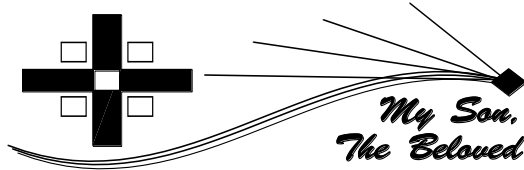


The Second Sunday of Lent



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Thank you to all those who have already made a gift to the **2017 Appeal**. For those who are considering a gift, remember no gift is too small. For your convenience, there are envelopes in the pews and at the doors of the church. Please make your pledge today.

March 12, 2017

Sat. March 11, 2017

5:00 pm – Anne Tracey, Lewis Watson, Hank Sudol

Sun. March 12, 2017

9:00 am – Gaye Collins, Ida Lissner, Mary Maimone

9:00 & 11:00 am – CTW, 3, 4, 5 year olds

10:00 am – Grade 1

11:00 am – Anne Savastano, John Garrett, Jr.,
Nick Delimme, Sr.

12:00 pm – Adult Faith Formation Comm. Mtg.

Mon. March 13, 2017

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education

7:00 pm – Parish Council Meeting

Tues. March 14, 2017

9:30 am & 6:30 pm – Lenten Bible Study

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education

6:30 pm - GNB

Wed. March 15, 2017

10:00 – Sunday Scripture

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education

Thurs. March 16, 2017

7:00 pm - RCIA

7:00 pm. – AA

7:15 pm – Choir Practice

Fri. March 17, 2017

Sat. March 18, 2017

5:00 pm – Jose & Ramona Martinez, Jimmy Young,
Rita Murawski

6:00 pm – St. Patrick's Day Dinner



Sun. March 19, 2017

9:00 am – Alba Pierce, Gaye Collins, Lucy Cortwright

9:00 & 11:00 am – CTW, 3, 4, 5 year olds

10:00 am – Grade 1

11:00 am – Patrick Guzzo, Louis Alaia,
Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

FORGIVENESS-A LENTEN RETREAT

The Adult Faith Formation Committee invites you to join them on **Saturday, April 1st** as **Fr. Jim Hess, O. Carm.** presents a time of reflection, discussion and prayer. **Doors open at 9:00 am with coffee and refreshments and the program begins promptly at 9:30.** Please bring a brown bag lunch. Sign up after all the Masses starting this weekend, **March 11th & 12th in DJH.** A free will offering will be accepted.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Faith Formation Committee Lenten Bible study program meets every Tuesday at **9:30 am and 6:30 pm in Deacon John Hall.** Join us as we discuss the Book of Exodus. Can't make every meeting, no problem, drop-ins are always welcome.

HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass will be held on **Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 7:00pm** at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY. Anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for a physical, spiritual or emotional illness in their lives is welcomed to attend. **Contact Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at 845-343-1879** for further information.

EASTER FLOWERS

Parishioners are invited to remember deceased relatives and friends by making a donation toward the Easter plants used to decorate our Church. Please submit the names you want to remember by placing your "Easter Flowers" envelope in the collection basket. The usual donation is **\$10.00 per name.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 4th & 5th – Totaled - \$8,879.37
Collection \$6,591.62 – Online \$2,287.75
Thank you!



IDEAS FOR LENT

Looking for something to give up for Lent?

- Give up harsh words... **USE GENEROUS ONES**
- Give up resentment... **AND BECOME MORE FORGIVING**
- Give up complaining... **VALUE WHAT YOU HAVE**
- Give up hatred... **RETURN GOOD FOR EVIL**
- Give up sorrow & bitterness. **FILL YOUR HEART with JOY**
- Give up anger... **TAKE UP PATIENCE & GENTLENESS**
- Give up unhappiness... **TAKE UP GRATITUDE**
- Give up pessimism... **TAKE UP HOPE AND OPTIMISM**
- Give up judging others... **DISCOVER JESUS within THEM**
- Give up worrying... **TAKE UP TRUST IN GOD**

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

LAST CHANCE!! Tickets sales continue this weekend after all masses in Deacon John Hall, for St. Paul's Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, **Saturday, March 18th at 6:00.** Prices are; **\$10.00 per person, \$30.00 for immediate family and \$8.00 for seniors and children under 12.**



INFANT SAVIOUR MISSION

The church of the Infant Saviour in Pine Bush invites all to join them for a **Lenten Mission Retreat** with **Fr. Francis Amodio, O.Carm.** on **March 26th, 27th and 28th starting at 7:00 pm** each evening. A mission is a special time to gather in community to gain further insight into a faith filled life. Please join us.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Calling all children 8 and under. Grab your baskets and hop on into Deacon John Hall on **Sunday March 19th at 2:00 pm** for our **1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt** sponsored by the Good News Bearers. You must sign up for this event so we can plan accordingly. The sign-up sheets are available in

Deacon John Hall after all the Masses. On the day of the event we will meet in the Hall for instructions. Hope to see you there!



POOR BOXES

As you may know, there are (3) Poor Boxes in our Church: One at each entrance of the Church, as well as one at the entrance of Damascus Hall. The monies (bills/coins) from these boxes are kept totally separate from all other church monies. They are used only to assist those who are in need. They are NEVER used to pay Operational Expenses of the church. Please consider making a small contribution to our poor boxes, even loose change, each time you come to church. Kids can participate, too!

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Lent

“God has saved us and has called us to a holy life, not because of any merit of ours but according to his own design – the grace held out to us in Christ Jesus before the world began but now made manifest through the appearance of our Savior. He has robbed death of its power...”

With Peter, James and John we join Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. It is a transforming moment, when the Lord reveals to us who He is. The voice speaks, not only telling us of Jesus, but also that we are chosen, His favor rests in us, and our lent is our moment to be transformed by God's forgiving grace. We remember the simple definition that 'grace is the very life of God, communicated to us as a gift, and accepted.'

We begin our second week on our journey, aware that we have been chosen. God offers us the gift of His grace, but we need to seek it and accept it. As Paul told Timothy, God's grace robs sin of its power. Another name for grace is 'power.' Use it, seek forgiveness and forgive someone else.

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