



February 27-28, 2010

2nd Sunday of Lent...As Mark's narrative continues, the shadow of the cross emerges. Following the first suggestion of the suffering to come we

are given the story of the transfiguration. There are different ways to understand this story and each of the evangelists has used it for his own purpose. For Mark, the story is placed as a balance to the suffering that will follow. The words Mark uses to tell the story point to an understanding of the event as a mystical, but not an unreal experience. The outline of the narrative is well known. Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain. The initiative comes from Jesus. The disciples saw him in a new way that defied description. They also saw Moses and Elijah in conversation with Jesus. This phrase "in conversation with" is an important element of the story and would have had particular meaning for the community.

God is the subject of Scripture. The Jews understood that Scripture was both speech about God (theos-logos), and Israel's testimony that God had spoken. In this account we see Jesus as part of Israel's testimony. Jesus is part of the traditional utterance about God. Jesus is also confirmation that God has spoken. Peter expresses what they all feel. It is good to be witness to the vision. It is also an expression of awe and wonder. This is a peak experience. We know from our own story the importance of such moments in our lives when everything seemed perfect. The experience is like striking a match in the darkness. For a brief time we see clearly. These glimpses of "rightness" are accompanied by the longing to cling to the moment for ever.

The final act is the appearance of the cloud, the sign of the presence of God. At baptism the words of God are, "You are my beloved son, on you my favor rests." Here we are now told, "Listen to him". In the light of the "conversation" we are told that the testimony of Jesus has the authority of God.

Why does the church link this story with the testing of Abraham? The stories of Abraham are promise stories. We have a picture of a faithful father who continues to believe in God's word in the face of great difficulty. For the story to continue, there must be an inheritor of the dream. Isaac, the son, is a gift from God. When God's requests the return of the gift, Abraham faces the ultimate challenge to his fidelity. For the promise to be realized, the son must live. In reflecting on the death of Jesus, the old story is a reminder that the promise of the new covenant will continue even in and through death. The beloved son is the inheritor of the vision in a new and unique way.

➡ **DON'T FORGET: blankets for the Community Blanket Drive and canned goods to help the House of Hope. Bless you for your help!**

PRAYER LIST FOR February...we pray for: Mary Lou Sheehan, Josh Carlino, Joe Wolf, Jack Poyer, Bill Santoro, Anna Riep, Sheila Javed, Brenda Thorn, John Devlin, Tillie Lucas, Mary Jane Hall, Joanne Kozier, Andrea Sereno, George Miller, Michael Schemering, Diane Sereno, Ronin Christy, Cynthia Wilson, Phyllis Howenstein, and Kadan Sharpless. **Names are changed at the beginning of each month.** Please call the church office to add a name.

"When I called, you answered Me." (Psalm 138:3)



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal presents us with the opportunity to give and help in this archdiocesan effort. Through the grants of the appeal, parishes and schools are able to share our gifts with countless individuals of all ages. We received a grant last year to help us pay for repairs to the front steps of our church. Share your treasure to help those who are in need. It is not too late to make your pledge!

Parish Council Elections are Coming! If you would



like to run for parish council or would like to nominate someone, **with their permission**, please notify the church office soon. Elections will take place in March, and we need a little biographical blurb to publish for election weekend, March 20-21. We vote new members on each year in multiples of three---3 members go off and 3 members are voted on. Terms are three years. **Won't you prayerfully consider serving our parish in this important ministry?**

Homebound Prayer Intention for February: That all military personnel will feel the love and support of family and friends and will come home safely and soon.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February: That the Church will strive to follow Christ faithfully and proclaim His Gospel to all peoples.

If you would like your FY 2009 tax letter to verify



your contributions to the parish, please call the church office at 301-334-2202.

Remember, we can only verify those donations made through our envelope system. A little reminder: you must fill out the envelope and note the amount on the envelope in order for us to record it into the Data System. Thank you.

Community Action Emergency Blanket Drive



...Please bring your donated blankets to church or drop by the church office through March 8, 2010. Our parish helping provide warmth to families in need!

Best wishes to our Senior High Students who will be helping with Habitat for Humanity work for the next 2 Saturdays! God bless you all!

HELP WANTED! ☺...YOUR parish is seeking assistance in MARCH and APRIL to help with the parish directory!

*Work: EASY *Atmosphere: FRIENDLY
*Hours: SHORT *Compensation: PRICELESS

Photography dates are set for April 6, 7 & 8, 2010.

