



OUR LADY OF PEACE

Bulletin

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2009

A Long and Winding Road....

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Over the last couple of weeks, the readings of the week have given me an opportunity to share some stories from my pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In this week's Gospel, we have the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus which prompted yet another connection to the trip, and an enjoyable one at that. On day three of the trip, our last destination was a visit to Mount Tabor which is the traditional site of the transfiguration. Now anyone who has visited this site knows that getting to the top to visit the Church of the Transfiguration is quite an adventure. The only way for tourists to get there other than walking up 4300 steps which were built in the 16th century is to ride up in a taxi bus (a.k.a. minivan) which is where the adventure begins.

The base of the mountain is where we were to pick up the taxi buses and while we were waiting, our tour leader said if anyone has problems with motion sickness you may want to consider staying behind. Apparently these taxi drivers are known for going up this very narrow road which has many switchbacks quite fast. So as the taxis pulled up I looked for evidence of previous vehicle damage. Not seeing any damage and being assured of their safety record, eight of us got in the van and we hoped this would not be the occasion when two drivers finally encountered each other around a curve.

While some folks held on for dear life, our ascent was as crazy as we were told. It was like a ride at the fair and we actually had a lot of laughs as some passengers were asking for general absolution. The other priest in the van was trying to sell general absolution for a few shekels, but we reminded him that we all still remember the Reformation. However, the ascent gave us a quick opportunity to talk about what the shortest perfect act of contrition is in case of imminent danger. I shared my favorite being "I'm sorry God because I love you."

We were finally relieved to get to the top. At the top we went back into pilgrim mode and very quickly appreciated the beautiful scene from this large mountain in Israel. We had a breath-taking view of the Jezreel Valley which was a common passageway in biblical times. As we approached the Church of the Transfiguration, we were again more reflective about the meaning behind this traditional site.

The Transfiguration is about seeing Christ in a new way – and that's exactly what happened to Peter and the other disciples. Sure, they stumbled a bit to understand what was happening, but in the end, they were able to grasp that what they had in Jesus was something even more spectacular than they could have imagined. Perhaps it takes stepping out of our routine, out of the quick and winding road to take some time to do the same – to climb a mountain to reflect on how we can see Christ and then seek to transform our lives to greater



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THE MISSION OF OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

- arising from our communion
in the Sunday Eucharist -
is to proclaim the word of God,
to celebrate the presence
of the Risen Lord in our midst,
and to recognize the gifts
of the Holy Spirit among us
and use them to transform
our lives and the world
according to the pattern
of life Jesus has shown us.

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conformity to Christ's light.

As a parish, may our shared Lenten journey remind us that we are all pilgrims and that if we reflect that transfigured light of Christ, then other pilgrims will see our light and stop by for a visit. Perhaps they would see the wonderful things we have here at OLP and they too might say, as Peter did: "it is good that we are here."

– Fr. Paul

JUSTICE & CHARITY

HELP FIGHT HUNGER DURING LENT

Next weekend, March 14-15, we will be collecting shower items to be donated to Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home. See today's bulletin insert.

Envelopes for monetary donations are in the pews. These should be placed in the Sunday collection.

Please place your shower donations in the baskets at the entrances to the Church.

Saturday and Sunday, March 14-15, see Flyer.

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT

Saturday, April 25th 2009

NEW this year at Starry Starry Night: **Heads or Tails!** Our auctioneer will guide us through this fast paced and interactive game that goes like this: Beads can be purchased at the Registration table when you check in. Put on your beads to show that you're ready to play. When directed, place both hands on your "head" or your "tail" to await the result of a coin toss by the auctioneer. Players matching the coin toss remain standing. The coin toss will repeat until there is one person left. The last person standing wins the game and the prize! The winner will take home a cash prize! Be sure to purchase your string of beads to play along!

SSN News & Notes:

Group Events Need YOU! Are you looking for a way to get involved in a Group Event? We are looking for "Sponsors" for an Aveda SPA Experience. We have a local salon who is willing to donate 50% of actual cost for a Group Event! This is a GREAT opportunity to "host" an event and support local business. Please contact Sarah Odegard at odegardfam@yahoo.com, or by calling the school office.

This Week's Hospitality Hosts: The SSN Committee! Please join us this Sunday, March 8th after mass for treats and coffee. Members from our Starry Starry Night committee will be on hand to treat you to a morning snack, and share information about Starry Starry Night. Please stop by and say hello!

