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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Jesus declares that our righteousness must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees. In what does that righteousness consist? "Before man are life and death; good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." In particular, if someone has anything against us, we are to choose to take the initiative and "go first and be reconciled." Such a predilection for mercy is "what God has prepared for those who love him." The wisdom that Saint Paul speaks "to those who are mature" is a wisdom that revels in such reconciliation. "If you trust in God," choosing life, good, and mercy, "you too shall live" – you shall live the life of the Blessed Trinity.

PASTOR:
Rev. Peter M. Colapietro

ASSOCIATES:
Rev. Joe A. Francis
Rev. Joby Mathew

IN SUNDAY SERVICE:
Rev. Richard Arold

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:
Mr. David Schaefer

CANTOR & LEADER OF SONG:
Mr. Joseph Neal

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:
By Appointment only.
Please contact a member of the parish staff well in advance.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
5:00 PM on Saturdays
Anytime by appointment

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:
Anyone who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the parish office, so that arrangements can be made to bring communion to you.

MASSES

Sundays: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM & 12 NOON (Principal Liturgy & Choir)
Weekdays: 7:30 AM & 12 NOON
Saturdays: 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM (Vigil)

UPCOMING EVENTS

During Lent the
Stations of the Cross
will be prayed every
Friday after the
12:00 noon mass.

OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS:
9:00 AM - 7:45 PM

SATURDAYS:
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SUNDAYS:
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Rosary
Weekdays after the
Noon Mass and on
Saturday after the 12:00
NOON mass

Holy Hour
First Friday of each
month after the Noon
Mass

Devotions
Miraculous Medal on
Mondays after each
Mass

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**Remember your loved ones
by dedicating in their honor this week's
Bread & Wine**

Pedro Antonio Litrenta, Jr.

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Requested by:
Dr. Maria Litrenta



MassSchedule

SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 21): ST. PETER DAMIAN
5:30 PM Pavlishin Family

SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 22): 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM Margaret Reagan
9:00 AM Loretta Canning
10:30 AM Members of the Drucker Family (L & D)
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

MONDAY (FEBRUARY 23): LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Margarita Simanca (Living—Birthday)
12:00 NOON Father Stephen & Joseph Stack
6:00 PM Helena Grant (33rd Anniversary)

TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 24): LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Pedro Antonio Litrenta, Jr.
12:00 NOON Nora Farrell Fredo
6:00 PM Catherine Kelly

WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 25) LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Vincenzo Comunale
12:00 NOON John Hrivnak
6:00 PM Kathleen Ann Dean

THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 26): LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Mr. Mras
12:00 NOON Huszar Laszlone
6:00 PM Paul Eiaw

FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 27): LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Charles Rieser
12:00 NOON Gerry Bisceglia (Living)
6:00 PM The Canning Family

SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 28): LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:00 NOON Amid Capece

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers:

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Alice Frehill, Warren Duffield, Olympia Panigotis,
Marcelle Ferrier

and those wounded in Military Action

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

"I've gone to prepare a place for you."

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Vivian Migliore, Kevin Schaefer, Barbara Donahue

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

*If you wish to add the names of your loved one to the
prayer list, please notify the rectory: (212) 288-6250.*

TODAY'S HYMNS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Welcome to St. Monica's!

*The music for today's Eucharist can be found
in our hymnal on the following pages:*

Entrance Hymn <i>Litany of the Saint</i>	542
Penitential Rite <i>Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison</i>	112
Responsorial Psalm <i>Your ways, O Lord are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.</i>	503
Gospel Acclamation <i>Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!</i>	114
<i>One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.</i>	
Offertory Hymn <i>Blest Are They</i>	359
Sanctus	185
Memorial Acclamation	*
Great Amen	*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb of God	187
Communion Hymn <i>Eat This Bread</i>	435
Recessional Hymn <i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	238

for texts, see pew card

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Two of today's readings take us up a mountain. Mountains are sacred places in the scriptures. Moses meets the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob on Mt. Sinai. Elijah has an experience of this same life-giving God on Mt. Horeb. Today Abraham goes up Mt. Moriah in obedience to God's command to "take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love" (Genesis 22:2) and offer him there as a holocaust.

It is hard to get past this reading today and focus only on the story of the Transfiguration. This story of God testing Abraham to see if Abraham will obey is a story of great anguish. "See" is an important word here: Moriah means "the place of seeing." Abraham responds to Isaac's question about a victim, saying God will provide, a word rooted in the Latin word for seeing. God will see to it that there is a victim, just as God will see that Abraham is obedient in all things.

Seeing also takes place on Mt. Tabor. Peter, James, and John see Jesus in glory, his clothes dazzlingly white; they see him speaking with Moses and Elijah, representing the law and the prophets; and they see a cloud overshadowing them, and hear a voice calling for their obedience: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" (Mark 9:7).

With them, we are invited to see Jesus as the beloved Son whom the Father "did not spare...but handed over for us all," as Paul reminds us (Romans 8:32). The mystery of the Cross and Resurrection is an invitation to see God's love for all God's beloved children and trust in it.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord, give us a glimpse of the glory that you have prepared for all who trust in you and remain faithful to you. Strengthen us to walk through any darkness that may threaten our ability to believe.

LENT SCHEDULE

Starting on Thursday, February 19th, and continuing through Lent until Wednesday, April 1st, there will be a 6:00 PM mass every WEEKDAY.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Last month, registered parishioners should have received a letter from Cardinal Dolan asking for your support of the 2015 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. As you know, the Cardinal's Appeal offers vital support to Catholic programs and ministries throughout the archdiocese, as well as in our own parish. Please show your support for the Appeal by making your pledge today. Your commitment will help us reach our parish goal of \$84,000. You can find out more information on the Cardinal's Appeal website at: www.cardinalsappeal.org

TAX NOTES

Those parishioners wishing to receive a printed record of your contributions for the year 2014 **MUST** notify the Parish Office. Statements are mailed by request **ONLY**.

Please contact Joe Rodriguez at the Parish Office at (212) 288-6250 to request your contribution record.

BIBLE STUDY

WITH FATHER JOE

Join Father Joe Francis each Tuesday during Lent (February 24th and March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th) from 7 to 8 PM inside the church for Bible Study! The topic will be Holy Week and Liturgical Lessons. All are welcome to attend.

RCIA PROGRAM MEETING

The next RCIA Program meeting will be held

Thursday, February 26th
from
7:30pm—8:30pm

in the church rectory.

SOCIETY OF SAINT PAUL

A book exhibit will be held at St. Monica's this Saturday, February 21st and Sunday, the 22nd. The Priests and Brothers of the Society of Saint Paul will bring a large selection of religious books that serve children and adult religious interests. The Paulines will also have a selection of religious articles. They accept checks, major credit cards, and cash.



the **CARDINAL'S**
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THE 2015 APPEAL HAS BEGUN!

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Recently, Cardinal Dolan sent a letter asking for your support. Your generosity will help strengthen the following areas:



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