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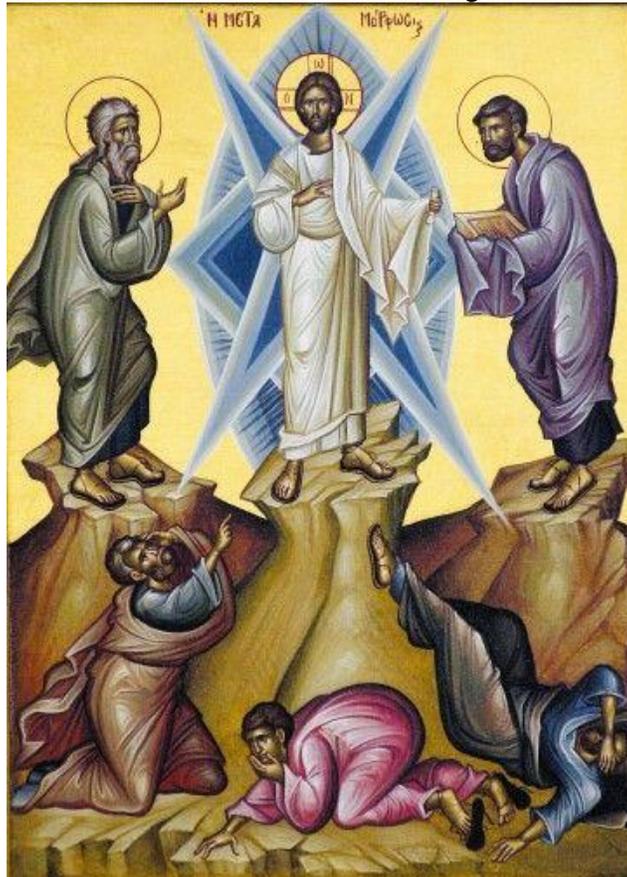
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The Second Sunday of Lent



Sunday February 28th, 2021

9am Mass: Walter Stepanik of. by son Gene

Readings: Gen. 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

Lector – Greeters – Collectors –

-St. Mary's Annual Parish Meeting follows 9am Holy Mass

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, March 1st

9am: Holy Mass of the Day

TUESDAY, March 2nd

11am: Funeral Mass for Louise Cygan

WEDNESDAY, March 3rd

Noon: Holy Mass of the Day

4pm – Weekly Food Ministry provided

6pm – Adult Catechism Class – open to all

THURSDAY, March 4th

6-8pm – Women’s AA meets in Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, March 5th

Holy Mass of the Day

6pm – Stations of the Cross with Benediction/Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY, March 6th

9am – Pierogi Making begins

10am – Seniorate Lenten Retreat

8pm – Saturday AA Meets in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, March 7th – The Third Sunday of Lent

9am Mass: John Paul Repko of. by daughter Cheryl

10:30am Polish Mass: Open Intention

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25

Lector – Greeters – Collectors –

- To-go coffee hour served after 9am Holy Mass

- Baptism of Gwen takes place during 9am Mass

Announcements

SENIORATE LENTEN RETREAT- This Saturday, March 6, the Northeast Seniorate (ours) of the Western Diocese will be offering an

hour-long virtual retreat. The decision was made to have it on “Zoom” and to be short, as other retreats have been leaning. We won’t be having a church-showing for this one, so please email Fr. Michal Gitner at mgitner@gmail.com for the event sign-up. We hope to see you for a nice hour of church-led prayer, reflection, and devotion, beginning at 10am.

ITEMS AVAILABLE – As we continue the process of “tidying our home”, we do have some items that we are taking out of storage and offering to our parishioners – please stop in the basement hall and, if something catches your eye, make a free-will donation.

FUNERAL NOTICE – Our dear sister, Louise Cygan, went home to be with her Lord this past week. Louise was a staple at St. Mary’s and a model of Christian Love. She was always immaculately dressed, had her “gossip table” after Mass for coffee hour, scheduled Masses to remember her loved ones, participated in the Love of God Sodality, and only offered kindness. Her viewing is 4-7pm at Busch FH in Parma on Monday and her funeral Mass takes place Tuesday at 11am.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER– Today, we use the 2nd Eucharistic Prayer, the Canon of St. Hippolytus on p. 82. Next week, and for all of March, we use the 3rd Eucharistic Prayer on Page 84, the Canon of St. Basil.

LENTEN DINNERS – The parish will be holding three dinners during Lent, all three being of the drive-thru format that we’ve become accustomed to and taking place 4:30-6pm. The next fish fry will take place on Friday March 12. Flyers will be available and posted around. The third dinner will be a pierogi dinner that will take place on Friday, March 26.

