

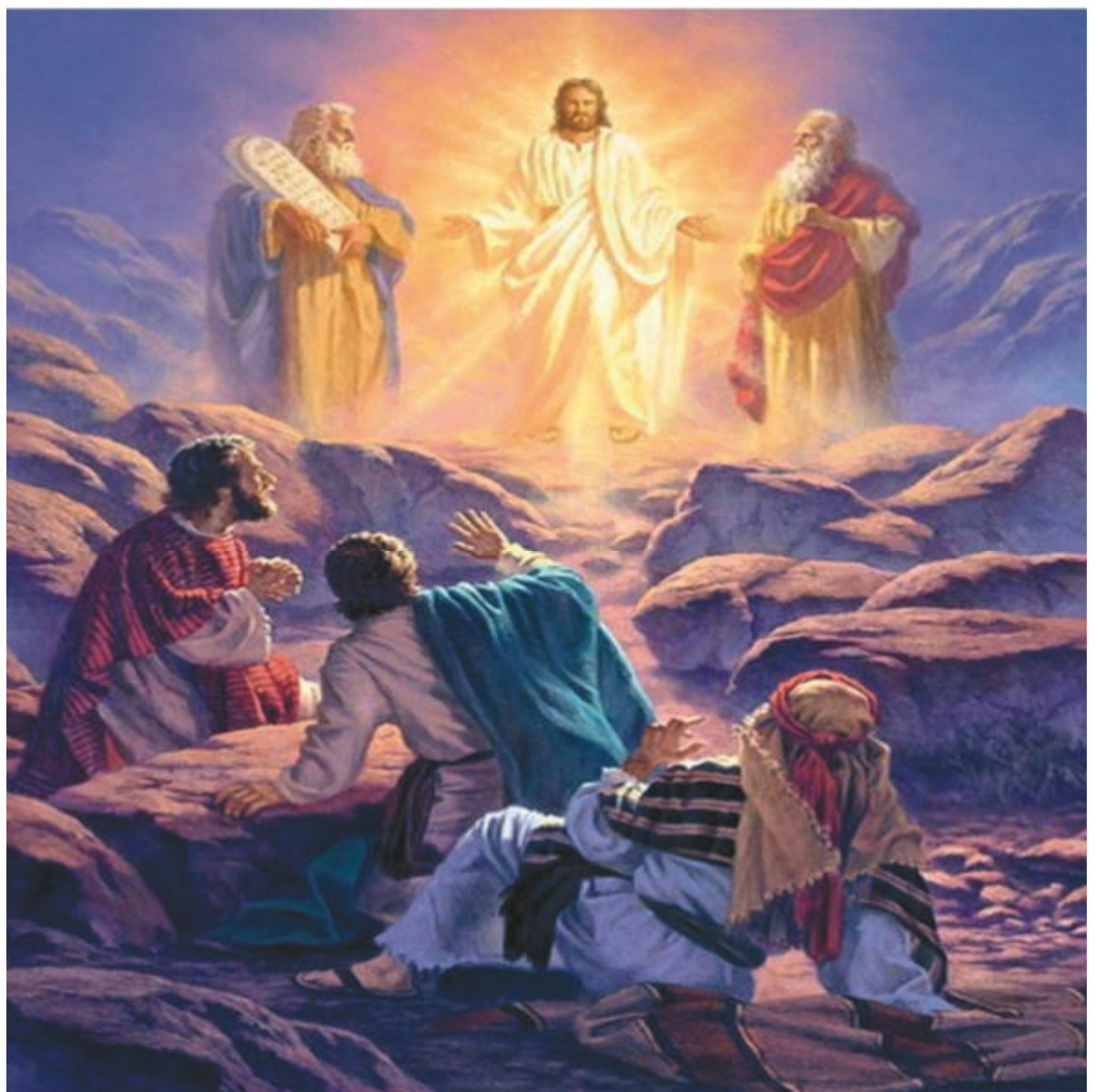
# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then from the cloud  
came a voice that said,  
"This is my chosen Son;  
listen to him."

Lk 9:35

## HOLY FAMILY & ST. EMERY PARISH

BEING LIKE MINDED... BEING ONE IN SPIRIT AND PURPOSE (PHIL. 2:2)



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**March 8, 2020**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, Mar 7—Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

4:00 PM Robert Kinsley (Holy Family)

5:15 PM Mary B. Danko (St. Emery)

**Sunday, Mar 8—Second Sunday of Lent**

8:15 AM All Parishioners (Holy Family)

9:30 AM John and Ann Pipa (St. Emery)

11:15 AM James E. Baker (Holy Family)

**Monday, Mar 9—Lenten Weekday**

7:45 AM Andrew Anderson (Holy Family)

**Tuesday, Mar 10—Lenten Weekday**

7:45 AM Norman Anderson (Holy Family)

**Wednesday, Mar 11—Lenten Weekday**

7:45 AM Michael Baldyga (Holy Family)

**Thursday, Mar 12—Lenten Weekday**

7:45 AM Ivar and Eleanor Anderson (Holy Family)

**Friday, Mar 13—Lenten Weekday**

7:45 AM All Souls (Holy Family)

**Saturday, Mar 14—Lenten Weekday**

4:00 PM Donald Provolo (Holy Family)

