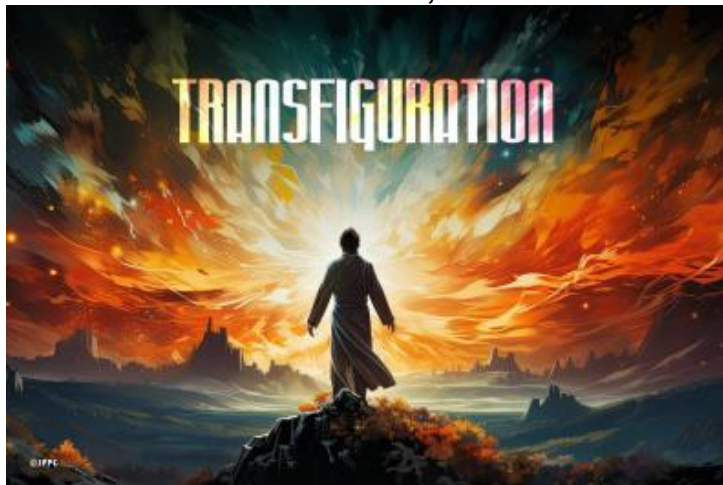


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Second: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-105

FOCUS: This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.

We do not have a God who sits enthroned, looking down from a great distance to arbitrarily ask us to do this or not do that. No, we have a God who loves us enough that we can trust him completely, as Abraham did. We have a God who did not hold back anything, not even his beloved Son, to lead us to the goodness he desires for us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, God calls Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, but provides a ram instead and promises blessings on all nations in response to Abraham's trust. In the Epistle, we are reminded that God did not spare his own Son and so gives us everything with him. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured and a voice from the cloud says: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Mary Olsen, George Victor Tang Choon, Jim Botti and Clare Costello

10 a.m.: Sonia Del Pilar, Joseph Minh Hong Do and Gene Bové

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday – 106

Sunday – 154

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: STEWARDSHIP

““Here I am!” he answered.”

- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say “Here I am, Lord” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord” when a neighbor needs our help or when we are invited to join a parish ministry or when we are asked to provide financial support?

Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy; most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

“The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them.”
~St. John of the Cross

CARDINAL'S 2024 APPEAL

This, **Commitment Weekend**, is an opportunity to not only consider making a gift to the Appeal if you have not already done so, but to examine the benefits of a pledge broken into monthly payments instead. Many families find this budget-friendly approach allows them to be more generous.

However, no donation is too small, and the greater the participation, the faster we reach our goal. Remember, your support helps countless people and sustains ministries throughout our parishes.

Our parish goal is **\$50,600**, of which **\$13,590** has already been received/pledged as of February 21 from **30** families. Please prayerfully consider your gift, which you can also make an online at

www.cardinalsappeal.org.

Thank you for your generosity.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

February 11-18: \$ 6,385.06

Envelopes: \$ 2,364.00 – Online: \$ 4,021.06

THANK YOU!

IN THE LOOP

✓ The First Friday of Lent Fish “Fry” was a reel success. Despite having to cast off the hope of a community meal, 85 dinners were picked up, and the Social Activities team reports there’s been nothing fishy about the feedback. An added perk: No dishes for participating parishioners to do that evening!

✓ Speaking of food, the **St. Patrick’s Day Dinner** will take place after the 5 o’clock Mass on **Saturday, March 16**. Although we don’t have all the details yet, there’s one thing you can be sure of – corned beef and cabbage will be on the menu!

✓ A **Lenten Reflection** will be presented by Brother Joseph Trung Do, O. Carm., at 10:15 a.m. this **Thursday, February 29**. Titled “Reconciling with God,” it will take place at the Edith Stein Conference Room at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown. For more information, call Shrine director Carol Bezak at 845-343-1879, Ext. 22.

✓ The Xavier Company is returning to Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Bloomingburg to perform “**Whom Shall I Send?**” at 4 p.m. next **Sunday, March 3**. This new musical explores the doubts, fears and joys of Peter, Paul, John, Mary Magdalene and Lydia as they respond to the call of the Risen Christ. A freewill offering is requested for the troupe. A light supper will follow for those who call in a reservation to OLA’s office at 845-733-1477.

✓ On behalf of all those who are served, know that your continued support of our busy **Food Pantry** is appreciated. For those who like to pick up an item or two while shopping, we are particularly low on jelly, pasta, macaroni and cheese, mayo, pancake mix and syrup. Thank you!



BLANKET MINISTRY BAKE SALE



Be sure to bring your sweet tooth to church next weekend, **March 2 and 3**, as there will be a **Bake Sale** after both Masses in Deacon John Hall.

All proceeds from the sale of home-baked goods will go to our **Prayer Blanket Ministry**, which lovingly makes (Twice a year with the Confirmation class!) and distributes scores of blankets annually to those in need of comfort. Your bake-sale participation and donations completely cover the cost of the fleece, which is not inexpensive. Thank you for your invaluable support!

WOMEN’S DAY OF REFLECTION

The mission of the Society of St. Lydia is to honor and empower Catholic women, and to use their unique gifts as women to continue to build the Church. Its members look to St. Lydia as a guide to true femininity.

Lydia Purpuraria was born in the 1st century in Thyatira, a town famous for its dye works. She became a merchant of coveted purple textiles, dealing with the elite, wealthy and powerful. She was also a woman of faith – even before she became the Apostle Paul’s first convert in Philippi, a business destination for her. She subsequently had her entire household baptized and was inspired to minister to the Apostles and first Christians through hospitality and support.

The Society of St. Lydia will be hosting a **women’s only Day of Reflection** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on **Saturday, March 9**, at **Our Lady of the Assumption Church** in Bloomingburg. The day begins with Mass followed by reflections, fellowship, Eucharistic Adoration, confession and a guest speaker. Coffee, tea and light snacks will be provided. Bring your own lunch.

All women of faith are welcome; advance registration is not required.

For more information, call or text event coordinators Lisa Dyer at 845-798-7749 or Denise Turner at 845-800-9589.

AARP’S TAX-AIDE

Free tax-preparation assistance is available through the AARP Foundation’s Tax-Aide program. For an appointment, call 2-1-1 (the United Way’s Help Line) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. There are 15 sites throughout Orange County, including locations in Pine Bush, Montgomery, Middletown and Walden.

Each filer is required to obtain a pre-appointment packet, to complete the packet prior to the appointment and to come to the appointment with all required tax documents in a printed (not digital) format. **Filers are required to remain at the tax site location during the preparation process.**

For more information, as well as a link to download the pre-appointment packet, visit:

<https://www.uwdor.org/hv-cash>

