

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 03/16 (II Sunday in Lent) Holy Mass at 10 am with the Parish Committee oath of fidelity. **Catechism class** for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass.
- 03/19 (Wednesday) Ordination of deacon Justin Devault at 10am. in Plantsville, CT.
- 03/23 (III Sunday in Lent) Holy Mass at 10 am. **Catechism class** for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass. No Mass Intention so far!
- 03/29 (Saturday) Lenten Retreat in Plantsville at 10am. *(Sign-up sheet in the Church vestibule)*

- **Volunteers Needed for Church Hall Painting!** We are looking for up to 4 volunteers who are skilled in wall painting to help refresh the wooden elements in our church hall. Paint and equipment will be provided. You choose the day and time that works best for you (weekdays are preferred). If you are willing to lend a hand in this project, please put your name on the list in the Church vestibule.
- **FREE FOOD PANTRY** in the Church Hall.

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY NEWS

- Recent project: **renovation of the choir space (catechism classroom)**: additional heating and security camera, windows' sealing and painting, wall painting, monitor for catechism classes...
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: AURORA ODEN (03/21). Happy birthday!

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March 16, 2025

BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

II SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + EMIL W. SENCZUK (req. by Anthony)

INTROIT

C: You , who dwell in the shelter of the Most high, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

R: Say to the lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in Whom I trust."

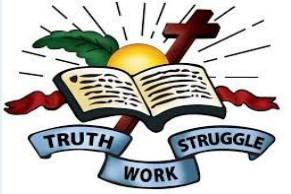
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite

GN 15:5-12, 17-18

the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

PS 27

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in

heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PHIL 3:17-4:1

GOSPEL

LK 9:28B-36

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. 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." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

And what was going on in Peter’s head? What was he experiencing? He was experiencing a small glimpse of the glory and splendor of God. Jesus, who up until this moment had kept His divinity veiled, lifted the veil ever so slightly. And with the lifting of that veil, His divinity shone through brighter than anything this world could ever contain. And Peter, James and John did not know what to think. But Peter cried out that he wanted to build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah! For within that momentary experience, he experienced the desire to remain there forever. So why did Jesus give these Apostles this very brief experience of His glory? Because they would need that taste of His goodness for the road ahead. They would need to forever remember what their final destiny was. They would need to hold this experience close as they endured the many crosses and sufferings ahead. And they would use this experience to remind themselves that whatever they had to endure on the journey up the mountain of life is worth it.