

# The Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

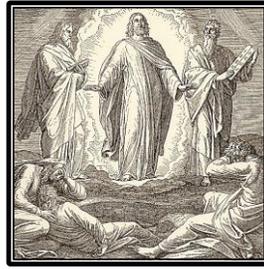
## Weekend Mass Intentions

5:00 pm: Clarence Wroblewski+

7:30: Claudia Stewart+, and Ricky Wilson

9:00 am: Zito Gianuzzi+, and Brett Majorowicz

11:30 am: Henry Seaman+, Elybert Agor+, and Aida Agor+



*“And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.”*

*Matthew 17:2*



## We Pray for the Sick

Brett Majorowicz, Laura Dugan, Joan Perrault, Pam Wyatt, Sandra Wilcox, Okie Son Breese, Msgr. George Moeller, Lawrence Klapka, Paul Woods, Richard Tobash, Angela Smith, Pompei Real, Matthew Godwin, Ben Paepcke, Wendy Berns, Claire Murphy, Betty Bodwine, Rick Montoni, Jerome DeLucia, Ellen Adajian, Dave Earhart, AJ McKoy, Felicidad Deiparine, Linda Lee Panlilio, Sr. Mary Margaret Pignone, Lisa Ellis, Randy George, Angela Morton, Marisu DeLeon, Deanna Ross, Noah Herrick, Carroll Celentano, Russ and Rita Hildebrand, Jean Dugan, Shelly Godwin, Beverly Frick

## Readings for the Week:

Monday - Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 (230)

Tuesday - Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 (231)

Wed - Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 (232)

Thursday - Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 (233)

Friday - Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43,45-46 (234)

**DAILY MASS OPPORTUNITY:** Please join us for Daily Mass or Communion Service Monday through Friday at 12 Noon.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The office will be open Monday - Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM.

## Celebrants Mar 14 and Mar 15

5pm - Fr. Godwin

7:30 am - Fr. Godwin

9:00 am - Fr. Au

11:30 - Fr. Au

## Collections March

March 22 - Catholic Relief Services

March 29 - Easter Flower Memorial

## Poor Box Recipients

Present - March

Little Sisters of the Poor

## Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30

### Soup Supper and Stations

Join us this Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for Mass, Soup Supper, and Stations of the Cross. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Lent Video Series

Please join us for *Symbolon*, a film series about the fundamentals of our Catholic Faith, on Sundays during Lent, beginning on March 8. We will meet at 10 AM in the Undercroft. Parents of students in Religious Ed are especially encouraged to join us for this faith formation opportunity!

### Save the Date!

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Shrine Undercroft: 12:30 PM Lunch, 1 PM Talk

The Church: Who we are as the People of God

Presenter: Fr. Bud Stevens of St. Mary's Seminary

### March Casserole Month

March is a casserole month. Pans will be available beginning on the weekend of March 14-15 and again on March 21-22 with delivery to the freezers in the Undercroft on the weekend of March 28-29. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

### Be a Mission Volunteer

Live the traditions & join in the work of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Become a Notre Dame Mission Volunteer (ndmv) educating, providing opportunity, & building community through full-time volunteer service in 25 cities across the U.S. & in Haiti. Notre Dame Mission Volunteers believe that education is the fundamental tool in the struggle of the poor for human dignity, self-esteem, and self-determination. We seek to build community among our members, as well as the people with whom we work by reaching out across cultures and classes. “It has changed my life. I have met and built relationships with people that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.”

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## Financial Corner

Did you know that collections for the church restoration fund average close to \$1,700 per month? The monthly collection for our church restoration fund is the first weekend of every month. Thank you for your generous contributions to this important second collection. This fund needs to be replenished in order to pay for major church roof repairs anticipated in the very near future.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? Are you an adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed? Perhaps you just want to learn more about the Catholic faith or have questions about it. RCIA is the process for preparing adults for full communion with the Catholic Church. Sessions are also open to any adult desiring to learn more about Catholicism. Contact Steve Cox in the parish office for more information.

## Donate Button!!

Your Shrine offertory contribution is as easy as clicking a button! Did you know you can go to the Shrine website, [theshrine.org](http://theshrine.org), to make your offertory donation electronically? Once you are on our website select the "Donate" tab at the top of the homepage. From there follow the prompts to easily set-up your offertory donation. Your secure contribution will be as easy as 1-2-3, without the worry of fiddling with envelopes, cash, and checks. - Give it a try!

## Hospital Communion Visitations

We are looking for additional volunteers to help with taking Communion to Catholic patients at Sinai. The commitment is as little as 2 hours, one Wednesday afternoon per month. Please contact Steve Cox in the parish office if you are interested in joining this ministry.

## Women's Prayer Group

The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the chapel. All women are welcome! Come join a group of women who want to grow unique friendships that develop when praying together. Contact Steve Cox for details.

## Altar Servers Needed!!

If you are interested in being an Altar Server, please see a Sacristan after Mass or contact the parish office@ 410-466-6884, Ext. 11.

## Spiritual Reflections by Pope Francis

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - A Time for Change

Transfigured on Mount Tabor, Jesus wanted to show his disciples his glory, not for them to circumvent the cross, but to show where the cross leads. Those who die with Jesus, shall rise again with Jesus. The cross is the door to resurrection. Whoever struggles alongside him will triumph with him. This is the message of hope contained in Jesus' cross, urging us to be strong in our existence. The Christian cross is not the furnishings of a house or adornments to wear but rather a call to the love with which Jesus sacrificed himself to save humanity from evil and sin. In this Lenten season, we contemplate with devotion the image of the crucifix, Jesus on the cross: this is the symbol of Christian faith, the emblem of Jesus, who died and rose for us. Let us ensure that the cross marks the stages of our Lenten journey in order to understand ever better the seriousness of sin and the value of the sacrifice by which the savior has saved us all.

## St. Frances of Rome

St. Frances of Rome (1384-1440) founded the institute known as the "Oblati di Tor de Specchi" in the Holy City. She was a wealthy patrician and after her husband died, she gave up all her wealth to live a life of abject poverty. Her special privilege from heaven was familiar conversation with her guardian angel. Reading the life of St. Frances, one gains the impression that she moved and lived in the spiritual world more than on earth; in fact, that which gives her life its unique character is her intimate relationship with the blessed world of holy spirits.

During the three periods of her life, three angels of different rank accompanied her, ready to protect her soul against any onslaught of hell and to lead her step by step to spiritual perfection. Day and night the saint saw her angel busy at a mysterious task. With three little golden spindles he unceasingly spun golden threads, strung them around his neck, and diligently wound them into balls. A half year before her death he changed his work. Instead of spinning more golden thread, he began to weave three carpets of varying size with the golden thread he had spun. These carpets symbolized her lifework as virgin, mother, and religious.

Shortly before her death, she noticed how the angel was hurrying his work, and his face was unusually fresh and happy. At the very moment when the last carpet had reached its required length, her soul departed into eternal bliss.

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch