

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

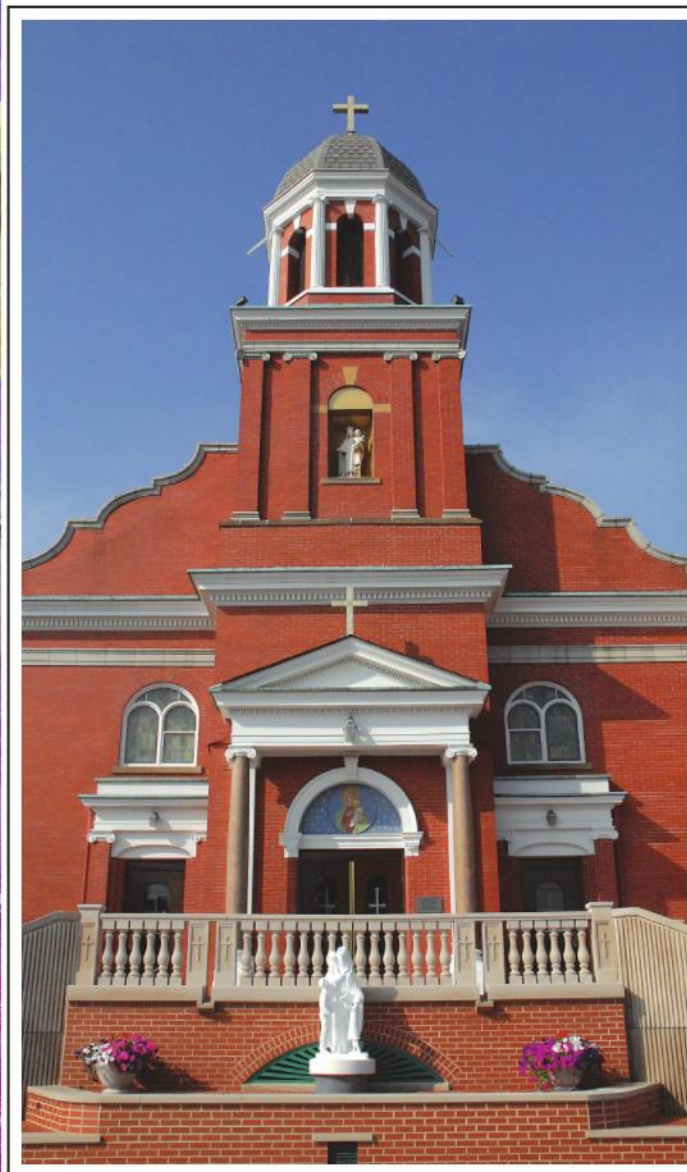
“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am
well pleased;
listen to him.”

Matthew 17:5



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL BASILICA

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Saturday Evening.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass:Daily at 12:00 noon

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and Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
or by personal request.

Weddings: Please schedule marriage at least 6 months
in advance.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- Sat., March 7:** *First Saturday -Sts. Perpetua and Felicity*
 12:00 p.m. Special Intention
 5:00 p.m. Susan E. Brozman (A) by Diane Struble & Family
- Sun., March 8:** *Second Sunday of Lent*
 9:00 a.m. Rose Marie Mezzapeso by John Spagnola
 11:00 a.m. Antoinette Calcagni by Husband, Gene
- Mon. March 9:** *St. Frances of Rome*
 12:00 noon Cardiero/Hartwig deceased Families by Cardiero/Hartwig Families
- Tues., March 10:**
 12:00 noon Josephine Carella by Carella & Caravella Families
- Weds., March 11:**
 11:30 a.m. *Stations*
 12:00 noon Dominic & Maria Frattaroli by Lida & Josie
- Thurs. March 12:**
 12:00 noon Violetta Lettiri by Cousin, Marisa Ricottilli
- Friday, March 13:** *Abstinence*
 12:00 noon Jack York by Denise DeBartolo York
 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**
- Sat., March 14:**
 12:00 p.m. Nick & Rose Bellino by Bellino Family
 5:00 p.m. Josephine Carella by Carella & Caravella Family
- Sun., March 15:** *Third Sunday of Lent*
 9:00 a.m. Joseph Calcagni by Sam Accordino
 11:00 a.m. John & Rose Starr by John & Carol Amicone



Sunday, March 1 (296 envelopes)	\$13,015.00
St. Anthony Shrine/Novena	\$ 343.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,988.00



OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

Begins **Tuesday, March 17**, 12 noon Mass & Novena of St. Anthony of Padua.

