



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ March 12, 2017

Sunday Scripture Meditation:

Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

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Jesus' transfiguration was one of the most magnificent displays of God's glory the world has seen. As you dwell on Jesus' Transfiguration, see that it is a glory that comes because of His cross. **Ask Him to take your every act of love and fill it with His presence.**

CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

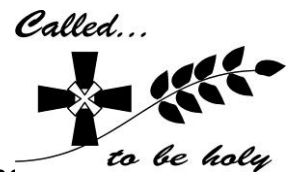
Sat.	Mar 11	4:30 PM	+RICHARD LAVERY ~ <i>The Guild of the Mother of Jesus</i>
Sun.	Mar 12	7:30 AM	+SUSAN MARCINOV ~ <i>Daughters, Marge and Dianne</i>
		9:00 AM	+JOHN GRAND ~ <i>John Tkacik</i>
		11:00 AM	+JOHN MINO ~ <i>David Margonis</i>
<u>Healing Mass</u>		<u>2:00 PM</u>	FOR ALL IN NEED OF OUR LOVING GOD'S MERCY AND HEALING
Mon.	Mar 13	7:30 AM	+SISTER ANDRENE VITEK, SSCM, <i>20th Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Sister Gloria Marie</i>
Tues.	Mar 14	7:30 AM	+JOHN and +MARY ROBICK ~ <i>Sister Joseph Therese</i>
Wed.	Mar 15	7:30 AM	+JENEATH QUICK ~ <i>The Tran Family</i>
<i>Convent Chapel</i>		<u>12:00 PM</u>	+MSGR. MICHAEL J. CARNICKE
Thurs.	Mar 16	7:30 AM	IN THANKSGIVING to the HOLY SPIRIT FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS ~ <i>Barbara Sanchez</i>
Fri.	Mar 17	7:30 AM	+SISTER ROSAMUND DUPAK, SSCM
		<u>7:00 PM</u>	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sat.	Mar 18	8:00 AM	+ALBERT STACEY ~ <i>Flor Soto and Family</i>
		4:30 PM	+JOHN MINO, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Rosemarie Scioletti</i>
Sun.	Mar 19	7:30 AM	+MARION and +JOSEPH GRESKO ~ <i>Bob and Anne Wargo</i>
		9:00 AM	+JULIETTE BRETON ~ <i>Beverly Lofthouse-Howarth</i>
		11:00 AM	+MARY and +EDWARD JABLONSKI ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>





FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 3-5-2017


Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ----	\$9,975
Sunday Collection	\$ 4,885
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ 2,159
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME.....	\$ 7,044
SHORTFALL	\$ <u>2,931</u>


FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date \$9,975 x 36.....\$ 359,100
Actual Weekly Income Year to date \$ 345,217 Shortfall \$ 13,883



 **PRAYER CORNER:** Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering, those in ongoing treatment and/or rehabilitation and those whose lives are heavily burdened. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who would like to be included in the Prayer Corner, please call the parish office at 203-375-5815. Please pray for the good health of: **Jay Behan, Betty Jane Berchem, Ted Bielen, Caterina Caruso, William Charney, Mark Charney, Ray Clarkson, Frank Masso, Glen Masso, Fr. Robert Maty, Richard Miller, Dottie Millo, Helen Mino, Michael Nevells, Janet Onze, Peter Panicali, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Roger Silhavey, Jennie Tesla**

 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - March 12:**
Religious Education Classes /Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 ~ Confirmation Class in Convent
March 19 ~ Religious Education Classes/ Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8. Confirmation Class in Convent. **The Confirmation retreat** will be held on Sunday, **March 26 at Our Lady of Grace Church** with Mass at 10:00 AM followed by the retreat till 2:30 PM.

Youth Choir News: Rehearsal is held on Wednesday from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM in the Church choir loft.  *Choir*

 **The Sanctuary Candle in the Convent Chapel** for the March 15 Mass is for a special intention requested by Anne Havelick

LENTEN SCHEDULE: On Wednesday afternoons during Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 Noon in the Convent Chapel.

Friday nights in Lent – Stations of the Cross are held at 7:00PM in the church.



