

The
Season
of
Lent



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March 16, 2014 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

Niech Bedze
pochwalony Jezus
Chrystus.
R/. Na wieki, wiekow.
Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

**R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

**R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

**R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

READING 2 - Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

GOSPEL - Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - *We Gather Together*

COMMUNION HYMN -
Lord Forgive

RECESSIONAL -
Cross of Compassion





TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Requiem Intentions for: John Kapinos, Sr.,
father of Linda Frysztacki
offered by St. Francis Parish

**ST. JOSEPH (FIRST CENTURY)
MARCH 19**

St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus Christ, was a descendant of King David, according to the genealogy presented by the Gospel. Betrothed to Mary, he decided to divorce her quietly when he found she was with child, but an angel of the Lord told him to take her as his wife, since the child to be born was the "Holy One of God."

Joseph assisted at the birth of Jesus and became his support and guide through childhood. In a dream he was told by an angel to flee from Bethlehem with the infant and his mother, lest Herod Kill the child. he accompanied them to the temple where Jesus was presented to God, with Mary, he sought the boy Jesus when he was lost on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. In his work as a carpenter he shared the many hours of his trade with his young son.

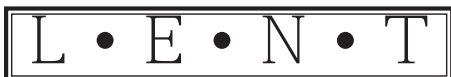
Joseph, a man of faith, a just man, was a worthy successor to the great patriarchs - Abraham, Issac, and Jacob. He followed the call of God through the mysterious circumstances that surrounded the coining of Jesus. God entrusted this silent, humble man with the unique privilege of raising his only Son as a growing child.

A saint close to God, he is honored as the patron of the universal Church.

His prayer: Remember us, St. Joseph, and pray for us to your foster child. Guard and protect the Church on earth, till its time is fulfilled. Amen.

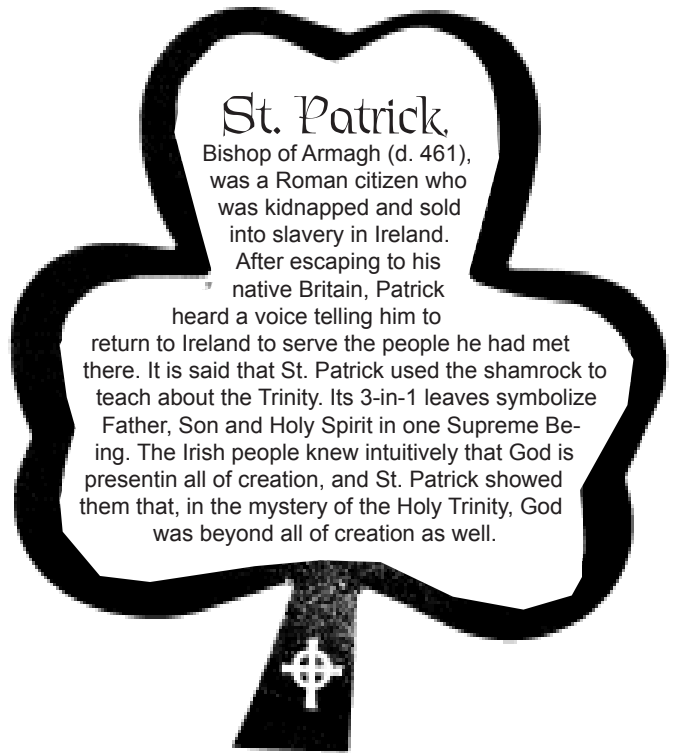
**BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen
A reflection of faith and wisdom...
ABSENCE THAT CREATES PRESENCE**

It is good to visit people who are sick, dying, shut in, handicapped, or lonely. But it is also important not to feel guilty when our visits have to be short or can only happen occasionally. often we are so apologetic about our limitations that our apologies prevent us from really being with the other when we are there. A snort time fully present to a sick person is much better than a long time with many explanations of why we are too busy to come more often. If we are able to be fully present to our friends when we are with them, our absence too will hear many fruits. Our friends will say, "he visited me" or "she visited me," and discover in our absence the lasting, trace of our presence.



ST. PATRICK (C.389-461) MARCH 17

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to near me,
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me. God's
way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me, From snares of devils,
From temptations of vices,
From every one who shall wish me ill,
Afar and a near, Alone and in a multitude ...



St. Patrick,

Bishop of Armagh (d. 461),
was a Roman citizen who
was kidnapped and sold
into slavery in Ireland.

After escaping to his
native Britain, Patrick
heard a voice telling him to
return to Ireland to serve the people he had met
there. It is said that St. Patrick used the shamrock to
teach about the Trinity. Its 3-in-1 leaves symbolize
Father, Son and Holy Spirit in one Supreme Being.
The Irish people knew intuitively that God is
present in all of creation, and St. Patrick showed
them that, in the mystery of the Holy Trinity, God
was beyond all of creation as well.

SAVE THE 2014 DATES

~~March 23rd - CANCELLED WITH APOLOGIES~~

~~-Parish "Italian Feast" Fundraiser Dinner.~~

April 13th - Palm Sunday - 9 am Mass

April 15th - Scranton Clergy Conference

April 17th - Holy Thursday Mass - 7 pm

April 18th - Good Friday Liturgy - 7 pm

April 19th - Holy Saturday - 1 pm

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

June 7th or 14th - EM Pride Day - 10 am - 1 pm

June 22nd - Mary Zaradich Confirmation

**Don't forget to have Fr. Andrew sign
your filled-out tax donation form.**