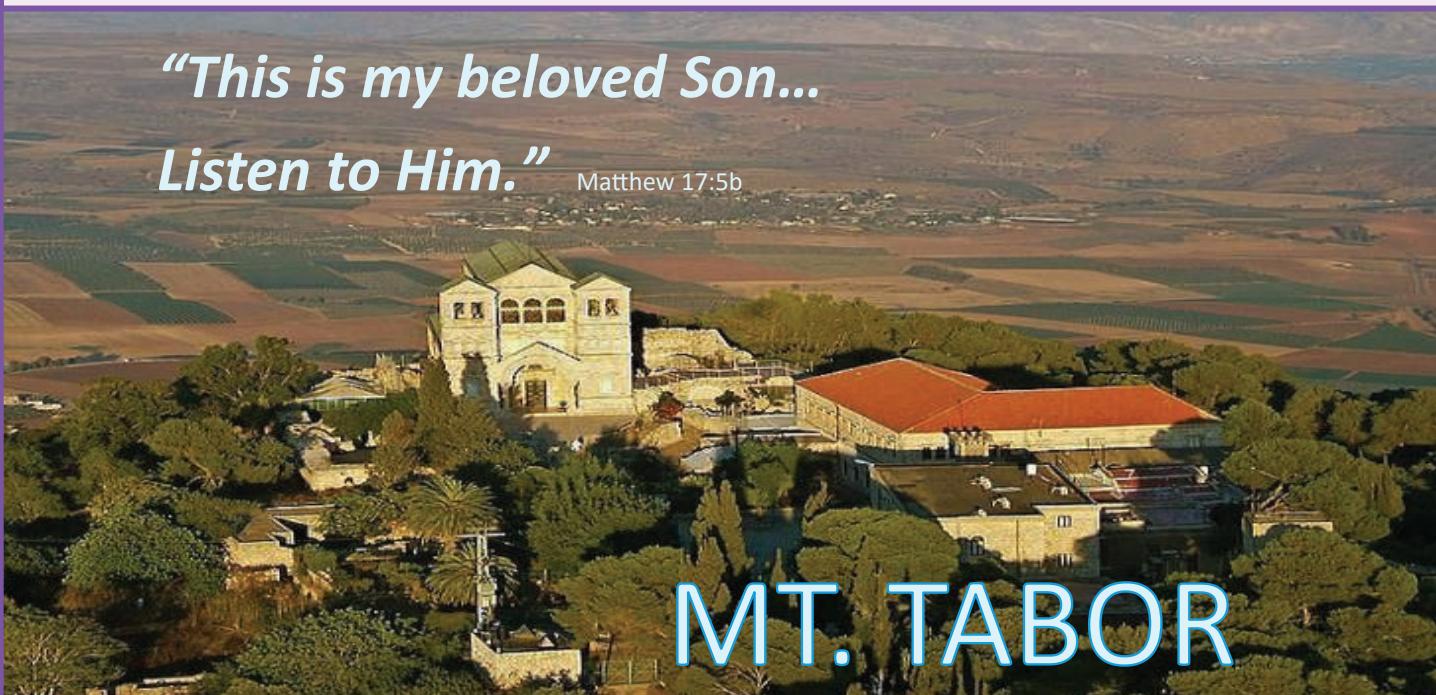


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*"This is my beloved Son...
Listen to Him."* Matthew 17:5b



MT. TABOR

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

530PM (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday

8AM, 1030AM & 12NN

Weekday

Monday—Thursday 7AM & 8AM

Friday & Saturday 8AM

Every **4th Sunday** at 5PM
Filipino Mass

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Saturday 4:30-5:15pm
and by appointment

Baptism

3rd Sunday of the month at 130pm, except Eastertime
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 973-481-1991 to receive this sacrament. We will also gladly bring Holy Communion to the homebound upon request.



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Bingo Hall Telephone
973-759-1417

Website:
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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, March 4

5:30p Walter "Buddy" Archer by Helen & Frank Yacullo

SUNDAY, March 5

8:00a St. Anthony Staff & Parishioners by Donna Marie Iannia
 10:30a Romeo Montas by Jay Montas
 12:00n People of the Parish

MONDAY, March 6

7:00a Anthony Camuso by Marie Catenacci & Family
 8:00a Victoria Alao by Anonymous

TUESDAY, March 7

7:00a Stephen Sibilia (Birthday) by Leonora
 8:00a John Del Guercio by Bingo Volunteers

WEDNESDAY, March 8

7:00a Victoria Alao by Anonymous
 8:00a Charlie Cacchioli by Marino Family

THURSDAY, March 9

7:00a George & Ann Rice by Patti
 8:00a Mary Christie by Valerie Lasky

FRIDAY, March 10

8:00a Richard & Jenny Del Vecchio by Son
 7:00p Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 11

