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February 21, 2021 | First Sunday of Lent
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“I will establish my covenant with you...” Genesis 9.11

A story we are familiar with is the story of Noah’s Ark. This is a story of how mankind falls into deep sin and corruption, so much so that God would decide to destroy His creation and start anew. However, finding favor with Noah and his family, God commissions Noah to build the Ark, to be a refuge for himself, his household and those other living creatures God would guide to him, from a Flood that would come to destroy all those that have fallen to evil.

After Noah finishes the Ark and settles his family and the creatures brought to him into the ship, the rains came down flooding the lands and destroying everything except what was kept safe in the Ark.

A very familiar story from the Bible. Unfortunately though, we tend to associate it and share it as a children’s story. If we were take a deeper look at this story and read it straight from the Bible and not from a children’s Bible, the details from the story should draw us into deeper reflection and awe about how it is very relevant to each of us today.

I want to draw our attention to a few things. First, the floodwaters. Is it strange that it was recorded in this story that the floodwaters would be sent to destroy everything evil on the earth? The image of these waters prefigures the Sacrament of Baptism, that sacrament in which the waters are poured over us at our baptism to wash away (destroy) all sin (evil) in that person. This is the same reason why God sent the waters down, to rid the world of those evils.

Secondly, those who are protected by the floodwaters are those in the Ark, which prefigures the Church, the steward of God’s Sacraments, such as Baptism. As we believe and profess that Jesus is the one who founds His one Catholic Church, the same is true of the Ark, where we see God commission the Ark be built to be a refuge for His chosen ones.

In herself, the Church is pure and holy because God is the One Who founds it. The members of the Church are a different story though, as it is made up of sinners like you and I. Thus, we cling to God’s Church, because we understand that we need her for our salvation!

Third, the floodwaters come down for forty days and forty nights, the same length of time which Jesus spent in the desert fighting against the devil, and the same number of days of our own Lenten season. This time of “retreat” to God and His Church is meant to help us be cleansed of any iniquities in our lives, so that we can be restored as God’s beloved children.

This Lent let us take seriously this call for holiness by challenging ourselves to be rid of those things that keep us from Jesus. Not one of us is perfect and can do this on our own, but together, through prayer and encouragement, in Jesus and his Church, I guarantee you we can be protected by the storms and temptations of the world. Pray. Fast. Give alms.

God bless, Fr Peter

**“GO, therefore, and
MAKE
DISCIPLES of all nations...”**
-Matthew 28:19

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturdays (public): 5:00pm
Sundays (public): 9:30am

Daily Mass Times

Tues & Thurs @ 8:00am (non-public)
Weds @ 8am & Fri @ 8:45am (public)

Adoration: Mon-Fri, 2pm-12am

Sacraments

Drive-Thru/In Reconciliation

Tues & Thurs, 5:00-5:45pm
Sat, 4:00-4:45pm

In the Reconciliation Room in the church, *or by appointment.*

**Baptism, First Communion,
Confirmation, Matrimony, Anointing &
Funerals:** Contact Parish Office.

Contact

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Church News

Presentation of the Mary: Fish Fry & Soup Suppers To-Go

Feb. 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 and 26 in Kenney Hall from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Fish Fry—\$10.00 includes: large portion of fried fish fillets, lemon slice and tartar sauce on the side, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, roll, butter and drink. \$7.00 includes: small portion of fried fish fillets with all of the same sides.

Soup Supper—\$4 includes: 12 oz serving of soup of choice, roll, butter and drink. Cash, check, or credit card accepted. Proceeds from the sale of the suppers will go to support Presentation School and preparing for our 75th year anniversary events and activities.

There are currently two open spots for adorers: 9:00 p.m. on Fridays and 4:00 p.m. on Mondays. Contact Barb Kleiter 651-774-1172 if interested.

Easter Environment: If you would like to make a donation toward our Easter environment, please place your contribution in an envelope marked “Easter Decorations.” Indicate if this donation is in memory of a family member or loved one and list their name(s) on the envelope.

Options for Women East Baby Bottle Drive

February 20 - March 21

Pick up your bottle after mass this weekend after mass or at the parish office.

Full bottles can be returned on or before March 21 to the main entrance where there will be a large bottle to deposit them.

Panther News

There will be a **State of the School Meeting** on Wednesday, Feb 24th at 6:30pm. This will take place in the church, and all are welcome to attend in-person. For those who are not able to attend in-person a Zoom link will be provided beforehand.

Enrollment is now open for the 2021-2022 school year! Visit <https://presentationofmaryschool.org/admissions/> for information.

The Presentation Shines 2021 Auction & Benefit committee is thrilled to announce that through this community’s incredible generosity, the auction raised over **\$84,800** (before expenses are taken out) for the benefit of the school!

See the most recent Panther Post by visiting <https://conta.cc/3aqnWls>.



