

From the cloud came a voice:  
 "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

MARK 9:7

*Our Lady Queen of Peace*

SECOND  
 SUNDAY OF  
 LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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**Mass Schedule**

Saturday - 5:00 PM  
 (Anticipated Mass)\*  
 Sunday - 8:00, 10:00 AM and  
 12:00 Noon\*  
 Daily - Monday-Saturday  
 8:30 AM  
 Holy days - See Bulletin for  
 Mass Schedule  
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**Reconciliation**

Saturday - 1:00 PM or by  
 appointment

**Baptism**

Please call to arrange for your child's baptism soon  
 after birth

**RCIA**

Adults desiring to be baptized, confirmed or  
 become a Catholic, please contact the Parish Office  
**Anointing of the Sick (973.567.7424)**

Please call for a priest to schedule this Sacrament  
 of healing and forgiveness for someone who is  
 seriously ill or in danger of death. Do not wait  
 until the sick person is unconscious.

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All Catholics should seek to have their marriage  
 blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good  
 grace and receive the Holy Eucharist. Contact a  
 priest a year prior to the intended date of marriage  
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## Mass Intentions

February 28, 2021 to March 7, 2021

### Sunday - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

2/28 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 10:00 am The Vaccaro and Kaminski Families  
 12:00 noon Rita Sullivan

### Monday - Lenten Weekday

3/1 8:30 am Henry Corniel

### Tuesday - Lenten Weekday

3/2 8:30 am Vincenza and Lorenzo Graziano

### Wednesday - Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

3/3 8:30 am Barbara Plock

### Thursday - Saint Casimir

3/4 8:30 am Christine Boyle

### Friday - Lenten Weekday

3/5 8:30 am Jack Tobin

### Saturday - Lenten Weekday

3/6 8:30 am Frank Garnardello  
 5:00 pm Ann and Thomas Lynch

### Sunday - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

3/7 8:00 am Anicia G. Rualo  
 10:00 am People of the Parish  
 12:00 noon Anthony Crocco



## Please Remember in Your Prayers

### Rest In Peace

Elizabeth Hulahan  
 Maria Guadalupe Llivicura  
 Rev. Gerald A. Marchand

### Sick Relatives & Friends

Mary Adamo	Kathy Gula	Francis Quinn
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Paul DiGrazia	Barbara Nelson	Mary Walker
Phil Dimitri	Angelina Orgera	Andrew Wey
Eileen Diverio	Sharon Osnowitz	Joyce Wilson
Mark Diverio	Harriet Pellicione	
Emily Ferreira	Vallie Pompilio	<b>*Names in bold</b>
Yancey Garcia		<b>are new to the list</b>

## Weekly Memorials

**Blessed Virgin Mary Candle**  
 in Memory of Michael Giani  
 by Lauren Hrablook



**PRAYERS** - Please keep in your prayers all of our active military personnel here and overseas. We especially pray for our parishioners: Joshua Ashley, Ryan O'Connell, and John Velazquez. May the Lord protect them in their service.

## February 28, 2021 - Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

**Gospel** — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).



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## From Father Tony:

Dear OLQP Brothers and Sisters,

Many of you may already know that Pope Francis has declared a Holy Year of Saint Joseph in honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the naming of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. In his Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart), the Pope promulgated the Holy Year of Saint Joseph from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

Here in our parish, we hope to join the whole Church in dedicating this year to Saint Joseph. In fact, the next three Mondays leading to the Feast of Saint Joseph on March 19, we will have a Triduum Prayer in honor of the Saint from 7 pm at the Church followed by our regular parish-wide weekly praying of the Rosary for peace and protection from sickness and pandemic. Both the Triduum Prayer and the Rosary will be livestreamed through our Facebook Page.

It is my sincere prayer that with this simple devotion of the Triduum Prayer in honor of Saint Joseph the next three Mondays, we will grow in our love and knowledge of the Saint who is the Protector of the Holy Family and the Patron of the Universal Church.

Come and join us!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Father Tony

## Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter - *Patris Corde*

Excerpt from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart) on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

“WITH A FATHER’S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as “*the son of Joseph*”.

Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God’s providence...

After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My Predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him “*Patron of the Catholic Church*”, Venerable Pius XII proposed him as “*Patron of Workers*” and Saint John Paul II as “*Guardian of the Redeemer*”. Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the “*patron of a happy death*”.

Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as *Patron of the Catholic Church* by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience.

For, as Jesus says, “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Mt 12:34). My desire to do so increased during these



months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how “our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history.

Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all”.

Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.”

## **ST JOSEPH'S TRIDUUM**

Reflections on St. Joseph

3 Mondays - March 1, 8, and 15

at 7 pm before the Rosary

## **Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena**

Wednesdays 7 pm at the Church.



## Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

## RCIA Update

On February 21, 2021 we celebrated the Rite of Calling for Continuing Conversion. This Rite is normally celebrated at the Cathedral in Newark. Please pray for our Candidates, Louise Feulner, Nicole Cvelich and Amy O'Gorman (not pictured below), as they continue to desire to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church.



