

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

5:15 PM Michael Muscatelli (Rem.),
By family
Thomas Muscatelli (Rem.),
By family

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 AM Blanche & Raoul Lemoi (Ann.),
By family
10:00 AM Barbara & Richard Gervais (Rem.),
By family and friends
Rene Nadeau (Ann.),
By the Nadeau Family
11:30 AM Jared Bromley (3rd Ann.),
By Auntie Ann Marie and Uncle David
Louis Vinagro, Sr. (Birth.) &
Louis Vinagro, Jr. (2nd Ann.),
By Ann Marie and David

MONDAY, MARCH 9

12:10 PM Deceased Members of the O'Melia
Family (Rem.),
By Phyllis and Jackie

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

12:10 PM Aniela Masterson (Birth.),
By Susan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

12:10 PM Lisa Furia (Rem.),
By Carolyn
Nancy Pasquazzi (Rem.),
By Veronica

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

12:10 PM Kare Levesque (5th Ann.),
By the Saulnier Family

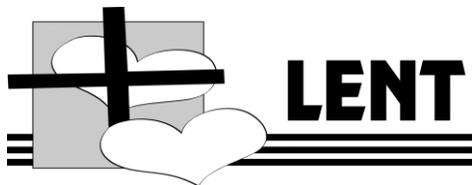
7:00 PM Stations and Benediction

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

5:15 PM Ann Tucciarone (1st Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION
10:00 AM Talia Delmonico and Olga Scungio
(Rem.),
By the Renaldo Family
11:30 AM Francis and Arthur Saran (Rem.),
By family



Second Sunday
of Lent

March 8, 2020

Redeem us, O God of Israel!

Borrowed from Paul Turner

An Act of Faith

“Abram went.” Those two words may not sound like much, but they set in motion the entire story of God’s chosen people.

God made a big promise to Abram. God promised to make him the father of a great nation, to have his name revered in blessings, to side with his friends, and bring an end to his enemies. Who could refuse such a deal?

God asked only one thing of Abram. God asked him to go.

Abram had been living in Ur, in modern day Iraq. He probably had a very comfortable arrangement with property and family of his own. But God had other ideas. God wanted Abram to inhabit another place, where his family could prosper in number, productivity, and faith. These blessings would be his if Abram would just go.

Abram went. In that simple act of obedience, he demonstrated the hugeness of his faith and the sturdiness of his trust. In that simple act, he became the beneficiary of God’s great promise.

God may be asking you to go, to leave some place of comfort, to cross the threshold of a land you do not know, to believe that greater promises lie beyond. God needs only some sign of faith and trust.

MASS INTENTIONS

(Call for additional Mass availability)

The following dates and times are available

SUNDAY	MARCH 15	8:00 AM
SUNDAY	MARCH 22	11:30 AM
SUNDAY	APRIL 5	8:00 AM

**Family Faith Formation, Outreach and
Evangelization**

Phone: 232-9321

srbccd2020@gmail.com

Monday 3/9/2020 9th and 10th

Tuesday 3/10/2020 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

First Penance for 2nd Graders

Wednesday 3/11/2020 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th



The account of the Transfiguration confirmed for Matthew's readers that Jesus was the Son of God and pointed to fulfillment of the prediction that he will come in his Father's glory at the end of the age. The voice from

heaven repeated the baptismal proclamation about Jesus with the added mandate, "Listen to him." Peter, James and John formed the inner circle among the disciples and were also the ones taken aside by Jesus in Gethsemane. As such, Matthew was very interested in their reaction to this manifestation of God's glory. The story tells us that Peter asked permission to erect three tents in the hope that they could remain with Jesus in this awesome place until the coming of the Kingdom. This was a natural human reaction after seeing some external changes in Jesus and experiencing a glimpse of his Lordship. Jesus shattered their hopes by commanding them to go down the mountain (back to reality) and to be unafraid. The presence of Moses and Elijah represented the Law and the prophets of the Old Testament.

Today's reading offers three significant messages:

- The Transfiguration was a historical experience of visionary character.
- Only in the light of Jesus' resurrection can the meaning of this event be truly understood.
- When the disciples were frightened Jesus encouraged them not to be afraid.

For personal reflection: 1. Am I the type of Catholic that always expects to be on the mountaintop enjoying visions of glory?

2. What am I afraid of if I come down the mountain? Too much work? A change in my life? People's expectations of me as a Christian?

Suggested readings: Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 444; 554-556; 568.

Peace, Dina

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, ROSARY FOLLOWING 8:00 **AM** MASS IN THE UPPER CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, AAGROUP MEETING AT 7:00 **AM** IN THE CHURCH HALL (EVERY WEDNESDAY)

FRIDAY, AA AT 8:00 **PM** IN THE CHURCH HALL (EVERY FRIDAY)

FRIDAY, NA GROUP MEETING AT 10:00 **PM** IN THE CHURCH HALL

DAILY READINGS

Sunday Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

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



Call: Jan Zarrella (274-6576) or
Charon Souza (231-3962)



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT OF OUR
FOOD SHELF!**

We are in need of the

following items:

Juice (Grape, Apple, Cranberry)

Canned Fruit

Jarred Pasta Sauce

Boxed Pasta

\$10.00 STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE

GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS

WELCOME

Thank you for your generosity!