7 p.m. Novena of St. Anthony of Padua and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday through Tuesday, June 9th.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

9:00 a.m.—Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion and Novena Prayers.

5:30 p.m.—Novena Prayers and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament of St. Anthony.

**WEEKEND ASSIGNMENTS (March 14/15)
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

- 5:00 p.m. David Bisgnani, Rose Bisgnani, Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jr.
 9:00 a.m. Deacon Mark Izzo, James DeToro, Tom DeToro
 11:00 a.m. Daniel Rossi, Patti Rossi, Steven Pipala, Leanna Pipala



Lectors

- 5:00 p.m. Atty. Matthew Giannini
 9:00 a.m. Mark Fusillo
 11:00 a.m. Candace LaRocca



Altar Servers

- 5:00 p.m. Anthony Micco, Alex Micco, Antonio Peachock
 9:00 a.m. Gianna Mediati, Marco Pilolli, Santino Rivera-Ocasio
 11:00 a.m. Luke Pipala, Zachary Pipala, John Paul Pipala, Jake Wratarić

AN INVITATION

Yes, I will spend ONE HOUR WEEKLY with *Jesus*, present in **THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

Please check the time you prefer:

- ___ MORNING (6:00 a.m. to noon)
 ___ AFTERNOON (12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
 ___ EVENING (6:00 p.m. to Midnight)
 ___ NIGHT (midnight to 6:00 a.m.)



NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Yes, I would like to *promote* this most important prayer Apostolate

**Cut & drop in collection basket
or mail to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica.**

**Call Maria Panozzo at 330-372-5141 or Jean at 330-758-3335
to schedule your time to be with Jesus.**

**Come! Spend one hour per week with Jesus in Adoration,
Praise and Thanksgiving for his many graces.**

Hours needed:

- Sat. 8 p.m. – 10-p.m.**
Mon. 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Tues. 9 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Sun. 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., 3 a.m. – 4 a.m. & 4 a.m. – 5 a.m.
Thurs. 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Fri. 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Sat. 8 p.m. – 10 p.m., 9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

The families of the following parishioners have requested that we remember them in prayer: Martha Aliberti, Regina Altiero, Melinda Amon, Genevieve Angelides, Peter Angelides, Sandy Battaglia, Nick Benedis, Madelyn Brudis, Tina Bury, Zayne Bryce, Eugene Calcagni, Isabelle Corradi, Jeanni Pesa, Carmen, Kim Bowser, Marko Calko, Dominic Calko, Lori Capone, Michael (Cal) Calipare, Carl J. Carbon, Roseann Cencia, Joseph Cencia, Bethany Maytas, Anthony, Cathy Chimento, Joseph Chimento, Stephanie Chimento, Christopher Centofanti, Damian Chordas, Joseph R.Cioffi, Mary Rose Colucci, Johnny D., Ed Derek, Joanne Desko, Michelina DiVito, Greg Diorio, Grace Ducay, Angela Elmo, JoAnn Elmo, Roberta Elmo, Dolores Elston, Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jason, Monroe, Mara Frease, Ilona Gerson, Sebastian Green, Margie, Joseph Haus, Baby Henry, John, Reese, Lisa, Joshua, David, Carl Jr., Louise Faustino, Kaylee, JoAnn George, Emily Gerome, Rose Giampetro, Donald "Duke" Girardi, Dominic Greco, Josie Greco, Jennifer Greco, Michael & Carol Gromada, Claudia Hernandez, Sean Holden, Gail Hubbert, George Iati, Loretta Julian, Mark Julian, Peter Julian, Kerri, Glory & Family, Jeff Knorr, Dennis Kopnisky, Jackie Golden, Gerard Kopnisky, Hillary, William & Melinda Kopnisky, Agnes Kowis, Rocco Kovacs, Francine Kraiosky, John Kuzman, Jr., Leann P., Lenny & Cheryl, Lavonne, Lucille, Linda Maiorana, Baby Dominic Malachi, Bill Marcavish, Missy Marrie, John Mascardine, Eileen Mattiussi, Jennifer McCon, Paul and Greg Medina, Jean Medina, Livia Marinelli, Ellen Monroe, Francisco Rivera-Ocasio, George Panno, Beverly Poidmore Pariza, Mary Pesa, Ronald Pesa, Phil Pillin, Sr. Brielle, Vincent, Paul III, Giovanna Pace, Isabel Pupino, Joseph Pizzola, Nicholas Poccia, Barbara Poghen, Charles Richards, Joseph Richards, Joseph Ridel, Chris Ritter, Rose Ruggieri, Marti Runyan, Mark Roberts, Ben Russo, Millie Santangelo, Carmel Scocca, Ellie Sullenberger, Chris Sultan, Helen Trimboli, Betty & Dennis VanSuch, Greg VanSuch, Rita Varacali, Jodi Walters, Kathleen Wienand, Anna Mae Williams, Lilah Dovic, Todd Zamary, Skevos Zimbillas, **Mary, help of the sick, pray for us!**—please let us know when person is well.

