

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 8, 2020

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### From the Priests' Desks

The Gospel for this Second Sunday of Lent always tells the story of the Transfiguration, the account of Jesus giving his closest followers—Peter, James, and John—a glimpse of his divinity on the top of Mount Tabor. After having told them that he was about to go to Jerusalem to suffer and to die, a bit of news that no doubt cast them into anxiety and fear, the experience of the Transfiguration was Jesus' way of reassuring the disciples that in the end all would be well, that better days were coming. We are told that in their excitement at seeing Jesus transformed on the mountain together with the appearance of Moses and Elijah, the two greatest figures of the Old Testament—representing the Law and the Prophets—that Peter, as the spokesperson for the others, indicated that he wished to prove his faith, as did Abraham in our first reading, in typical Near Eastern fashion by providing these great visitors with hospitality and shelter: "Let us make three tents," Peter exclaimed: "one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." And then before he got too carried away with his building plans, the voice of God intervened, identifying Jesus as the Chosen Son and indicating that this was not to be the end of the journey for the disciples, but only a resting place along the way.

The Church invites us to see the season of Lent as part of our own spiritual journey, as a time to come to know Jesus in his humanity and in his divinity. In his humanity we mark the final days of Jesus' life and prepare to remember his suffering and death on Good Friday; in his divinity we await the moment of his Resurrection, which we celebrate on Easter Sunday. These two events represent something of the polarity in our own lives, the mixing of the experiences of life—the ups and the downs—that usually can't be separated. These experiences constitute moments of darkness and moments of light, of loss and of gain: on the one hand the pain and tragedy that can so burden us that we sometimes feel overwhelmed with sorrow; and on the other, the times of intense happiness and joy that we share with family and friends, that confirm our hope, and give our life its ultimate meaning.

Traditionally Lent has been the special time for the catechumenate, those who are preparing for Baptism, to have their final instructions before receiving the great Sacrament of Initiation on Holy Saturday: Baptism, which washes away sin, makes us children of God, and opens us to receive the gift of grace is, in a very real sense, the true beginning of

the spiritual life. For those who are already baptized, Lent is a time to remember the vows of our own Baptism, so well summarized in the words we heard when we received the ashes on our foreheads less than two weeks ago: "Repent and believe in the Gospel!" Lent is a time for recognizing, acknowledging, and rejecting personal sin; it is a time to discover and to let go of those things that are preventing us from making progress on our own pilgrimage, our own spiritual journey—whether it be anger, or selfishness, dishonesty, or a failure to forgive—so that we can embrace something more important and something that will really help us to grow. Lent in a sense is a call from God that we, like Jesus, are to be transfigured, that we are to be changed and renewed; that we also are to inspire others to faith and to hope by the example of our lives: lives of integrity, of fidelity, and of charity.

And we are constantly reminded that the proven means of facilitating this personal transfiguration are fasting, almsgiving, and prayer: the spiritual program that was laid out for us on Ash Wednesday. By fasting we deny ourselves certain legitimate pleasures so that, as St. Augustine says, "We are better able to resist those pleasures that are illegitimate," those things that can cause harm to ourselves and to others. By almsgiving we express our solidarity with others, especially the poor and those who are in need, sharing with them the good things that we have received, so that all of God's children may enjoy a life of dignity for themselves and for their families. And by prayer we lift our hearts and minds to God, asking Him to be with us and with those whom we love, to strengthen us, to protect us from misfortune, and to help us to make those decisions that will lead us to a happier and fuller life.

### **RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> / 3pm to 9pm**

**LENTEN MASSES**

**FRIDAYS AT 7:00PM**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAYS at 7:30pm**

**February 28, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> First Friday (Holy Hour 6:00pm)**

### **OUR LADY'S GUILD**

Our Lady's Guild invites all women of the parish to an evening of Recollection on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Church. A brief general meeting with refreshments will follow in the cafeteria. Please remember to bring \$25 for the upcoming Communion Breakfast.

**SACRED HEART PARISH  
25<sup>TH</sup> AND 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION MAY 17, 2020**

On May 17, 2020 our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 10:00am Mass followed by a reception. If you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime this year, please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035. We will need the date and place of your wedding in a Catholic Church.

**DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SPARKILL  
"TAKE CARE OF THE GARDEN"**

**7:00PM, THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020**

**WITH  
CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN  
ALL ARE INVITED**

**Register Now: online or via phone: [sparkill.org](http://sparkill.org) or  
845-359-4136**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 8**

**Monday, March 9**

**SHS Closed- Conference Day**

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 7 – 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7pm in the Rectory

Novena – 7:15pm

**Tuesday, March 10**

Rel. Ed. Grades 3 – 5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Choir Practice – 7:00pm

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

**Wednesday, March 11**

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

**Thursday, March 12**

**Friday, March 13**

Prayer Shawl Mtg. – 1pm rectory

**Lenten Mass – 7:00pm**

**Stations of the Cross- 7:30pm**

**Saturday, March 7**

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am to 11:00am

**Sunday, March 8**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL / EASTER BASKETS**

The St. Vincent DePaul Society of Sacred Heart Parish is once again asking for donations of hams and non-perishable foods for our Easter Baskets.

**Easter Baskets will be distributed on Monday April 6, 2020 from 10am to 12 noon. Deadline: for donations is March 29, 2020.**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH  
\$10,000.00 RAFFLE**

**TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)**

**Available at the Rectory**

**Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE - \$10,000.00**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE - \$1,000.00**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE - \$500.00**

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020**

To date we have raised \$28,415 towards our goal of \$122,500. This year's Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, Teach, Serve and Sanctify brings to life the important work the Archdiocese of New York does. Please consider donating.

**ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HS**

Currently accepting applications from qualified 8th grade students for 9/2020 admission to St. Joseph Regional HS Class of '24 Please call or email for further information about becoming part of the Green Knight family! 40 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale, NJ w 201-391-3300 w [admissions@sjrni.org](mailto:admissions@sjrni.org)

**ST. JOSEPH'S ADULT CARE HOME  
ART AUCTION**

**SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 28, 2020**

Please join us for a relaxing evening enjoying beautiful artwork and delicious appetizers from our wonderful local restaurants. Gorgeous Artwork framed at amazing prices. All profits benefit St. Joseph's Adult Care Home Building Fund. A fun evening for a great cause. Admission: \$20 pp / \$30 per couple. Reservations requested but walk in's welcome. Call 845-753-2555. Preview 7pm Auction 8pm.

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
ACADEMY**

Presents the **"Sound of Music"**

**SHOW DATES:** MARCH 27th at 7:30 pm

MARCH 28th at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Tickets \$15 - Purchase Yours Today!

[www.mhcaspringmusical.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.mhcaspringmusical.brownpapertickets.com)

Visit [maryhelp.org](http://maryhelp.org) for more information

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S  
NAME**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> Collection – \$14,082.**

**Last Year's Collection – \$12,405.**

**Ash Wednesday Collection - \$5,286.**

**Last Year's Collection - \$4,753**

## ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 21 de marzo 2020 a la 1pm. Contactar en la oficina 357- 0035.



## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**For The First Time  
BLANCA CASTILLO AND CESAR BARBA**



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Keith Alanis, Jenna**

**Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Thomas Caulfield, Sr. Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Gail Curtin, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Frank Salveggi, Janet Schwartz, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.**

## ALTAR MEMORIALS MARCH 8, 2020

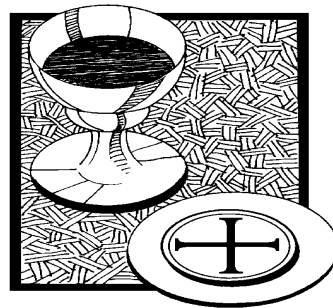
**Altar Candles in Memory of  
ANGELO PERRONE**

**Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of  
LESTER BERNSTEIN**



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:

Especially: **Michael A. Pakidis, Ralph DeRosa, Renato Gentile, Thomas Caulfield, Sr. and Francesco Circelli.**



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

#### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Robert J. Cosenza

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Special Intentions of John Cangelose

10:00am – James C. Robbins

11:30am – Steve Tsotsoros

1:00pm – Joseph Campanella

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

### MONDAY, MARCH 9

7:00am – The Adams Family

9:00am – Nancy Berg

7:15pm – **Novena**10

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

7:00am – Robert, Mae & Bob Kleid

9:00am – Alfredo Codispoti

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

7:00am – Special Intention Marge Diebner

9:00am – Deceased Members Szwartz Family

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

7:00am – Deacon Joseph Witt

9:00am – Catherine Varano

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

7:00am – Catherine Varano

9:00am – Anne Lynch

7:00pm – Lenten Mass

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

9:00am – Lester Bernstein

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Patricia Diamond

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Annette Grady

11:30am – Catherine Greeley

1:00pm – Ruth & Richard Miller

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

**BOOSTER CLUB  
WEEK 3–JOAN METTLER**