

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 12, 2017

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

“We used to be such good friends. How is it that you’ve moved so far away?” one man asked another. “Perhaps,” the other replied, “you have moved away. By standing still.” This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God’s will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life’s difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God’s will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalms — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$2,811.00	\$1,943.00
Number of Families contributing	116	91
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (10 Weeks)	\$33,330.00	\$36,530.00
Received to Date	\$32,890.10	\$28,280.10
Envelopes Outstanding	\$439.90	\$8,249.90

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$360.00	\$3,417.00

Thirty-four ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$2,105.00
Amount Outstanding	

Fourteen made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$26.00	\$3,806.00

Four people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$11.00.

35 **CHILDREN** contributed \$160.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$48.00.

BLACK & INDIAN HOME MISSIONS totaled \$453.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 130, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 140 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 145.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One day, Death encountered a man and told him: “Today’s your last day.” The man replied: “But I am not ready!” Death said: “Your name is at the top of my to-do list for today.” The man said: “Alright then...before you take me along, let’s sit together and have one last cup of coffee.” Death said: “Of course.” The man offered a cup of coffee to Death; the coffee was laced with some sleeping pills. Death drank the coffee and soon it was fast asleep.

The man took Death’s to-do list, wiped his name from the top and placed it at the bottom of the page. When death woke up, it said: “You’ve treated me so kindly and with full love today. I would like to reciprocate you by starting my today’s work from the names at the bottom of my list.”

Sometimes some things are written in your fate. No matter how hard you may try to change them, they never change.

The crow and the parrot were both created ugly. The parrot protested and was made beautiful. However, the crow remained content with the will of its Creator. Today the parrot is in a cage and the crow flies free.

Behind each incident is so exquisite a wisdom that maybe you will never understand it. Therefore never ask “Why? to the Creator.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Tommy Daley, Cheryl and Dallas in thanks for Raven on her 4th Birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Ned Sherlock in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
3. the Wife and Family of Patsy Butts Sherlock in loving memory of him on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
4. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins this Sunday, March 12th. Remember to set your clocks forward by one hour.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed this Monday, March 13th.

GOD BLESS THE CHILDREN who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this Monday, March 13th. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. All are invited to participate in the Mass. The children who have been prepared are:

<i>Alexa Carroll</i>	<i>Edward Colin Riley</i>
<i>Avery Carroll</i>	<i>Jim Patrick Riley</i>
<i>Bessette Carroll</i>	<i>Loriel Riley</i>
<i>Farrah Carroll</i>	<i>McCall Riley</i>
<i>Jacob Dalton Carroll</i>	<i>Michael Anthony Riley</i>
<i>Mary Theresa Carroll</i>	<i>Conner Sherlock</i>
<i>Patrick Presley Carroll</i>	<i>Gracin Sherlock</i>
<i>Beverly Costello</i>	<i>Jim Ewan Sherlock</i>
<i>Giselle Gorman</i>	<i>Jim Landon Sherlock</i>
<i>Tommy McGuire</i>	<i>Johnny Sherlock</i>
<i>Brett Pole McNally</i>	<i>Joslyn Sherlock</i>
<i>Bryan Dalton McNally</i>	<i>Laken Sherlock</i>
<i>Danielle Mulholland</i>	<i>Mandy Sherlock</i>
<i>Josie Mulholland</i>	<i>McKenzie Sherlock</i>
<i>Karys O’Hara</i>	<i>Reed Sherlock</i>
<i>Somer O’Hara</i>	<i>Tinsley Sherlock</i>
<i>Chandler Riley</i>	<i>Jack Taylor</i>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

- Mar. 17: Religious Education Teachers**
- Mar. 24: Lectors**
- Mar. 31: Youth Group & Young Girls Group**
- Apr. 7: Society of Mary Immaculate**
- Apr. 14: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Jake Carroll and Bryce Carroll.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Jason Patrick Carroll and Laney Carroll.

EASTER LILIES It is asked that each family donate \$10 for the Easter lilies. Please give your donation to Mary Rita O'Hara, Bridget Rita or the Church Office.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER Mon. thru Friday 9:30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER Monday & Friday 6:30 p.m.
Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 4:30 p.m.

THANK YOU to a member for a \$50 donation in honor of St. Expedite; two members for their donations in honor of St. Expedite; a member for their donation in thanks to St. Expedite; and a member for a donation in honor of St. Gerard.

BIBLE GUIDE

What is Biblical inspiration?

Biblical inspiration is a Divine action or supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit on the sacred writers, moving and impelling them to write in such a manner that they first rightly understood, then willed faithfully to write down, and fully expressed in apt words with infallible truth all the things, and those only, that He ordered.

JOKE OF THE WEEK *An old couple who had been married for fifty years decided to take a second honeymoon. They went to the same town, rented the same room, ate in the same restaurant and then got ready for bed. The husband noticed that his wife took a pill one hour before bed. When he asked why she did so his wife replied that it was to make her feel younger. The husband greedily swallowed the rest of the pills. In the morning, the wife noticed that her husband was not in the room. She went to the lobby and then out in the street, where she found him sitting on the pavement. When she asked what he was doing, he replied, "Waiting for the school bus."*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Daylight Saving Time begins
- Friday: St. Patrick; *Abstinence*
- Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** Confirmation.
- Tuesday:** In loving memory of Patsy Butts on the 1st Anniversary of his death.
- Wednesday:** In loving memory of Brian Benedict Carroll on his 28th Birthday.
- Thursday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph and for Dior Gorman on her 12th Birthday.
- Friday:** For Matt Edward on his Birthday and in honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

READERS

Sat. Mar. 11th, 4:00 P.M. Raid's Karen & Cathy Lisa Butts
Sat. Mar. 11th, 7:00 P.M. Dominique & Natalie

Sun. Mar. 12th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

Sat. Mar. 18th, 4:00 P.M. Christina Apple & Dayna
Sat. Mar. 18th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Apple's Carolyn

Sun. Mar. 19th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** Cheryl
- Tuesday** Sable
- Wednesday** Allison
- Thursday** Natalie
- Friday** Raid's Karen

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **Mar. 11th**
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann
- Saturday 7:00 P.M.** **Mar. 11th**
Front Jay
Cup Mary Regina Hambone

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

- Mar. 12th**
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie
- Mar. 19th**
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** Mary Cat
- Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora
- Wednesday** Ann T.
- Thursday** Rose Marie
- Friday** Bridget Ann

ARE THESE LAWS TRUE IN YOUR LIFE?

- 1. Law of Mechanical Repair:**
After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.
- 2. Law of the Telephone:**
When you dial a wrong number, you never get an engaged one.
- 3. Law of the Alibi:**
If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the next morning you will have a flat tire.
- 4. Variation Law:**
If you change lanes, the one you left will start to move faster than the one you are in now.

PRAYER CORNER

LET ME LOVE YOU, MY LORD

Let me love You, my Lord and my God, and see myself as I really am – a pilgrim in this world, a Christian called to respect and love all those who lives I touch, those in authority over me or those under my authority, my friends and my enemies. Help me to conquer anger with gentleness, greed by generosity, apathy by fervor. Help me to forget myself and reach out toward others. Amen.