Prayer Petitions

It is in spirit of love, care, and support for one another that we invite you to place your prayer petitions into the Petition Box. The box and blank petition slips are available to you in the vestibule before each weekend Mass. The petitions are remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful and are brought forward during the Offertory Procession and placed at the foot of the Cross. At the conclusion of the Sunday Masses, the petitions are brought to the Little Flower Eucharistic Chapel where, throughout the week, members of the Apostolate for Perpetual Adoration unite their prayers with yours in the presence to our Eucharistic Lord. Let us unite our prayers with one another as we follow St. Paul's instruction to "pray without ceasing" and support one another through mutual prayer, solidarity, and love.

REGISTRATION: Members of the parish must be formally registered. If you are not receiving Our Lady of Mount Carmel envelopes, this means you are not registered. Call the rectory at 330-743-4144, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.—3 p.m. And we will send you a registration form. **Families who have members of our church staying with them who are shut-ins or who are in nursing homes should include them as members of their household. For a change of address or telephone number, please call the rectory as soon as possible. Thank you.**



Thanks to all those who sent a Valentine to our homebound. It was very much appreciated. **Legion of Mary.**



The Week Ahead

Wednesday, March 11:

11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
12 noon Senior Citizens Mtg./SJH
6:30– 8:00 p.m. The Light is on for you/Communal Penance/Church

Thursday, March 12:

10:00 a.m. Legion of Mary/St. JPII Ctr.
12:30 p.m. Our Lady of Sorrows Seniors/SJH
7:00 p.m. Ultreya

Friday, March 13:

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14:

9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. First Communion Retreat
1:00—2:30 p.m. Divine Will/ST.JPIICtr.

Sunday, March 15:

12:30 p.m. St. Monica Meeting/SJH

ST. ANTHONY LIGHT: March 8-14

In memory of TONY YORK by Bones and Nickie

BLESSED SACRAMENT LIGHT: March 8-14

In memory of GEORGE VECCHIONE by Daughter, Mary Rondinelli

SANCTUARY LIGHT: March 8-14

In memory of AL BACA (B) by Norma and Mike

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL LIGHT: March 8-14

In memory of JAMES A. & GRACE F. ORLANDO by Family

INFANT JESUS LIGHT: March 8-14

In memory of ANGELO A. PANGIO by Sisters, Theresa, Anita and Jeanne

ETERNAL FLAME: Sunday, March 8

In memory of ANDREW SCHULICK

by Very Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Cariglio, Jr.

ETERNAL FAME: Monday, March 9

In memory of SUSAN FAVAZZO

by Very Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Cariglio, Jr.



Congratulations! to our Treasure Chest Winners for the months of February and March.

