

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 03/01 (II Sunday of Lent) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall.
- 03/07 (Saturday) **Lenten Retreat** in Wallingford, CT 10am-2pm.
- 03/08 (Institution of the PNCC - Solemnity) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *Mass Intention: For + CHARLES HENSLEY.*

- As we continue our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are grateful for your generous response to this year's Lenten Tithe dedicated to our Sacristy Renovation Project. **As of today, we have collected \$890 toward our goal of \$3,000.** Thank you to everyone who has already made a Lenten sacrifice to support this important improvement to our Church. In the vestibule, you will find a "fundraising thermometer" showing our progress.
- Mass Intentions Announcement:** If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass Intention, please be sure to book it in advance, as we are able to schedule only one intention per Sunday. At this time, the first available Sunday with no intention is March 29, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

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March 1, 2026

# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

#### MASS INTENTION

*For strenght and God's blessing for IVY „DAWN” MEUNIER  
(req. by Renée)*

#### INTROIT

C: I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the righteousness of my own based on the law,

**R: But that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith.**

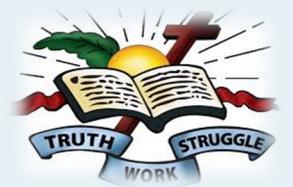
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**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 said to Abram:

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you.

All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

## GN 12:1-4A

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

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

## GOSPEL

## MT 17:1-9

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PS 33

*„Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.“*

## READING 2

**A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy.**

Beloved:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior

## 2 TM 1:8B-10

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

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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*The Transfiguration reveals who Jesus truly is—not only a teacher or prophet, but the beloved Son of the Father, radiant with divine glory. For a brief moment on the mountain, Peter, James, and John see what is normally hidden: that the humanity of Christ is filled with the light of God. Moses and Elijah stand beside Him, representing the Law and the Prophets, now fulfilled in Jesus. Peter's desire to build tents is deeply human; when we experience something beautiful and holy, we want to hold onto it. Yet the Father's voice directs the disciples—and us—not to cling to the experience, but to "listen to him." Faith is not about staying on the mountain of consolation, but about obedience and trust.*

*The disciples fall in fear, overwhelmed by the mystery. But Jesus comes to them, touches them, and says, "Rise, and do not be afraid." The glory of God does not crush us; it lifts us up. We too are invited to moments of light—through prayer, the Eucharist, and quiet encounters with grace—but we must also come down the mountain and follow Christ on the path toward the Cross. In the end, the disciples see "Jesus alone." That is enough. When distractions fade and fears settle, it is Christ alone who remains, and it is His voice we are called to hear and trust.*