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See Weekly Schedule

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2nd Sunday of Lent

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Year A

Matthew 17:1-9

The texts started shortly after 9am one day last week. Son #1 was a little discouraged, to put it lightly. One after another, the tone of the texts escalated, to the point that he was going to disappear and I was the only one who would know where he was. I don't know where he gets these histrionic traits.

My tact was to be supportive but firm. You can't take chances when counseling adult children. One false move, and you're banished to the minor leagues. "You sound frustrated" and "What's your Plan B?" were a couple of my replies. I was nearly sick with worry that afternoon by the time we talked, and we both calmed down

Later that evening, he called me back. "You know how I was feeling earlier today? I don't feel like that at all now. Complete opposite." I silently thanked God for the mood reversal, cursed my crazy genes, and asked, "What changed?"

He was looking through his computer files and found one entitled "Where I Want to be in 10 Years." He completely forgot he had written it three years before. Here is an excerpt: "I do not see the light at the end of the tunnel. I take full responsibility for this situation. The decisions I made are the reasons I am in this position. The course of my life must change. I have more potential, better resources, higher goals, and higher expectations. I have the power to determine the next ten years of my life. I now understand that what I do today will impact my tomorrow. I have made good and bad decisions in my life.

The good decisions have taken more effort, more discipline, and felt better in the end. The bad decisions have been easy, effortless, lazy, and led me to feel upset, stressed, and disappointed. I have never regretted making a good decision. I cannot say the same about the bad decisions. My goal is to maximize my potential and help others maximize theirs." I told him to give his guardian angel a pay raise. What are the odds that my boy would find exactly what he needed to hear? In a forgotten computer file? At exactly the right time? What he had written three years ago helped him to remember his goals.

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes his three closest followers with him to the top of a mountain. As he is transfigured, Jesus' face "shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." He meets Moses and Elijah, Old Testament figures who the apostles immediately recognize, even though they died centuries before. God speaks from the heavens: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Fearful and amazed, the apostles fall to the ground. Jesus touches them, reassures them, and when they look up, Jesus is alone.

What a spectacular event! They see Jesus as God sees and loves him, transfigured in glory, bathed in light. They see his power, his divinity, the way he will appear in heaven. Then Jesus warns them not to tell anyone about the vision until he is raised from the dead. If they have to keep this secret, why even allow them to see the transfiguration on the mountaintop?

Because they'll need it later. Jesus informed them about a week before the Transfiguration that he was going to Jerusalem to suffer greatly and be killed. He also told them that they would have to take up their own cross in order to follow him. They didn't understand what he meant at the time.

Later, after the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, as they continued the work Jesus began, they found the crosses he was talking about—rejection, derision, persecution, and even their own deaths for the faith. And they remembered the Transfiguration, the glory, the light, the power, his divinity. It gave them hope. It reminded them of their goal—eternal life with their Lord.

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# Liturgical Musings

## The Forbidden Word: Why the A-word is a Lenten Taboo

Imagine, if you will, a group of seminarians, gathered for prayer the evening after Ash Wednesday. With Lenten penances in full swing, the band of young men chooses a hymn to begin their prayer with. They begin to sing: "All creatures of our God and king, Lift up your voices, let them ring..." As they approach the end of the second line, voices trail off, and looks of fear and embarrassment cross their faces as the chorus, filled with the seasonally-forbidden A-word (rhymes with *Shmalleluia*) approaches. The voices peter out, everyone looks around guiltily, and the process of choosing a new hymn commences.

Recently I was approached by a colleague—a Lutheran pastor in Texas—who posed the following question: Why are we forbidden to say the A-word during Lent,

when the Gospel Acclamation "Praise to you" which is used effectively means the same thing? The liturgical geek in me immediately went to work to find the answer because, off the top of my head, I didn't know. Upon reflection, the question is very well-put and I needed to satisfy my own curiosity.

I consulted one of my go-to resources for liturgical history, "The Mass: A Study of the Roman Liturgy" by Fr. Adrian Fortescue. It's a well-researched, thoroughly esoteric work which I find completely enjoyable and have read cover-to-cover multiple times. I don't recommend it!

