

*First*  
SUNDAY OF

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*Milltown, New Jersey*

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### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 Noon

### **Weekdays**

Monday: 7:00 PM Mass with  
Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday through Saturday: 7:00 AM

### **Confession**

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 12 Noon

Saturday: After 5:00 PM Mass

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**February 18, 2024 • Mark 1:12-15**

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

**The time is fulfilled, and the  
kingdom of God has come  
near; repent, and believe in  
the good news.**

MARK 1:15



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ✠ FEBRUARY 18, 2024

**Baptism:** Baptism is celebrated on Sundays.  
Please call the parish office to schedule.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Please call the parish office when you or a loved one is sick at home or in the hospital for visitation with the Eucharist and for the Anointing of the Sick.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the parish office at least one year before the potential wedding date. **New**

**Parishioners:** Should register as soon as possible.  
Please contact the parish office

**Religious Education (CCD):** Please log-on to [www.ololchurchnj.org](http://www.ololchurchnj.org) for calendar and parish events.



### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

#### Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

#### Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

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### Mass Offerings

#### SUNDAY, Feb. 18

7:30 am Anne W. Georgules req MaryAnn & Frank  
La Cava  
9:00 am Michael Burak req Tom & Bernadette Olson  
10:30 am Carol Malouf req Mary Ann & John Pochinski  
12 Noon Dottie Olesinski req Lynn DeAmicis

#### MONDAY, Feb. 19

7:00pm Cammie Sullivan req Bob & Mary Lynch

#### TUESDAY, Feb. 20

7:00am Dottie Olesinski req Trina Appicelli

#### WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21

7:00am Charlie Thompson req Steve Svonavec

#### THURSDAY, Feb. 22

7:00am Rapheal White req Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Everett

#### FRIDAY, Feb. 23

7:00am Mary A. Nartowicz req Ed Nartowicz & Family

#### SATURDAY, Feb. 24

7:00am Joseph Kraemer req Mom  
5:00pm Intention of Parishioners

#### SUNDAY, Feb. 25

7:30am Dorothy Nartowicz req Ed Nartowicz & Family  
9:00am Michael Burak req Pat Laudino  
10:30am Nada Markevich req Tom & Bernadette Olson  
12 Noon George Tighelaar req Lynn Deamicis



#### Sunday

Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

#### Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

#### Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

#### Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

#### Thursday

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

#### Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

#### Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

**SCHEDULE FOR 4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>
<b>SAT. Feb. 24</b> 5pm	VonB	M. Abano
<b>SUN. Feb. 25</b> 7:30am	S. Abano	Hoban
9:00am	Toth	Toth
10:30am	Anton	Kosiaski
12 noon	DeAmicis	Palacios

**Bulletin for Feb. 17-18, First Sunday of Lent****2024 Bishop's  
Annual Appeal****STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send US on Mission**

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32) Just as the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus "set out at once" to share their experience of the Risen Lord with others, we too are inspired to go out into the world and tell everyone we meet of His love and grace. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of the **Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication**. Responsible for our website, social media platforms, videos, podcasts and written content about our Catholic faith, the evangelization & Communication ministry is essential to how we expand our effort to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all. More and more, we have to understand that these tools are necessary for reaching people where they live and work. A Gift of any amount is important and greatly appreciated.

**Food Drive!!!**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church will have the Lenten food drive collection at all the masses the weekend of March 16th and 17th. Please see future bulletins for more details. Please do **NOT** leave donations on the Rectory porch.

**SOUND SYSTEM**

The public address system that was replaced in the church is now available for sale. A number of speakers and our mixing board as well as other sound equipment are available. If interested, call Fr Ed.

**Last week's Offertory collection - \$3,091.00****Online - \$1,784.00****Catholic Press collection - \$986.00****Online - \$221.00****2nd Sunday collection counters - Pat Laudino, Steve Svonavec**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**“This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and of every living creature with you. I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth... Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. ‘This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.’”**

We heard the same words when the blessed ashes were signed in the form of a cross on our foreheads this past Wednesday. We begin this season of repentance and renewal, because we are the ones in need. The covenant of God, made with Abraham and Moses, was renewed through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

At the last supper Jesus told us that the content of the chalice was His blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant poured out for us for the forgiveness of sins. We embark on this period of prayer grateful for the opportunity to amend our lives, as this Lent is to be different than any other.

As we observe our wayward world, we see the need for renewal, a renewal in our spiritual life, which begins with me. I will allow the kingdom of God to be truly present for me. By my prayer, sacrifice and good works that kingdom becomes real.

### HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS

# LENT



# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today First Sunday of Lent | Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert for 40 days where He prayed and fasted and angels took care of Him.

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Like Jesus, we too will spend  
40 days praying and fasting.



## Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for \_\_\_\_\_

This week I will give up/do without \_\_\_\_\_

This week I will do this act of love/good deed \_\_\_\_\_

*(Sundays optional)*

## LET'S MAKE PRETZELS

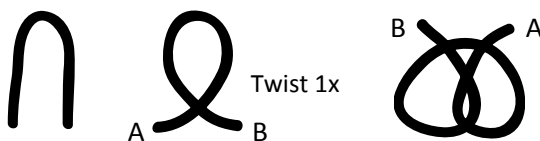
### INGREDIENTS

1 package dry yeast  
1 1/2 cups warm water  
1 tsp. sugar  
1/2 tsp. salt  
4 cups flour  
Kosher salt  
Water to hold salt on

Latin - Bracellae "Little arms", the original Lenten bread dating back to the 4th century.

Place yeast, sugar & warm water in a large bowl and let stand. Add flour & salt, mix well and knead to form smooth ball.

Divide into 12 pieces and roll each into a "rope" about 10-12 inches long. Form into a pretzel and place on baking sheet, brush with water and sprinkle with kosher salt. Let rise slightly and bake at 425° about 12-15 minutes.



*Flip ends over to resemble  
arms crossed over chest -  
praying little arms*





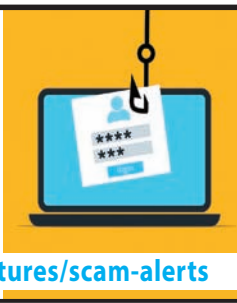
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