



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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What's A Productive Day?

There are certain phrases in every family's lore that survive the test of time and reverberate down through the years, long after the person or persons involved who uttered them have gone home to God.

One of those phrases popped into my mind recently when I thought of Dad saying "I feel a nap coming on." He loved his daily nap on the living room couch after work, when he'd tell us "I'm collecting my wits." At the time, I'm sure my younger brother and I would roll our eyes. But lately, Pop's daily nap makes a lot of sense, except that I think he would have been better off taking two.

Years ago I looked upon taking a nap as losing an hour or more out of a productive day. But ten years into "retirement," which did not become sitting in the two rockers staring into the sunset we had expected, I've come to look upon naps as not only welcome but an essential part of every day.

You could argue that my overall fatigue factors into that, but it has quite a bit to do with our schedule, too. We're up most days at 5:30 a.m., have a fairly busy morning until noon or 1 p.m., and by then I view a 60-to-90 minute respite as a necessity more than the luxury I never had during my "career" years. It's also the only way I can get anything meaningful done for the balance of the day.

Those words "productive day" are worth pondering. For decades my DNA seemed to push me to get out the next issue at whatever diocesan newspaper I was working, or to work my way through a list of daily chores around the house that had to be done. Looking back, some of it was quite necessary and some was busy-work, but very little of it will help me at the Last Judgment.

I am sure I am not the only one who fell into the trap of feeling that a day without at least several tasks completed was not a productive day. And yet the greatest spiritual masters down through the centuries all seem to agree that a week, a day, an hour spent in quietude and prayer is worth infinitely more than ticking off items on a to-do list. So why does it take most of us so long to even begin to comprehend that?

— Lou Jacquet

Pray for the Faithful Departed
Margaret R. Jenre, William Pasquale,
Maddalena Lillo

'Evening of Reconciliation' 3/19

"The Light Is On For You: An Evening of Reconciliation" will be held at parishes throughout the Diocese on Wednesday March 19, including at St. Christine Church at 6 p.m. During this time the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available "as a sign for all to embrace and live God's mercy and love more completely." If you know of family members or friends who have been away from the Catholic Church, invite them to come home this Lent. All Catholics are reminded to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten observance in preparation for Easter. Confessions will be heard from 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Mass for Sick, Healthcare Workers



In observance of the Jubilee Year 2025, Bishop David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, will celebrate a special Mass commemorating the "Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers" at 4 p.m. Sunday April 6 at St. Columba Cathedral, [154 West Wood St., Youngstown.](#)

In addition to praying for those who are sick or suffering in mind, body, and spirit, the Mass will also celebrate those in various ministries throughout the Diocese of Youngstown.

A reception, co-sponsored by Mercy Health Foundation Mahoning Valley, Canfield St. Michael Parish, and Church Budget Envelope Company will be held in Saint Columba Parish Hall immediately following Mass. For more information, contact Catholic Charities, Diocese of Youngstown, at 330-744-8451, ext. 245.

Sunday, March 16

9:00 a.m. Blessings for Jerry Kernan/90th Birthday by Family

Wednesday, March 19

9:00 a.m. Tiffani Joy by Barb Dunlap

Sunday, March 23

9:00 a.m. George and Mary Alyce Kinnick by Family

Please Pray For Our Sick

Frank Roman, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

Altar/Rosary Meeting 3/30

St. Brendan's Altar & Rosary Society will meet on Sunday, March 30, in Room 102 following the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass. We will be making plans for our upcoming Bingo/Card Party on April 27. We are reaching out to our parishioners to ask for your support by donating gift baskets, gift cards, lottery tickets, etc. Every contribution counts, and we appreciate your generosity. You are more than welcome to come to the meeting and help us plan this event. If you have any questions, you can call Sharon Pasquale at 330-207-7836.

Passionist Priest Offers Radio Show

Father Cedric Pisegna, a Passionist, endeavors to help people come to know Jesus in a personal way. His program, "Live With Passion," discusses how salvation and new life come from the Cross and airs on Living Bread Radio AM 1060 (northern Ohio) and 89.5 FM (Youngstown) Sundays at 10 a.m., plus Alexa, livingbreadradio.com and the network's app.

