

**February 28, 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

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Masses are being celebrated publically on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 PM, on Sunday morning at 9:00 and 11:00 AM, and on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 AM. Reservations are not required for Monday, Tuesday or Friday. Church doors are locked 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass; all attendees must be seated by then.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Reconciliation is always available by appointment. In addition, times set aside for “walk in” reconciliation will be announced from time to time in this bulletin.

**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays, generally the first Sunday of the month.

**MATRIMONY:** Please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of desired date and prior to making any arrangements for the wedding reception. Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays.

**CONFIRMATION:** Please contact the Director of Religious Education (410-208-2854) for information. Confirmation is conferred in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please inform the Parish Office about parishioners who need this sacrament as soon as their illness becomes serious.

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**SACRAMENTALS:** For the renewal of marriage vows and the blessing of homes, religious articles, automobiles, boats, and other appropriate items, please contact the Pastor.

**Please Take This Bulletin Home With You.**  
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## SAINT JOHN NEUMANN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It's hard to believe that we're already beginning the second week of Lent! It's good for us to recall those disciplinary practices that are incumbent upon us as baptized Catholics during this holy season. These practices are rooted in our understanding that repentance – turning away from sin and back to God – includes some form of penance.

Here's what the 1983 Code of Canon Law says:

- “The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent.” (Canon 1250) [Pastor's Note: This is important: Lent is not the only time of penance for Catholics. Every Friday of the year is supposed to be a day of penance for us.]
- “Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.” (Canon 1251) [Pastor's Note: This is fairly simple. “No meat on Fridays” is still the rule for the universal Church; however, because of the authority given to them in Canon 1253 – see a few lines below – the American bishops have determined that in our country we can choose some other form of penance on Fridays rather than abstaining from meat. The bottom line, though, is that each of us is obliged to observe every Friday of the year with some form of penance. The *Lenten* Fridays, though, *along with Ash Wednesday and Good Friday*, are still *meatless* days.]
- “The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority, until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence are taught the true meaning of penance.” (Canon 1252) [Pastor's Note: This canon gives us the specific details: if you are 14 years of age or older, you must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays in Lent; you must perform some act of penance on all the other Fridays, and one way to do this is to abstain from meat on those days – but there are also many other ways: going to confession, making a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, doing an act of charity, giving alms, et al. In addition, if you are between 18 and 59 years of age, you must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means that we eat only one full meal on those days (which, in addition, are meatless); we are allowed to have two “small amounts” of food in addition to the one full meal. For most of us, that means a small amount of food at breakfast, a small amount at lunch and a regular meal for dinner; some may choose to do the full meal at breakfast or lunch instead. The canon makes another interesting point in that it obliges pastors to make sure that even those who are not bound to fasting and abstinence because of their age are taught the meaning of these disciplines. Just because a person is no longer required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (the obligation to abstain does not go away with age), it is still good for them to do so if they can.]
- “The conference of bishops can determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence as well as substitute other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety, in whole or in part, for abstinence and fast.” (Canon 1253) [Pastor's Note: As I mentioned above, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has allowed for the substitution of other forms of penance for people who choose not to abstain from meat on the Fridays outside of Lent. The only other exception to what is written above concerns people whose medical conditions would make it unsafe for them to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.]

As we move through this holy season, let's remember to pray for each other daily, asking Christ to give each of us what we need to grow closer to Him so as to enjoy the Kingdom the Father has prepared for us from the beginning of time.

God bless you, always!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe Cocucci, KHS". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci, KHS  
Pastor

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Masses for the Week

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday, 27 February</b> |                              |
| 4:00 PM                      | People of the Parish         |
| <b>Sunday, 28 February</b>   | <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> |
| 9:00 AM                      | John James Lonergan          |
| 11:00 AM                     | Cornelius Trigger            |
| <b>Monday, 1 March</b>       |                              |
| 9:00 AM                      | Mary and Vince Catania       |
| <b>Tuesday, 2 March</b>      |                              |
| 9:00 AM                      | Art Metzger                  |
| <b>Friday, 5 March</b>       |                              |
| 9:00 AM                      | Bridget and Patrick Dunne    |
| <b>Saturday, 6 March</b>     |                              |
| 4:00 PM                      | Italia and Alvidio Esposito  |
| <b>Sunday, 7 March</b>       | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  |
| 9:00 AM                      | People of the Parish         |
| 11:00 AM                     | John Foote                   |

### SANCTUARY CANDLE



The week of February 28<sup>th</sup> the Sanctuary Candle is burning for the intention of the Tellman family.