40-WEEK CLUB 2020



OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

Week # 9 Ticket # 0251

\$40: Cee Mosca

Captain: Luisa Ruscetta

Tickets are available at the Rectory Office or call
Ann @ 944-6792, Pat @ 647-7461 or Judy @ 232-3603

All payments must be Up-To-Date to be eligible – Thank you for your support!



New Lenten Outreach Project

ALL are invited: teachers, parishioners, CCD students, Troop 20, our youth group, to

participate in our Lenten outreach project.. We are collecting new white socks and underwear, all sizes, for homeless men and women. Please drop items off at the vestry and they will be delivered to several shelters. The need is great, so we count on your generosity.

Calling all knitters, sewers, crocheters to make lap blankets, prayer shawls, scarfs and hats. We will have a meeting at church in March for those interested in these projects. If you aren't in any of these categories, but would like to help out, yarn is always appreciated. With grateful hearts,
Carolyn & Marge

Grateful for God's Providence St. Robert Bellarmine CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

We are still making progress toward reaching our goal. To all the families who made their commitment, we want to extend a special "Thank You!" for joining the other members of our parish family who have committed to this campaign. **This brings our total participation to 226 families. Our current pledge total is \$381,134!!** Thank you for your support! If you have not participated to date, please help us build on this success and reach our goal!
Our goal of \$423,714 is within reach!

EASTER YOUTH CHOIR



Rehearsal for the **Easter Youth Choir** will begin on **Friday, March 27th at 4:00 pm** in the Church. Any children in grades 3 and up are invited to participate. Children must attend all rehearsals.
Call Tom Roy at 232-2629 to register.

Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation

Saturday, March 14, 2020 Bryant University

All adults are invited to be refreshed in their faith, enjoy fellowship with other Catholics, and be equipped to discuss their Catholic Faith with others. Dynamic speaker and author, Mike Aquilina, will present the Keynote Address "The Martyr's Cup" and a breakout session "Angels of God." Speakers from the McGrath Institute for Church Life will present a series of talks on Science and the Bible. Other topics include missionary discipleship, sharing the Faith with children and teens, the Church's teaching on gender theory and more. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:30 AM celebrated by Bishop Thomas Tobin. The schedule runs 10:00 AM – 5:15 PM and includes informative breakout sessions with 20 speakers, lunch, Confessions, and Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Advance ticket sales only. Purchase tickets, view the full schedule and list of speakers and exhibitors at www.discovercatholicfaith.org. For more info: Office of Faith Formation at 401.278.4646.

In accordance with Diocesan Policies, **Tuition Assistance is only for students in grades K-8.** **The premise of the Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program is that financial assistance is based on need.** Families requesting assistance must fulfill the following requirements:

- ***Must** be registered in the parish (at least one full year.)
- ***Must** attend Mass on a weekly basis.
- ***Must** use the budget envelope system.
- ***Must** show family involvement in parish programs/ministry.
- ***Must** submit the FACTS form through the school's Financial Aid Office

Please fill out a separate form for each child in a household. If you need an application sent to you, please call the Rectory at 232-5600 or pick one up on the community table at Church. **Applications must be completed and returned to the Rectory by April 1st.**



Health and Wellness



In the midst of the concerns related to the flu and other types of illness, we should always use prudence and good judgment not only in regard to our own health and well-being but also in regard to the health and well-being of those around us. With that said, when it comes to exchanging the sign of peace, instead of completely eliminating this part of the liturgy here at the parish, let us be mindful that as opposed to shaking hands with each other, we can still exchange the sign of peace simply by nodding our heads, making eye contact and smiling or by way of some other kind gesture. Also, for now, the only ones to receive the precious blood from the chalice will be the priest celebrant and deacon when he is assisting at Mass.

Something else to consider is that while the Church gives us the option of receiving Eucharist either on the tongue or in the hand, you are strongly encouraged to receive in the hand so as to minimize the possibility of any unwanted and unnecessary contact between the minister and communicant.

Parishioners who have symptoms of illness should be very careful to avoid any physical contact that could transmit the virus with others. Likewise, parishioners should be reminded that if they have symptoms of serious illness they are dispensed from attending Holy Mass on Sundays and in fact should not attend Holy Mass. This is an obligation in charity that parishioners should take very seriously.

Finally, but certainly not least in importance, we approach this situation as we approach everything in life, from the perspective of our faith and in prayer. Please ask the Lord's protection upon our community and those throughout the world during this time of concern for the potential of widespread illness.