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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

- Mk 9:7-8

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm(Spanish)
Monday - Friday: 12:00pm in the church
Saturday: 9:00am in the church,
5:00pm in church (Anticipated Mass of Sunday)
Holy Days & Holidays: As announced in Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Daily: Upon request following the 12:00pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents should contact the parish office to schedule an interview and register for the required baptismal preparation session.

Preparation: in the church at 7:00pm
Mar. 22, May 10

Sacrament: in the church at 3:00pm
Apr. 3, May 16

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Common Policy for Marriage in all Catholic parishes of New Jersey requires couples to begin preparation at least one year prior to the planned wedding date. It is advisable to contact the parish office before any other arrangements are made.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Anointing of the Sick is available for all seriously ill members of our parish family. Please call the parish office.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's process to prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please call the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION / OFFICE HOURS

We invite all new members of our parish family to register at the Parish Office during regular office hours: 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday - Friday; Saturdays and Sundays Closed.

Second Sunday Of Lent

The destination of our Lenten journey is clearly to be seen in today's readings: the mystery of the Cross, in which the father 'did not spare his own Son', and the glory which was to be the Risen Christ's in his final triumph, glimpsed on the mountain.

The testing of Abraham is one of the masterpieces of the Old Testament. The story echoes a brutal age in which the sacrifice of children was not uncommon – in fact, the people of the old Israel were taught to sacrifice an animal in place of their offspring, to turn them away from this horrendous temptation. But the real point of the story, made so wonderfully, is the absolute trust that is asked of Abraham, making him the model of all true believers. To the people of Abraham's world there was nothing more important in life than descendants who would remember and honor them. Long after the age when he could expect a child, God gave Abraham a son. If he gives up Isaac, he has nothing left but his trust in God. That trust is rewarded – those who will call him their father will be countless; all the peoples of the earth will be blessed in his name – through the salvation brought by the Cross of Christ.

This heart-rending story of the testing of a father's love is linked in today's liturgy with the basic truth of our Christian faith, proclaimed by St Paul, in the second reading. The eternal Father, who for our sake 'did not spare his own Son', will not refuse anything to his people in their need.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND UNDERSTANDING OUR SUFFERINGS

On his way to Calvary, Christ experienced the sufferings ordinary men and women experience every day throughout the world. He showed not only how to deal with them, but through the power of love how to transform suffering's destructive power into something life-giving. In Christ's passion and death, St. John Paul II wrote that Jesus "has taken upon himself the physical and moral sufferings of the people of all times, so that in love they may find the salvific meaning of their sorrow and valid answers to all of their questions" (Salvifici Doloris, No. 31).

Meditating on the Stations of the Cross exposes Christ's suffering heart — "sorrowful even to death" (Mk 14:34). In his condemnation to death, Christ teaches that we have the freedom to accept life's sorrows. He does not let condemnation be levied upon him, but rather he chooses it out of love. Taking up his cross, Christ models how to accept suffering as an act of love in obedience to God's will.

Christ falls three times on the way to Calvary. The sufferings due to sin in our lives continually cause failure. In falling himself, Christ shows that, despite suffering's tendency to bring us down, discouragement can be overcome by dependence on God's grace. Christ teaches us how to persevere through the failure and exhaustion through which our suffering inevitably leads and be of one heart and mind in pursuit of the Father's will. Such is redemptive suffering — as the old saying goes, "no pain, no gain."

Christ's way to Calvary illustrates, too, how God graces us with models of love in the midst of our suffering. But like Christ, we must be attentive and receptive to them. The compassion, cooperation and generosity of others — such as Christ experienced in the fourth, fifth and sixth stations — are examples of how love is returned to love. And when unburdened by our own sufferings, through love, each of us can be channels of God's love through service, like Mary, Simon and Veronica. "In the face of evil, suffering and sin, the only response possible for a disciple of Jesus is the gift of self, even of one's own life, in imitation of Christ; it is the attitude of service," Pope Francis said during World Youth Day in Poland in 2016.

Since life's road must pass by way of Calvary, this journey of love ultimately entails that we strip ourselves of all that keeps us from God and his will. At the end of his road to Calvary, Christ shows that abandoning ourselves to the hands of providence comes with detachment from all earthly power, pleasure, wealth and honor. The Christian must be unhesitant to cast aside anything necessary to advance the kingdom of God. In this way suffering is a gift that enables us to focus on the new life in Christ that awaits believers. Through the pain of suffering we gain the joy of heaven itself — eternal happiness with God — the gates to which Christ opened for "the many."

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, the daily Mass celebrated Monday through Friday at 7:00 AM in the chapel will be consolidated into the 12:00 PM Mass until further notice. The intention for 12:00 PM Mass will be for both the 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM intention. There will be no change to the Saturday or Sunday schedule at this time. The 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday will continue to be celebrated in the church to allow for social distancing.

OUR PARISH FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

Your generosity now can help us make to make sure that we have enough food to help our neighbors in need through the cold winter months.

If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated: Canned Vegetables, Fruit, Tuna, Potatoes (small packages or canned), Cereal (12 oz. or smaller), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Coffee (regular or small instant) and Cookies. Thank you for all of the generous donations. It's only with your help that we are able to keep our food pantry stocked. *As a reminder, we are unable to package out-of-date food products for distribution to our families.*

We would like to offer our recipients a **birthday bag**. To accomplish this *we need donations of: cake mix, can of icing, candles, small birthday plates and napkins. We will package it all into a birthday bag.* Please leave these items with the rest of the food in the back of the church near the Sacred Heart shrine. We appreciate all your generosity!

