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Reading I: God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.

Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered.

"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing- all this because you obeyed my command."

Responsorial Psalm: R. *I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.*

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. (Resp.)

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD. (Resp.)

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (Resp.)

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reading II: Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him. Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

Camp Veritas is a week-long sleep away camp for middle school and high school students. Our Junior Catholic Daughters are happy to announce that they will be awarding 5-\$50.00 scholarships to students planning on attending Camp Veritas this summer. For more information and scholarship application email:

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Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church.

The second collection on March 13th/14th is for the *Catholic Relief Services.*

Please give it your prayerful consideration.

40 Days for Life: St. Mary's assigned day is March 27th in Newburgh. If you would like to sign up, call Nancy Smith: 845-856-4610. Proper social distancing procedure will be required (masks, standing 6 feet apart).



We will be selling Palm Crosses for \$10 in the Narthex the weekend of March 20th/21st and if any are left, the weekend of March 27th/28th (Palm Sunday). There is a limited quantity. If you would like to preorder, please call the parish office.

Court Madonna's 21 Club tickets are now available. They are \$20/ea and benefit local scholarships. Drawing is on April 13th. There will be 20 \$50 winners and 1 \$1,000 winner. Tickets available at the parish office or contact Debbie 239-3560, Helen M. 856-0987, or Sue 858-5991.

The Knights of Columbus, Council #471 will have a Tic-Toc fundraiser on Saturday, February 13th from 1pm-4pm. Raffle tickets are \$20 with \$2,000 in cash prizes. For more information or to purchase a ticket call Warren Ponds 914-443-3475 or the hall at 845-856-4084.

Easter is approaching. Consider giving a Eucharistic Prayer card. Spend one hour in prayer at Adoration for your love ones, friends, family. Give a gift of joy and lift someone's spirits. Proceeds go to our Respect Life projects. Just a donation please.

CDA Court Madonna is raffling off an *Angel Themed Quilt*. Chances are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held on May 11th, 2021. Tickets available at the parish office.

St. Mary's Food Pantry is still available to all in our local and area communities. The next date will be Friday, March 5th, from 10am until noon. If you or anyone you know is in need of food, please have them come during those times. We are in need of personal care items. Most needed are: shampoo and conditioner, soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper, and feminine hygiene products.

Holy Hour has commenced on Mondays
in the Chapel.

Confessions will be heard from
5:30pm until 6:15pm.

Adoration will be from 5:30 pm until 6:30pm.

Announced Masses

Monday, March 1
9:00am Michael Connelly, by Sheila Connelly Volker and Andrew Connelly

Tuesday, March 2
9:00am Elizabeth and Andrew Beirne, by Sheila Connelly Volker

Wednesday, March 3 (Katharine)
9:00am Michael Connelly, by Dick and Barbara Drew

Thursday, March 4 (Casimir)
9:00am Richard H Hagen, by Elizabeth Hagen

Friday, March 5 (World Day of Prayer)
11:30am Gloria Hinkley, by Dick and Barbara Drew

7:00pm Carol Causer, by Ron Causer
Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 6
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, March 7
8:30am Deceased members of the Buldo & Rudolph families, by Irene Graham

11:30am Nicholas Andersen, by Helen Eckes
1:00pm Intentions of John and Donna Hersca

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Debi Cotugno, Michael Bello, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeannine Lincoln, James Lincoln, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Walter Szpakowicz, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, James Roach, John F. Flynn, Jr., Catherine Simons, Michael Medaglia, Robert Witherow, Allen Lynch, Enid Decker, Jackie Mundy, Allan Garcia, Eric Hildebrandt, Stephen A. Odrechowski, Eva Scopino, Jan Kaminski, Leticia Nuestro, Christina Nuestro, Catherine Scopino, Amelia Quinn, Tonya Addy, Jackie Hamilton, Brandon Ulrichs, Helen Eckes, Gloria Hicks, Stephanie Gaide, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Donald Wolff, Carmen Ramos, Jose Brito, Wayne DeMarco, Camille Balsamello, Emogene Bloomer, Cheryl Lovelace, Jackie Hamilton, Stephen Angiulo, Eppie Harford, Enid Decker, Ryan Hildebrandt, Richard Scopino, and Kenneth Mundy.

There will be First Friday adoration in the chapel on Friday, March 5th after the 11:30 Mass. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

The collection for February 20th/21st was \$4,848. Thank you for your continued generosity.