



The Lukan story of the Transfiguration signals Jesus' recognition of the sustaining and empowering function of vision for his disciples. He had just told them in no uncertain terms the extent to which they must be willing to follow him in discipleship: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it" (Luke 9:23-24).

Now Jesus takes the leaders of the disciples with him up a mountain and provides them with both the experience of the glory that awaits the faithful disciple and the perspective to sustain and empower them on the way. First, while praying on the mountain Jesus' face becomes changed and his clothes become "dazzling white" (9:29). Second, while Matthew and Mark also write that Moses and Elijah appeared, only Luke writes that they appeared "in glory" (9:31). There were traditions of Moses and Elijah having ascended into the heavens. Thus, these two figures give the disciples an experience of what the end of the sometimes difficult journey is like. Third, only Luke also stresses that not only does a cloud overshadow them when the divine voice comes, but also that Peter, James, and John enter the cloud (9:34). The cloud is a symbol of God's presence, as it was during the Exodus and wilderness wanderings. They are taken into the divine presence when they hear the voice confirming Jesus.

Jesus also gives them perspective to help them be faithful on the way. Only Luke says that Moses and Elijah talk about Jesus' "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:30-31). So the leaders of the apostles receive the perspective that life is a journey with hardships, like the Exodus, but for the stalwart disciple life will result in a glorious conclusion.

Thus, Luke encourages us to take time apart to be open to the experience of God and the godly perspective that energizes our commitments. Given the importance of prayer for Luke, it hardly seems accidental that these come while Jesus is at prayer.

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Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17—4:1 or
3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Saint Katharine Drexel, virgin
Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Saint Casimir
Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 3:1-8a,13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12;
Lk 13:1-9

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL The weekend of March 6-7 will be Catholic Ministries Appeal Commitment Weekend here at St. Ann's. God calls each of us to share our gifts with others for the building up of His Kingdom. The theme for the 2010 CMA is "Always and Everywhere, Give Thanks." Archbishop Schnurr is asking every Catholic household to participate in this year's 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal, which funds six vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Please begin to consider prayerfully how you will participate. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit CatholicAppeal.Info.

Job Opening St. Ann Catholic Church

It has been my (Susan McAbee) privilege to be able to work here at St. Ann's. After much prayer and reflection I have decided to retire in order to be able to spend more time with my family. This job has been a substantial part of my life for the past 10 years. I am grateful for the time I have spent working here and feel blessed to be a part of St. Ann's.

Fr. Mondiek is looking for a full time secretary / bookkeeper. 40 hours a week. Proficient in Microsoft Office, prefer experience in PDS or QuickBooks. Please send your resume with a cover letter to the Parish office at 646 Clinton Ave.

March 2010 Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 5:00 Mass

Lee Conn
Wanda Day
Lori Lamb (except March 20)

Monica Brown
John Keller
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Sun. 8:00 Mass

Joyce Cepluch
Mark Doty
Paul Fenzl
Buell Harris
Kathy Murphy

Sun. 10:30 Mass

Mary Jo Haizman
Ruth Ann Halpin
Martha Kugler
Andy Lampl
Carolyn Maurits

March 2010 Lectors

Sat. 5:00 Mass

Mar. 6 - Lois Keller
Mar. 13 - Serena Conn
Mar. 20 - Michele Wolke
Mar. 27 - Palm Sunday
Narrator: Lee Conn
Speaker: John Keller
Lector: Serena Conn

Sun. 8:00 Mass

Mar. 7 - John Burkart
Mar. 14 - Carol Kiep
Mar. 21 - Hilda Meyer
Mar. 28 - Palm Sunday
Narrator: Mike Wolf
Speaker: NEED A VOLUNTEER
Lector: Kenneth Brown

Sun. 10:30 Mass

Mar. 7 - Stephen Becker
Mar. 14 - Carrie Rusche
Mar. 21 - Neal Sackenheim
Mar. 28 - Palm Sunday
Narrator: Matt Higgins
Speaker: Dick Simpkin
Lector: Chelsea Schindler