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION –We have begun another guided Food Collection. Once again, we will be collecting on behalf of the Parma Hunger Center, located at Parma Lutheran Church, and our own parish

UPCOMING

Feb 28 –Parish Annual Meeting
Mar 3 – Adult Catechism
Mar 5 – Stations of the Cross
Mar 6 – Seniorate Lenten Retreat
Mar 6 – Pierogi Making
Mar 12 – Fish Fry #2
Mar 12 – Sorrowful Lamentations
Mar 21- Next Parish Comm. Mtg.
Mar 23 – PNCC Zoom Lenten Retreat
Mar 26 – Pierogi Dinner Drive-Thru
Apr 6 – Restaurant Fundraiser –
Burntwood Tavern in Brecksville

weekly Food Ministry. For next Sunday, March 7, please bring rice & cereals, packaged oatmeal.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS – Friday Lenten Devotions began Friday, February 19 with Stations of the Cross and continue each Friday during Lent, alternating between Stations and Sorrowful Lamentations. They will be accompanied by a short sermon or the Benediction/Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Exposition is scheduled for March 5 at Stations & March 26 at Lamentations.

NATIONAL PNCC RETREAT – The PNCC will be holding a National Lenten Retreat, in the same vein as the discipleship spiritual retreat that was held in January. This will take place on Tuesday, March 23 at 7pm. If there is interest, we may look to hold a group viewing in the Fellowship Hall once again. See Fr. Jason with any questions or if you'd rather attend this from home.

OLD PALMS – We will collect your old palms during the season of Lent so that we can burn them on Holy Saturday, preparing the New Fire for our parish. Please take note of the collection boxes in the facilities.

ADULT CATECHISM – We will be holding an adult catechism class, beginning on Wednesday, March 3. It will take place from 6-7pm in the Fellowship Hall, and will follow the PNCC Catechism book. Fr. Jason will lead the discussion – this is open to any and everyone who wants to learn something new about our faith or to rekindle thoughts that have been lost.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING – Our Annual Meeting is today! Please consider joining us to discuss and plan out the “rebound year” that will be 2021. We meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer List

Please pray for these St. Mary's parishioners, family and friends:

Barbara Baranowski	Patti Dotson	John Spilka
Bill Kastak	Marty Bengela	Ralph & June Zaun
Johanna Markiewicz	Anna Dawidziuk	Barb & Jim Lukas
Bill & Pat Glatzer	Mary Ann Loschelder	Tom Petrie
Helen Budney	Polly Gajda	Len Pryer

Chester & Ann Warzala	Tom Putynski	Ralph Crispino
Craig Atherton	Millie Dominik	Amy Dreger
Jack Spilka	Carol Hreha	Elaine Repede
John Radon	Steve Wisniewski	David Micka
Wanda Clark	Beth Chihill	Keith Reynolds
Helen Cummings	Jane Hunter	Paul S.
Jay Grabowsky	Pam Chesar	Ronald Tiffe
Ed Kidd	Emma Freshwater	Jennifer Kmitt
Laina Dachtal	Nina Braquet	Paulette Lilli
Cherise Pacanovsky	Bp. John Swantek	Cecelia Hall
Jeremy Steinbreck	Chris Minch	Ricky Koehler
Richard & Edna Samelson	Cathy Pieciak	Daniel Morgan
Wanda Heffner	Bryson Dzurhoff	Jim Giles
Rich Dombrowski	Linda Duffy	Diane Black
Patrick Kmitt	John Michalczyk	Renee Lucas
Mark Magda	Caroline O'Connor	Linda Marks
Doug Back	Marilyn Girard	Jennifer Kless
Stephanie Milla	Baby Parker	Mary Cawley
George & Linda Makovicka	Shannon Alberino	Kim Penney
Loretta Baldwin	Julia Badarzynski	Kate Stallbaum
Wendy Andrzejewski	Kenny Mach	Baby Layla
James & Bobbi Moss	Mike Matis	Leslie Rafalko
Hilda Grabowski	Mike Pescitelli	Nancy Kohut
Janice Bielecki	Bill Walo	

ALL WHO ARE IN NURSING HOMES OR ASSISTED LIVING
ALL ACTIVE & RETIRED CLERGY NEEDING HEALING
ALL SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD
Bless them, O Lord. Pobłogosław im, O Boże

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT February 28, 2021

OPENING HYMN (*Hymn of Faith v. 1 & 2, pg. 13-Tan Massbooks*)

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God, before Thine altar, Father. Thou knowest best our yearning hearts; this supplication answer. Lift up from want Thy people, Lord; Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

We ask Thee not for bliss in life, Nor golden treasure's splendor But that we enter in the strife, Christ's kingdom to engender. Lift up from sin Thy people, Lord. And strengthen us; O Father, bless our toil.

