

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to cooperate with the grace of God with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives, by renewing them during Lent and to radiate the grace of the transfigured Lord around us by our Spirit-filled lives. Scripture lessons: The first reading explains how his trusting faith in his God's mercy and power and his blind obedience to his God's order to sacrifice his only son of his old age, transformed the life of Abraham, making him the supreme model of Faith in God's promises and obedience to His Holy Will. That is why Paul recalls, in the second reading, that God the Father did not spare the life of His Own Son Jesus when he volunteered to die for our salvation, while He saved the life of Abraham's son Isaac. Why? Because God loves us with an everlasting love. In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him. Jesus' transfiguration also strengthens us in the face of our afflictions. Life message: The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength: In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar are changed into the crucified and risen, living body and blood of Jesus by transubstantiation. Just as Jesus' transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our Holy Communion with the living Jesus should be the source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do more good by humble and selfless service to others.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Remember in your prayers: Reggie Bernardo, Armand L'Anglais, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Dorothy Meaney, Stella Alberry, Heidi Reid, Kathryn Coates, Gerald & Irene Moriarty, Bibin John, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice Belec, Carmen Hampel, Margaret Smith, Grant Marshall, Margrite Dezainde, Mary Gladu, Gerry Hermes and John Beriau.

**PAPAL PRAYERS FOR MARCH:** Let us pray that the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

**RCIA:** Please pray for our Catechumens **Ella Walker and Jessie Franklin** and our Candidate, **Darren Stadig**, their families and sponsors at this time as they prepare to be received fully in the Catholic Church.

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> <b>FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 4, 2018</b>		
<b>Saturday, February 24</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, February 25</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Walter and Verne Pashnicki</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Nic Deneault</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 27</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Wayne Sampson</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 28</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Intentions of the Diotte family</b>
<b>Thursday, March 1</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Deceased members of the Hart and Bernier families</b>
<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> <b>Friday, March 2</b>	<b>9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Brian Visneski - St. John Bosco School &amp; J. L. Jordan School</b>
<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> <b>Saturday, March 3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deceased members of the Duchesne family</b>
	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Intentions of Neil Cameron</b>
<b>Sunday, March 4</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Alan and Adam MacDonald</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>George Churney</b>
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for:</b> <b><i>The Adams Family</i></b>		

<b>Weekly Target:</b> <b>\$3500.00</b>	<b>Actual Offering –</b> <b>February 18, 2018: \$3511.60</b>	<b>Operating Surplus: \$ 11.60</b>
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**LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATIONS:** All celebrations start at 3:00 p.m.:

Sunday, March 4	St. John Bosco, Brockville
Sunday, March 11	St. Mark's, Prescott
Sunday, March 18	St. Francis Xavier, Brockville
Sunday, March 18	St. Mary, Morrisburg
Sunday, March 25	Holy Cross, Kemptville

**ENROLLMENT MASS FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:** All First Communion and Confirmation applicants **must** attend one Enrollment Mass.

**First Communion** Sunday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m.  
**Confirmation** Saturday, March 3 at 5:15 p.m.  
 Sunday, March 11 at 10:00 a.m.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND OUR PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** We invite all parishioners to attend our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service on **Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 p.m.** with the penitential service followed by individual confession. Parents of the First Reconciliation Candidates are encouraged to make their Reconciliation along with their child to head them to the confessional without fear.

***"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him." – Mark 9.2-10***

**FEBRUARY 25, 2018**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>HOSPITALITY</i>	<i>LECTORS</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</i>	<i>ALTAR SERVERS</i>
Saturday, March 3 5:15 p.m.	Anne Peace Carol Ravnaas	Mary MacDermott Lloyd Clayton	Paul and Cynthia Mantha	Samantha Glashan Allie White Grace Kelly
Sunday, March 4 8:30 a.m.	Jill and Marguerite Whiteland	Marc Dennis Judith Hart	Marc and Phyllis Dennis	Grace Whiteland Evan Duffy
Sunday, March 4 10:00 a.m.	Noreen and Peter Shea	Christine Provost David Cody	Deacon Shawn Souder Maureen Laurin	Liam and Isabelle Heffernan

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, February 24	After Mass at 5:15 p.m.	Coffee Social hosted by Parish Pastoral Council
Sunday, February 25	After Mass at 10:00 a.m.	Coffee Social hosted by K of C
Tuesday, February 27	1:30 p.m.	Bible Reflection Group
	7:00 p.m.	C.W.L. Meeting
Wednesday, February 28	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 p.m.	Brockville Catholic Men's Group
Thursday, March 1	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Chapel
Friday, March 2	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Holy Hour in the Chapel
	12:10 p.m.	Stations of the Cross followed by Soup
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Movie Night
Saturday, March 3	3:30 p.m.	Baptism – Shyla Miller
Sunday, March 4	3:00 p.m.	Parish Lenten Confessions

**ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH MISSION**

“RENEWING THE JOY OF LIVING IN CHRIST”

**March 19, 20 & 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

***Retreat Master: Fr. Abraham Orapankal** is the pastor of St. John Neumann Parish in Califon, NJ, and Theological Consultant to the Office of Family Life in the Diocese of Metuchen. He has served as National Presenter and Retreat Director for RENEW International for six years. Ordained in 1983, he has a Masters in Theology and a Ph.D from Fordham University, NY. He has served as a professor of Theology and spiritual director for seminarians at Oriens Theological College, Shillong, and a High School principal and Pastor in Nagaland. Fr. Abraham is a joyful person who is known for both his deep spirituality and pastoral compassion*

**CONGRATULATIONS:** The winner of the CWL Family Day basket was Robert Byrne. We raised \$474.00 towards the purchase of new Christmas trees for the parish. Thank you very much to the CWL ladies for their thoughtful and continued support of our Parish.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION:** Will be held next weekend. Representatives will be at the door at each Mass to receive your financial support.

**2017 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** Are now available for pick-up in the atrium.

**LENTE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOCIAL AT**

**SJB:** During Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross before every Daily Mass. **Every Friday at 12:10 p.m.**, there will be Stations of the Cross followed by a Lenten Social. Please see the sign-up sheets in the atrium. Contact Margaret Cameron at 613-498-1702.

**PARISH MOVIE NIGHT:** Our next movie night will be on **Friday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.** and we will be showing “Dead Man Walking” starring Sean Penn and Susan Sarandon.

**THURSDAY LENTE FAITH FORMATION:** This is a five week study about the biblical roots of the Mass so we may appreciate the splendor of the sacred liturgy and prepare to encounter Jesus at every Mass on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. - February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15 and March 22.** Each week there will be a 30 minute presentation followed by discussion. Please bring you Bible!

**GIVE UP OF THE WEEK FOR LENT:** looking at other people's worst points. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

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