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, February 28th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:00 a.m. Confession
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
Tuesday, March 2nd
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul
Wednesday, March 3rd
 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
 5:30 p.m. Confession
Thursday, March 4th
 6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
Friday, March 5th
 5:30-6:30 p.m. First Friday Confessions (*No Soup & Bread*)
Saturday, March 6th
 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass
Sunday, March 7th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:00 a.m. Confession
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass



Saturday, February 27th Second Sunday of Lent
 5:00 p.m. Tess Fontaine (Frank)
Sunday, February 28th Second Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Greta Ture (Janey Sherlock)
Monday, March 1st Lenten Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Clifford Poppel-Birthday Remembrance (Family)
Tuesday, March 2nd Lenten Weekday
 7:15 a.m. For the Intentions of the Sullivan Family
Wednesday, March 3rd Lenten Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Florence Saurber (John & Bertha Vilkoski)
Thursday, March 4th Lenten Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton
Friday, March 5th First Friday
 8:00 a.m. Richard Roesch (Windy & Judy Bowling)
 7:00 p.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
Saturday, March 6th Third Sunday of Lent
 7:30 a.m. Sylvia & Joe Williman (Bruce & Barbara Dallas)
 5:00 p.m. Frank Jost (Family)
Sunday, March 7th Third Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Paul Sherlock - Birthday Remembrance (wife)

ST. ANN LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
Thursday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m.

The St Ann School Centennial Mass, Reception and Open House will be on Sunday April 18 at 10:30 AM Our next meeting to prepare for this event will be on Wed. March 3 at 7:00PM in the school meeting room. We are trying to make this very special and would love to have more people involved. Please join us! Any questions call school at 863-0604.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS: March Luncheon Meeting - The March luncheon will be held at Perkins Restaurant on Nilles Road on Tuesday, March 2nd at 11:30 am. Hope the weather is great and you can all make it. See you there.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual P.A.C. Fish Fry will be held in the St. Ann School cafeteria on Friday, March 12, 2010. Dinners start at 5 p.m. Ala Carte prices. See you there!

OFFERTORY SCHEDULE for MARCH

March 6 & 7
 5:00 p.m. Bradford Family
 8:00 a.m. Mark & Jennifer Sanders
 10:30 a.m. Kelley Family
March 13 & 14
 5:00 p.m. Matsumoto Family
 8:00 a.m. Cepluch Family
 10:30 a.m. Tonya Nixon Family
March 20 & 21
 5:00 p.m. Craig Brown Family
 8:00 a.m. Need volunteers
 10:30 a.m. Jim Kreke Family
March 27 & 28
 5:00 p.m. Donges Family
 8:00 a.m. Ted Fontaine Family
 10:30 a.m. Charles Morris Family

USHERS for MARCH

5:00 p.m. Neil Ferdelman, Joe Keller, *Need volunteers*
 8:00 a.m. Don Wolf, Dick Cepluch, Mindy Jones, Terry Faucett
 10:30 a.m. Cliff Poppel, Phil Poppel, Dave Beckett, *Need volunteer*

St. Ann Financial Stewardship <i>Thank you!</i>	
Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
02/14/2010	\$ 8,435.51
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 386,304.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 319,454.37
Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
02/21/2010	\$ 8,555.30
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 398,376.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 328,519.67

First Friday March 5th

5:30-6:30 Confessions

7:00 p.m. Mass

Stations of the Cross to follow

Fresh Commitment to Life... Cardinal Justin Rigali, in the annual Mass for Life in Washington DC in 2007, commented on the Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. He called it a "misguided use of judicial power exercised in the name of the authority resting in the people of the United States of America." He went on to say, "Each passing year confirms us in the pain of recognizing the violence inflicted upon millions and millions of unborn children and even partially born children in our land. It is important that this truth be acknowledged, that repentance be sincere, and that effective means be taken to stop this grotesque tragedy, while preventing it from being repeated in the future. At the same time each passing year confirms us in new hope for the future. As people of prayer, we are moved by the words of Saint Paul, who says: "...we have set our hope on the living God" (1 Tim 4:10). The word of God and His commandments encourage us in our efforts, and they certainly inspire the rising generation to form new attitudes and assume a fresh commitment to the cause of life."

St. Ann Annual Fiesta We are still hoping someone or several people will step up and chair the St. Ann Fiesta. To date, no one has come forward. Please consider volunteering. This is an excellent fund raiser for our parish.