

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**LISTEN**

Then a cloud came, casting  
a shadow over them;  
from the cloud came a  
voice, "This is my beloved  
Son. Listen to him." - Mk 9:7



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Parish Vision Statement:

We, as Christ's disciples, are the hands, minds & voices which lovingly glorify God by serving  
Each other as a Christian family.

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Food Pantry Hours: Thursday 9:45am—2:30pm,  
Saturday 10am—1pm

**Bingo: Every Friday 6:30-10pm lower church hall**

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Lord's Day:**

Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM

**Weekday:**

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday- Friday 9:00 AM  
(No Mass on Wednesday)

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration/First Friday:**

9:30 AM - 5:30PM

**Confessions:**

Every Saturday 3-3:30 PM

WEEK OF February 24 & 25, 2018

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES**

*Sat. February 24—Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent*  
4:00 PM - Helen Hannon Sepuka—Ann & Kathy Hannon

*Sun. February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent*  
10:00 AM—Alfred & John Dill (2nd Ann.) - Family

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*  
Monday, February 26

9:00 AM Special Intentions for Liz Parker-Gagne

Tuesday, February 27

9:00 AM—Special Intentions for Kate Meaney

*Sat. March 3 - Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent*  
4:00 PM -

*Sun. March 4 ~ Third Sunday of Lent*  
10:00 AM Nancy O'Rourke—Family  
11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether.

Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading his disciples to an equally barren place: he "led them up a high mountain apart by themselves." But what happens there? "And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white." Today's Gospel reminds us of the goal. We don't enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation.

Mountain imagery is prevalent throughout Scripture. The sacrifice of Isaac, Moses receiving the 10 Commandments, Elijah's revelation of God as a tiny whispering sound: all these occur on the mountaintop. Mountains are strenuous to hike. To assist the traveler in the ascent, trails often involve switchbacks. These lead the traveler back and forth across the mountainside, sometimes appearing as if hardly any ground is gained. Perhaps Peter, James, and John hiked a similar path as Jesus led them up the side of Mount Tabor.

A climb is difficult. A climb in a barren place leaves you thirsty, exhausted, and quite possibly frustrated or discouraged.

Yet this is precisely how Jesus leads his closest disciples. Why? Because he has something to reveal to them. Practically speaking, Jesus needed to bring Peter, James and John away from the crowds for this revelation of glory to remain hidden.

There are spiritual truths we will encounter only if we pass through difficulty. So let's persevere this Lent! Today's Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he'll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center: **Not Updated.** Memorial Hospital: **Not Updated.** UMass. Campus: **Not Updated.**

Please continue to pray for all of our service men & women



who serve to protect us.

(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)

**Saturday, March 3**

Lector: Christina Marotta

Commentator: Warren Lohnes

Ministers of Holy Communion: Kathy Hannon

**Sunday, March 4**

Lector: Kids Mass

Altar Servers: Joyce Abalo & Tony Villa

Ministers of Holy Communion: Elaine Halpin & Kate Hamilton

**A Prayer for Discipleship**

Loving God,  
We thank you for choosing us to be your disciples  
and for the gift of your Son, Jesus.  
Help us proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel  
By word and by deed  
Today and every day.  
Open our hearts to  
The outcast, the forgotten, the lonely,  
The sick and the poor.  
Grant us the courage to think,  
To choose and to live as a Christian,  
Joyfully obedient to God.  
Amen

# BINGO

March 2, 2018

Team # 1—Jean Beando, Beverly Farrar, Jack Jacques, Ed Wall, Shane LaBelle, Judy Keenan, Donald Ducharme

# LENTEN Schedule

**The Every –Week Crew and Early Shift Workers**  
Theresa Courtney, John Harrington, Lisa Hickory, Emma Lusignan, Patricia Wassel, Joan Lorusso, Pat Markiewicz, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Ed Wall, Julie Carrigan & Michael Burgraff

**Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:  
Cindy Derosiers & Jo Luikey**

**Every Tuesday**  
Confessions will be heard from 7-8pm.

**Every Friday**  
(Beginning February 16)  
Stations of the Cross at 7pm followed by Benediction.  
**Everyone is invited to join us.**  
The group that will be attending as a group on March 2nd is the **Men's Group.**

\*\*Vision statement is located on the cover of bulletin\*\*

### Scholarship Soup Supper

In response to the generosity of many parishioners the Scholarship Committee was able to award scholarships to six very deserving students in our parish last year. On **Saturday, March 10th** the committee will be hosting a soup supper, basket raffle and 50/50 raffle immediately following the 4 p.m. Mass as a fund raiser for our annual scholarship program. If you wish to donate a crock pot of soup or a basket for the raffle, please contact Lynn Lorusso in the rectory at 508-752-1608 or Kathy or Ann Hannon at 508-892-1990. **Please turn in basket raffle by Saturday, February 24th so we can begin selling tickets for them.**  
**Tickets on sale NOW!**

### Catholic Free Press

The month of February is time to renew your subscription. The Catholic Free Press is an important source of information from a Catholic perspective. The subscription cost is \$39.00 per year please try to give as close to the subscription price as possible. (Any subscription cost not covered by parishioners has be covered by the parish.)

### **18th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference at Assumption College**

All men are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, March 17 and ticket prices increase on Thursday, March 1st. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: **Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Father David Cavanagh, Robert Rogers, Ryan Tremblay, and Elvis Grbac.** Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear those confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information, or registration, speak to Mike Buffone 508-873-4237.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

**1) Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

- No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Elderly, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

**2) Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

- Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics from age 18 through age 59 are bound to fast. Again, elderly, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

### \*\*\*Lenten Soup Suppers\*\*\*

Due to the changes and closings of some of the churches that participated in the Lenten Soup Suppers we will have only **ONE** Soup Supper and Service which will be held on Wednesday, March 7th, 6pm at Emmanuel Lutheran, 200 Greenwood St., Worcester. All are welcome!

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**† STEWARDSHIP ✉**  
Count your blessings, acknowledge  
God's gifts to you and express  
thanks to Him in praise.

February 4, 2018  
Catholic Home Mission \$66.00, Church in Latin America \$15.00, Catholic Free Press \$516.00, Current Expenses \$10.00, Utility Fund \$40.00, Sunday Offering \$3270.00

February 11, 2018  
Church in Latin America 30.00, Catholic Free Press \$359.00, Utility Fund \$100.00, Sunday Offering \$2816.00