Upcoming Food Pantry Open Dates:

Saturday, March 20th & March 27th (Easter Pick Up)

Saturday, April 17th & April 24th

Saturday, May 22nd

Saturday, June 19th and June 26th

ONLINE GIVING AT SACRED HEART

Did you know that there are two ways you can give online to our parish with GoFundMe or Zelle?

1. Give online with a credit or debit card. Use our Go Fund Me Page. Visit our parish GoFundMe page at:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/sacred-heart-church-lyndhurst>

2. You can give to the parish through the Zelle online payment system offered through most major banks. When you create the Zelle payee for the parish, please use the parish email address: sacredheartchurch@comcast.net.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

SICK: Betty Tynan, Baby Ryan Joseph Lomuscio, Dolores Manno, Sal Russo, Charles Klimkowsky, Nancy Namoviez, Giovanna Muscara, Al & Joan Viscuso, Lea Pappas, Anita Barcia, Denise Swanteck, Maureen F. Coughlin, John Smith, Julius Single, Dave Tzrepla, Frank Bucu, Sr., John Stenkowski, Dominick Palmieri, Christopher N. Coughlin, Vladimir Pudoff, Isabella Lugo, Tess, Allison Russell, Franceso Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., Arvn Santos, Vito & Grace Dacchille, John Scivetti, Ellie Cappadona, Joseph Caramanico, Rose Motisi, Ken Stone, Rosie Perez, Timothy Yushak, Simplicia Ramirez

DECEASED: Patrick J. Carr, Marion Iafrate

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

In Honor of: Betty Sottovia - At Rest With The Lord 8 Years
Donated by: Jean & Tom Redner

FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH

In Honor of: Louise Breustedt
Donated by: Rosemary & Andrew Palelogos

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Were you there when the crucified my Lord?

Here at Sacred Heart, we will pray the Stations of the Cross as a community the Fridays of Lent **March 5, 12, 19, 26 following the 12 Noon Mass.** As early as the 4th century, Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land would walk the route that Our Lord walked as He made His way to Golgotha for our salvation. When Muslims captured Jerusalem and it became too dangerous to make this pilgrimage, Christians replicated the sites back home in and there developed the "Stations of the Cross" devotion (also known as "Way of the Cross," "Via Dolorosa," or "Via Crucis"). The devotion consists of meditating on 14 events -- that number being fixed in 1731 by Pope Clement XII -- which took place during Christ's Passion, from His being condemned to His burial.

BEST LENT EVER

Lent is a 40-day period leading up to Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday. Lent is known as a penitential season. That means it is an opportunity to examine your life, give your struggles to God, and invite him to help you become the-best-version-of-yourself. Lent is the perfect time to form new life-giving habits and abandon old self-destructive habits. But most of us just give up something. Then, when Easter arrives, we realize we really haven't grown spiritually since the beginning of Lent. **Lent is not just about giving things up, it's about who you become.**

What if this year you did more than just give up something during Lent? Do something life-changing. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever. **It's FREE.** Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever email program will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way, and begin (or nourish) a habit of daily prayer. Visit www.dynamiccatholic.com for more details and to sign-up.

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00 pm Special Intention

SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Jeannette & Nicholas De Frino
10:30 am Juan Morales
12:00pm Wiktorija & Czeslaw
1:30 pm Elcira Sanchez

MONDAY - Lenten Weekday

12:00pm Special Intention

TUESDAY - Lenten Weekday

12:00pm Theodore Cornell

WEDNESDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

12:00pm Christopher Meister (Living)

THURSDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. Casimir

12:00pm Assunta Rega

FRIDAY - Lenten Weekday

12:00pm Special intention

SATURDAY - Lenten Weekday

9:00am Purgatorial Society

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00 pm Special Intention

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Paul S. Tyahla
10:30 am Angela Malzone
12:00pm Special Intention
1:30 pm People With Anxiety & Depression

STEWARDSHIP

February 14th

Sunday Collection - \$6,189

Heating Fuel Collection - \$1,556

Add'l Assessment Collection - \$447

February 21st

Sunday Collection - \$6,665

Ash Wednesday - \$2,034

Central & Eastern Europe - \$1,115

ANNUAL APPEAL 2021 - CATHOLIC STEWARSHIP IN ACTION ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

The Archdiocese's 2021 Annual Appeal, "Catholic Stewardship *in Action*" is currently underway. You may have already received at home a letter from Cardinal Tobin explaining the important role the Annual Appeal plays for our Archdiocese. Gifts to the Annual Appeal play a critical role in the delivery of programs and ministries provided by the Archdiocese that are at the heart of the mission of our local Church.

Your gift will assist passing on the faith, ministries that proclaim the Gospel, care for the Poor and Vulnerable, forming future priests and supporting retired clergy.

To Date, 57 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:

Our Total Parish's Goal - \$33,992 -- Received To Date - \$20,115 (59.17% of Goal)

****Our Parish's Paid Pledge Goal By June 30th - \$28,894 -- Received To Date - \$8,945 (30.95% of Goal)**

Your generosity not only supports all the ministries listed above but can also be a direct support for our parish as well. If we exceed our total parish goal, we will receive a rebate from the Archdiocese of all the excess funds and a 2% reduction in our parish assessment for the fiscal year. It's a great way for our parish family to "fund raise" and help others at the same time. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider your gift to the Annual Appeal.

****Reminder, we must collect our Parish's Paid Pledge Goal by June 30th. If we don't accomplish this, the shortfall will be added as an expense to our budget and must be paid to the Archdiocese by September 30, 2021.**

If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider your gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Envelopes for the Appeal are available in the pews. You can also make your gift online at www.rcan.org/sharing. Please be sure to select Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst so the parish receives credit.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. *If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.* The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted and two (2) smaller meals, which added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.
Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

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