April Ministry Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Jerry and Amy Kernan

Lector

Lou Jacquet

Fish Dinner Update



"Wow, what a wonderful start to our first Fish Dinner on March 7. Over 550 pounds of fish were made, along with our homemade sides. Unfortunately, around 5:15 p.m. we ran out of fish. Many customers were disappointed that they were unable to have their dinners fulfilled.

"We are volunteers trying to do our best for the church, but problems do arise. We want to thank everyone who has given us their patronage in letting us serve them 'the best fish on the West Side of Youngstown.'

"Orders can be placed on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, by calling 330-799-3683. God bless all."

— Patty Infante and John Coudriet

Sunday's Scriptures: 'Stand Firm in the Lord'

This Sunday our second reading is from Philippians 3:17-4:1. In this letter, St. Paul describes two types of people. The first type are enemies of the Cross, and the second are those who are followers of Jesus and will be future citizens of heaven.

Enemies of the Cross are recognized by these traits: "Their god is their stomach, their glory is in their shame, and their minds are occupied with earthly things." They are focused on the world rather than on Jesus and His Kingdom.

The second group looks to the Cross of Jesus for their salvation, and the Kingdom to come as their future home. They are described by Paul as people who "find their citizenship in heaven, await the coming of their Savior, and long for a glorified body like Jesus' resurrected body."

Even though there is persecution of the Church, Paul encourages them to "stand firm in the Lord." They are to live in the world but not be of the world. They are to be imitators of Paul.

Living in the world requires us to think of getting a good education, earning a living to sup-

port ourselves and our families, buying the things we need to live a decent physical life, and taking care of our bodies and possessions. Being of the world means that we find ourselves living mainly for success, earthly possessions, and pleasures.

Paul is instructing the Philippians and us today that all our earthly pleasures will pale when they are compared to seeing Jesus face to face. We will then experience the love that created us, sustained us, and loved us more than any other earthly love. He reminds us that our glorified body will be more beautiful than the earthly model we have spent so much time and energy caring for. When Christ comes, we will question why we were so preoccupied with the unnecessary objects that accumulated in our houses and garages.

We are in the second week of Lent. In the past week, how much time did we spend at the foot of the Cross in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving versus the time on our secular pursuits? Maybe some of us need to change our priorities and focus, and "stand firm in the Lord."

— Geri Jacquet

Parish Appeal Goals Announced

Parish goals for the Annual Diocesan Appeal have been announced. The goal for St. Brendan's is \$21,000; for Our Lady of Sorrows (St. Matthias), \$26,000; St. Christine, \$133,000. Envelopes for the Appeal can be found at the ends of each pew at St. Brendan; the Appeal funds the critical ministries diocesan-wide Catholic Charities and offices at the Chancery. This year's goal is \$4 million.

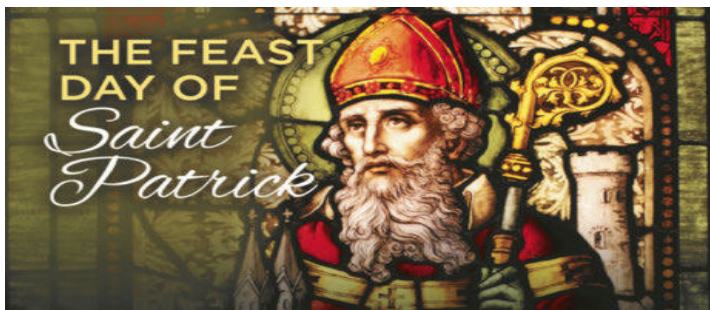
'Catholic Challenge' Game Show

"Catholic Challenge 2.0" is a game show for listeners that airs Sundays at noon and Saturdays at 10 a.m. on Living Bread Radio 1060 AM in northeastern Ohio and 89.5 FM in Youngstown. Play along and learn more about the Catholic faith.

Prayer to St. Patrick

"O God, who sent the Bishop St. Patrick to preach your glory to the peoples of Ireland, grant, through his merits and intercession, that those who glory in the name of Christian may never cease to proclaim your wondrous deeds to all. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever."

Feast Day: March 17; died 461



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Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For March 2025 **\$29,440.00**

Week of March 9, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$3,770.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$25.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$5,955.00

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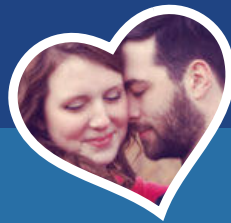
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