and worship, we are given a strong anchor and no longer need to be afraid. “In the eye of the storm, you remain in control. And in the middle of the war,

you guard my soul. You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn. Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.” What we ultimately need more of is love. What we need less of are the cheap imitations that look like it. Love, who is God, fortifies us and keeps us from falling. We come to know and believe that we are guided and led, kept and sustained by a God who is incredibly in love with all he has made. We need to own this truth, and it must be born in our souls.

Excerpted: Fr. Mark Suslenko for LPi.



MAR 5	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Semon Prado† <i>Pamela & Robert Lantz</i>
MAR 6	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	For peace in Eastern Europe
10:00 a.m.	Mike & Jean Yurisko† <i>Bill & Kim Yurisko</i>
MAR 7	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Semon Prado† <i>Pam Maxwell</i>
MAR 8	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	John (Jack) Helfer† <i>Kathryn Helfer</i>
MAR 9	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Helfer Family† <i>Kathryn Helfer</i>
MAR 10	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	Jim and Cathy Iaconis† <i>Margaret E. Kendrach</i>
MAR 11	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	Robert Balgo† <i>Kathleen Patrello</i>
MAR 12	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Frank Curia† <i>Curia Family</i>
MAR 13	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	In gratitude for George Smithberger <i>Sr. Mary Ann Spangler</i>
10:00 a.m.	Dennis Romanoski† <i>Suzanne & Bruce Artimez</i>

"Thousands of Catholics in West Virginia no longer walk with us in faith. ... Do we want our Church in the Mountain State to disappear? Our absent brothers and sisters have many reasons for staying away. We cannot judge their faith; only God can do that, but we miss them. In many instances, with good will and mutual cooperation, even serious problems can be resolved."

Bishop Mark Brennan, Lenten Letter 2022

Favorite Saints Series



St. Frassati and a Fervor for Faith

In what we expect to be our final installment of the Favorite

Saints Series, we hope this story will inspire everyone to learn more about this 20th century saint considered a perfect model for Lenten devotion.

Some saints leave a strong impression. Maybe it's their incredible sacrifices, devotion, or bravery. Maybe there's just something relatable about them. Pier Giorgio Frassati is one of those saints.

Pier Giorgio's friends called him an explosion of joy. Mountain climbing, music, practical jokes, and political debates were among his many passions. With film-star looks, common-sense intelligence, and amazing athleticism, Pier Giorgio Frassati had every reason to pursue worldly success. He chose to focus on higher goals instead. He modeled an excitement for life, a desire to help others, and a devotion to family — both on earth and in heaven.

He also loved to go to confession—so much so that he went every day. In her book *Finding Frassati and Following His Path to Holiness*, Christine M. Wohar tells a story of a priest getting caught off guard when asked to hear Pier Giorgio's confession—on the street. The priest was walking when Pier Giorgio just appeared and asked. The priest said yes but was distracted by the busy street. Frassati, however, became oblivious to everything around them and gave his confession. This story teaches us much about how to seek God. It also gives a glimpse of what

made Pier Giorgio unique. He approached God so spontaneously! Even from a practical point of view we aren't likely to experience a spontaneous sidewalk confession. Still, there's nothing stopping us from visiting our local parish to seek forgiveness and divine assistance with the same fervor as Pier Giorgio. It is written that he approached God more frequently to purify his soul, and he sought advice from each confessor so that he could live the Christian life more deeply and possess the Lord's peace. That very notion of "possessing the Lord's peace" is what we strive to achieve during Lenten season. Pray we can follow the spirit of St. Frassati.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:
 Saturday - 4 p.m.
 Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.
Weekdays:
 Monday - Friday
 8 a.m.
 Holy Days:
 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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CALENDAR

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	FRIDAY FISH FRIES Xavier Hall
Fridays During Lent 6:30 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
March 5 & March 6	GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND
Wednesday A.M. March 9	EXODUS: CALLED TO FREEDOM
Thursday P.M. March 10	10-week Bible Study Church Hall
Wednesday March 16 5:30 p.m.	FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING Parish Office
Sunday March 27	PENANCE SERVICE Fr. Naegele Speaker
Friday April 8	LIVING STATIONS WITH PARISH YOUTH
CAMP CARLO EARLY-BIRD RATE DEADLINE THURSDAY - JUNE 1 CampCarlowv.org	
Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE VFW Moundsville

SCHEDULES MARCH 12 & 13

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
4:00 p.m.	A. Wise / J. Fecat
8:00 a.m.	R. Hess / J. Hess
10:00 a.m.	L. Remke / P. Remke
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Attendance	204

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A priest says Mass in a subway car used as a bunker.

*Loving God,
We pray especially for the children of Ukraine, who are suffering and afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We know they do not understand. Give them strength and hope. Amen.*

ST. JOSEPH'S YEAR ENDING WITH CELEBRATION

Join the faithful from around West Virginia in Charleston the weekend of March 18 to celebrate the ending of the Year of Saint Joseph. Festivities will take place at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center and the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. For detailed information and to register visit: dwc.org/pilgrimage/

SFX PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Chairman John Sicurella would like to meet with members Wednesday, March 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the church office.

OUR FISH FRIES NEED DESSERTS!

Our parish fish fries are without a doubt the best, and what helps make them that way are the scrumptious desserts. Please help out and drop off donations Friday mornings at Xavier Hall. Thank you!



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

FR. GARY NAEGELE WILL SPEAK about examination of conscience as part the Lenten penance service here at St. Francis Xavier Sunday, March 27, at 4 p.m. Fathers Arul, Doney and That Son also will hear confessions.

REMEMBER ST. JOSEPH ALTAR decorations can be brought to church starting March 11.

RESOURCES FOR LENT

Dynamic Catholic "Best Lent Ever"
DynamicCatholic.org

Bishop Barron Gospel Reflection
WordonFire.org

Formed - Catholic Faith On Demand
formed.org

Living Lent Daily

LivingLentDaily.com | [Loyola Press](http://LoyolaPress.com)

GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND

olive wood carvings will be for sale this weekend. Proceeds help 200 Christian families working toward peace in the Holy Land.

Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Adventure Camp

We are a Catholic youth adventure camp that ministers to youth through rock climbing, equestrian activities, archery, Adoration, overnight backpacking, outdoor Mass and more! Register your camper at CampCarlowv.org by June 1st to receive our early bird rate of \$275.

June 26 - July 2 - A "catch all week" from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

June 3 - July 9 - Rising 6th graders to 8th graders.

July 10 - July 16 - Rising freshmen to Seniors

July 17 - July 23 - A "catch all week" from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

July 24 - July 30 - "A Camp Carlo Summer Vacation" free program for 7-12 year olds who receive support from the government or Catholic Charities.

Contact Sadie Shields for more information:
sshields@dwc.org or 1 (304) 476-9015



OUR PARISH WILL DONATE \$100 TOWARD REGISTRATION FEES FOR OUR CHILDREN.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

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