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ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
We are a diverse parish united by God's love and inspired by our patron St. Paul. We proclaim our Roman Catholic faith through our commitment to worship, study, educate, and evangelize within our parish and beyond.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:
Striving to be a vibrant Catholic community transformed by Jesus Christ and eager to share the joy of the Gospel.

Reverend Thomas J. Woodhouse, Administrator Pro-Tem
Reverend John J. Lavin J.C.D., Senior Priest
Reverend Peter J. Lee, In Residence
Reverend Christopher M. Mahar Ph.D., S.T.D., In Residence
Deacon Paul M. Shea, Deacon Assistant

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm (Korean)
Weekdays: 12:05pm

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Eucharistic Adoration
Every Monday (excluding holiday and months of July and August) immediately after the 12:05pm Mass until Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 7pm.

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptisms are usually celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. Please call the Parish Office to register. Parents and Godparents are required to attend one baptism preparation session prior to the Baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturdays at 3:45pm, Mondays at 6pm, or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage
Wedding arrangements with the parish priest or deacon should be made about one year prior to the intended wedding date.

Sacrament of Holy Orders
If you are interested in becoming a priest call the Diocesan Office of Vocations at 401-331-1316 or visit www.catholicpriest.com for more information.

Sacrament of the Sick and Hospital Visits
If you are, or someone you know, is going to be hospitalized or would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office for assistance.

From the Desk of Father Woodhouse

As you may remember, last weekend, (from Thursday evening until Sunday afternoon), I was with the seminarians from Our Lady of Providence Seminary on our "Winter Retreat". I wish to thank my brother priests and friends; Fathers Ricci, Murphy and Morris, for covering the Masses here while I was gone and thank you for making them feel welcome.

I also want to thank you for your prayers. We enjoyed an excellent and fruitful retreat.

Taking an occasional retreat is a great way to maintain our life in the Spirit. Indeed, priests and deacons are required by Canon Law to go on retreat for at least five days every year.

Although it may not be easy for us to get away for a retreat I highly recommend it. I have one retreat house in mind that I use from time to time that you might want to check out. It is St. Joseph Retreat House and it is located in Milton, Massachusetts. It is great place to go for a couple of days/nights to relax with our Lord. You can contact them at (617) 698-6785 or via email at retreats@omvusa.org.

If you can't get away for a couple of days you may want to spend a day at La Salette Shrine. This is a gem located very near to us in Attleboro. They offer frequent confessions and have a chapel to use for quiet contemplation. The grounds are also beautiful, and even though it may be a little chilly, you can still enjoy the scenery and the religious displays…and a cup of hot chocolate (if you haven't given up sweets for Lent)!

And, as I mentioned in last week's column, you can always come here to our beautiful church to spend some quiet time with our Lord. We have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:05pm Mass until Benediction at 6:00pm on Monday and our church is open every weekday after the 12:05pm Mass until 5:00pm. During Lent we offer Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm on Monday. Also during Lent our young folks from the school come to the church on Tuesdays at 1:30pm for Stations of the Cross and after Mass on Fridays for confessions. Please pray for our young students.

After having said all of this, keep in mind that we close the church during inclement weather.

Lent is the time when we review our relationship with God and quiet contemplation is essential for doing this. I pray that we are all able to grow in our spiritual life this Lent.

With God's blessings,

Father Woodhouse

Holy Mass This Week …

Saturday - February 27
4:30 PM Joseph D'Agostino (Memorial)
Sunday - February 28 (Second Sunday of Lent)
8:00 AM Maria Pacheco (Memorial)
9:30 AM Irene Shea (27th Anniversary)
11:30 AM Ruth & Eugene Krecioch (Memorial)
Monday - March 1
12:05 PM Ronald Joseph Victor Vaillant (Memorial)
Tuesday - March 2
12:05 PM Bernard Lovely (7th Anniversary)
Wednesday - March 3 (Saint Katharine Drexel)
12:05 PM The People of Saint Paul Parish
Thursday - March 4 (Saint Casimir)
12:05 PM Lillian DesMarais (Memorial)
Friday - March 5
9:00AM School Mass
12:05 PM Helen Gately (Memorial)
Saturday - March 6
4:30 PM Mary Powers and Robert "Bud" Bradshaw (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday - March 7 (Third Sunday of Lent)
8:00 AM Paul Habershaw (Memorial)
9:30 AM Benjamin Rose (Memorial)
11:30 AM John & Judyth Arrigo
1:30PM Korean Mass

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Weekly Sacrificial Giving Report