To help out, please contact Jeanne Lynch, our directory coordinator, at 301-387-6356.

Remember: THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU... Our Reconciliation Program during the season of Lent. You may come to Father Don's office the Tuesdays of Lent from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Those who are waiting may remain in the Daily Mass Chapel.

Some things to think about before confession:

- Who or what really presses your anger buttons?
- How do you deal with it?
- Give an example of forgiveness that has inspired you.
- Remember a time when you found it hard to forgive.

➡ **The next RCIA class will meet from 5:30 to 7:30 PM on March 1, 2010.** The topic will be **Liturgical Year/Tour of the Church.**

Word of Life from our Respect for Life Office with the Archdioceses of Baltimore... Mother Teresa said that Christ comes to us in the distressing disguise of the poor. She also said that it is a terrible poverty that a child must die so that people might live as they wish. Taken together, I believe that the poorest of the poor are those whose poverty lies in the loss of a child. We should consider them the face of Christ in our lives and help them with a kind word, a listening ear, a healing embrace. Only love can overcome the tragedy of abortion, and that love must begin with each of us.

~ Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus

Communion Cloth Ministry:

Feb. 28...Nancy Boehm Mar. 7...Rose Hughes

CALCULATORS SCHEDULE:

Feb. 28, 2010

Church: Team #1-Pentz, Kelly

Center: Team #6-Gloeckl, Boehms

Mar. 7, 2010

Church: Team #2-Coviellos, Bakers

Center: Team #7-Wards, Mitchell

St. Peter at the Lake Fund Update:

Total needed for construction: \$1,400,000.

Previous amount collected: 988,066

2/7/10...No Masses-Snow Storm ---

Total to date: 988,066.

Needed: \$411,934.

MINISTERS of the MASS: March 6-7, 2010

4:00pm-Saturday, Mar. 6

Read: Perez

Euch. Ministers: Wards, Rodeheaver, Baughman

5:45pm-Saturday, Mar. 6

Read: Carlino

Euch. Ministers: Mott, Hubers

9:00 am-Sunday, Mar. 7

Read: Bothe

Euch. Ministers: Lloyd, Donahue, Schultzs

Altar Server Team: #1-Hanek, Lloyd

This week in our parish...Feb. 27-Mar 7, 2010

(Mass Intentions and other activities)

Sat.	Our Parish Family	4:00pm
	Vicki Hamrick (D)	5:45pm
Sun.	Maurice Cleary (D)	9:00am
	1 st Communion Parent Mtg.-10am	
Mon.	Anna Hartka (D)	8:15am
	Choir Practice	5:30pm
Tues.	Thelma Bond (D)	6:30pm
	Bell Choir...will begin March 2 nd at 5:30pm	
	Reconciliation-Father Don's office...5:30-6:30pm	
Wed.	Anne Olean (D)	12:00pm
	Stations of the Cross after Mass	
	Bible Study lower level/parish center	9:30am
Thurs.	Communion Service	8:15am
Fri.	Bea Wiegard (D)	8:15am
	☺BIG Fish Dinners 4:30 to 6:30pm	
Sat.	Our Senior High-Habitat for Humanity Helpers!	
	Robert Lee (D)	4:00pm
	Our Parish Family	5:45pm
Sun	Leonard & Richard Wengert (D)	9:00am

BIG Fish Dinner Update...The BIG Fish Dinners took place for the first Friday of Lent, 2/19/2010! Even though the weather was not ideal, 185 meals were sold and everyone (workers and fish eaters) enjoyed the night out of their houses. It was a wonderful evening.

Everyone stayed and socialized, enjoyed the coffee and each other! We are on to the next dinner and our thanks go out to the 2/26/10 dessert bakers. Thank you to:

Lisa Bender, Sandy Carlson, Annalea Catulle, Tricia Cheesman, Ginger Clark, Donna Durst, Tammy Ewing, Elizabeth Friend, Mary Ann Friend, Jo Gallagher, Kathy Gibson, Karen Gimera, Dolores Gloeckl, Linda Goodman, Carol Gregg, Pat Gregory, Mary Lou Halapy, Rose Hughes, Bonnie Sunny, Connie Tomlin, and Christine Upole. Some people have asked why they did not get a call for a dessert. If you would like to provide a dessert and haven't received a call, please call Connie Tomlin at 301-387-4812. She will gladly add your name to the bakers' list!

For your daily prayers during Lent go to
www.youtube.com/a_lenten_meditation