Up until the time of Pope St. Gregory the Great, *Alleluia* was only ever sung at Easter and during the 40-day period following the Feast. From the earliest days of the Church, then, *Alleluia* was always associated with a profound sense of joy. As the centuries passed, the word began to creep into the rest of the liturgical year. In fact, for several centuries in and around Rome, *Alleluia* was always proclaimed at funerals (a practice that was forbidden from at least the reforms of the Council of Trent until 1969). However, that practice fell into disuse as more distinctions developed between the different liturgical seasons. The Church began to observe a clearer separation between days of joyful feasting and days of sobriety and mourning. These more somber liturgical days (those of

Lent, those on which Requiem Masses were celebrated, etc.) saw the omission of the word *Alleluia*.

During penitential seasons, the *Alleluia* became replaced with a chant known as the Gradual and Tract, which were actually more ancient, being used prior to the Gospel before the widespread use of the *Alleluia* outside of Easter. The reform of the liturgy in 1969, however, did not readopt the very ancient practice of the Gradual and Tract (at least from the 3<sup>rd</sup> century), but replacing it with a linguistic equivalent of the meaning of the word *alleluia*: "Laus tibi, Christe, rex aeternae gloriae" (Praise to you, Christ, king of eternal glory), which was borrowed from the ancient Divine Office.

The absence of the word *alleluia* is notable in Lent, as it should remind us that this is a time in which we do not express our Christian joy in the same way as we do throughout the rest of the year. This season, while joyful because it orients us to the joy of Easter in a more perfect manner, is one built around the principles of sobriety and penance. It is not so much that we outrightly reject the Paschal joy of *Alleluia*, but rather defer it to its original and most ancient place: the great celebration of Easter, when it comes forth with Christ from the tomb in full force!



**G = GROWING**

**I = IN**

**F = FAITH**

**T = TOGETHER**

The next session of our inter-generational faith formation program, GIFT will be March 19, starting at 10:30am in the cafeteria. This month's speaker is Tammy Flippo of the Mission and Formation Department of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Topic: "The Lost Sheep," those who have left the practice of the Catholic faith and how to invite them back.

Each session begins with a delicious meal. The meal for this session will be a breakfast buffet by our Bell Choir.

If you have never attended a session, it's not too late to start. GIFT is for everyone! Even the little ones! Our pre-school and pre-k teacher, Becky Moore has a separate session for those in 5th grade and younger.

Check it out this month! You won't be disappointed!

## How Can I help?

The following items are collected continually at our church.

- Snack food items for our back-pack food program.
- Box tops, Coke reward points for the school.
- Used ink cartridges and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Old towels, sheets, and blankets for animal rescues, shelters, and vet offices.
- NEW socks collected by the Catholic Daughters to be donated to homeless shelters.

"It's the action, not the fruit of the action, that's important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there'll be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result."

— Mahatma Gandhi



## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

**We are collecting NEW socks for the homeless.** Socks for men, women, and children can be taken to the parish office or left in the sock box in the church. Socks will be distributed to shelters who work with homeless people.

The next regular monthly meeting will be **Monday, March 20 at 6 in the parish meeting room.** ALL Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join the Catholic Daughters. Find out more by going to catholicdaughters.org.

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your faith

## Middle & High School Rally & Confirmation Gathering Sunday, March 19

St. Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling, WV

This is an opportunity for ALL middle and high school students and teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to gather. Small parishes and large parishes will be represented. Participants will have fun, meet new friends, pray, learn, laugh and have the opportunity to grow in their faith. The day is high energy, just like the participants, with lots of music and movement.

Contact Mary Hendricks or Judy Jerden for more information.

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Kids' Corner  
Catechesis

Is Jesus God?

Jesus is fully God. When He came to earth and was born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus also became a human being, a person like you. So Jesus is both God and Man. As God, Jesus has always existed - he was not created when he was born. Instead, he willingly chose to take on a human body.

Key Verses

Before anything else existed, there was God's Son. He was the Word, and He was with God. He has always been alive and is Himself God. (John 1:1-2)

Related Verses

John 1:14; 14:9; Colossians 1:15-18



Voices Needed

Adult Choir practice for the Easter Liturgies will begin on Saturday, March 18th, following the evening mass. Members of the congregation with an interest in music - even those without prior experience - are encouraged to attend. Let's join together to make this an inspiring and prayerful Lent and Easter.

