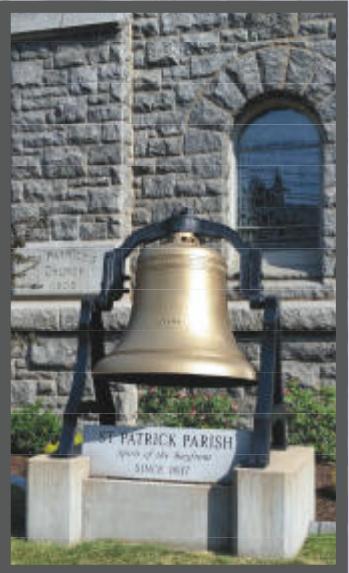


Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021



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Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



Today is the Second Sunday of Lent and our reading shows us why Abraham is the "Father of Faith." The tale is rather horrific, but from beginning to end, it is void of emotion. Abraham's response to God, "Here I am," seems void of any feeling whatsoever. We have to keep in mind what Isaac represents. He stands as the gateway to the future. Since God had promised Abraham that he would carve out a nation among his descendants, the death of Isaac would negate that. Note that God calls him to the mountain as the mountains are understood to be sacred sites where God might be found. When Abraham ascends with his son, God is able to bless him, provide him with a ram to sacrifice and reiterate his promise that he will make of Abraham a great nation with "descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore."

Our brief second reading today deals with Paul's correspondence with the faltering community at Rome. Most likely written in the mid 50s AD, during a particularly volatile period of unrest between Jewish and Gentile Christians in Rome, this section promises salvation for those who are in Christ. Paul uses legalistic terminology to fortify his proposition that the death and resurrection of Christ serves to claim all those in the church for eternal life. If those outside of Christ bring charges against the church, surely God will "acquit." The powerful words of assurance are, "If God is with us, who can be against us?" They sustain the reader that enduring persecution is worth the effort.

The story of the Transfiguration must be understood as a theophany, a visible manifestation of God's glory. Because Jesus is accompanied by Peter, James and John, the dramatic change in Jesus' appearance is intended to be witnessed and carried forth to others. Just as Moses appeared to the Israelites with his face transfigured, giving witness to his intimate relationship with God, so does the Transfiguration of Jesus testify to God's intimacy with his son. What does it mean? The presence of Moses and Elijah is meant to show that all that is happening has

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

taken place in the Law and the Prophets. Jesus does not stand for a new plan of salvation; no, he is continuing the mission of his forebearers. Remember that in Mark's gospel, the disciples do not understand who Jesus is as the last sentence reminds us.

Today there are 105 active diocesan priests (when I was ordained in 1970, I was #305!!!), 37 retired priests and 72 permanent deacons who serve 96 parishes. There are 213 Women Religious and the diocese has 6 seminarians (again when I was ordained in 1970, there were 12 of us in my Erie ordination class alone). We have 30 Catholic schools serving 5,245 students and an additional 6,900 students in Religious Education.

If you go to our parish webpage and click on Church History, you will find a 15 minute video on the history of the parish as well as the story of the building of St. Patrick's Church.

If you contribute to the Catholic Services Appeal, where does your money go? Of the \$4.2 million goal this year, \$977,000 goes to education; \$809,000 to pastoral services; \$698,000 to Catholic Charities, \$185,000 to the Tribunal Office (which handles annulments); \$150,000 to Clergy services; \$300,000 to Communications; \$439,000 to Financial Services and \$270,000 to the Catholic Foundation which helps finance schools and provides, as well as, professional and development services to the Diocese of Erie.

Wife's diary: Tonight I thought my husband was acting strange. We were to meet at a restaurant for dinner and he didn't seem upset that I was late. Conversation just didn't flow so I asked him what was wrong. He said, "Nothing." I asked him if it was my fault he was upset and he said that he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me and not to worry about it. On the way home, I told him I loved him. He smiled lightly but kept on driving. I don't understand why he didn't say, "I love you, too." We got home and he remained distant. Finally I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed but I felt his thoughts were distracted and were somewhere else. He fell asleep; I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure his thoughts are of someone else.

Husband's diary: A one-foot putt. Who the hell misses a one-foot putt?



Saint Patrick News

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Feb. 27 Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY (NANCY GITTERE)

Feb. 28 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM FAMILY OF LIZ BECKER

(BILL & BETTY ANN FILIPKOWSKI)

10:30 AM SALLY KOHLER (JOE & ALEEN WEINDORF)

March 1 Monday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY (ESTATE)

March 2 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK

March 3 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM MASS

March 4 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM MASS

March 5 Friday,

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

March 6 Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM MASS

March 7 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM NANCY & JACK DWYER (BILL & LYNN GRANT)

10:30 AM ALFRED SOKOLOWSKI (FAMILY)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Kearney

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kearney, Ray Fiorelli

Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 8:00 am

Lector: Dan Bergell

Eucharistic Minister: Ann & Steve Scutella

Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Minister: Dario Cipriani, Tom Golab

Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,397.75
Online Giving	3,032.50
Total	\$ 10,430.25

Thank you for your generosity!

A Family Perspective-

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changes 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.

NEED PRAYERS?

Please call Mary Alice Hartwell at 454-5908 to have your prayer intentions placed on our joint parish prayer wheel. Please be assured that your prayer requests will be treated with respect and confidentiality.



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