The collections of February 6 and 7

- Budget: $4, 403.00 ($3,936.00 in budget envelopes and $467.00 loose)
- Monthly Collection: $874.00
- H.E.L.P. (Heat, Electric, Light and Power): $75.00
- Votive Candle Collection: $296.00
- Annual Collection: $100.00
- Solemnity of Mary: $20.00
- Latin America: $10.00
- Catholic Relief: $20.00
- Initial Offering: $570.00
- Easter Flowers: $20.00
- Capital Gifts $55.55
- Good Friday/Holy Land: $10.00

Faith Direct Collections
Collections from February 1-15

- Weekly Budget: $3081.56
- H.E.L.P. (Heat, Electric, Lights and Power): $90.00
- Monthly Collection: $410.00
- Parish Collection $245.00
- One Time Gift: $835.00

Jesus took Peter, James, and John 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. — Mk 9:2-3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or 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

St. Paul Parish Prayer Chain

Pray for all those on our long-term sick list: Will Oberg, Patricia (Given) Thomas, Jim Rickard, Jude Walsh, Mia Walters-Meglio, Joel Kahn, John Vittorioso, Kathleen Rush, Madeline Ursillo, Luigi Montanaro, Mary Cerullo, Chen-Chin Lin, Diane Rosa, Melissa Britto, David Miles, Bentley Bryant, Jordan Caskey, Peter Almagno, Kyle Cordeiro, Mary O'Leary, Mario Rodriquez, Albert Willis, Linda Vaillant, Frances Nicholaus, Donald Cornett, Margaret Hall, Monica Dalton, Paul Inveen, Michael Warner, Hailey Bannister, Rich Costa, Rose C. Hall, William Petrarca, Alfred Lombardo, Kaiya Loisel, John Pretilli, Stephanie Miller, Sandra-Lynne White, Ethelyn Tingley, Hailey Rhilinger, Lori Mahoney, Richard Andrews, Milly Monteiro, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Graham Harden, Lauren Cardoso, Thomas Quinn, Jean Meglio, Jacqueline Fitzgerald, Silvana Scatena, Joseph Schwab, Luis Nieto, Emilia Andrews, Frances Doyle, Michael Tonry, Catherine Starr, David Frost, Gene Floore, Ralph Ricci, Gert Shea, Jennie Merola, Natacha Legein, Jose Melara, Raymond Brisson, Bryn Kryzer, Gordon Gensler, Jonathan Alden Thomas, Mark and Crissy Gangone, Jane Woodhouse, Kenton William, Kay Johnston and all those who are sick at home, in hospitals, or living in nursing facilities.

Please contact the rectory office if you would like to place someone on the Prayer Chain.

Almighty and Eternal God,
You are the everlasting health
of those who believe in You.
Hear us for Your sick servants
for whom we implore the aid of
Your tender mercy, that being restored
to bodily health, they may give thanks to
You in Your Church.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Military Prayer List

Please pray for all those currently serving in the Armed Forces

LTJG Peter Schofield, U.S. Coast Guard
BM1 Christopher Rantuccio, U.S. Coast Guard
SGT Sean Andrade, RI Army National Guard
AB Ryanna L. Vittorioso, RI Air National Guard
CAPT Patrick Timothy Drury, U.S. Army
CAPT Charles Kelly; U.S. Army
SSG Brian Andrade, U.S. Army
SGT Matthew Jeff, U.S. Army
SGT Zachary Maguire, U.S. Army
PFC Scott Ryan Marcinko, U.S. Army
PFC Alex Brant, U.S. Army
LT Matthew Lutynski, D.O., U.S. Navy
TSGT Tristan Henthorne, U.S. Air Force
SSGT Lena Lau, U.S. Air Force
SSGT Stephen J. Colella, U.S. Air Force
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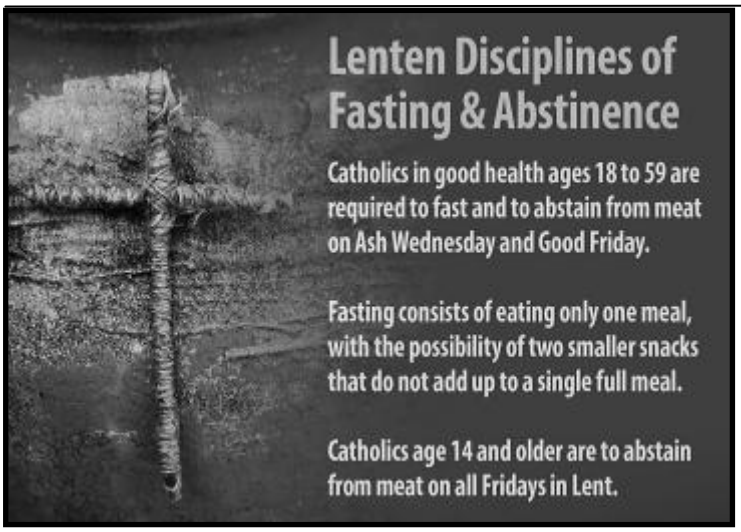