We invite you to join together to pray as a parish family the Stations of The Cross followed by Benediction. **Why Pray the Stations of the Cross? 8 Reasons from Pope Francis**

1. They Allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him “The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God. Let us entrust ourselves to Jesus, let us give ourselves over to him, because he never disappoints anyone!”

2. They Put Us into the Story “And you, who do you want to be? Like Pilate? Like Simon? Like Mary? Jesus is looking at you now and is asking you: do you want to help me carry the Cross? Brothers and sisters, with all your strength, how will you respond to him?” *World Youth Day 2013 focusoncampus.org More to follow.*

*** **THE ANNUAL EASTER BAKE SALE** *** sponsored by the **Ladies Guild** takes place **Sunday, March 26. Orders are now being taken by phone on a “First Come, First Served” basis.**



Nut and Poppy Rolls are \$12.00 each and Paska (plain or with raisins) is \$6.00 each. **To place an order, please call Gert Balamaci at 203-377-3597 or Dolores Mihalik at 203-378-3426.** Orders will be taken for all items until the available supply runs out. **Orders must be picked up Sunday, March 26** between 10:00AM and 12:00 Noon in the parish hall. ***



Thank you to all who have made their reservations for our parish St. Patrick’s Dinner on Friday, March 17. Doors open at



5:30 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM. The Parish Raffle will be held during this event at 8:00 PM. We look forward to a great evening of food and fellowship.

La le Padraig! ~ Buona festa di san Patrizio!

PARISH RAFFLE: The raffle drawing will be held at 8:00 PM during our St. Patrick’s Day Dinner on Friday, March 17, in the Parish Hall. **If you haven’t returned your ticket stubs yet, please bring them to the parish office by this Thursday, March 16. Thank you!**

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal - Shelter the Homeless ~ one person at a time. ~ Because of your gifts permanent supportive housing was provided to more than 200 individuals and families. 20 additional housing units were obtained for chronically homeless single adults who are rejoining main stream society from incarceration.

HNJ Tag Sale – June 10 & 11. Currently we are looking for donations of JEWELRY. If you have **jewelry items** to donate, please place them in the box located in the sacristy hallway. Other items will be collected at the end of May. Watch the bulletin for future updates on donations.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER Lent is a time of transformation. As we gaze in the dark faith of prayer upon the glory of God revealed in Jesus Christ, we are transformed into His likeness. May our every action be done in imitation of Him.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Life Line Screening will be offering preventive health screenings on Monday, March 27, 2017. As part of the screening event, Life Line Screening will offer *low-cost* take-home colorectal cancer tests called FIT (Fecal Immunochemical Test) in recognition of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. These tests are simple, accurate, and recommended for the early detection of colorectal cancer. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age. More than 90% of cases occur in people aged 50 and older. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-888-653-6441 or text the word *circle* to 797979 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle Pre-registration is required.



Men of the parish! Come join us for a weekend of peace and reflection in an exploration of simplicity. The HNJ Parish Men’s Retreat is March

31 to April 2 at the Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. Enjoy dynamic conferences, home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time to rest and walk the labyrinth and workshops. The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon.

Contact Paul Scioletti 203.377.2397

Come celebrate with Paul who will be celebrating his 25th Retreat Anniversary! Don’t let finances hold you back! The motto is “pay more if you can, less if you can’t.” Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org

The Holy Name Men’s Society is sponsoring a PIEROGI and POTATO PANCAKE DINNER on Friday, April 7 from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the parish Hall featuring Pierogi, Potato Pancakes, Applesauce, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Soda. Free~Will Donations gratefully accepted. **Take-Out Dinners are \$6.00 and Frozen Pirogi \$4.00 a dozen.** Questions, please call Paul Scioletti at 203-377-2397.

Defending Our Religious Liberty President Trump has pledged that his administration will do everything in its power to defend and protect religious liberty. We urge the fulfillment of this promise, including an end to regulations and other mandates by the federal government that force people of faith to make impossible choices. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has expressed their fervent hope that the new leadership will reinstate basic protections for religious freedom.

*** **God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.** ***