8:00a Fermina & Tess Montas (Healing) by Jay Montas
 5:30p Jean & Joseph Iannia by Donna, Paula & Lenny

SUNDAY, March 12

8:00a Vincent Angiuoli by Helen & Frank Yacullo
 10:30a Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Society
 12:00n Teresita Cid by Carla & David Gates

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

March 5 - March 11, 2023

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the Intention of
People of the Parish

The Altar Candles will be offered for the Special Intention of
People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the Intention of
People of the Parish

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joseph Doria, Lydia Salzano, Jean Giordano, Gerry Baltazar, Pedro Esguerra, Rosina Coppola, Vito Cifelli, Assunta Gancarelli, Edward McNulty, Jimmy Ragab, Laurmando Paleracio, Empson Venturi, Nida Andre, Joyce Risoli, Cynthia Magno, Boy Cagoco, Fr. Edward Okpu

Note: This list is updated monthly. Please call the parish office if you need the name/ to be kept in next week's bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collections	- \$	3,560.14
(February 26, 2023, including online)		
Ash Wednesday Collections	- \$	1,266.00

Filipino Mass Collections - \$ **704.00**

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Lenten Prayer for Sundays

(Take some time to pray this each Sunday of Lent either on your own or as a family. Use it as a way to recommit to having your best Lent ever through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.)

Heavenly Father, as I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version -of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent. In your name I pray. Amen.

Message of Pope Francis for Lent 2023

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all recount the episode of the Transfiguration of Jesus. There we see the Lord's response to the failure of his disciples to understand him. Shortly before, there had been a real clash between the Master and Simon Peter, who, after professing his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, rejected his prediction of the passion and the cross. Jesus had firmly rebuked him: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a scandal to me, because you do not think according to God, but according to men!" (Mt 16:23). Following this, "six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John his brother and led them away to a high mountain" (Mt 17:1).

The Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline - ascesis - as God's holy people.

Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration. These requisites are also important for the synodal journey to which, as a Church, we are committed to making. We can benefit greatly from reflecting on the relationship between Lenten penance and the synodal experience.

In his "retreat" on Mount Tabor, Jesus takes with him three disciples, chosen to be witnesses of a unique event. He wants that experience of grace to be shared, not solitary, just as our whole life of faith is an experience that is shared. For it is in togetherness that we follow Jesus. Together too, as a pilgrim Church in time, we experience the liturgical year and Lent within it, walking alongside those whom the Lord has placed among us as fellow travelers. Like the ascent of Jesus and the disciples to Mount Tabor, we can say that our Lenten journey is "synodal", since we make it together along the same path, as disciples of the one Master. For we know that Jesus is himself the Way, and therefore, both in the liturgical journey and in the journey of the Synod, the Church does nothing other than enter ever more deeply and fully into the mystery of Christ the Savior.

And so we come to its culmination. The Gospel relates that Jesus "was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light" (Mt 17:2). This is the "summit", the goal of the journey. At the end of their ascent, as they stand on the mountain heights with Jesus, the three disciples are given the grace of seeing him in his glory, resplendent in supernatural light. That light did not come from without but radiated from the Lord himself. The divine beauty of this vision was incomparably greater than all the efforts the disciples had made in the ascent of Tabor.

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Here's What's Happening!



Today, March 5

at 9:30am

in the Church

First

Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 7

Property Management Committee Meeting

6PM

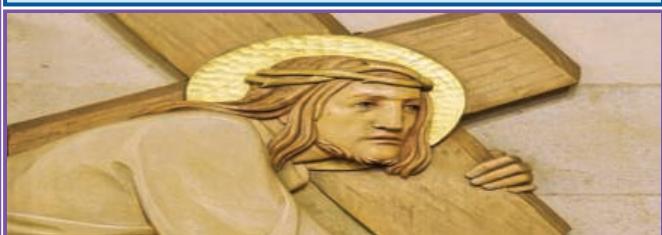
Rectory

Thursday, March 9

Historical Ministry Meeting

7PM

Rectory



FRIDAYS OF LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7PM

Church

FRIDAYS of MARCH

LINE DANCING

8PM

FERRARO HALL

continuation—Message of Pope Francis...

During any strenuous mountain trek, we must keep our eyes firmly fixed on the path; yet the panorama that opens up at the end amazes us and rewards us by its grandeur. So too, the synodal process may often seem arduous, and at times we may become discouraged. Yet what awaits us at the end is undoubtedly something wondrous and amazing, which will help us to understand better God's will and our mission in the service of his kingdom.