Parish Prayer List  
Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ◆ **Those who are sick:** Larry Dodson (Cleveland Clinic), Frank Lydon, Sharon Lowe, (SJM), Jim Kerrigan, Victoria Radcliff, Anna Crim (Ruby), Mary Byrd, Bobby Gill, Sr. Theresa Metz, Nick Bakas, Anita Ballard, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's father), Shannon & George Kiro (Nick Kiro's sister and father), Shelly Kraus, Clara Ann Moran, Mary Ann Murray, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Jackie Robinson, Jane Taylor, and Megan Westfall.
- ◆ **Those who have died:** Larry Lowe, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ◆ **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- ◆ **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton

Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions.

The Dead Theologians Society



"Through the Saints of yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow."

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in the downstairs Parish Meeting Room

For updates & more info,  
text @dts-weston to 81010



SoulCore class is held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you would like to increase your SoulCore exercise experience, classes are offered on the third and fourth Thursday of each month at Marist Hall located at Holy Rosary Church in Buckhannon. If school is cancelled or there is an early dismissal due to weather, the classes are also cancelled.

For additional information, contact Rachel at rachelfweber@yahoo.com or go to www.soulcore.com

NOTEWORTHY  
EVENTS

March

- 12, 19 & 26: DTS-6pm
- 12 Sun.: 10:30, Parents meeting, First Reconciliation
- 17 Fri.: 6pm, Mass for St. Patrick's Feast Day, followed by St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest
- 18 Sat: 7pm, Choir practice
- 19 Sun: 10:30, GIFT, cafeteria
- 21 Tue.: 7pm, Lenten Penance Service

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

**Saturday—March 11**  
Saturday of the First Week of Lent  
5:00p Confessions  
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Margaret Shea by John and Jackie McLaughlin  
RDGS: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2,4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday — March 12**  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
8:45a Confessions  
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish  
RDGS: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-19  
11:45 Confessions  
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Marjorie Ruppert by Weber Family  
*Second Sunday of Lent*

**Monday — March 13**  
Monday of the Second Week of Lent  
8:15a Mass for †Clarence by Dale and Micki Snyder  
RDGS: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday — March 14**  
Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent  
8:15a Mass for †Judi Rowan by family  
RDGS: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bbc-17, 21,23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday — March 15**  
Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent  
3-6:00p Eucharistic Adoration (Benediction at 5:45)  
3-5:45p Confessions  
6:00p Mass for †Joshua Arsenault by family  
RDGS: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday — March 16**  
Thursday of the Second Week of Lent  
8:15a Mass for †Mary P. Weber by family  
RDGS: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday — March 17**  
*Saint Patrick, Bishop*  
6:00p Mass for People of the Parish  
RDGS: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps105:16-21  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday—March 18**  
*Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*  
5:00p Confessions  
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Carolyn Gissy  
RDGS: Dt Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

**Sunday — March 19**  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
8:45a Confessions  
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish  
RDGS: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42  
11:45 Confessions  
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †William Rowan by family  
*Third Sunday of Lent*

Mass Intentions Needed

Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions. Intentions are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday: 107  
Sunday: 223  
Latin Mass: 14

General: \$5585  
Loan: \$5610  
School: \$940  
Latin Mass: \$193  
Church in Easter Europe: \$443  
Native American & Black Missions: \$875

Upcoming Collections and Appeals

March 19 & 20: Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund  
March 25 & 26: Catholic Relief Services

Ministry Schedule for  
March 18 & 19, 2017

**Saturday, March 18, 2017**  
Greeters: Ed and Anita Droppleman  
Servers: Christian and Jacqueline Mullins, Allia Shaver  
Reader: John Collins  
Offertory: Mullins family  
EMHC: Luanne Bowers  
Cantor: Diane Collins

**Sunday, March 19, 2017**  
Greeters: Children's Mass  
Servers: Michael Rile, Dylan O'Sullivan, and Ethan Mehr  
Reader: Morgan Turner  
Offertory: Children's Mass  
EMHC: Erin Turner  
Cantor: Children's Mass

**March Linens:** Kathy Boyle  
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### Saint Joseph's Table & the 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive

This Lent, the Knights of Columbus Council 1415 will be conducting a canned food drive. The intent of this Knight of Columbus tradition is to fulfill the Councils obligation to charity by helping the needy during the Easter season. This year, the food drive will be open to the entire parish and will be coordinated with Saint Joseph's Table on the corresponding feast day of March 19. There is a history behind Saint Joseph's table that states in earlier centuries, there was a famine in Italy and the people prayed for the intercession of Saint Joseph to end the drought. After the prayers brought relief to the region, the practice of preparing a feast for the poor was started in memory of the patron saint of workers and protector of families. The goal is for each of us to donate one can of food for each day of Lent to achieve a total of forty cans. We will amass the donations at the altar of Saint Joseph right here in church and all donations will then be distributed to a food bank at the conclusion of Lent. The donated cans can be any size or type of food, but please keep in mind that your contribution does need to be in a nonperishable canned item. Please prayerfully consider participating in this parish endeavor.

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Friday, March 17, 2017

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- ♣ Entertainment
- ♣ Games for the Kids—Gold Coin Scavenger Hunt & Leprechaun Relay, Paint Misbehavin' Face Painting
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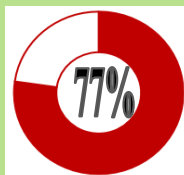
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Goal: \$345,000.00

145 Pledges and gifts to Date: \$266,504.50

If you prefer not to make a pledge, please give through the diocese to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Since we have reached the 50% mark of that goal, all donations given will be returned 100% to our parish throughout the coming months.

"For it is in giving that we receive."  
— Francis of Assisi

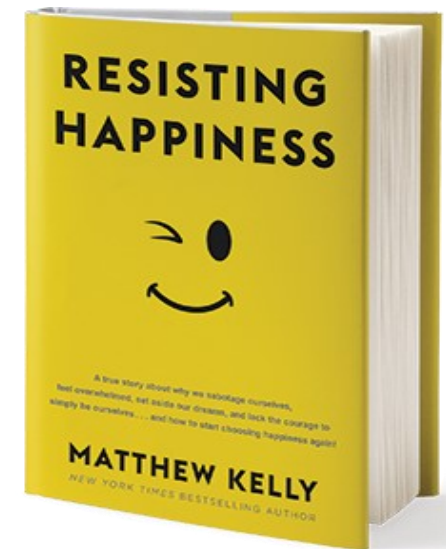


### Various Goings-On During Lent

- Stations of the Cross, every Friday at 6:00 p.m. (except March 17)
- Fish Fry, every Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Carry-out available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
- Eucharistic Adoration, every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m., concluding with Benediction at 5:55. Rosary will be prayed at the normal time. (This takes the place of the previously scheduled Adoration period on Fridays.)
- Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation, every Wednesday, 3:00-5:45 p.m.; Saturday, 5:00-5:45 p.m.; Sunday, 8:45-9:15 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- Lenten Penance Service, Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

## St. Patrick School Now Enrolling!!!

St. Patrick School is accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year for students in Pre-School through 8th grade. For more information, visit our website at [www.stpatswv.org](http://www.stpatswv.org) or call the school office at 269-5547.



"Resisting Happiness" Study Group will have its first meeting on Monday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room. All are invited and welcome to attend. Bring your copy of "RH" and come join us!

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The Knights of Columbus invite you to a Fish Fry every Friday evening (except March 17) at 5:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. Fish, hush puppies, baked beans, coleslaw, and brownie: \$12 for adults, \$6 for children (mac & cheese available!).

### Pope Francis "Tweets" @ Pontifex

"Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return."



Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:  
Second Sunday of Lent

"Behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking together with Him" (Gospel).



Last Sunday we beheld Jesus as Man, suffering and conquering the three temptations. Today a faint glimpse of Jesus as God is a further Lenten incentive against discouragement or failure.

We behold Moses, the lawgiver, pointing to the code of the Ten Commandments; Elias, the prophet, pointing to the creed of Divine Truth. "This is the will of God. . .walking" in the way of His Commandments (Epistle, applying your mind to Divine Truth, so that "you (may) learn how to possess (your) vessel in holiness."

"Your sanctification (Epistle) is an *interior* obligation in your own private *life*; also *exterior* (Prayer), to the extent of helping your neighbor, for "the Lord is the avenger" of deception in everyday business (Epistle).

Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

### Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

03/13	Feria of Lent
03/14	Feria of Lent
03/15	Feria of Lent
03/16	Feria of Lent
03/17	Feria of Lent
03/18	Feria of Lent