### LENT

O most gentle Jesus,  
by your precious blood,  
deliver us from all evils.  
By your most bitter death  
give us a lively faith,  
firm hope and perfect charity,  
so that with our whole hearts  
we may love you  
with all our soul and strength.  
Make us persevere  
in your service,  
firm and steadfast in good works,  
so that we may be always  
able to please you. *Amen*

*St. Clare of Assisi*

### WEEKLY READINGS



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

### Parish Giving

Offertory Collection for February 20/21  
Envelopes: \$7,935

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

Please, if you can, continue to mail in your weekly donation or consider making your donation electronically.

Call Deacon Weschler (410-208-2956 Ext. 207) for more details.

### RAFFLE WINNER

We congratulate Richard Kolanowski of Berlin, MD, who was the winner of \$300 on February 22, 2021.



### Rest in Peace

Please pray for the family and friends of Margaret Harlin and Anna Weinman who passed away. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### A Prayer to My Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love entrusts me here,  
ever this day be at my side  
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.

Angel sent by God to guide me,  
be my light and walk beside me;  
be my guardian and protect me;  
on the path of life direct me.



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**St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church  
Second Sunday of Lent (28 February, 2021)**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**First Reading:** *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, declares 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."

**Psalm Response:** *I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.*

**Second Reading:** *Romans 8:31b-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.

**Verse Before the Gospel:**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

**Gospel:** *Mark 9:2-10*

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. 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

**Gospel:** Mark 9:2-10 (cont.)

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.

**The Profession of Faith:** I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with 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, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Communion Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

**An Act of Spiritual Communion:** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

***Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel***

Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits  
who prowl throughout the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.



From the desk of Kathleen Manns, Principal...

MBS, upon receipt of the Charles D. and Mary A. Bauer Foundation grant, has completed the installation of our fence and new mulch on our existing playground. We are grateful for their generosity in granting us this money.

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The Diocese of Wilmington is now accepting tuition assistance applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Each year through its Vision for the Future Education Fund, the diocese offers financial aid to a number of families who desire a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. Families with children in grades K-12 registered at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School who believe they are in need of assistance are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply is March 4, 2021. Please call the school for more information. To be considered, parents must first submit an application to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment for evaluation. Please note that it is the policy of the diocese that tuition assistance will be granted only to those families whose children are officially registered in one of our schools. For this reason, enrollment must be official before tuition assistance can be offered. **Families currently receiving tuition assistance from the diocese must reapply for 21/22 consideration. Assistance is not automatically renewed from year to year.**

Friday, February 26, thanks to Atlantic General Hospital, our teachers received their second Covid-19 vaccine shot. Due to concerns regarding side effects, we have decided to be pro-active and teach virtually from home, Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

May God Bless our families!



### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are available online at our parish's YouTube page. The devotion will be available until Good Friday. To join us in praying the Stations go to this link:

[https://youtu.be/sRUA\\_-9rID4](https://youtu.be/sRUA_-9rID4)



**Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders:** Please schedule 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation with Fr. Cocucci after turning in your completed folder.

**Confirmation 2021:** Next Confirmation Meeting—March 6, 10 AM—12 Noon.

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### REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: Betty and Joseph Davis, Rose Mary McAleer and all those whose names appear on the *Parish List of the Sick*.

If you would like someone added to the *Parish List of the Sick* send your request to [sjnprayforus@gmail.com](mailto:sjnprayforus@gmail.com). Privacy protocols require you to obtain permission before submitting a name other than your own.

### Aquinas 101 Lenten Study

Jamey Sturgill, Coordinator of Religious Education, is leading a Lenten Study via Zoom. Participants watch 2 assigned videos per week. Each video covers a specific theme and averages 5 minutes each. The next virtual meetings are on March 7 and March 21 (via Zoom) from 6-7 PM. Send a text message @aquinas10 to 81010 to join. For additional information, please contact Jamey on 410-208-2854.

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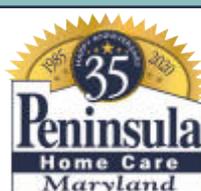
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