February winners:

#129 Gadget
#210 Donald Ronyak
#277 Jean Wargo
#285 Lilla Napolitan

March winners:

#007 Judge Theresa Dellick
#099 Susan Vallenzizi
#118 Vince Julian
#119 Diana Weikart



LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US, AS WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN YOU.



Birthdays for the week of March 8-14

Mary Lou Carbon, Cynthia Dikun, Alessandra LaMonica, Sheri Pilolli, Stephanie Chimento, Tiffany Chimento, Shannon Fairnelli, Fred Hicken, Jenna Saborse, Denise Villanueva, John Amicone, Lilla Napolitan, Mario Petrino, Paul Amon, Thomas Anness, Robert DiCioccio, Joseph Nohra, Guiliana Sebastiani, Rosemary Colaizzi, Rosemary O'Hara, Bonita Wallis, Michael Santisi, JoAnna Schiraldi, Kathleen Antonucci, Vincent Colla, Nicholas D'Alesio, Gabriella Gessler, Dominic Nohra, Matteo Schiraldi, Mary Lou Walp.

INTERCESSION FOR VOCATIONS:

For all priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, **We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.**

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:

"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 and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."



"The Light is On for You" - An Evening of Reconciliation will be held on **Wednesday, March 11, 2020**. All parishes are asked to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation either individually from **6:30-8:00 p.m.** or by scheduling your Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service with neighboring parishes on this day. This event will coincide with a similar evening for the Cleveland diocese.

"He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design." Do you think God's design for you is to fulfill a vocation to the priesthood, consecrated life, or the diaconate? To find out more, contact Fr. Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

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Mr. Chelsey N. Santucci

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In memory of Mr. and Mrs. DiFabio by Robert V. DiFabio

In loving memory of MARY ANN PELLEGRINI by Cleto

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. DelSignore

Mrs. Rita Varacalli

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In loving memory of our Mom JOSEPHINE CARELLA (20 YR, A) by Thomas/Joanne Caravella

In memory of ELIZABETH & JOSEPH CAVALLARO by Son, RJ

Mr. Robert S. Gibbs, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory J. McAllister

2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal

Our parish recently joined with parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown in making a commitment to the **2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal**. Our parish goal is 100% participation. The Appeal is the primary funding source for Catholic Charities in our six-county diocese and helps to support various Church ministries including Religious Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministries. **Bishop Murry** is counting on our support of the **2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal**. It is his fervent hope that every parish will reach their goal. Thank you to those members of our parish who have already responded. If you have not yet responded, please take some time to review the in-pew envelope or response card and prayerfully consider how you can participate: **PRAY, DONATE, VOLUNTEER**. Thank you for your prayerful reflection and generous response.

"Make your Vision Clear in 2020"

Men, clear your vision in 2020. Don't pass up the opportunity to spend a special day with other like-minded Catholic men to recharge and invigorate your faith life at the 8th Annual Diocese of Youngstown Catholic Men's Conference. Be a leader! Invite your son, brother, nephew and friends to this one-day event on Saturday, March 21, 2020, 9:00 a.m. start with closing with Mass at 4 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Go to www.CMFDOY.org for more information, to download a registration form or register on line.



Join us for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Spaghetti Dinner Today! March 8, 2020 in the Social Hall. Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls and butter, cake and coffee (beverages available for purchase) 11 a.m.—4 p.m. Adults: \$7.50, Children (ages 6-10) \$5.00, Children 5 and under—free, take out containers available for \$.75 each.



CRAIG'S CORNER
A Note
from our Music Director

The Church gives us a foretaste of Jesus' Resurrection in the Lenten season this weekend in the Gospel account of the Transfiguration: Jesus changes briefly in appearance before a few of his disciples. But Jesus tells them not to speak of this event again until he is raised from the dead. Of course, *we* know how the Gospel ends, but imagine being one of the disciples at this time!

