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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MARCH 16, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

UP THE MOUNTAIN TO PRAY.

LUKE 9:28

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The theme, or themes, of the readings for the Second Sunday of Lent are: **Faith, Trust and Experience of Our Lord and Our God.** Most of us are familiar with the stories being presented here, but tying them together and applying them to our Lenten observances is not that easy. Because of this difficulty, we must exercise our Faith, put our Trust in God into action and wait for the experience of Him to come; which it will if we are true to the spirit of Lent. Now, let us see how these stories bear this out.

The First Reading is from the Book of Genesis (15:5-12, 17-18). At this point in the story of the Call of Abraham, Abraham has moved his wife and relatives and all his belongings to a far distant land in obedience to God's command. Such a move was a tremendous undertaking in itself, but Abraham acted solely under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, even though he was not aware of the Holy Spirit. He put his faith in God into action by the move, but now he is asking for some assurance that what he did would be rewarded. God then gives Abraham the unique experience of accepting his offering in a most unusual manner. At the same time, God makes a most profound covenant with Abraham and all his descendants. **The difference between faith and trust is action.**

The Responsorial Psalm is (27:1-9, 13-14). In this prayer, the psalmist is asking God for protection by calling upon His goodness and benevolence. He is persistent but trusting, knowing that the Lord God doesn't always respond immediately. And so, he ends his prayer with the knowledge that he *"shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living"* and extols everyone to *"be stouthearted and wait for the Lord."* Our faith and trust might not be rewarded in this life, but the experience of God will surely be there in the next.

The Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (3:17-4:1). In this passage, Paul is giving us the *"opposite side of the coin"* story. The people, who, unfortunately, do not have faith or trust in God, are *"enemies of the cross of Christ."* Their end is spiritual destruction. But the faithful will have a different experience and a different ending. Therefore, he exhorts the faithful to *"stand firm [in your faith and trust] in the Lord."*

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of St Luke (9:28b-36). This is the familiar story of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, which comes immediately after Jesus' discourse to His disciples on the meaning and cost of discipleship. Now He is about to permit them to see and experience the reward for being a faithful and trusting disciple—the glory of His divinity. **This scene sums up the whole meaning of Salvation: all the faithful in heaven in the presence of God and each in his or her glorified body for all time and eternity.** Wow! That is an unbelievable reward. But as mentioned above, there is a cost—putting your faith into action. During this Lenten Season, despite various problems people are facing, there are still things that need to be done. Penance should not be a *"negative"* thing, such as giving up or forgoing something we enjoy. Rather it should be a positive act of giving time, talent or treasure for the benefit of someone in need. Your reward depends on it.

Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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MARCH 16, 2025 | 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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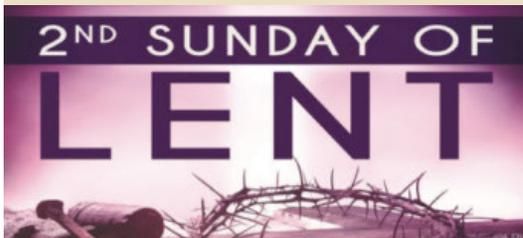
FIRST READING: It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." (Gn 15:18)

PSALM: The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

SECOND READING: He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)

GOSPEL: Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 16, 2025

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-3

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-3

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Sunday - Mar 16th - 2nd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Angel White
Requested by: Terry & Wendy Kushinski

Monday - Mar 17th - St. Patrick, Bishop

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday - Mar 18th - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased of the McBennett & Downey Families

Requested by: James & Martha McBennett

Saturday - Mar 22nd - 3rd Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †Ellie Shulsky-DiLuciano
Requested by: Our Faith Prayer Group

Sunday - Mar 23rd - 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Alvin & Rose Hellinger
Requested by: Al Hellinger

LENTEN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Stations of the Cross on Fridays:

Children's Stations at 1:15 pm
Evening Stations at 7:00 pm with Deacon Paul

Night of Confession:

Wednesday, March 19th from 6:30-8:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 17th

Mass at St. Teresa at 7 pm

Good Friday, April 18th

Stations of the Cross at Noon with Deacon Paul
Passion Services at 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil, April 19th

Mass at St. Anthony at 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Mass at St. Anthony at 10:00 am

Parish Office Closed

Easter Monday, April 21st & Tuesday, April 22nd
Reopens on Wednesday, April 23rd



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 22nd at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Marybeth B.
Eucharistic Ministers: Pam W., Laura P., Patty R.

Sunday, March 23rd at 10:00 am

Lectors: Celia F.
Eucharistic Ministers: Hilaire T., Dan L., Karen L.

OFFERTORY REPORT

FISCIAL YEAR (7/1/24-6/30/25)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (2/23/2025) \$4,642.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - \$(9,086.90)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

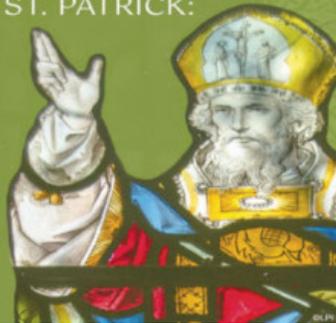
If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.

