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Dear Parishioners,

The mountain - Mount Tabor, like Sinai - is the place of nearness to God. Compared with daily life it is the lofty space in which to breathe the pure air of creation. It is the place of prayer in which to stand in the Lord's presence like Moses and Elijah, who appeared beside the transfigured Jesus and spoke to Him of the "exodus" that awaited Him in Jerusalem, that is, His Pasch. The Transfiguration is a prayer event: in praying, Jesus is immersed in God, closely united to Him, adhering with His own human will to the loving will of the Father, and thus light invades Him and appears visibly as the truth of his being: he is God, Light of Light. Even Jesus' raiment becomes dazzling white. This is reminiscent of the white garment worn by neophytes. Those who are reborn in Baptism are clothed in light, anticipating heavenly existence. This is the crucial point: the Transfiguration is an anticipation of the Resurrection, but this presupposes death. Jesus expresses His glory to the Apostles so that they may have the strength to face the scandal of the Cross and understand that it is necessary to pass through many tribulations in order to reach the Kingdom of God. The Father's voice, which resounds from on high, proclaims Jesus His beloved Son as He did at the Baptism in the Jordan, adding: "Listen to Him" (Mt 17: 5). To enter eternal life requires listening to Jesus, following Him on the way of the Cross, carrying in our heart like Him the hope of the Resurrection. "Spe salvi", saved in hope. Today we can say: "Transfigured in hope".

Turning now in prayer to Mary, let us recognize in her the human creature transfigured within by Christ's grace and entrust ourselves to her guidance, to walk joyfully on our path through Lent.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

We have begun the next Formed Lectio Bible Studies Series. We will meet in the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Meeting Room. Class runs from 6:30 to 8:00pm. The Topic is: Lectio: Salvation with Dr. Michael Barber

- 9 March:** Session 3: Not Without Cost
- 23 March:** Session 4: Not Just Personal
- 30 March:** Session 5: Not Just a Legal Transaction
- 20 April:** Session 6: Not a Spectator Sport
- 27 April:** Session 7: Not Simply a Moment
- 4 May:** Session 8: Not Inevitable
- 1 June:** Session 9: Not Just for Other People
- 8 June:** Session 10: Not Only About the Future

***Bishop Gerardo J. Colacicco will be celebrating Mass at our Church next Sunday, March 15th at the 11:30 Mass.***

***Let's extend our warmest welcome to him.***



***Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday at 7pm in the Church. Altar Servers— There is a sign up sheet in the vesting sacristy to serve. Please sign up.***

***Liturgical Ministers for March 14th/15th, 2020.***

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	D. LEGATO	K. BOBISH	J. LEGATO
8:30am	J. HENDRICK	S. RIORDAN, N. SMITH	T. LAMOREAUX, M. REINHARDT, S. GOTTLIEB
11:30am	H. MARINARO	J. SNELLINGER, T. MARION, D. FISHER	K. EPPS, A. LAUTURE, G. TORRES



### **Right To Life Corner:**

There will be signups in the Narthex this weekend and next, March 14th/15th, for the 40 Days for Life. For information call: Nancy 856-4610.

**S.M.A.R.T.** will be selling Lenten soups the weekend of March 14/15 to defray the costs of Camp Veritas. There will be onion, cheddar broccoli, vegetable, and potato soups available. Cost \$8/Quart.

**S.M.A.R.T.** will also be selling Palm Crosses for \$10 in the Narthex the weekend of March 28th/29th and if any are left the weekend of April 4th/5th (Palm Sunday)

*These fundraisers are to help defray the cost of Camp Veritas. Please support our Youth Group any way you can.*

There will be a 2nd collection the weekend of March 14th/15th for Catholic Relief Services. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

Reconciliation Monday will be on April 6th. All churches within the Archdiocese of NY will be hearing confessions from 3pm until 9pm.

### **Bringing Jesus To Planned Parenthood Through Mary**

Come and pray the rosary for the end to abortion every 2nd & 4th Fridays, at 1:00 PM, outside Planned Parenthood, 14 Prince St., Monticello, NY. Gathering at Church of St. Peter, 10 Liberty St., Monticello following 12:15 Mass. For more info. call Jane (845) 292-4647

### **The Tri-State Pregnancy Center Events:**

Saturday, March 21st, 12:00-4:00 PM, St. Patrick's Hall, 111 East High St., Milford, Pa., Family Fun Day! Snacks, crafts and Baby Shark dance Party! \$20.00 per family. For

Drew United Methodist will be hosting the Lenten Soup Luncheon every Wednesday beginning March 4th at noon. Our Pastor, Fr. Newcomb will be preaching on March 18th. Cost is \$3 and includes soup, bread, beverage, and dessert.

Cedar Lake Estates in Port Jervis, NY, is looking to fill various positions, including housekeeping. They offer a high hourly wage, health benefits, 401k and a safe, happy place to work. If interested, contact [Rania@cedarlakesestate.com](mailto:Rania@cedarlakesestate.com). If you do not have access to email call 533-3328 ext 701 and leave a detailed message.

***We have various announced Mass Intentions available for the 2020 year. Cost is \$15. Stop by the parish office. Everyone loves the gift of prayer.***

## **Announced Masses**

**Monday, March 9 (Frances of Rome, religious)**  
9:00am Edward Serrano, by Karen Crown

**Tuesday, March 10**  
9:00am Lois Uhelsky, by Suzan and Thomas Capitelli

**Wednesday, March 11**  
9:00am Tanya Rodriguez, by the Hagen family

**Thursday, March 12**  
9:00am William, Anna, and Michael Kelly, by Gloria Mosher

**Friday, March 13**  
7:00pm *Stations of the Cross*

**Saturday, March 14**  
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's

**Sunday, March 15**  
8:30am Catherine Smith, by Mary Rimlinger  
11:30am Fiorello Guiseppe, by wife Rosa  
2:00pm Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henninger, by Paul and Rosemary Brislin

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Donald Wolff, Carol Gomillion, David Lisker, Nancy Parsons, Debi Cotugno, Michael Bello, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeannine Lincoln, James Lincoln, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Walter Szpakowicz, Carmella Balsamello, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, James Roach, Catherine Simons, Brendan Carmody, Nico Nicolette, Jaryd Viserta, Steven Gaesser, Kacey Warner, Sandra Ramsey, Lorraine Mannarino, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Mary Lynn Beam, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Mercedes Rodriguez, Jose Brito, Michael Medaglia, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Cody Bain, Robert Witherow, Susan Upton, Theresa Fuller, Allen Lynch, Enid Decker, Jackie Mundy, Chris Marion, III, Barbara Lindsay, Robert Ackerman, Wayne DeMarco, Ryan O'Connor, Elizabeth Brennan, Jerri Kavanaugh, Allan Garcia, Christine Haberzettl, Eric Hildebrandt, Rose Gotthardt, Georgia Gotthardt, John Olenick, John Hendrix, Stephen A. Odrechowski and fam., Scott Robertson, Eva Scopino, Jan Kaminski, Ana Anaya, Grace Fulford Decker, Glenn Lagatol, and Ellen Pentland.

The Cardinal's Appeal has begun. Our goal is \$34,500. We have received pledges totaling \$5,510 from 17 donors.

The collection for Feb. 29/March 1st was \$6,059. Thank you for your continued generosity.