Our music this weekend has a twofold purpose: to hold us in the strict disciplines of Lent but also to offer a brief glimpse of this glory the disciples saw. Our opening hymn, "From Ashes to the Living Font," describes the Lenten journey for us, beginning on Ash Wednesday and preparing us for the font of new life at Easter. The hymn continues by praying that we ourselves can become transfigured to new heights as we renew our hearts and minds this season; we, as a Church, desire to journey still through cross and tomb to Easter joy and spirit, fire fulfilled, so that we can be prepared to complete the story of our salvation through Pentecost when we are filled with the Spirit to go forth and proclaim Jesus' name in our world today. Our offertory hymn, "God's Holy Mountain We Ascend," (and subject of this weekend's postlude) reminds us of the significance of the mountain in the Gospel. Not only did Jesus transfigure himself on a mountain, but he also proclaimed many teachings from the mountaintop. For example, it was on a mountain that he multiplied the loaves and fishes, and so we come to recall the festive meal of the Eucharist as well as we ascend to God's holy mountain every time we come to Mass. At communion, we sing our prayer to take this Lenten season ever more serious, asking God to draw near to us as we are guilty of sin, so that we can furthermore be ready to see not just a glimpse of glory, but the full glory of the resurrection on Easter.

In my talk at the Light of Faith and Family last weekend with the youth and families of the parish, we discussed how Lent is a journey. I brought them through the verses of "From Ashes to the Living Font" which we will use as the opening hymn for the remaining Sundays of Lent prior to Holy Week. Each third verse corresponds to the Gospel passage we will hear proclaimed that day. Jesus' adult journey began after His baptism, beginning with the fast of 40 days in the desert and the temptation of the devil which we heard last week. This week, we journey with the disciples to the mountain for the Transfiguration. Then we will hear the accounts of the woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. Each weekend, we continue our Lenten journey towards the central feast of our faith: Easter, foreshadowed this weekend by Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain.

Instrumental Music Selection for March 7-8: Second Sunday of Lent

Postlude: *Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern* – Johann Pachelbel

("God's Holy Mountain We Ascend")

DAILY MORNING OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.

Prayer Intentions for March

Catholics in China. We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



Stations of the Cross

11:30 a.m. Every Wednesday of Lent
7:00 p.m. Every Friday of Lent

Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting means eating a lesser amount of food. Catholics 18 and not 60 years of age must fast. The days on which we must fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Days of abstinence are days on which we do not eat any meal at all. Dairy products, fish and seafood are allowed. All Catholics over the age of 14 must abstain. The days of obligatory abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, both the laws of fasting and abstinence apply and no meat may be eaten.



IT'S BOCCE TIME AGAIN

The Knights of Columbus, Immacolata Council #15086 will be organizing our parish summer bocce league again this year. The past few years have been a great success and there are calls for us to play bocce again. All games are played at our bocce courts located down the stairs behind the out-door Stations of The Cross at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica. This is a family friendly bocce league, all are welcome to enter a team. There are rules to the game, but the main rule is to have fun and enjoy each other's company. The Knights also wish to bring our Parish Family together and promote our Italian culture. Anyone interested in enjoying some family fun on the bocce courts please contact Scott Schulick at 330-727-8507, Bob Giampietro or Sam Accordino at 330-518-1962. The deadline for entering a team is Saturday, April 25th, so please get in touch with Scott, Bob or Sam if you are interested. Thank you and see you all on the bocce courts!

REMEMBER US LAST:

When you are preparing your will and estate plan remember those closest to you...spouse, family members and loved ones. Then remember Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica with a residual gift that defines your Legacy of Faith as a member of our parish community. Please call 330-744-8451, ext. 325 for information.

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Communal Penance with Narrative Stations

April 3, 2020



An evening of personal reflection, "God gave His only Son for you and I."

A Communal Penance Service will follow at Our Lady of Mt.

Carmel Basilica, Youngstown.
All are welcome. Time: 7:00pm

Practice dates and times are listed below

March 8th & 15th

Classroom 10:15am—11:45am

March 29th

Final practice 10:15am –11:45am classroom.

Lunch 12-12:30pm. Practice in church 12:30pm-:30pm

April 3rd: 4:30pm—6:00pm dinner provided

The LIGHT of FAITH and FAMILY

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Our last gathering before Easter.