SSN Website: Please remember you can also check out our SSN website for the latest and the greatest SSN information at: www.olpstarrynight.org

Worship Schedule

Weekend

Saturday	Eucharist	5:00 pm
Sunday	Eucharist	9:00 am* 11:00 am*

* Nursery and Children's Liturgy of the Word

Weekday

Tuesday - Friday	Eucharist	8:15 am
Sacrament of Penance		
Saturday		4:00 pm

Baptism Schedule

March No Baptisms Lent

April 25 /26 • 5:00 pm, 9:00 am & 11:00 am • During Mass

May 16 /17 • 5:00 pm, 9:00 am & 11:00 am • During Mass

June 14 • 11:30 am or 12:30 pm • After Mass

July 19 • 11:30 am or 12:30 pm • After Mass

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the Lost and Found closet for items you may be missing.

SCRABBLE GROUP

Monday, March 9 • Whalen Room • 1-4 pm

Everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact Ursula Allison at 612-825-2629.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Rummage Sale is Coming Back! Please mark your calendars for May 14 - 16. Details coming soon!

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH

- RCIA Sessions Continue
- Mothers and Others meet weekly during Lent
- MOMS 11
- BE-Attitude Youth Night with Dave Rinaldi • March 11
- DOF Family Service Night to Feed My Starving Children • March 18
- Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles
- Lenten Faith Sharing Groups begin Again.
- Eucharistic Fair
- Living Stations
- Confirmation Retreat
- Summer Stretch Registrations Begin
- Mission Trip Information Meetings
- Mission Trip Planning and fundraising begins
- VBC Planning begins

ADULT ENRICHMENT

For Adult Enrichment offerings see Lent Section.

FAMILIES CHILDREN YOUTH

David Rinaldi Night for Youth

BE-Attitude • Wednesday, March 11 • 6:00 - 8:00 pm • Pates Hall

BE-Attitude-the Wednesday Night program for young people in Grades 6 -8 is sponsoring a Youth Night for Middle School youth. This is open to any young person in the parish of this age group. Fee to those outside of the regular BE-Attitude program is \$5.00 for the evening.

6:00 pm - Pizza Supper 6:30 - 8:00 pm - David Rinaldi

Dead Theologians Society

Sunday, March 8 • Peter and Paul Room

6:00 pm Subway Sandwiches

6:30 - 8:00 pm Meeting • Surprise Guest Speaker: A Live Theologian

Group Discussion and Prayer: Led by Ashley and Rick

Decide March Service Project

BRING A FRIEND!!! MEET A LIVE Theologian!!!

Living Stations of the Cross • Calling all Youth

First Practice • Sunday March 8 • 1:00 pm • Church

This moving gift of dramatic prayer that our young people give to the parish each Lent is beginning its rehearsals and planning. We need many junior high and high school youth to make this happen. We need everyone from Jesus to soldiers to readers—stage hands—musicians etc...costumers -- Practice and staging begins this week. All practices are followed by Pizza.

Prayers

To receive and pass on prayer requests, please call Dorothy at 729-9588.

Hospitality

Mar. 8 SPA
 Mar. 15 Just FAITH
 Mar. 22 SCC / Evangelization Initiative

Prayer for Peace

**Wednesday evening,
 March 11 at 6 pm in the
 Church**

Evening Prayer for Peace is an opportunity to pray for peace in our community. It is based on Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. The readings focus on peace, justice and mercy. Please join us this Wednesday evening.

FAITH FORMATION

Vacation Bible Camp For all ages

June 22 -26 • Grand Canyon Adventure

Ages 3 years to completing grade 5 • [Flyers and Information will be available in April.](#)

[Youth Coordinating Team Needed](#) • Would you like to be a member of the Youth Coordinating Team for Vacation Bible Camp?

The work is hard — you need to give up two weeks in June for full days plus one Sunday and one evening. What are the benefits?

- Great team members
- Great new names
- Great t-shirts
- Great lunches
- Great musical experiences

To apply See Joy B for an application, Need to be at least a Junior in High School in 2009-10. We need seven Team members. We offer a small stipend. Apply Soon.

Summer Stretch

Especially for Junior High Youth

July 14 & 16, 21 & 23, 28 & 30 • Full Day

Service, faith sharing, and field trips

Needed: High School students as mentors

Planned for Middle School Age Students

Want to help or more info?? Erica Riehm or Joy Biedrzycki

Youth Team Leaders needed for this events. Need be at least in 11th grade in 2009-10

Mission Trip Planned for Summer of 2009 Sign up now

- **Pine Ridge, South Dakota • July 18 -25**
- **High School Youth in Grades 10 – 12 in 2009-2010**

Questions?? Joy Biedrzycki or Ashley Whitman

[One More Information Meeting Tuesday, March 10 • 6:30 pm • Leo Room](#)

••• **Application Deadline • March 18** •••

[Parish Involvement and Support: Mission Trip Stake Holders Needed](#)

[Would you like to become a stakeholder for our Youth Mission Trip?](#) We need you.