St. Patrick

Pray for us!



THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE **REAL** ST. PATRICK:



1. HE WAS NOT IRISH!
 St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain then kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland when he was 16.



2. His birth name was Maewyn Succat. He changed his name to **PATRICIUS** after becoming a priest.



3. After escaping slavery in Ireland and becoming a priest, he willingly returned to the country to promote Catholicism. He is now the **PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND.**



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Edward Balchak	Janet Baxter	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco
Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Virginia Glass
Barbara Glick	Joe Gluvna	Brian Grace	Dan George	Renee Golowenski	Carol Gonzales
D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jillian Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez
Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Bob Humphrey	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson
Iris Pearl Jackson	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter
Dean Martin III	Alan McCartney	Rita McConley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Father Christian Moore
Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Joe Rizzo
Emily Stefan	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth
Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka				

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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We **NO LONGER** have any Mass intentions for 2025. Thank you for your devotion. We will begin selling 2026 Mass Intentions in November. Keep an eye on the bulletin for details.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - 3/16

You are not alone. Catholic Cemeteries Association walks with you along your grief journey. Please join us at our **FREE** monthly grief support meetings. Six convenient locations and a virtual meeting for those who cannot attend in person. Find strength, hope, and a voice for your grief. Our next meeting is **Sunday, March 16th at 3 pm for our in-person or 5 pm via Zoom**. For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>.

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL SPRING FLOWER SALE - RUNS FROM NOW TO 3/26

BLOOM Spring Flowers are back at St. Anthony of Padua! Help us support student field trips & our CYO athletes! St. Anthony students will receive 25-30% if the profits from your order.

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Our Online sale runs from NOW until March 26th.

Simply use this link to order: <https://app.fundraiseit.org/shop.php?code=28FAD6>.

Be sure to enter your name, and if there is a specific student you would like to receive credit for your order towards their selling prizes, their names as well.

Delivery and pick-up will be organized on our campus on Sunday, May 4th from 2:30-4:30 pm.

Exact flower color by availability only. JOCO reserves the right to send alternate colors in the event of a shortage.

Any questions? Please contact Ted Piskur at tedpiskur@gmail.com. *Thank you as always for your support.*

SENIOR SOCIABLES MEETING - 3/20

St. Anthony Senior Sociables will meet on **Thursday, March 20th at Applebee's in Lorain, 432 N. Leavitt Rd.** **Please note that the time has changed to 3:00 pm.**

Please call Karen Less at 440-949-2934 with your reservation by **Tuesday, March 18th.** *Hope to see you there!*

REGIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS - 3/22

St. Peter Parish, North Ridgeville has been designated by our diocese as one of the sites to host a Regional Eucharistic Congress.

This event will be held on Saturday, March 22nd from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm in the gym. This day will include multiple talks by national (via video) and local speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, confessions and much more.

This event is free but registration is required by March 17th.

Register online at <https://www.stpeternr.org/regional-eucharistic-congress>.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.



MARIAN GUILD MINI RETREAT - 3/23

The annual Marian Guild Mini Retreat will be on Sunday, March 23rd after the 10 am Mass.

Carol Babics Brewer will be our speaker, keeping with this year's theme of alumni presentations.

Carol will share with us her Catholic journey from childhood through adulthood. Carol graduated from St Anthony's School & Lorain High School. She is presently a parishioner at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in South Amherst, but she received all of her sacraments at St Anthony's as well as both of her daughters. Carol is the daughter of Helen Hurley, former Sacristan & Third Order of Saint Francis member, and an advocate for the rosary & devotion to the Blessed Mother. Carol has a long history here & we are very glad to have her return to her home parish!

Please join us for a light lunch to be served after this interesting presentation. The event is free but an RSVP to **Terri George, 440-320-3272**, would be appreciated in order to provide lunch for everyone. *We hope to see you*

TETÉLESTAI PERFORMANCE - 3/28, 3/29 & 3/30

The long-running musical passion play Tetélestai or "*It is Finished*"

will be coming to St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Catholic Church, 2143 Homewood Dr., Lorain on **Friday March 28th at 8:00 pm, Saturday, March 29th at 8:00 pm and Sunday, March 30th at 2 pm.**

The cast and crew of this visually moving passion play is excited to share the Good News of Easter with you. Tetélestai brings the Gospel to life with a cast & crew, full theatrical staging, sounds & lighting, costumes and live singing. The performances are **FREE**. Please visit LiveThePassion.org for more information. *We hope to see you there!*

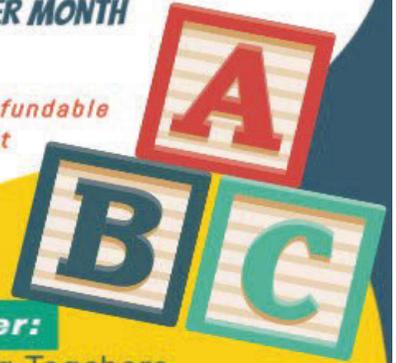
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