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Rev. Thomas I. Ward, Administrator
Rev. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Pastor Emeritus
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evenings: 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses: 8:15 & 10:15 AM
Weekdays and Holy Days: As Scheduled

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Religious Education

Peg Mincher, REA - (315) 320-4118
Donna Rawson, Baptism Coordinator
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Music

Steven W. Medicis, Director of Music

Sacraments of Baptism & Marriage

Call rectory to make arrangements

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays before noon

FEBRUARY 28, 2021



From the
Pastor's Desk

In the first reading we hear the shocking account of how God required Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. We should recall that Abraham had been told by the Lord that the number of his descendants would be as great as the number of stars seen in the night sky. (Genesis 15:5) We should also recall that Isaac was the only child of Abraham and Sarah and that Isaac had been conceived when Abraham as ninety-nine years old and Sarah was ninety. (Genesis 71:1,17) So why did God require this sacrifice?

In his Epistle, St. James interpreted the sacrifice of Isaac as a test of Abraham's interior faith that was to be expressed in the outward work of sacrifice:

Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by works, and the scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness"; and he was called the friend of God. You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. (James 2:21-24)

Furthermore, we should see in Isaac a foreshadowing of Jesus who would be sacrificed to redeem us from our sins. Even though the verse is skipped in the account we have in the First Reading, we are told in Genesis that *...Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, while he himself carried the fire and the knife.* (Genesis 22:6) Thus, in Isaac we see an only begotten son who carries wood on his shoulder up a mountain where the Son would be sacrificed.

It also needs to be noted that Isaac asked his father Abraham "*Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?*" *Abraham's response is truly prophetic: Abraham said, "God will provide himself the lamb..."* Our faith is a response to God's faithfulness that is revealed in His Son Jesus who carries the wood of the cross up Calvary where He would be offered as a sacrifice. In Jesus, God has truly provided Himself as *the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

God's faithfulness is especially revealed in the sacrifice of the Mass. The outward signs of bread and wine that become the Body and Blood of Christ proclaim the faithfulness of our Heavenly Father. After all, if Abraham who, ultimately did not have to sacrifice his son (The Angel stopped him) is understood to be faithful, how much more faithful is our Heavenly Father who did not spare His Son the passion of the Cross. In the mass our faith becomes a response to God's never failing fidelity and mercy.

Grace be with you all,

Rev. Thomas I. Ward

OUR SACRIFICIAL GIFTS TO OUR LORD
Feb. 21 (Mail-in/Donation Box).....\$4149.00
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MASS INTENTIONS
MARCH 1 - 7

Monday, March 1

9:00 AM - Richard "Dick" Cizenski - *Fr. Thomas Ward*

Tuesday, March 2

9:00 AM - Herta Sharak - *Joan Hanlin*

7:00 PM - People of Our Lady of Hope

Wednesday, March 3

7:30 AM - People of Our Lady of Hope

9:00 AM - Elizabeth Moriarty - *William Moriarty*

Thursday, March 4

9:00 AM - Lara Kinne - *The Sapka Family*

Friday, March 5

7:30 AM - People of Our Lady of Hope

9:00 AM - Ann Nowicki - *Diane & Jim Lloyd*

Saturday, March 6

9:00 AM - Special Intentions for Josephine Fitzpatrick
 - *Kathleen Kelly*

4:00 PM - Emily Garrett - *Jane Summerville & Jean Scheftic*

Sunday, March 7

8:15 AM - Carl A. Remon (1st Anniv.) - *Sheila Kresse*

10:15 AM - People of Our Lady of Hope

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES

Mon.-Fri.: 8:20 AM - Rosary

Mon.: Adoration after 9:00 AM Mass to 10:30AM

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS...

Please pray for vocations and all of our Diocesan seminarians and those in formation for the Diaconate and religious life. This week (March 1-7) please keep **Seminarian Benjamin Schrantz** in your prayers.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
MARCH 1 - 7

Will burn **IN MEMORY OF DIANE PIROZZI (BIRTHDAY)** at the request of Randy and Merrilee Frese

AROUND OUR PARISH...

- **Adult Catechesis:** Thurs. -until Mar. 25 - 7:00 PM
- **Evening Prayer:** Mon.-Fri. - Mar. 1 - 26 - 6:15 PM
- **Confessions:** Wed. - Mar. 3 - 31 - 5:00-6:00 PM
- **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays - 5:30 PM
- **Additional Lenten Masses:**
Tues. - Mar. 2 - 23 - 7:00 PM
Wed. & Fri. - Mar. 3 - 24 - 7:30 AM

NOTES TO NURSING HOMES

Due to the Covid pandemic, many residents in nursing homes are struggling with loneliness, due to a lack of visitors. Our Lady of Hope is planning to send cards and letters to nursing home residents and looking for your participation. If you have a few minutes during the next few weeks, write a letter or purchase a card with a brief note for an anonymous person in a Nursing Home, indicating that you are praying for them or just thinking of them in these difficult times. You can send one card or letter or prepare as many as you would like. Please drop them off in parish office or after masses the next few weeks and we will be sending them to nearby nursing homes, such as Van Duyn or Central Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, during Lent.

*There is no medicine like hope,
no incentive so great, and no
tonic so powerful as expectation
of something tomorrow.*

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The apostles thought they knew Jesus; but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were “afraid.” In families, we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

MASS OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Hymn	“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”
Entrance Antiphon	Cf. Psalm 25(24):6, 2, 22 “Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.”
Kyrie, Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)	<i>Missa XVII</i> A Kyrie Salve
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 116(114):9; 116(115):10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 “I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.”
Tract	Psalm 60(59):4, 6 “You have caused the earth to quake, O Lord, you have rent it open.”
Offertory Antiphon	Psalm 119(118):47, 48 “I will meditate on your commandments which I love exceedingly; I will lift up my hands towards your commandments which I love.”
Sanctus (Holy)	<i>Missa XVIII</i> / <i>Roman Missal</i>
Mystery of Faith	<i>Roman Missal</i> / C (“Save us...”)
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)	<i>Missa XVIII</i> / <i>Roman Missal</i>
Communion Antiphon and Psalm	Matthew 17:9; Psalm 97(96):1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 “Tell no one what you have seen until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.”
Hymn after Dismissal	“The Glory of These Forty Days”

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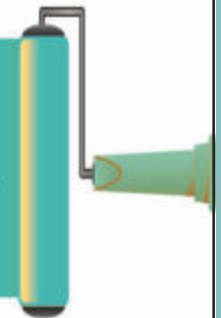
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