Wisdom of the Saints

“Though you do not see Him, you believe, and in believing there is unspeakable joy.”

-Saint Polycarp, Feast Day February 23

The CCW is taking up a collection for the Venezuelan Mission to support Fr Greg Schaffer. Collection baskets for items will be at the Parish Center and church entrances labeled **CCW** (make sure not to put items in HEO baskets). Needed items are: Irish Spring Men's Deodorant Soap Bar, Original Scent; TRESemmé Moisturizing Shampoo; Ibuprofen, 500 Mg; Acetaminophen PM 500 Mg; Colgate Tooth Paste; Degree Deodorant – Bar; TYLENOL Cold & Flu SEVERE; NIVEA Orchid and Argan Oil Infused Body Lotion; Sour Patch Sweet & Sour Gummy Candy & Chocolates; Multivitamins (men/women/children).



FORMED Pick of the Week “Companions in Shipwreck”

In the era of cancel culture and shunning of our neighbors, we should look back at how friendship should be integrated into our lives. It may be as simple as getting to know someone, or going further and visiting them regularly. What can we learn of the true principles of friendship? Who can we learn it from? Look no further than the life of famed author and Catholic, J.R.R. Tolkien. The relationships he exhibited are a wonderful example for all of us to follow, especially with those we may disagree with. As Tolkien described marriage, it’s all about being “companions in shipwreck.”

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Mass Readings: February 22nd—February 28th

Mon., Feb. 22	Tues., Feb. 23	Wed., Feb. 24	Thurs., Feb. 25	Fri., Feb. 26	Sat., Feb. 27	Sun., Feb 28
1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19	Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15	Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32	Est C:12-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7-8 Mt 7:7-12	Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26	Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-8 Mt 5:43-48	Gn 22:1-2, 9-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

Calendar and Mass Intentions

To make a Mass intention request, please contact the Parish Office.

Sunday, Feb. 21—First Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Mass Intention († Greg LaBarre)
Monday, Feb. 22—The Chair of Saint Peter
Tuesday, Feb. 23—Saint Polycarp
8:00 a.m. Mass Intention († Dolores Selchow)
Wednesday, Feb. 24
8:00 a.m. Mass Intention († Richard Selchow)
Thursday, Feb. 25
8:00 a.m. Mass Intention († Thomas McDonough)
Friday, Feb. 26
8:45 a.m. Mass Intention († Jeanne McNulty)
Saturday, Feb. 27
5:00 p.m. Mass Intention (For the People)
Sunday, Feb. 28—Second Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. Mass Intention († James Gormley)



Rest In Peace

Please remember in your prayers
Richard "Dick" McDonough & Edward Godbout.
 Our sympathy to their families and friends.



PBVM Drive-In

As the cold sets in, park your car, come in the church and make your way to the Reconciliation Room.

Tues & Thurs, 5:00-5:45pm
Sat, 4:00-4:45pm

Pastoral Care

Join me for:
 CONVERSATION PRAYER
 BLESSINGS RECONCILIATION
 ALL FREE

Lenten Calendar of Services and Events

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Public)

Fridays: February 19 & 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 6:00 p.m. in Church

MEATLESS MEALS, TO-GO ONLY

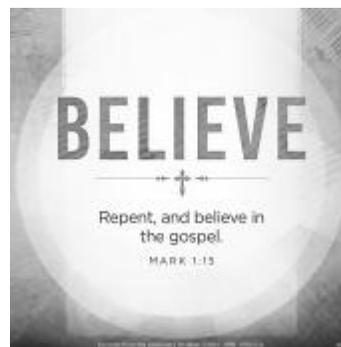
Fridays, February 19 & 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26. Pick up in Kenney Hall between 5:00-7:30 p.m.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, February 17 & ALL Fridays in Lent—those 14 and older may not eat meat.

DAYS OF FAST

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, for those who are able, ages 18 through 59 are permitted to eat one full meatless meal, as well as two smaller meatless meals that together are not equal to a full meal.



HEO Welcomes Food Donations—Donations of canned and dry goods can be brought to the church during the PBVM Drive-In hours (listed to the left). Thank you for your support!



Loaves & Fishes at Dorothy Day Collection

Our beloved ministry serving meals to those who have none still continues during this pandemic. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend Contributions for February 13 & 14, 2021

	Weekly	Year-to-date
Sunday Offertory	\$6,255	\$252,664
Electronic Contributions	\$2,653	\$141,559
Total Contributions	\$8,908	\$394,223
Budget	\$13,375	\$411,950
Variance	(\$4,467)	(\$17,727)
Renew Funds Collected (February 13 & 14, 2021)		\$149

Amidst this pandemic, I continue to be edified by the generous outpouring of love and support from our parish family.

Thank you!

Online Giving

Thank you to all who have switched over to electronic giving during this time, especially as public Masses are suspended.

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