



## Second Sunday of Lent March 17, 2019

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mary's/  
St. Patrick's, and St. Peter's Cathedral:

There is no more appropriate stance before God than awe. In response to his goodness we are moved to wonder and worship and to knowledge of the infinite difference between God and us mere mortals. Further, we should be moved to awe by God's willingness to include us in his life and to make himself known.

Today's readings should move us to awe. From the book of Genesis we hear of Abraham's sacrifice and the mysterious trance in which God makes a covenant with him and promises his descendants a homeland. In the Gospel, we hear the account of the Transfiguration. Jesus is revealed to be the summation of the Law and the Prophets when he appears between Moses and Elijah. The Transfiguration points forward to the greatest revelation of God's mercy: the crucifixion. There God's pity for sinners is shown when his Son is revealed on the cross between two thieves. We bow in awe before the cross, from which God's mercy shines forth.

The strong call to holiness by St. Paul in our second reading is a reminder to respond to the goodness of God in our own behavior. God calls us to turn our eyes to him. The temptation is to turn our eyes to ourselves and to all manner of lesser things. Of those on the path to destruction he says "their God is their stomach; their glory is in their shame." His words are an effective description of the sewer that is much of contemporary life and culture.

When our eyes are turned away from God, away from his mystery, his majesty and his mercy, we look in singularly inappropriate locations for a replacement, for something to make life meaningful and worthwhile.

The ancient traditions of Lent are designed to assist us in avoiding the mistakes of which St. Paul writes. We are to look to ourselves not to seek redemption in our interiority but to purge our inner selves of all that turns us away from God. And we strive to focus more clearly on God, so that, seeing the glory of his love, we might grow in faith, hope and love.

In Christ,

Fr. Klein

### Pray for the Sick

Darlene Bargelski, Facenda Burton, Michael Dineen, Helen Dugan, Cal Fuhrmann, Jaxon Gardner, Valencia Giannantonio, Ann Hagan, David Kidd, Kathy Kingsley, Fr. Leonard Klein, Rita Lynam, Bill Marshall, Francesca Olivere, Alice Goetz O'Neill, Teresa Rodriguez, Earlene Roles, Howard Scott and Cheryl Smith.

### Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **March 17:** Sydemy Joanis, Hope Haar; **March 20:** Rosemary Brunswick, Kevin Convery; **March 21:** Sr. Catherine Marie Lowe; **March 21:** Kyle Cantarera; **March 22:** Christa Klein

### Sacrament of Confirmation

This weekend we especially remember the two confirmands from St. Peter's Cathedral Parish: **Sarah Barrosse-Antle (Clare)** and **Gianna Maria Moore (Faustina)** who will receive the Sacrament at the 11:00 AM Mass. As we pray for the gift of the Spirit for them, we pray also that the Spirit will confirm us all in peace, truth and hope.

### Catholic Forum

Listen to *Catholic Forum* anytime at [www.cdow.org/Catholic-Forum](http://www.cdow.org/Catholic-Forum), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, March 24, tune in to hear the continuation of Father Richard Jasper's Lenten series.

### Masses/Services for the Week

- Saturday, Mar. 16**  
4:00 PM Judith Coombs-Convery
- Sunday, Mar. 17 (Second Sunday of Lent)**  
8:00 AM Parishioners  
11:00 AM Judith Coombs-Convery  
(*Bishop Malooly to preside at Confirmation*)
- Monday, Mar. 18 (Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)**  
12:10 PM Sr. Mary George Barlow, D.C.
- Tuesday, Mar. 19 (St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**  
12:10 PM John F. Sarnecky, Jr.
- Wednesday, Mar. 20**  
12:10 PM Jane Gaffney
- Thursday, Mar. 21**  
12:10 PM Dr. Corky Sliwkowski
- Friday, Mar. 22**  
12:10 PM Irene Hannas
- Saturday, Mar. 23**  
4:00 PM Mary C. Blackwelder
- Sunday, Mar. 24 (Third Sunday of Lent)**  
8:00 AM Parishioners  
11:00 AM Helen Hagan

### Thank You!

Many thanks to Fr. Mac, Margaret Consiglio, Denny and Flossie Skirvin, Jean Manning and the Cathedral Choir for their help in preparing for our Mardi Gras Fundraiser. Thanks also to Val Dobson and Gene Huff for providing the wonderful music. A great time was had by all! The Cathedral netted a total of \$5,214. Thank you all for your continued support.

### Mass Book

Our Mass Book has several weekday dates available for your Mass intentions. Please call the Rectory to schedule.

### Vocation Reflection

**Join a legacy.** The Lord showed Abram the sky and said “count the stars, if you can; just so shall your descendants be.” The ministry of countless priests, deacons, sisters and brothers shows that those who offer themselves in faith and in response to the Lord’s call are also blessed with descendants – spiritual descendants whose faith is nurtured by inspired ministry. Is God calling you to serve the Church as a priest, deacon or as a member of a religious community? Call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Vocation Director (302) 573-3113, vocations@cdow.org. Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations](http://www.cdow.org/vocations).

### Word of Life

“Fatherhood has its origins in God, and so we pray to you, Father Almighty, for those men who have adopted a child. Give them a mind receptive to your guidance, a patient voice, and a loving heart.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Novena to St. Joseph: For Those on the Path of Adoption”  
[www.usccb.org/adoption-novena](http://www.usccb.org/adoption-novena)

### Marian Prayer Service

The Knights of Columbus (Fr. James Trainor Council) invites you to join in prayer and the Rosary before an image of Mary “Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians” on Sunday, March 24 at St. Patrick’s Church at 12:30 PM. The prayer service will last approximately 50 minutes. All are welcome.

### Rachel’s Vineyard Catholic Retreat

The next retreat is May 3-5 at Malvern Retreat House. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more information contact Nan Freeman at (302) 333-1904 or visit [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org)

### St. Patrick’s Day Ham and Cabbage Lunch/Dinner

The New Castle County Irish Society, 1301 N. Rodney Street will serve a Ham and Cabbage lunch/dinner on Sunday, March 17th starting at 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM. The adult platter is \$10.00 and includes coffee or tea and dessert. The platter for children age 8 and under is \$5.00 and includes dessert but not coffee or tea. Take-out platters are \$10.00 and they are available all day by calling (302) 658-8288 or when you come in. A Ham Sandwich will also be available for \$4.00 and does not include coffee, tea or dessert. Desserts are limited and will be available with the platters until we run out. The bar will be open to purchase your favorite beverage. An Irish Dance Program performed by the McAleer School of Dance at 4:30 P.M.

### Book of Sacred Liturgy

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Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 504

Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here #882

Christ Be Our Light #958

Parce Domine #809

Chant Mass #764/Save Us, Savior