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn't really mind.*

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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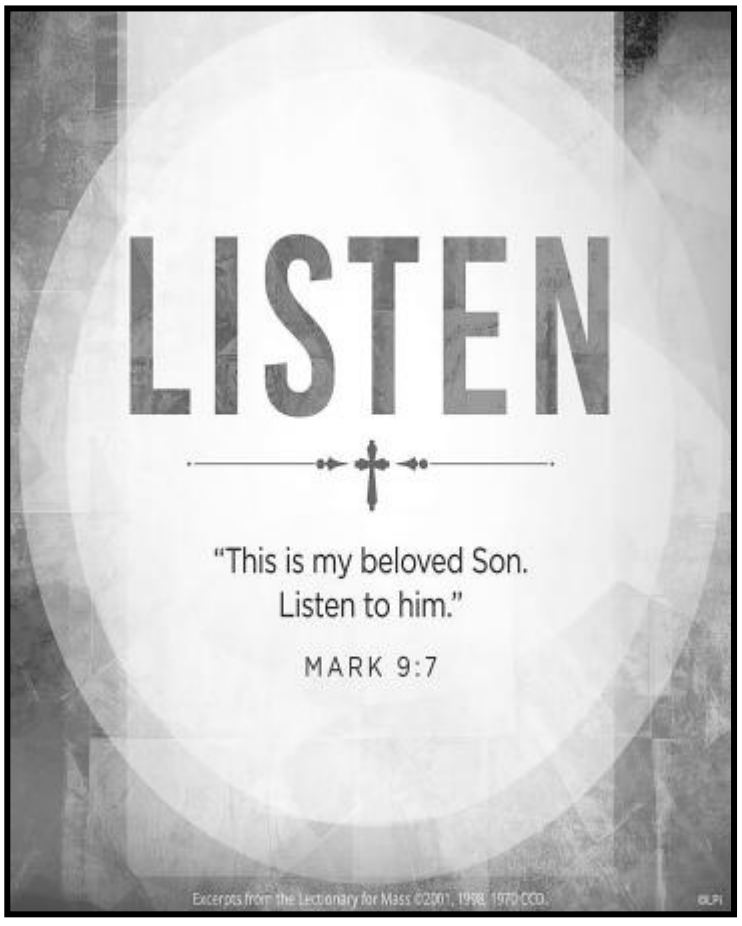
Looking ahead to our March GIFT Session

SUFFERING...it's a part of everyone's life, perhaps now more than ever for many of us. As humans we long for relief, but as Christians we are called to participate, embrace, and even rejoice in our suffering. But how? And why?

What questions do you have about suffering? Ask Fr. Mahar!

Although he is currently serving at the Vatican in the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, he is looking forward to addressing us from Rome for our March GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Session!

Please submit your questions for Fr. Mahar by emailing **faithform@saintpaulcranston.org** *TODAY!* Thank you!



Lent at St. Paul's

Mondays: Devotions & Stations of the Cross (in church)
Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 12:05PM Mass
5:00-5:45PM Confessions

5:30PM Parishioner-led Rosary
6:00PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30PM Praying of the Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays: Night Prayer of the Church
7:30-8:00PM (on Zoom*)
Don't squeeze prayer into your day, order your day around prayer! That's what the Liturgy of the Hours is all about. It incorporates psalms, scripture readings, and various prayers at intervals throughout the day beginning with the Office of Readings, then Morning Prayer, Mid-Morning, Midday, Afternoon, Vespers, and finally Night Prayer, the last prayer of the day - and the shortest. Night Prayer is the perfect way to end your day! Join our Seminarian, Adam, and give it a try this Lent!

"Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep; that awake we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace."

Wednesdays: Lectio Divina
7:00-8:00PM (on Zoom*)
Open your Bible and experience God speaking to you through his Word. By reading, rereading, meditating, and listening/sharing insights, you experience the Gospel in an entirely new and personal way.

***Zoom links will be sent in the weekly Parish Flocknote**

Winter Weather Notice

Our church is open for YOU every weekday from 11AM to 5PM (Mondays till 7PM), but in the case of inclement weather the church will be closed. Stay home and stay safe!

The Week Ahead!

Monday, March 1 Liturgy Committee meets at 3:00PM in the Rectory
Tuesday, March 2 Night Prayer begins at 7:30PM via Zoom
Wednesday, March 3 Lectio Divina begins via Zoom
Saturday, March 6 Men of St. Joseph begins at 8:00AM via Zoom

A Note of Thanks...

Many thanks to the St. Paul's parishioners for the generous donation of 134.2 pounds of groceries in January. As we enter the second year of the pandemic, our neighbors' need is still great. You have helped to keep our shelves stocked with foods for a balanced diet. Our shoppers leave with many smiles and many thanks-yous thanks to your generosity.

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