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SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b



Sunday, March 8

9:00 AM Margaret M. Petlock - Husband, Elmer
 11:15 AM David Richards, Sr. - Wife, Theresa

Monday, March 9

7:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Reddington, Sr. -
 Grandson, Robert
 5:30 PM Light is On

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 AM Helen Vrabel - Daughter, Margaret

Wednesday, March 11

7:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Reddington, Jr. -
 Son, Robert

Thursday, March 12

7:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Louis Orth - Grandson Robert

Friday, March 13

7:00 AM Dr. & Mrs. Eric Saltzman - Reddington &
 Saltzman Families
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14

4:00 PM Helen Evans & Sons - Edward & Evelyn
 Evans

Sunday, March 15

9:00 AM Helen Kwasnik & Stella Halecki - Elaine
 Kwasnik
 11:15 AM Joseph & Bill Danowski - Danowski
 Family

SANCTUARY VOTIVES: In Memory of Edward Bilski -
 By Wife & Family

SACRED HEART CANDLES: In Memory of Joan
 Hertely - By Family

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES: In Memory of Francis
 Flynn - By Bob, Sharon & Sean Flynn

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| SUNDAY COLLECTION: | \$4,339.15 |
| LOOSE: | \$312.00 |
| ASH WEDNESDAY: | \$1,025.00 |
| CHARITIES: | \$546.00 |
| CLERGY: | \$373.00 |
| LENTEN SACRIFICE: | \$799.00 |

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Atop Mount Tabor, the pure light of Christ was revealed, as seen in this Gospel reading. The Father said, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him." The transfiguration is repeated every time we listen to Him and allow our faith to be enlightened more today than it was yesterday. Now it is we who are transfigured! We are transfigured! We are transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost being, which was created in the image of God and baptized into the likeness of God. We enjoy life much more when we live according to our true identity. For example, how do you feel when you're impatient? Not so good, right? That's because God is patient (see 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 for a description of His true identity and yours), and when we are patient, we are much happier. During Lent, humbly examining how Christ-like we are and repenting from our sins, we let His light consume the darkness within us. Jesus left His mountaintop experience to fulfill His calling. Following Christ, we too leave our mountaintops to do what God Has gifted us to do. Although there is, as the reading from Timothy points out, hardship in living a holy life, we can be comforted by the fact the after every Calvary there is always an Easter. We can rely on "the strength that comes from God." Listen. Can you hear what God is saying about you? It's the same words He spoke about Jesus on Mount Tabor: This is my beloved child: listen to him/her." What are you saying as Christ's partner in ministry?

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA - In two weeks we will conduct this special devotion. We invite and encourage our parishioners and others to join us. This year's theme featuring the life of the Venerable Matt Talbot. He lived in Ireland in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Poor in abject poverty he become an alcoholic as a child. He lived a life of obscurity until he died. They discovered his dynamic spiritual life to help combat his alcoholism. Thus he become the patron saint of alcoholics and those who suffer from any type of addiction. The service will begin on Tuesday, March 17 and continue for 13 consecutive Tuesdays. All start at 5:30 pm. All are welcome!

LENTEN PARISH OUTREACH - Charity touches the heart of God. "Feed the hungry", the Lord demands of us. When we give to those who are hungry, we are fulfilling the Lord's request. We are blessed when we are a blessing to others. This weekend we are asking **MAC & CHEESE, DRY OR CANNED SPAGHETTI AND "SOCKS FOR ALL MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN"**. Next weekend it will be **PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY**.

HAM & CABBAGE DINNER - Holy Family Parish, 828 Main Street will hold the annual Ham & Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 14 in the Church Hall. Take outs begin at 3 pm and the sit down dinner will be served from 4 pm to 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold after weekend Masses, by calling the rectory at 570-822-8983 or at the door.

PARISH FISH FRY - Our parish will have a Fish Fry take-out Dinner on April 3rd. Fish, Mac & Cheese & Cole Slaw for \$9.00. Orders will begin this weekend. Payment due at time of order.

