

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 2023



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Genesis 12:1-4a

**Second:** 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

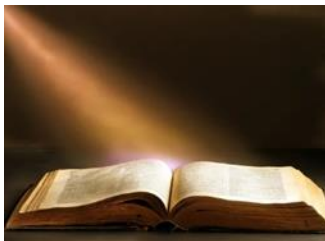
**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

**FOCUS:** *We will one day share in the glory of the Lord.*

The true and full identity of Jesus is revealed in the great moment of the Transfiguration. This revelation shows us that the Father has entrusted to him the salvation of the world. We see the glory of the Lord upon Jesus and understand that we are meant to share that when the fullness of the kingdom is at hand.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

God tells Abram to leave his homeland and go to a land that he will show him, where the Lord will make of him a great nation. St. Paul tells Timothy to bear [his] share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. In the Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain and he is transfigured before them.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**5 p.m.:** Carol Moloney, Connie Capria and Mary Jean Geidel

**10 a.m.:** Domingo & Rosalina Rodriguez, Maria Sanzone and the Ryan, Borst & Costello Families

## LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 68  
10 a.m.: 163

## AFF EVENT SCHEDULED

As a result of the Adult Faith Formation Committee's recent brainstorming session, a presentation led by Pat Davies will take place from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on **Sunday, March 12.**

The focus is **Spiritual Direction and the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises**, which are a compilation of meditations, prayers and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. Coffee and baked goods will be provided. Everyone is welcome.



## WITH HEARTFELT APPRECIATION

Deacon John and his family extend their gratitude for helping to make his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday memorable. In particular, he thoroughly enjoyed the sentiments expressed in each and every card received from you.

"Thanks as well to all those who are praying for him," says his sister Anne. "St. Paul's is truly our family."

And keep those prayers coming.

## CONNIE CAPRIA'S MEMORIAL MASS

Say "Connie Capria," and thoughts immediately turn toward the kitchen: Scrambled eggs and hash browns, corned beef and cabbage, turkey and stuffing, picnics and other parish events. For years, she and her husband, Dominick, were the duo who spearheaded social activities and the 500 Club fundraiser, the latter of which did not require an apron! Dominick died in 2011, and most recently, Connie had been living near her daughter, Stephanie, in Florida and soaking in a lifestyle that centered on a pool, a golf cart and cooking for her new friends.

Connie died in January and her ashes are being brought home later this month. Her Memorial Mass is scheduled for **11 a.m. on Saturday, March 18.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**February 19-26: Totaled \$ 6,887.38**  
Envelopes: \$ 4,040.00 – Online: \$ 2,847.38  
**THANK YOU!**



## **STONE SOUP FEAST REALLY ROCKED**

“Are they really going to eat the stones,” asked a concerned child as Jessica Carpino, the religious education coordinator, read during last Friday evening’s Stone Soup Feast.

Be assured that neither the travelers in the traditional folktale nor any of the 63 in attendance last weekend chomped on rocks. But what they all did partake of was the spirit of sharing. Each family brought a crockpot of hot, meatless soup – from tomato and vegetable to seafood bisque and chowders – which not only fed their family but others. Most had seconds; some had sixths. There was also bread to break – literally – and placemats to color as the evening began.

Although this was a religious education event that included a chat about Lent after “Stone Soup” was read, it was open to the parish. Lively conversation and recipe swapping accompanied the sipping of soup, and not unlike the story, folks learned a little something about each other in the process.



## **PRAYER SERVICE REHEARSAL**

All third- through 12<sup>th</sup>-graders are invited to participate in the **Youth Ministry’s Prayer Service for Healing, Hope and Peace** at 7 p.m. March 31.

Rehearsal will take place in the church after Mass on Sunday March 12 and again on March 19.

## **APPEAL UPDATE**

From supporting needy parishes and religious education to charitable and mission works, your generosity makes a difference. As of Friday, March 3, **\$ 17,420** toward our goal of \$48,200 has been received/pledged by **41** families. Thank you.



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## **EVERYONE’S IRISH ON MARCH 18**


Of course you can be Irish on March 17, too! But **Saturday, March 18**, is when our **corned-beef-and-cabbage** tradition returns after the 5 o’clock Mass. You might even find a Pot of Gold (a/k/a Mac and Cheese) on the buffet – and with a little bit of Irish luck, Irish bangers, too.


Adults will be able to have a gargle – that’s Irish slang for beer or wine – and there will be soda, too.


Tickets, which are \$15, \$10 for seniors and \$35 for an immediate family, will be sold after Mass and are also available through the office.



## **IN THE LOOP**

 Can you imagine the agony that Mary suffered while accompanying her son on his journey to his crucifixion? The very moving “**Mary’s Way of the Cross**” at 6:30 p.m. next **Friday, March 10**, will illuminate her experience.

 The Columbiettes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish are sponsoring a Women’s Retreat to which women of St. Paul’s are invited. Sr. Terry Rickard will present “**A Woman’s Encounter with Jesus: Healing and Freedom**” from 9 a.m.-noon on **April 1**. The cost is \$10, and there are registration forms to take on the bulletin boards in the church vestibules.

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

 Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley invites men and women of all ages and faiths who have suffered the loss of a spousal relationship to a **Healing Weekend, April 21-23**, at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon. Reservations are required. Call Phyllis at 914-261-5812 or Betty at 973-903-3941. For more information, visit [www.beginningexperiencehv.org](http://www.beginningexperiencehv.org)

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