Speaker:

Msgr. Cariglio



Topic

Catechism of the Church

Followed by

Individual Classes will give a presentation of, "What We learned Throughout the Year"

Sunday, March 29th is the Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 10:15am. Grades 1 yr to 6th grade. Bring you basket!

Friday, April 3rd is the Narrative Stations by the 7th & 8th grade class followed by a Communal Penance Service.

Thursday, April 9th is Holy Thursday. Parish Pot Luck Supper followed by Mass.

Friday, April 10th is Good Friday Service followed by the Youth Ministry Burial Procession of Christ.

Let us Pray...

The following people are moving on with the final journey of completing their Initiation Sacraments into the Catholic Church.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Victoria Ann Favazzo,
Russell Glenn Monroe, Nancy Marie Richards, Joseph E. Richards, Richard A. Sereday, Roseann Sereday and Robert Ronald Weimer, Jr.



Communion Preparation Retreat

Saturday, March 14, 2020

We will meet in the John Paul II Center: 930am to 11:30am. Complete chapters 1 –4. Don't forget to bring your book. Banner kits will be distributed.

Contact Information for Faith Formation

330-743-3508 www.olmcsta.com FAX: 330-743-1035 (Out of the office on Monday)

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OLMCTherese@gmail.com ext 121

Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Melissa Varso

OLMCMelissa@gmail.com ext 122

Youth Ministry Team:

Nick Capone & Bobby Mangiarelli

Harriet's Cupboard

"Harriet's Cupboard is a program of Catholic Charities. The purpose of this service is to establish a collection of hygiene items, paper products and cleaning supplies for people in need throughout our diocese. "

Our Youth Ministry will be collecting items the weekends of March 21st / 22nd and March 28th / 29th.

Blue bins will be located in the vestibules of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica ~St. Anthony of Padua Parish.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

See flier for details. Questions call or e-mail Melissa Varso



See Flier
For details.

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
Ps 33:4-5,18-20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Monday March 9

Daniel 9:4-10
Ps 79:8,9,11,13
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday March 10

Isaiah 1:10,16-20
Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday March 11

Jeremiah 18:18-20
Ps 31:5-6,14-16
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday March 12

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 16:19-31

Friday March 13

Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17b-28a
Ps 105:(5a)16-21
Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday March 14

Micah 7:14-15,18-20
Ps 103:1-4,9-12
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Atop Mount Tabor, the pure light of Christ was revealed, as seen in this Gospel reading. The Father said, "This is my beloved Son; *listen to him.*"

The transfiguration is repeated every time we listen to him and allow our faith to be enlightened more today than it was yesterday. Now it is we who are transfigured! We are transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost being, which was created in the image of God and baptized into the likeness of God.

We enjoy life much more when we live according to our true identity. For example, how do you feel when you're impatient? Not so good, right? That's because God is patient (see 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 for a description of his true identity and yours), and

when we are patient, we are much happier.

During Lent, by humbly examining how Christ-like we are and repenting from our sins, we let his light consume the darkness within us.

Jesus left his mountaintop experience to fulfill his calling. Following Christ, we too leave our mountaintops to do what God has gifted us to do. Although there is, as the reading from Timothy points out, hardship in living a holy life, we can be comforted by the fact that



after every Calvary there is always an Easter. We can rely on "the strength that comes from God."

Listen. Can you hear what God is saying about

you? It's the same words he spoke about Jesus on Mount Tabor: "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." What are you saying as Christ's partner in ministry?

Reflect & Discuss:

1. As you read the passage from Genesis, how does it feel to think that others could "find a blessing in you"? How does Jesus bless others through you?
2. Timothy reminds us of our holiness. Recall a time when you were enlightened by a new understanding of the faith. How did that change your behavior?
3. In the Gospel story, because the Father was so pleased with his Son, he affirmed him publicly. How do you know when the Father is pleased with you?

Lenten Activity:

What's going on in your life that you would like Jesus to transfigure? What will you do this week to expose it to Jesus' healing light?

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