EUCCHARISTIC WAY OF THE CROSS - Throughout the Lenten Season, this devotion will be held every Friday at 5:30 PM. This is a unique way of having Eucharistic Adoration and observing the Stations of the Cross. We encourage you to attend. Our children will conduct the Stations devotion sometimes during a Friday TBD.

DINNER FOR KIDS - There will be a special fundraising event to help sponsor this special program on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, to be held at Misericordia University. The reception will be from 5:30 pm and to be followed by a buffet at 6:30 pm. The cost will be \$50.00 per person. This event will honor several individuals including our own Deacon Joe DeVizia who was one of the primary founders. Anyone who has volunteered to deliver meals to kids and are members of our parish, we will gladly cover the cost. Please contact Father Terry if interested. Deadline to register is March 19th.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - The insert in this week's bulletin is a letter written by the lay co-chairpersons for this year's drive. We have moved a little bit closer to our goal of \$40,000.00 but are still about \$4,000.00 short. We are very grateful to all who made a pledge. We can always count on certain parishioners to make a large donation. If all make some pledge we can make our goal. Let's demonstrate our vitality as a parish and dedication to the good works of our Diocese.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE - Throughout the month of March, we request a donation for the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen. It is **PEANUT BUTTER**. It's another way of making a Lenten sacrifice. God blesses those who remember the hungry and the homeless.

CCD LENT PROJECT - KLOTHES 4 KIDS

Our very own Desi Rogers is heading up a collection of kids slightly worn or new clothes/toys. Items will be collected every Sunday from 10 - 12 at our Parish Center until April 5. It will be distributed to the less fortunate children of our area. Desi is a graduate of our Religious Education Program and remains active as an Aide, also an altar server and active member of our parish. This is a great example for our youth. Please help her to be successful by donating any items.

LIGHT IS ON - Every Monday evening up until Holy Week, an opportunity is presented for an hour of prayer and reflection, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take this time to make your Lent more meaningful as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. The Service will begin at 5:30 PM. You may stay for the entire Service or go to confessions.



**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

I am continuing a spiritual exercise presented to me at a retreat I attended. The theme of the retreat was "Living from a Renewed Heart." Daily Examination of Consciousness: 1) **Find a Quiet Place**, remember that you are in the holy presence of God. 2) **Review the day**. In your imagination, retrace the steps of your day, what you did, whom you encountered, thoughts and feelings you experienced. 3) **Give thanks**, name one moment from your day for which you are grateful. 4) **Talk with God**, tell God the things you feel good about and those you regret. 5) **Look toward the day to come**. Ask God to help you be your best self as you look forward to tomorrow. 6) **Finish your prayer**. End your prayer with An Our Father or a similar prayer that speaks your heart. **Exterior Spiritual practices: Cultivating a Renewed Heart**. "Put on, then, as God's Chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do, and above all these, put on love, the Band of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body, and be thankful. (Col.3-12:17). **SIGNS OF AN OPEN HEART: A LISTENING HEART, A FORGIVING HEART, A COMPASSIONATE HEART, A GRATEFUL HEART**. "It seems that the smarter we get about technology, the dumber we get about relationships." We live in a society in which loneliness, depression and suicide are on the rise. We seem to be treating each other worse. The guiding moral principle here is not complicated. Try to treat other people as if they possess precious hearts and infinite souls. Everything else will follow (David Brooks, "The Power of Human Touch," NY. Times, January 18, 2018).. "To understand Jesus, we cannot have closed hearts, but rather need those that are all courageous and forward looking". (Pope Francis)

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| Wed. Feb. 26 | 775 | Marie Pekol |
| Thurs. Feb. 27 | 651 | Dorothy Faymore |
| Fri. Feb. 28 | 849 | Charlotte Gutkowski |
| Sat. Feb. 29 | 992 | |