



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."

Readings for the Week of February 17, 2008

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

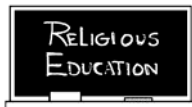
"...Rise, and do not be afraid..." Matthew 17:7

In serving God, we rise beyond our fears to cast our eyes on Him alone. Loving God, open the eye of my heart so that I may see you alone.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: When did I face a truth about myself which was surprising or difficult to claim? How has that experience influenced my life?

Children: How can I celebrate the fact that every talent and ability I have is a gift from God?



Classroom gatherings will resume on Sunday, March 3rd. We will not meet on Sunday, Feb. 24th or on Easter Sunday, March 23rd.

Looking ahead to March: Monday March 3rd at 6pm in the church of St. Ann, our parish will have a Lenten Reconciliation service with individual confessions being heard.

Students in Grades 5 & 6 are invited to participate in the next Grade Level Mass at 9am in St. Joachim Church on Sunday March 9th. If students are interested in singing, they are asked to call Patty Natti, 978-281-4134.

All our 5th graders are asked to attend their class focused on Liturgy on Monday afternoons from 4-5pm in of St. Ann Church. They are scheduled to meet on the following Mondays: March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. There will be NO Sunday morning class for the 5th graders during the month of March.

Confirmation Students will host a Soup and Bread Lenten Meal in the church hall on Saturday, March 8th following the 4pm Mass At 7:30pm the St. Patrick's Family Players will perform "Resurrection" a cantata/music drama. Each student is asked to bring along a pot of their family's favorite soup or chowder to share with both our community and the cantata performers. (Remember to label ingredients for those with food allergies.) Everyone is invited to share this incredible experience of forgiveness, love and joy.

Reflections by Father Bullock

February 2002



The Transfiguration is a somewhat difficult concept. Is it strictly historical? Is it symbolic? The important thing is that something very real happened; there was insight and vision enough to fortify the apostles, if they kept it in mind. Right before the Transfiguration there is the first prediction of the Passion; right after it, the second and third predictions of the Passion. In that light, the Transfiguration is a promise of coming triumph.

If we want modern examples, we do not have to look far. We are a church rocked by a not-too-distant scandal. The church has the power to come through, but it will do so only by becoming a transfigured Church, one that involves the faithful, one that seeks dialog. Under the power of the Holy Spirit, it has the wherewithal – if we use it – to become a better church.

Our country is involved in a situation unlike any before. If it were a traditional war, that would be one thing. Horrible and wasting as wars are, they can be ended, perhaps even well ended. But the struggle to win the hearts and minds of others, to bring terrorists versus humanity to justice, that is something else. It is not just having the firepower and weaponry to catch terrorists, it is having the vision and humility and desire for cooperation to root out the causes of terrorism. To do that, the country needs its own transfiguration – its own vision of what constitutes "right", and the proper ways of attaining it.

It is a time for prayers on so many levels.

Confirmation Pictures

Families who celebrated Confirmation last November are asked to please come into the office and pick up their son/daughters Confirmation picture.



The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 19th at 7pm in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please call Kathleen McCabe at 978-281-4820.

Altar Server Training

Students, Grades 4 and older who are interested in being an Altar Server are invited to the instructional lessons on the following Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 in St. Joachim Church; Feb. 27th, March 5th, and March 12th.

Living Stations of the Cross

We are in need of students, grades 4 and older, for various parts in our live re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross. This live presentation is presented to the parish community on Palm Sunday evening, March 16th at 6:30pm in St. Ann Church. Rehearsals are every Thursday 4:30-6pm in St. Ann Church. This is very touching and spiritual event for those presenting it and the parish community. For more information, please call Sue Demetri at 978-283-5096 or e-mail sdemetri2000@yahoo.com.





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The Host & Wine for February was donated in loving memory of:

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Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets **Thursdays at 7pm in St. Joachim Church, Rockport.** Questions? Call Louise 978-281-3645.



Rosary

The Rosary is being said Wednesday nights at 5pm in the Mother of Grace Club (48 Washington St., Glou.). Please join us!

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays – 7 – 9pm (St. Joachim Church)
7:30pm – Chaplet of Divine Mercy
8pm – Rosary
Thursdays – 9:30am – 1:30pm
7 – 9pm (St. Joachim Church)

To sign up or for more info, call Angela 978-283-5701.

Women's Guild News

The next Guild meeting will be held on March 4th in the Parish Hall. A short business meeting will be followed by refreshments and an "Evening of Beauty" social. Come find out about new cosmetics and how to apply them. The ladies from CVS in Beverly will be there to show us how. All are welcome. If anyone is interested in becoming a member please come to the meeting or call Bea Ciaramitaro at 978-283-2691. Upcoming events include a cake sale before and after Masses on April 12th & 13th and a fashion show on May 22nd.



St. Patrick's Day Irish Dinner

The annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Dinner will be held Saturday, March 15th at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Come for a traditional family style Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner with Soda Bread and dessert. Music provided by the Docksidiers. Come, wear your green, enjoy the music and on a hearty meal. Tickets can be purchased from Guild members, or at the church office. Cost is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Tickets will not be sold at the door so purchase them early!

Food Pantry

We are looking for the following items for our food pantry:

Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Rice, Pasta, Cereal & Canned Meats. Donations can be left in the office or in the receptacles at the back of both churches.



In Loving Memory

We commend into God's care those who were buried from our Parish recently

Antonio Brancaleone Marjorie Budrow
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St. Ann School

St. Ann School is accepting registrations for the 2008-2009 school year. Visit our new website at www.stannsschool.com or call 978-283-3455 to schedule a visit.