9am Holy Mass - Contemporary Rite- Page 63

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

I confess to almighty God, in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault (*striking the breast three times*) in my thoughts, in my words, in what I have done or failed to do. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

THE INTROIT (*Deuteronomy 5:24; Psalm 104:1b-2a*)

C: The Lord our God has indeed let us see His glory and majesty. We have heard His voice from the midst of the fire, and have found out today that a man can still live after God has spoken with him. **R: Lord, my God, You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak!** C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. **R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

There is no Gloria spoken during Pre-Lent

THE OPENING PRAYER

LET US PRAY... Almighty God, Your glory was seen in Your Son, Jesus, Who was wondrously transfigured before His chosen disciples. Change us into His image that we will willingly bear our cross and we may be strengthened by His saving words. We ask this the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *from the Book of Genesis (22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18)*

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, declared 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.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Psalm 116:10,16-17,18-19*)

R. (116:9) **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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

THE SECOND LESSON - *the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:31-34)*

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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE TRACT (*2 Peter 1:3-4*)

C: His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of Him, Who called us by His own glory and power. **R: Through these, Christ has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world of evil desire.**

THE GOSPEL - according to St. Mark (Mark 9:2-10)

Jesus took Peter, James and John off by themselves with Him 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.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R. PRAISE BE TO YOU...**

THE HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (NB #54)

O Lord I am not worthy that Thou should come to me, but speak the works of comfort, my spirit healed shall be.

And humbly I'll receive Thee, the bridegroom of my soul. No more by sin to grieve Thee or fly Thy sweet control.

O Sacrament most Holy! O Sacrament divine! All praise the all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

THE HOMILY

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary AND BECAME MAN. For our sake He was crucified

under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

2nd Sunday in Lent, Year B 2021– Prayers of Faithful

Celebrant: Like St. Peter, we believe that “It is good for us to be here...” In the divine presence of our God, we confidently bring our prayers to our Almighty Father.

Lector: For our brother of blessed memory, Walter Stepanik, as we celebrate Holy Mass in his memory this day, *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For our Prime Bishop Anthony, our Bishop Jerry, and other leaders of the church- that they may always lead us to the glory of our heavenly homeland, *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For the world we live in- that the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ may make us aware of the presence and glory of God, *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed, that through our practical care they may see the favoured Son of God, *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: That we remain prayerful and give more of ourselves as we continue through this Holy Season of Lent, *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For those in need of our prayers: especially Richard & Edna Samelson, Shannon Alberino, Jeremy Steinbreck, Mary Cawley, Eugene Beggin, Diane Black, Len Pryer, Emma Freshwater, Jennifer Kless, Jack Spilka, John Radon, Jim Giles, Tom Slomka, Kim Penney, Nina Braquet, Tammy Teubl, Linda Duffy, Ben Soltis, Mike Matis, Doug Back, Ralph Crispino, Thomas & Charlie Dennison, Mike Pescitelli, Nancy Kohut, Pete O'Connor, Amy Dreger, Janice Bielecki, _____, for all on our prayer list, for all friends and family members, for parishioners of St. Mary's, *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For our dead whom we remember prayerfully, especially our brother Walter Stepanik, our sister Louise Cygan, _____, for our friends, neighbours and parishioners; that they may enjoy divine glory forever, We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Celebrant: Almighty Father, with grace and glory you transform our lives; by these prayers, strengthen us to come through the trials of this earthly life. This we ask, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen!

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY VERSE (*Hebrews 1:3ab*)

Jesus is the refulgence of His glory, the very imprint of His being, and Who sustains all things by His mighty word.

OFFERTORY HYMN (NB #241)

To God be the glory, great things He hath done. So loved He the world that He gave up His Son who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Ref: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, let all people rejoice. O come to the Father through Jesus the Son and give Him the glory – great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God. The vilest offender who truly believes - that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Ref:

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, through this holy oblation may we, who in faith perceive the mystery of the Transfiguration, enter into the fellowship of our Lord's sufferings. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

THE LENTEN PREFACE AND THE SANCTUS (spoken)

THE CANON – PG. 82- 2ND CANON

After the Consecration of the Bread and Wine into Christ's Body and Blood, we all say together: **"Calling then His death and resurrection to mind, we offer You the Bread and the Cup. We thank You for allow us to come before You and to serve You.**

LORD'S PRAYER: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.

C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

R. Because there is one bread we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one Bread.

C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life. **R. Amen.**

C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles: I leave you peace, My peace I give you. Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom where You live for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

C. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **R: And also with you.**

C. Let us pray together the second Communion Prayer:

May the partaking of Your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus, not be cause for my judgment or condemnation. Though I am unworthy to receive this great Sacrament, through Your loving kindness may it become my safeguard and healing remedy. My saving Master, awaken in me a living faith, fervent love, worship, adoration and a holy longing. Through this Communion, make me Your willing servant, zealous to

fulfill Your holy will. May it, at last, unite me entirely with You, my Lord and my God.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN - Solo

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN (NB #144)

My Jesus I love Thee, I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou. If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me and obtained my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow. If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

THE COMMUNION VERSE (*Wisdom 2:23*)

C: For God formed man to be imperishable; **R:** the image of His own nature He made him.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LET US PRAY....Lord our God, in the glorious Transfiguration of Your Son, You confirmed the witness of the prophets, and foreshadowed our adoption as Your children. Grant that we, who have shared at Your altar, may become co-heirs with Christ and partakers in His glory. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN (NB #153)

Oh, how He loves you and me. Oh, how He loves you and me! He gave His life, what more could He give? Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me; Oh how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv'ry did go – His love for sinner to show. What He did there brought hope from despair. Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me; Oh how He loves you and me.