The disciples' experience on Mount Tabor was further enriched when, alongside the transfigured Jesus, Moses and Elijah appeared, signifying respectively the Law and the Prophets (cf. Mt 17:3). The newness of Christ is at the same time the fulfilment of the ancient covenant and promises; it is inseparable from God's history with his people and discloses its deeper meaning. In a similar way, the synodal journey is rooted in the Church's tradition and at the same time open to newness. Tradition is a source of inspiration for seeking new paths and for avoiding the opposed temptations of immobility and improvised experimentation.

The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of his paschal mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two "paths" to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal.

The first path has to do with the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: "Listen to him" (Mt 17:5). The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need. Let me say something else, which is quite important for the synodal process: listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church. Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church.

On hearing the Father's voice, the disciples "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" (Mt 17:6-8). Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow "him alone". Lent leads to Easter: the "retreat" is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's passion and cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection. Also, on the synodal journey, when God gives us the grace of certain powerful experiences of communion, we should not imagine that we have arrived – for there too, the Lord repeats to us: "Rise, and do not be afraid". Let us go down, then, to the plain, and may the grace we have experienced strengthen us to be "artisans of synodality" in the ordinary life of our communities.

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendor and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.

Francis

Benedictine Sister of Elizabeth

Annual Lenten Lecture Contemplative Living

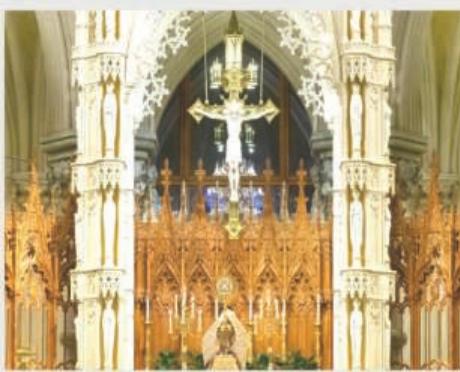
Sunday, March 12 @ 3:15pm

Vespers follow at 4:30pm
St. Walburga Monastery
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Rev. Msgr. George Hundt,
Guest Speaker

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My God, I believe, I adore,
I hope and I love You!
I beg pardon for those who do not believe,
nor adore, nor hope, nor love You.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly.
I offer You the most precious Body, Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ,
present in all the tabernacles of the world
in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges
and indifference by which He is offended.

And, through the infinite merits
of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I beg of You the conversion of sinners.
Amen.
Our Lady of Fatima

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

On Tuesday, March 14 at 7:30pm (or after Benediction), the Rosary Altar Society will have their first meeting of the year in Ferraro Hall. All are invited to attend and find out just what the Rosarians are all about. Please join the Rosarians in their devotion to Our Blessed Mother and in serving the needs of the Parish.



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SUNDAY, MARCH 19 @ 3pm
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The Series continues as we celebrate the Lenten Season 2023.
With discussions after we are able to see what the Lord is calling us to in our daily lives.



Join your fellow parishioners and Fr. Nol and take part in this very special biblical study. Episodes 7 & 8 will be shown on March 20 & 23, 2023.



With the CCD Family, everyone is invited to participate in our Lenten Penance Service on **Monday, March 27, 2023, at 6PM**.

The Church requires us to go to Confession at least once a year. Lent is the best opportune time to reconcile with God and to ask for His forgiveness, as we prepare for the glory of Easter.

FORMATION & LENTEN RECOLLECTION 2023

All **LECTORS** and **EUCARISTIC MINISTERS** are highly encouraged to attend and participate in the training or refresher training (formation) and reflection (recollement) on **March 25, 2023 (Saturday)** from **9am to 12nn** in the Ferraro Hall. A priest from the Worship Office of RCAN, Fr. Danny Pabon, who is also a professor of Sacramental Theology in Seton Hall Seminary, will facilitate. Those who are invited or who aspire to be lectors or eucharistic ministers are required to attend to this training session. A light breakfast will be available by 830am.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICE

at 10:30 AM MASSES (for now)

March 5, 2023

Samantha Llaban
Cloe Llaban
Sydney Anya
Claire Anya

March 19, 2023

Ryan Paurom
Reagan Ocampo
Samantha Llaban
Cloe Llaban

March 12, 2023

Ethan Venturi
Taina Venturi
Lucas Tiankee
Joseph Bunk

March 26, 2023

Sydney Anya
Claire Anya
Lucas Tiankee
Joseph Bunk

TRAVELING CHALICE



Today the Traveling Chalice will be received by the **DE LOS SANTOS** Family at the 10:30am Mass. Their family will be praying for vocations this week and present to the **DIGIANO** Family next Sunday. With these families, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish! To participate in this program, please contact the Parish Office.

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