[What is a stakeholder?](#) • Someone who makes a \$50 or more financial contribution toward the mission trip. During the trip, our group will give you daily updates via email. They will remember you daily in their prayer time.

Once they return, these young people will invite you to a dinner that they prepare and will share stories and pictures and experiences of this mission trip.

Contact Joy Biedrzycki if you want to become a Stakeholder for our Youth!!!!

DEANERY COUNCIL OF WOMEN

All women are invited to attend the next Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting on **Monday, March 23, from 9:15 am until 2:30 pm at St. Charles Borromeo Church in St. Anthony.** A Day of Recollection is planned with Fr. Anthony Cricoitelli, T.O.R. as the moderator. Cost is only \$10. There will be a noon Mass followed by lunch and then a continuation of the program. There will also be a Food Shelf collection. Pre-registration is required by Monday, March 16. To register or for more info call Marti Wietstock at 612-727-2611. Car pools are available.

Stewardship

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord - of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial?

Week ending 3/2/2009

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Stewardship	\$16,814.24	\$15,177.96	\$1,636.28
Holy Day	76.00	-	76.00
Plate	829.05	519.23	309.82
TOTAL	\$17,719.29	\$15,697.19	\$2,022.10

Year to Date

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Stewardship/Holy Days	\$422,285.79	\$433,148.72	(\$10,862.93)
Plate	24,246.06	19,673.07	4,572.99
TOTAL	\$446,531.85	\$452,821.79	(\$6,289.94)

Year to Date

Memorials	6,435.00
Support A Student	5,316.32

Catholic Services Appeal

Collected to Date	% of Goal
\$16,384.00	37.88%
This time last year	
\$16,074.00	37.16%

2009 Pledge Updates

Thank you to all who have returned the commitment form.

"Power of the Hour" Stewardship

Returned	329
Pledged	\$414,519

"Securing Foundations"

Pledged	\$322,240
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If you need a new form, please contact the parish office at 612-824-3455 or for information on Power of an Hour, please visit our website at www.olpnm.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 /
Rom 8: 31b-34 / Mk 9: 2-10

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- 9:00 am School Commission In-Service (P)
- 10:00 am Drama Club (CBC)
- 10:30 am Lenten Faith Sharing Group (OC)
- 3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (C)
- 5:00 pm Mass - **Ned & Marie Kuntz †**

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- 9:00 am Mass - **Leo D'Andrea †**
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Sunday Nursery
- 10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening (W)
- 11:00 am Mass - **OLP Parishioners**
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Sunday Nursery
- 1:00 pm Living Stations Practice (C)
- 6:00 pm Dead Theologians Society (SPT)
- 7:00 pm SCC (T)

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Word & Communion Service - **OLP Parishioners**
- 10:00 am Vacation Bible Camp Core Team (N)
- 1:00 pm OLP Scrabble Club (W)
St. Matthew's Bridge Club-A (L)
- 7:00 pm Lenten Faith Sharing Group (OC)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mt 23:1-12

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass - **Lily Cunningham (ill)**
- 9:00 am Bible Study Acts of the Apostles (W)
- 3:00 pm Drama Club (CBC)
- 6:30 pm JustFAITH (W)
Mission Trip Information Meeting (L)
- 7:00 pm Administrative Council Meeting (T)
Prayer Shawl Ministry (SPT)
RCIA (C)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass - **Paul Martinson †**
- 8:45 am Women's Faith Sharing Group (W)
- 3:00 pm Spelling Bee Practice (M)
- 6:00 pm Evening Prayer for Peace (C)
BE-Attitude - Dave Rinaldi (P)
- 6:15 pm Deepening Our Faith (CB)
- 6:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (C)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (L)

- 8:00 pm Adult Basketball (G)
- 8:30 pm Sunday Ensemble Rehearsal (C)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

- 6:00 am Men's Faith Sharing (P)
- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass - **OLP Parishioners**
- 9:30 am Mothers & Others (W)
- 3:00 pm Drama Club (P)
- 7:00 pm Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles (W)
Deepening Prayer by Archbishop Flynn
(Annunciation)
MOMSII (OC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Gn37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a /
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass - **Leroy & Mary LaBelle †**
- 8:45 am Fatima Rosary Prayer Group (C)
- 9:00 am Stations of the Cross (C)
- 3:00 pm Drama Club (P)
- 7:00 pm Taize Prayer (C)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 20:1-17 / I Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 10:30 am Lenten Faith Sharing Group (OC)
- 3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (C)
- 5:00 pm Mass - **Marge Fleetham †**