5:15 PM Glicinia de Sousa (St. Emery)

**Sunday, Mar 15—Third Sunday of Lent**

8:15 AM All Parishioners (Holy Family)

9:30 AM Norman Walter Domozych (St. Emery)

11:15 AM Susan Thurkettle (Holy Family)



**ETERNAL LIGHT**

This week our eternal light burns brightly in honor of the parishioners of Holy Family and St. Emery Parish.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick**

We ask you to remember in prayer and thought those members of our Parish family – the sick, hospitalized, home-bound or elderly and nursing home residents who are unable to worship with us. May the Healing Hand of the Lord be upon them and those who care for them. Please pray for others who are ill or weak and those who hide their suffering. Please especially remember in your prayers, Miralia Torres, Terri Wasilewski, Kevin Leary, Fr. Stephen Balint, Gary Dicso, Suzanne Barnum, Helen Kautzner, Elizabeth Jando, Dorothy Rouleau, Todd Burr, Erika Faber, Nina DeBenedetto. If you have someone that you would like included in our prayers, please contact the rectory at 203-334-0312.

**Offertory**

**March 1, 2020**

**Combined Totals**

**Holy Family and St. Emery Parish**

**Offertory \$5905.62**

**Ash Wednesday \$1417.00**

**Monthly \$1971.00**

**Online \$1133.00**

**Total \$10,426.62**

**Weekly operating expense goal: \$10,500.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Lenten Stations of the Cross**

Friday, March 13

12:00 PM

St. Emery Church Hall

Followed by luncheon

7:00 PM

Holy Family Church



**March 8, 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you *really* are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

**Readings for the week of March 8, 2020**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



**FEAST DAY OF ST. PATRICK AND ST. JOSEPH**

**PARISH COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

FOLLOWING THE 9:30 AM MASS

ST. EMERY CHURCH HALL

Sign up sheet in the vestibule



HOLY FAMILY AND ST. EMERY PARISH  
CLERGY AND LAY LEADERSHIP

Rev. Sean Kulacz, Parochial Administrator  
Rev. Dios Joseph, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Joseph DeBiase  
Deacon Rudolph P. Trankovich

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John Swingler, Director of Music, Holy Family

Gail Young, Administrative Assistant

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**Choir Rehearsal**

**THURSDAY EVENINGS**

**7:00**

**St. Emery Church Choir Loft**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



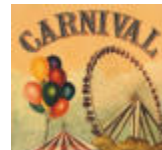
**Retire your worn American Flags with respect** and dignity. Old and tattered American Flags are being collected by The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 118. Boxes are in the Vestibule so flags may be disposed of in the proper manner. The collection is taking place through the end of April.



**Reader Schedule  
March 14-15**

**5:15 PM** Erica Andrasi  
**9:30 AM** Rob Adriani

**HOLY FAMILY AND ST. EMERY CARNIVAL**



**May 15, 16, 17**

**Jennings Beach, Fairfield**

**Volunteers needed:**

If you can share some time with our parish to help in set-up, clean-up, food prep, ticket selling, please contact the parish office at 203-336-1835.

**50/50 Raffle**



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**Lenten Fish Fry Sponsored by**

**the Knights of Columbus**

**March 6 - April 3**

**5 - 7pm in St. Emery Church Hall**

**Dinner includes Fish (fried or baked), French Fries, Vegetables, Beverages (soda, water, wine, coffee, tea), and Dessert**

**\$10.00**

**BAKE SALE**

**MARCH 14 & 15, 2020**

**AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**



Everyone is invited to bring their delicious baked goods to help with our fundraiser. Sign-up sheets are located in the vestibule in both Holy Family and St. Emery Church. Baked goods may be dropped off after 2:30pm on March 14 at Holy Family Church.

**Please indicate if items contain nuts.**

**Volunteers welcome to help sell the items before and after each Mass.**



## FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

### This week's Scripture reflection:

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

### Question of the week:

How do you think the memory of this special day helped the apostle's when Jesus was arrested?

### Family Prayer:

Dear Lord, when life gets hard, help us to remember that you are always with us. Amen.

**No Faith Formation class on Sunday, March 15.**

### EASTER FOOD BASKETS FOR

#### FAMILIES IN NEED

*As we prepare for Easter and keeping with our Lenten traditions, we will be putting together food baskets to be delivered to families in need.*



*Please help us feed these families by signing up to bring any of the food item(s) listed on the tags in the Vestibule of the Church. Write your name and phone number on the left side of the tag, detach and place that section in the basket.*

*Take the right side of the tag with you, it has the family number, return date, and the item(s) you are volunteering to bring.*

*Please bring the item(s) back with the tag no later than March 29th and place them in the bin in the vestibule.*



If you can help deliver the baskets, please sign the sheet in the vestibule.

### PARISH LENTEN MISSION

#### Save the date!

Sunday, March 22

Monday, March 23

Tuesday, March 24

Wednesday, March 25

More information will follow in next week's bulletin.



#### Faith Formation Registration

Begins March 8, 2020

Weekly classes for Grades K through 8

Call the parish Faith Formation Office for more information or fill out a registration form which can be found in the church vestibule.

Classes begin the week of September 13.

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