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## Good News!

March 16, 2014

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

Some people get excited about moving. I'm not one of them. I don't like the boxes and the mess, and I find it hard to get settled in a new place. So I can't imagine what 75-year-old Abram thought when God told him to leave his homeland and set out for a place he'd never seen.

I stand in wonder of faith so strong that it finds the Word of God compelling with no evidence that the promises will come true. But in our long history as a people of God, God is forever waking people up or giving them a vision of a different life, usually far from where they are.

So it is with our spiritual life as well. In today's Gospel, Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a high mountain and into a vision of Jesus as the glorious Son of God. Wherever they had been in their faith, this was a radical call to move, to grow deeper, and to embrace the identity of the man they called Jesus.

Until that moment, Jesus was a compelling preacher and healer. On top of that mountain, he became the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (Moses and Elijah represent those parts of the Old Testament canon).

When Peter, James, and John heard the words "Listen to him" coming from the cloud, they could no longer pretend this was an ordinary religious figure. They would never be the same, and the journey would lead them to the cross and beyond.

Are you being asked to move in your spiritual life? Where will that take you?

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### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

### VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

**THIS WEEK****SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT****MAR. 15 — MAR. 16, 2014****SUNDAY — COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASSES****USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, MAR. 15 —****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Chad Papineau at the request of the O'Brien Family**4:30 P.M.** ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS**Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement****SUNDAY, MAR. 16 —****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +James Bloznalis at the request of the Dean and Bloznalis Families**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**8:30 A.M. — Breakfast for Faith Formation****9:00 A.M. — Faith Formation Classes****10:00 A.M. —** Mass offered for all Parishioners**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, MAR. 17—****9:00 A.M.—** Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino**5:00 P.M.—** Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M. Jackpot \$500**TUESDAY, MAR. 18 —****9:00 A.M.—** Mass offered for +Martha Berganty at the request of Jennifer and Phil Daly**7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, MAR. 19 —****9:00 A.M. —** Mass offered for +Henry Doyan at the request of the Cloutier Family**9:00 A.M. TO NOON —** Christmas Fair Workshop**THURSDAY, MAR. 20 — No mass****FRIDAY, MAR. 21 —****7:00 P.M. — Stations of the Cross and Mass**  
Mass offered for +Dawn Marrotte at the request of the O'Brien Family**SATURDAY, MAR. 22 —****7:00 P.M. — MOVIE NIGHT** in the Parish Center**4:30 P.M. —** ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS**NEXT WEEK****THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT****MAR. 22 — MAR. 23, 2014****LAUNCH — ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL****USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, MAR. 22 —****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Anthony Sobol at the request of Edward Bachl and family*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea**Lector: Patti Cinea**Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier***Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement****SUNDAY, MAR. 23 —****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Donald Sobol at the request of the Sylvia Greene*Altar Servers:**Lector: Lynn Mancino**Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**8:30 A.M. — Breakfast for Faith Formation****9:00 A.M. — Faith Formation Classes****10:00 A.M. —** Mass offered +Clara Stygar at the request of her daughter, Marion*Altar Servers: Amilia and Marta Herasimowcz**Lector: Jeffrey Monroe**Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS****6:00 P.M. — Adult Faith Formation Class at the Parish Center****MONDAY, MAR. 24 —****9:00 A.M.—** Mass offered for +James Bloznalis at the request of the Dean and Bloznalis families**5:00 P.M.—** Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.**TUESDAY, MAR. 25 —****9:00 A.M.—** Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino**7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, MAR. 26 —****9:00 A.M.—** Mass offered for +Anthony Sobol at the request of the Cloutier family**9:00 A.M. TO NOON —** Christmas Fair Workshop**THURSDAY, MAR. 27 — No mass****FRIDAY, MAR. 28 — 7:00 P.M. — Stations of the Cross and Mass**  
Mass offered for All Parishioners*Altar Servers: LeeAnn and Ben Snuffer**Lector: Rita Sheetz**Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz***SATURDAY, MAR. 29 —****4:30 P.M. —** ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2014

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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**Last week's Offertory — March 9 — \$2,736****Last year's Offertory — March 10 — \$3,489***"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1*

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land, a better place than the rat race we often live in now.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

*"I have come to light a fire on the earth..." Luke 12:49*

During this Lent to help deepen our relationship with God, we will offer three separate video presentations followed by a time for reflection. The first injects an invigorating enthusiasm for the Catholic faith, the second discusses the Seven Deadly Sins and hope found in the Seven Lively Virtues, and the third seeks God at Westminster Abbey. All sessions will be held at the **Parish Center** from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Refreshments will be served.

1. **Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Catholicism: The New Evangelization.** Join the Very Rev. Robert Barron in his follow up to his **Catholicism** series and explore the Church's mission within the challenges of contemporary culture. What are the cultural obstacles? the "new atheism"? What are the new ardor, new expression and new methods that Catholics are called to share the Apostolic Faith with?
2. **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues.** Fr. Barron explains how sin keeps us dead to God, but how the gifts of the Holy Spirit help us find Christ present in our lives.
3. **Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, This Side of Eden.** This film presents a compelling and richly intimate portrait of the life of the Benedictine Monks at work, prayer and leisure with the focus on the days of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Set in British Columbia, the outer beauty of the natural world along with the majestic beauty of the Abbey is breathtaking

**MOVIE NIGHT**



Please join us for the showing of Grace Unplugged on Saturday, March 22nd at 7pm in the Parish Center. Grace is a Christian teen struggling to find her own way in life. This film is faith based, and is entertaining and appropriate for all teens and adults. The movie is rated PG. Popcorn and beverages will be provided

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Parishioners will now be receiving two bundles of Offertory Envelopes. This will be done quarterly and enable the envelope company to mail them bulk mail and keep cost down.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

In the church's opposition to the mandate of the Health & Human Services Department, the issue is our forced compliance with provisions that are contrary to our religious beliefs. Historically, the Church has delivered quality health care to all people who need it through our Catholic hospitals and social service programs. What we oppose is authorizing or paying for procedures that violate Catholic teaching.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius at 202-205-5445. Let them know that you are opposed to the violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF LENT FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

These regulations unite the whole Catholic Church throughout the world in the Lenten journey of repentance and conversion of heart. Observed in a spirit of generosity, fast and abstinence remind us of our own frailty and make us more sensitive to the needs of others. Acts of penance find their completion in works of charity and justice.

**Fasting:** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 years old are obliged to observe the laws on fasting. Traditionally, to fast means limiting oneself to one full meal in the day and two smaller meals. The two prescribed days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**Abstinence:** The law of abstinence obliges all those who are over the age of 14. On days of abstinence meat is not eaten at any meal. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS** "I did not think the sorrow and wounds from my abortion, could be healed". Healing and forgiveness can begin with a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. Retreat March 14-16 in Stockbridge, MA call 413-452-0661. Retreat March 28-30 in Hamden, CT call 203-631-9030. Retreat March 28-30 in RI call 401-421-7833 ext.118. or [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

**"PROJECT RACHEL"** is a Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness. **Project Rachel** priests are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-889-8346 ext.283. All inquiries are confidential.

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