## 2021 LENTEN/HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### KEEP WATCH AND PRAY

The Church will be open for quiet prayer, reflection and confessions following the OMPH Novena. Wednesdays, February 24th and March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th  
7:45 pm - 9:00 pm

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm

### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday (except Holy Saturday) at 1:00 pm;  
During Keep Watch and Pray on Wednesday evenings;  
or by appointment.

## History of Salvation

The first reading today continues the "history of salvation" narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today's story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week's Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Thank You for Your Support of Our Parish During These Challenging Times

For those of you who would like to continue to give through envelopes or cash, please place it in the designated collection baskets in the church, mail your donation to the Parish Center (410 Maywood Ave., Maywood, NJ 07607), or drop it off at the white mailbox located to the right of the side door of the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity!

## Youth Ministry (201) 845-9566, ext 117

Any youth in grades 8-12 are invited to join us.  
Please email [justine.garcia@olqp.org](mailto:justine.garcia@olqp.org)

## Religious Education Lenten Coin Drive



Please support our Religious Education's Lenten Coin Drive in support of our Parish 2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. The Coin Drive will take the place of our annual "Rice Bowls". Please support our efforts, every penny counts.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



If you are adding someone to our Parish sick list, please consider the healing power of these beautiful shawls. They are prayed over by the Prayer Shawl Ministry and blessed by our Pastor. If you know of someone you think is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact the Parish Center: 201-845-9566.

## 2021 Mass Book

The Church teaches us that our prayers are invaluable to the living as well as those who have died. We commend them to God's mercy when we pray for them. The living and the dead are helped not only by our daily prayers, but by the offering of Masses in their name for the benefit of their souls. There are still individual Mass intentions available in 2021. Please call the Parish Center for available dates.



**Why should I register in the parish?** - All members of the parish should be formally registered as members of the parish. You must be formally registered if you wish to arrange a Baptism, a Confirmation, or a Wedding in the parish Church or wish to register in the Parish School or the Religious Education (CCD) Program. You must also be a registered member of the parish for at least three months before you can obtain a Sponsor Certificate or schedule a Baptism or a Wedding.

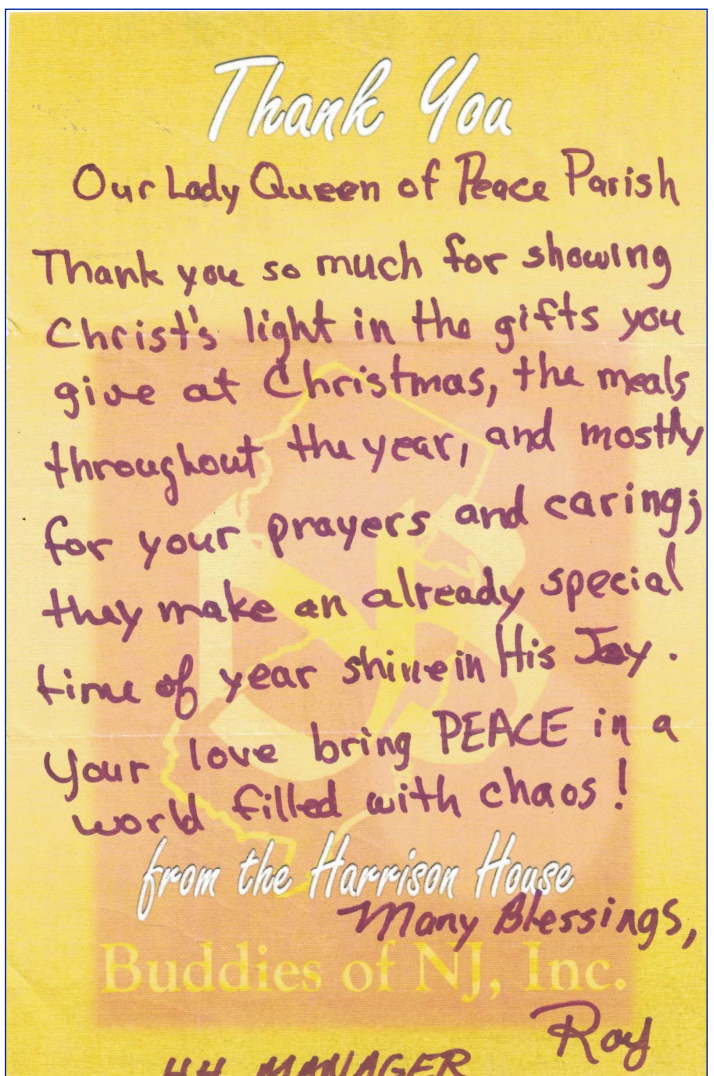
## Human Concerns Update

The Human Concerns Ministry of our parish performs many functions - one is providing meals for the residents of Harrison House which provides a home environment for Aids patients on the grounds of New Bridge Medical Center (Bergen Pines Hospital). Each of our members prepares a complete dinner according to the requested menu. Our parish is assigned the first Wednesday of the month and each "chef" is assigned one month per year. Many of us have also provided Christmas gifts for the residents as they are invited to make a list of possible needs and/or desired items.

