

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.



Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.



For the Week of March 17th through
March 24th

Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9



The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website,

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16th

4:00 p.m. Judy Kohl

Sunday, March 17th

8:00 a.m. Father Roderick B. Dwyer

10:00 a.m. Charlie and Doris Moloney

Monday, March 18th

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth J. Iwancio

Tuesday, March 19th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday March 20th

8:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

Thursday, March 21st

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, March 22nd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, March 23rd

4:00 p.m. Betty Glenn

Sunday, March 24th

8:00 a.m. Father John J. McGee

10:00 a.m. Betty Glenn

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers
the sick of the parish: *John
Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg,
Patricia Dana, Angela*

*Wilmer, Faith King, Rosemary Keating, Eugenia
Brooks, Alicia Bourne, and all those whose names
appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.*

NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.



PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home



2nd Sunday of Lent – Luke 9:28b-36

Reflection for Parents

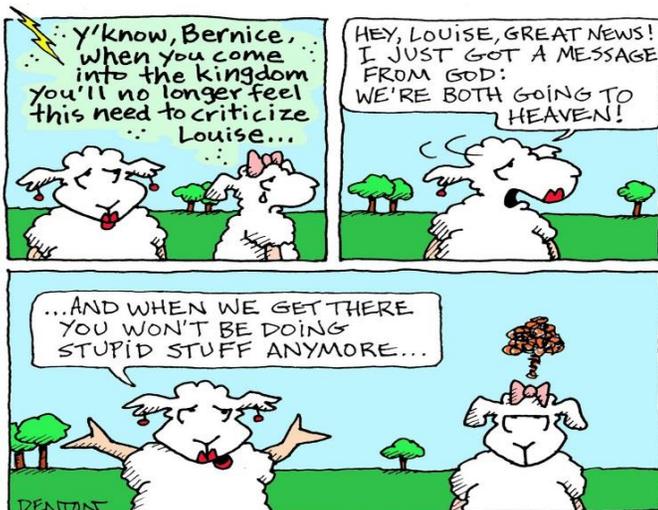
Parents and older siblings are often in a privileged situation to see a radiant look on a joyful child's face. Maybe it's how they light up when special company arrives, or maybe the look of delight at a special gift or surprise. What kind of transfigurations have you seen this week either in the faces of children, friends, co-workers, or even in yourself?

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Share places where you have seen change, perhaps in your family and home, school, work place, neighborhood or community. Suggest ways that these changes are transforming for you and others. Jesus marked the end of an ancient age and the beginning of something new. How are the changes you see like the end of something old and the beginning of something new? How are you involved in that change? How are you part of the change Jesus brings?

Discussion Starters

1. God spoke from a cloud at the Transfiguration. I believe we still hear his voice in ...
2. The Transfiguration was a preview of heaven. I believe heaven will be ...
3. One of the changes I am making in my own life during this Lenten season is ...



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“Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a savior.”

Sheepish Question:

God has kept his promise, but how am I doing with mine?

LENTEN ACTIVITIES



JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

March 22: Jesus is Condemned
– The Journey Begins

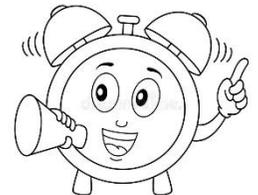
Beginning at 6:00pm – Parish Hall

Soup & Bread Lenten Meal Follows

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS - LENTEN MEALS

IT'S TIME TO CALL!

SOUP DONATIONS ARE NEEDED for Fridays during Lent - March 22, 29 and April 5, 12.



You are asked to make a homemade, meatless soup in a personal crock pot and bring it with one loaf of artisan bread to the hall on your chosen night. If you can contribute, call Becky Davis at 410-778-3160 or e-mail her at: sacredparish@gmail.com. Your support and contributions to this effort are appreciated.

Encounter Annet



In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



PARISH NEWS



One in three people worldwide are adversely affected by vitamin and mineral deficiencies. Rise Against Hunger meals are designed to provide a comprehensive array of micronutrients. Rise Against Hunger meals include enriched rice, soy protein, dried vegetables and 23 essential vitamins and nutrients. Each meal costs .34 cents and can feed 6 people.

For less than the cost of a McDonald's happy Meal, you can provide 10 meals and positively affect the lives of 60 hungry people, many of them children.

Sacred Heart Parish has pledged to raise \$1,500 towards the cost of the meals we will package in the fall. Donations for this project can be placed in the regular collection in a separate envelope marked "Rise Against Hunger".

If you would like to help with fundraising, volunteer for the meal packaging event (date to be determined) or have questions, please contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243 or wmandersonfamily@verizon.net or visit the website: www.riseagainsthunger.org.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: It is possible to make your weekly financial commitment to the Parish using Electronic Funds Transfer. We are encouraging everyone to consider using this contribution method. Contact Mary Jo Frohlich with any questions at 410-778-3160, or mfrohlich@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS: We are not able to access patient records from the Chester River Hospital Center. If you or someone in your family is a patient, and you wish to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office at 410-778-3160, and provide us with the patient's name and room number and we will do our best to accommodate the request.

REMINDER TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT SACRED HEART: Thank you to the ministers who volunteer to serve weekly at our liturgies. Please remember to "check in" before mass in the foyer of the church. Simply highlight your name on the schedule so that we know in advance if we need to fill positions or make changes. All ministers should check in...Lectors, Greeters, Cantors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers. Thank you for your attention to this request.

OFFERTORY TOTALS FOR THE WEEKEND OF THE 9th/10th OF MARCH WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.

Lenten Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence



Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating between meals is not permitted.

SAINTS OF MARCH

MARCH 19 – JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John tell us everything we know about Joseph, the husband of Jesus' mother, Mary. But the importance of Joseph's part in God's plan is first found in the Book of Isaiah in the Old Testament. Through the prophet Isaiah, God promises to send a Messiah to save all people. The Savior will come from the "house of David," which means that he will be an ancestor of King David. Both Matthew and Luke Gospels tell us that Joseph was from the family of David.

In Matthew's Gospel, we learn that the angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph and told him the child Mary would have was from the Holy Spirit. The angel told Joseph to name the child "Jesus," which means "God saves."

The Gospels tell us that Joseph was a "just" man. That means that he was faithful. He was faithful to God and said yes to God's plan for him to be Mary's husband and Jesus' foster father. He was faithful to Mary, caring for her while they waited for her baby to be born. He was faithful to Jesus, protecting him when he learned of King Herod's plan to kill him and, when the danger passed, helping Mary to raise Jesus with love in the small town of Nazareth. We honor Joseph's faithfulness to God, Mary, and Jesus on March 19 each year. We pray that we, too, can be obedient to God's plan for us.