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 9:00 am Mass - **Mary Plachecki †**
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Sunday Nursery
- 11:00 am Mass - **OLP Parishioners**
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Sunday Nursery
- 1:00 pm Living Stations Practice (C)

C = Church
CB = Classroom Building
CBC = Classroom Building Cafeteria
D = Discovery Room - Classroom Building
ED = Extended Day Room
G = Gymnasium
L = Leo Room
M = Media Center
N = Nursery
OC = Off Campus
P = Pates Hall
SPT = St. Peter/St. Paul Room
T = Trinity Meeting Room
W = Whalen Room

The Second Week of Lent

PARISH WORSHIP AND EVENTS

Please join us for one or all of these opportunities!

For more information, contact the parish office or see the parish website.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 4 • 6:30-7:30 pm

Saturday, March 7 • 3:30-4:30 pm

The individual celebration of the sacrament is offered twice a week during the season of Lent, on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Mothers and Others Lenten Series

Thursdays beginning March 5 and continues through April 2 at 10:00 am in Whalen Room & Nursery.

An opportunity to reflect and share insights on the Lenten Gospels. Child Care Provided.

Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles

Four Tuesday Mornings beginning March 10 • 9:00 am • Whalen Room

Four Thursday evenings – we began March 5 but you can still join the group • 7:00 pm • Whalen Room

The “Raiders of the Lost Ark” of the New Testament. Acts provides us with models of people on fire with the love of Jesus and the Spirit. Participants will read and study this great story of adventure, suffering, and fulfillment and learn how that fire is still alive today.

Facilitated by Joy Biedrzycki

Deepening Prayer with Archbishop Flynn

Thursday, March 12 • 7:00 pm • Sponsored by local parishes, held at Annunciation Parish, 509 West 54th St, Minneapolis • See other side of this flyer.

Taize Prayer

Friday, March 13 • 7 pm

Taizé Prayer is meditative prayer in common. Gathered in the presence of Christ, we allow the mystery of God to become present through the beauty of simplicity. A few words sung over and over again reinforce the meditative quality of prayer. These songs are interspersed with Scripture, prayer, and intercessions that lead us further into an encounter with Christ. Everyone is invited to participate in this simple service, which lasts about 45 minutes.

And for individual and group reflection:

The Question of the Week

As a parish, this is the question we are reflecting on this week, in preparation for next weekend's Gospel reading. (John 2: 13-25)

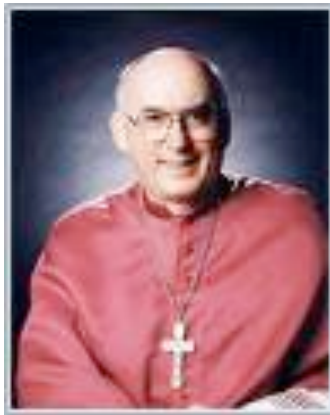
- What are some ways you can clear clutter out of your own life and focus on what really matters?

***Deepening Our Prayer:
An Evening of Reflection with
Archbishop Harry Flynn***

Thursday, March 12, 2009

7:00pm

Annunciation Church, 509 W. 54th St.



Archbishop Harry Flynn has been the Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis from 1995 until his retirement in May of 2008. He has often served as an advocate for social justice both locally and internationally, and he is a noted speaker on the topics of prayer and spirituality.

- pre-registration not required for this free event
- Refreshments following the presentation
- For further information please call 612-824-9993 X 251

Co-Sponsoring Parishes:

Visitation

Annunciation

Our Lady of Peace

St. Peter in Richfield

Shower Next Weekend

March 14-15

For Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home

Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home in St. Paul is owned and operated by the Franciscan Health Care Community. Their primary goal is to relieve pain, provide comfort and console residents and their families during the final stages of illness and life. Residents are accepted regardless of race or religion. The Home is operated entirely on donations. No money is received from residents, their families or government. If you wish to make a monetary donation, envelopes are at the end of each pew. You can also donate any of the following items:



Small size items are the best.

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Mouth Wash
- Dental Floss
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Combs
- Men's Pajamas
- Women's Gowns
- Facial Tissue
- Toilet Tissue
- Napkins
- Paper Towels
- Bars of Soap
- Deodorant
- Electric Shave
- Hand Lotion
- Jean Naté After Bath Splash
- Fruit Juices (non-acid)
Apple Juice, Prune, Cranberry,
Cran-Apple, etc.
- Hard Wrapped Candy

Please drop-off donations next weekend at the Church entrances or place monetary donations in the collection baskets.

Thank You!