We can always use more help. So if you are interested in more information on how you can join our committee, please leave a message for me at the Parish Center (201) 845-9566. Thanks for helping.

Connie Szymanski

**Please refer below to a letter of thanks we recently received from Roy, Manager of Harrison House.**



## Stewardship Corner

### Stewardship: Off and Running (continued from last week)

Many of these pancake races are held near a church. It's said that the origin of the race was in the Middle ages; when a woman heard the church bell ring, she dashed off to the church, forgetting that she was making pancakes. She reached the church with the frying pan still in her hands. She heard the bell and her thoughts (and steps) immediately were directed toward the church. Maybe that's one reason why pancake races are still held today. Of course, they're fun to watch and to participate in. (To be continued next week)

## Treasures from Our Tradition

The basis of Abraham's test in the first reading is the fact that his neighbors followed a religious system that demanded human sacrifice. In offering Isaac's life on an altar of sacrifice, he is following long-accustomed religious practice. Ancient people accepted this because they thought that life was an ever-renewing circle: what had been lost would be restored in time. But here, God springs this trap and gives Abraham, Isaac, and you and me, a future. From now on, God will provide the sacrifice. From this point on, our lives have a direction, a purpose, a goal.

The faithful following of Lent and its consoling, challenging scriptures strengthens and prepares us to remember the Lord's passion and resurrection. Today, many parishes welcome home the elect, men and women chosen on the First Sunday of Lent for the Easter sacraments, from a celebration with the bishop. The scriptures today are chosen with them in mind, to steady their steps, to clear their vision, to strengthen their resolve: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

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## Stewardship Results

	1/21/21	Weekly Goal
Offertory	4,650	5,000
Repairs	430	1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,080</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>

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## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion
Wednesday:	St. Katharine Drexel
Thursday:	St. Casimir
Friday:	First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence
Saturday:	First Saturday

### FEAST OF FAITH

#### The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words "Let us pray," followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a "collect" because it gathers or "collects" the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or "Let us pray"; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, "yes," "may it be so," making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

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### A NEW IDEA

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves.

—Leo Tolstoy

### THE ART OF LISTENING

If you want God to listen to you when you pray, shouldn't you listen to God when God speaks to you?

—Anonymous

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FEBRUARY 28, 2021

*Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.*

*Mark 9:2-3*

## THE BELOVED SON

Today's first reading, known as "the Binding of Isaac," refers to the way Isaac is bound and laid upon the wood of the altar of sacrifice. God directs Abraham to offer his son in sacrifice, killing the beloved son that had been a special gift to him and Sarah in their old age. How could God ask Abraham to do such a thing? Abraham offers no resistance, but in preparing for the sacrifice, Abraham may have agreed with the psalmist that he was "greatly afflicted." Saint Paul's letter to the Romans refers to Jesus as God's beloved Son, which is also how God identifies Jesus to Peter, James, and John at the Transfiguration. Afterward, Jesus tells those disciples not to mention the event to anyone until after his resurrection from the dead. The event, together with Jesus' comments, leaves the disciples thoroughly confused.

### HOW COULD GOD ASK ABRAHAM TO DO THAT?

Through the centuries, Christians and Jews alike have found the Binding of Isaac one of the most difficult passages in the Bible. Even though God intervenes to save Isaac, the whole episode strikes some readers as cruel. However, Abraham, the ultimate man of faith, raises no objection, offers no resistance as he simply goes about preparing for the trip and the sacrifice.

Today's other readings might help us see that text differently. In Mark's description of the Transfiguration, Jesus' clothes become white and shining, and Moses and Elijah appear with him. Moses was the great liberator and lawgiver who led the Jews out of bondage in Egypt and into the wilderness, forming them into the people of Israel by giving them the Law he received from God. Elijah was among Israel's greatest prophets, so close to God that, at the end of his life, he was taken up into heaven by a fiery chariot. Together, Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, the ultimate authority for the Jews in the conduct of their daily lives.

### LOVE AND GENEROSITY

The Law, the Prophets—and Jesus. For Paul, Jesus is someone quite different from the other two. The reading from his letter to the Romans is short, but rich in meaning. When Paul declares that God "did not spare his own Son," and when God praises Abraham "who did not withhold from me your own beloved son," it is the same Greek word for "spare" and "withhold." God's voice at the Transfiguration identifies Jesus as his "beloved Son"—the same way God refers to Isaac as Abraham's beloved son. Ultimately, God spares Isaac but not his own Son, whom he "handed over for us." Even if we are disturbed that God tested Abraham like this, Paul says we should be overwhelmingly grateful that God did for us what, in the end, he did not require of Abraham. Jesus, God's Son "handed over to us" in love and generosity, is already a sacrificial gift, signifying that God wants to give us "everything else along with him."

### TODAY'S READINGS

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Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19  
Romans 8:31b-34  
Mark 9:2-10

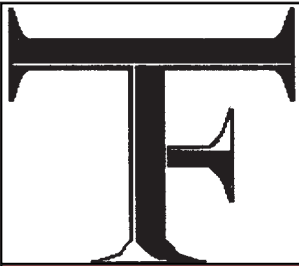
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