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Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Lady of the Hills Parish

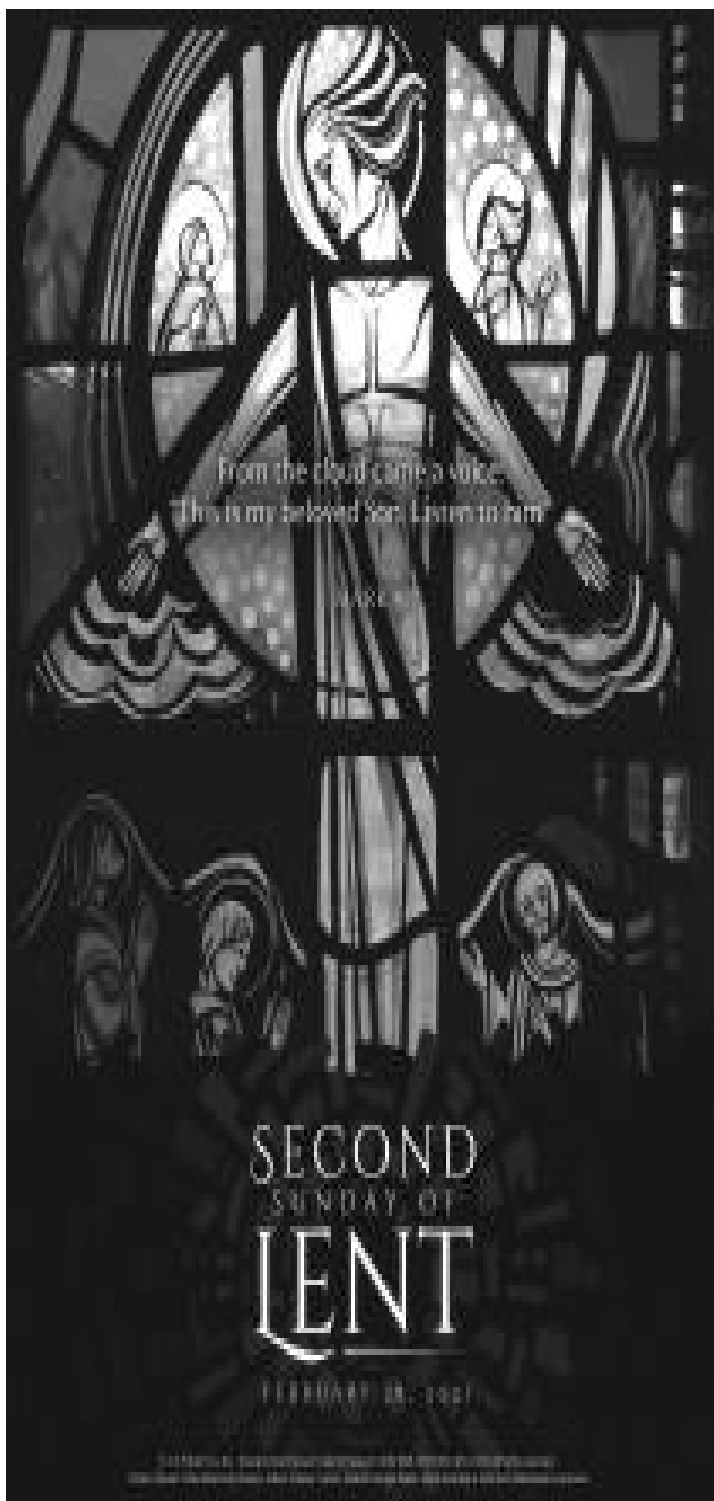
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Masses
Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Confessions
Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM

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Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions for the Week of February 27 – March 7, 2021

Saturday	February 27	4:00PM	
Sunday	February 28	8:00AM	+Marguerite and Louis Lamontagne by the Family
Sunday	February 28	10:30AM	
Monday	March 01	8:30AM	+Living and Deceased Parishioners
Tuesday	March 02	8:30AM	
Wednesday	March 03	8:30AM	
Thursday	March 04	8:30AM	
Saturday	March 06	4:00PM	
Sunday	March 07	8:00AM	+Raymond Morin by Tom and Bev Thomas
Sunday	March 07	10:30AM	+Conrad L. DesRochers Jr. 1st Anniversary with love from His Four Sisters

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalms — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Thursday: St. Casimir

Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence

A NEW IDEA

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves.

—Leo Tolstoy

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Third Sunday of Lent
March 6th and 7th

4PM

Lector M. Cerreta

Ushers— D. Auclair & C. Demerski

Sanitizers - D. Auclair & C. Demerski

8AM

Lector —D. Bart

Ushers — M. Bart & C. Heon

Sanitizers - D. & R. Polwrek

10:30AM

Lector —M. Moriarty

Ushers —L. Bouley & T. Cronin

Sanitizers — J. Seney & J. Moran

POT ROAST DINNER ANYONE?

Last fall we tried to offer a curbside turkey dinner to attempt to maintain some normality in our parish life but we were not able to get sufficient help. Now we are going to try again. Each year we typically also offer a pot roast dinner in the spring. We hope to offer this sometime around mid-May and it would be curbside pick-up only. We may offer a raffle also. For now, we want to know what you think of this idea. We would only need people to help with the cooking since it is curbside pick-up (much like our parishioners do for Take and Eat every other Saturday). Please contact Fr. Richard with any ideas that you might have about this and also if you might be willing to help.

COLLECTION

February 20 \$2,706

Thank you for your continued support.

LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

There will once again be a joint Lenten Communal Penance Service with both our parish and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Northampton. The service will take place on SUNDAY, MARCH 14, FROM 2:00-4:00 P.M. AT ANNUNCIATION CHURCH IN FLORENCE. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. There will once again be no formal ceremony at the beginning of the service. This means that you can come anytime between 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. to go to confession.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place on each Friday of Lent at 3:00 P.M. They will NOT take place on Good Friday. Because of Covid, those who attend will be escorted to their pews keeping social distance both in front and behind as well as side to side. As at Mass, we will fill the pews from the front. Also, as at Mass, each person will be given his/her own booklet which will be brought back each week to the service. Fr. Richard will conduct the weekly service from the lectern/ambo.

If God is for us, who can be against us?
— Romans 8:31b

RICE BOWLS

Rice Bowls will be available for those who wish to use them and to support the ministry to those in need by Catholic Relief Services. These bowls must be returned by Easter Sunday, April 4. If you are contributing by check, the check must be made out to the parish. As per usual with special collections, all money will be deposited in the parish account and then forwarded in toto to the diocese to be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

Lenten Almsgiving

During Lent there are many opportunities for almsgiving in our parish. There is Operation Rice Bowl which provides funds for world-wide Catholic Relief Services. There is also the Northampton Survival Center for which we collected food monthly pre-pandemic but now can offer monies to feed the food insecure in our area. Finally, there is our own Take & Eat program where we feed 44 individuals twice monthly. You can donate to any or all. Just write a check to the Parish specifying your charity and a cumulative check from the Parish will be issued to each charity after Lent.

HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words “Let us pray,” followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a “collect” because it gathers or “collects” the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition. The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or “Let us pray”; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, “yes,” “may it be so,” making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

Daytime Warming Shelter is Now Open in Northampton at 48 Elm St. John’s Church Northampton, MA

Open everyday except for Tuesday and Thursday
Open from 9 AM - 3 PM (with a 11:30 - 12:00 PM lunch break)

They have shower, washer, harm reduction resources, dryer, wifi, and hopefully a computer and printer soon
Capacity of 10 guests at one time

They are looking for volunteers for two separate shifts:
8:45am - 11:45am and 11:45am - 3:00pm

Contact MANNA if you can volunteer: <https://www.mannanorthampton.org/contact/>

**OLBS PARISH VIRTUAL LENTEN SPEAKER
SERIES**

This year the Speaker Series will be 'virtual,' available on YouTube, with a great line-up speakers – beginning with our new **Bishop William Byrne!** Our theme for this year's Speaker Series is: **'KEEPING FAITH DURING THE PANDEMIC - GOD'S GOT THIS!'** *An opportunity to find the blessings during this challenging time of the Pandemic, with our eyes set on Easter Joy!* Other speakers will include author, speaker, radio show host – **Gary Zimak** - who will touch on many themes of his book - *'Give Up Worry for Lent'* (available through the OLBS Parish Office for \$10.00). Additional speakers include - **Sr. Bethany Madonna, Fr. Mike Schmitz, April Helenek, and Fr. Chris Alar.** Join us each **Wednesday of Lent, beginning February 24 through March 31, at 6:30 pm,** or watch the video any time after that on YouTube. There is no cost for this Series! **Options to access the Series online: (1) Go to Youtube.com and type in the search field 'OLBS Westfield Lent' or (2) Go to either diospringfield.org OR diospringfield.org/olbs and click on the link.** For additional information, contact the OLBS Parish Office at 413-562-3450.

BISHOP BYRNE WILL VISIT OUR PARISH

We have been notified by the Diocese that Bishop Byrne intends to visit our parish and offer Mass with us on Sunday, April 18, at 8:00 A.M. This is just two weeks after Easter. He will be bringing his now two-year old female Black Labrador Retriever named Zelig with him. We obviously do not know what Covid-19 will be like in April but we can hope that there can be some personal interaction by that time. Please keep him in your prayers.

From today's 1st Reading, Genesis 22
~ **"There you shall offer him up as a holocaust..."** A holocaust offering is for the benefit of all; abortion/assisted suicide is for the benefit of self.

THE ART OF LISTENING

If you want God to listen to you when you pray,
shouldn't you listen to God when God speaks to you?
—Anonymous

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Masses

8:30 AM and 6:30 PM

(no vigil Mass)

Weekday Masses

Monday-Thursday 8:30 A.M.

Nursing Home Masses

On hold for now

Held monthly at Linda Manor Nursing Home and Linda Manor Assisted Living and also Highview Nursing Home.

Rosary

8:00 AM before Weekday Masses

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: Saturday 3:00PM-3:30 PM or by Appointment

BAPTISM: Please notify the Rectory Office to make arrangements. Instruction is required.

MARRIAGE: Please notify the Rectory Office, at least 6 months in advance, to secure a date and to find out the Diocesan Regulations for Marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please notify the Rectory in case of serious illness or hospitalization.

COMMUNION CALLS: Please notify the Rectory Office so that arrangements can be made for you to see the Priest, or an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

OUR LADY OF THE HILLS PRAYER MINISTRY

Please call 413-584-8199

Leave a message if no one answers, and we will return your call.

If you would like to join the prayer group, we welcome you! Call 413-584-8199. There are no meetings to attend. We pray individually at our convenience daily. It doesn't take much time, and the more prayers, the better!

TO JOIN THE PARISH

**If you are new to the Parish, please contact the Rectory office at 413-268-7212, or stop by at 173 Main St., Haydenville, Massachusetts
Welcome! We look forward to meeting you!**

CEMETERY

ASSUMPTION CEMETERY: The Cemetery is located in Leeds. Please call the Rectory Office at 413-268-7212

BULLETIN: Please have announcements in by Tuesday 12:00 noon. Thank you.

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