

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## FEBRUARY 25, 2018

### 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 26, 2018

Monday, February 26  
12:10PM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor  
Tuesday, February 27  
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor  
Wednesday, February 28  
10:30AM Rev. Donald J. Lenzini  
Thursday, March 1  
NO MASS  
Friday, March 2  
8:15AM Margaret McDowell by Bill & Linda Smith  
Saturday, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel  
5PM Jim Shields by Roger & Ruth Petrowske  
Sunday, March 4  
9AM For the Parish

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK FEB. 25 THRU MARCH 4

Sunday	9AM Mass (Grades 3 & 4 Liturgy)
Monday	12:10PM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Beef Stew & Cornbread/Fried Chicken 6PM School Board Meeting
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4)
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 5 & 6 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal-NO BUS
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** Mountains are sacred places in the scriptures. Today Abraham goes up Mt. Moriah (the place of seeing) 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. The story of God testing Abraham to *see* if Abraham will obey is a story of great anguish. "See" is an important word here. 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" (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.

### TITHE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,184.00  
\$762.00 Black & Indian; \$437.00 Cemetery; \$197.00 Ash  
Wednesday; \$145.00 Improvement; \$25.00 Donation;  
\$55.00 Child Env.; \$21.00 Votives  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,759.81  
Fiscal Year Week: 34  
YTD Actual Giving: \$229,833.50  
YTD Budget Need: \$238,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$8,166.50)  
YTD Weekly: (\$240.20)

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for March 3 & 4: 5PM, Carson Dunn, Kolton Jany; 9AM, Brock Vasquez, Luke Miller, Shane Bicket

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** We must trust and believe that we are not alone. Even now, the light is shining, if beyond our sight.

**CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** will host the mobile market on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 10AM in the Cohen Complex. Please call Bob Koenegstein (826-5264) to volunteer. The pantry is in need of canned meats, canned fruit, and canned pasta.

**K OF C FISH FRY** Friday, March 2, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit the Randolph Co. Humane Society. On March 9 the fish fry will be for the American Cancer Society.

**PTO SPRING BINGO** will be Sunday, March 4, in the gym.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Without your prayerful support we could not spread the Gospel to African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** We have collected \$766.00 in raffle ticket sales.

**CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL** collection will begin next weekend, March 3 & 4. Through this annual campaign, 14 ministries and programs that provide service to thousands of people throughout our Belleville Diocese are funded. Please watch your mail for additional information and how your gift makes a difference in the lives of many!

**GIBAULT SENIORS SERVE IN PERU:** Thirteen Gibault seniors start their senior service project at Bless an Orphan orphanage in the Andes Mountains of Peru on Monday, Feb. 26. It will be life changing for both the kids making this trip and the children they are there to serve. For updates and pictures during their trip, check out Bless an Orphan on Facebook.

**EASTER FLOWERS** in memory of family, living or deceased, an offering of \$15.00 for each flower.

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**EVERY LITURGY** is a call to and celebration of peace. We need to continue and intensify our efforts to integrate Catholic teaching on justice, nonviolence and peace into the broader life of our educational endeavors. Catholics can take our principles of peacemaking into the public arena to shape an active and constructive U.S. role in the world.

**SURPRISING AND MYSTERIOUS:** Who is this Jesus shining before us in dazzling white clothes? The gospel tells us this: law-giver like Moses, prophet like Elijah, beloved Son like no other! He is the one who intercedes for us, who prays for us, who desires beyond hope for us an obediently devoted life now and a final heavenly life to come. In listening to the Beloved Son, what do I need to hear? How will this hearing change or better my behaviors? How will I walk before the Lord these Lenten days doing mercy work?