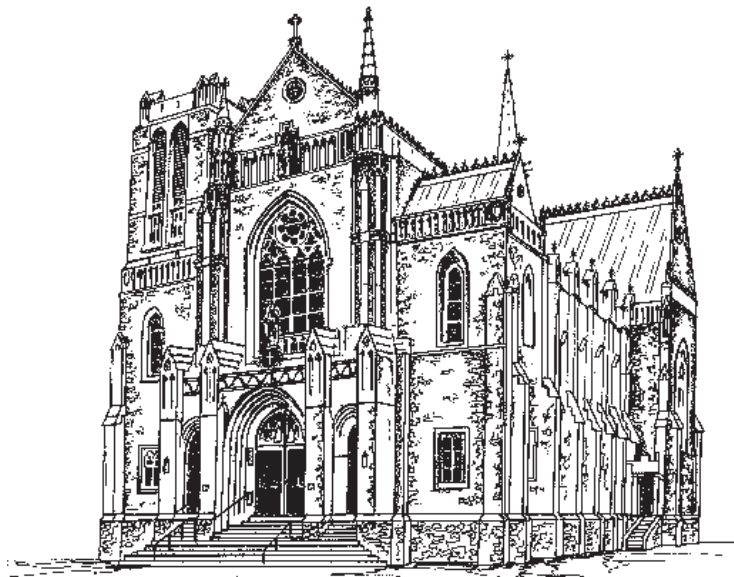


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Deacon Ramon Cruz
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WE WORSHIP

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday 8:45 AM
Mass in Chapel 101-25 104 St.
Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM
12:30 PM in Spanish
Bi-Weekly 1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM Prayer
and Benediction in Church

Reconciliation (In Church)

Saturday: 12:30 - 1:30 PM or by appointment with a priest

Misas:

Lunes a Sabado 8:45 AM - en la capilla (Inglés)
101-25 104 St.

Fin de Semana:

Sábado: 5:00 PM
Domingo: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM y 11:00 AM
12:30 PM en español

Los Viernes Primeros en Iglesia 6:00 PM - Bendición y
Confesión 7:00 PM Rosario y Misa - español

Reconciliación (Iglesia)

Sábados de las 12:30 PM hasta las 1:30 PM.

February 21, 2016



Second Sunday
of

The Lord God said to Abram,
"Look up at the sky and
count the stars, if you can.
Just so shall your descendants be."

Genesis 15:5

Lent

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016

5:00 PM Marie Iovino

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016

8:00 AM Laura Cerretani

9:30 AM Rosa Mascioli

11:00 AM Margaret & Joseph Baranello,
Camille Baranello, Barbara Held,
Nicola Auriemma, Andrew & Bertha Mueller,
Hugh Johnston, Peter Colantuoni, Maria
Antonia Zepeda, Vincenzo Arganese, Pasqualina
Cotugno, Francesca Matera, Giuseppina
Maddaloni, Teresa Arganese

12:30 PM Rafael Rodriguez

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

8:45 AM Angela Marie Macchia

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

8:45 AM Catherine LoGiudice

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016

8:45 AM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016

8:45 AM Anthony Curto

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016

8:45 AM Pasquale Russo

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016

8:45 AM Sr. Dorothy Reilly, DW

5:00 PM Robert Reuter (Birthday), Andrew
& Bertha Mueller, John Myers,
Mary Crawford, Emilia Sabatini (1st Anniv.), Peter
Colantuoni, Marie Annick Denier, Mr. & Mrs.
Gabrielle Denier, Deolinda Pego, Wayne Faranella

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

8:00 AM Emilio Cerretani

9:30 AM Mary Jane Bellich

11:00 AM Lena Urso

12:30 PM Jordan Taveras

Please Pray For / Favor Orar Por
The Sick / Los Enfermos

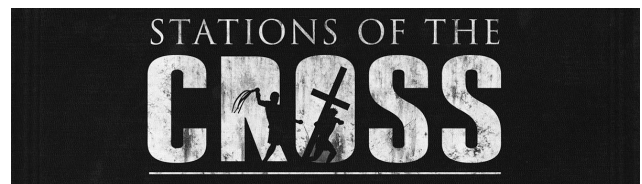
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The Faithful Departed / Los Fieles Difuntos

James P. Robinson

Anna Nostramo



Fridays During Lent

7:00 PM in Church

Bi-Lingual

*The Lord is my light
and my salvation;
whom should I fear?*

— Psalm 27:1

WE ARE TO BE TRANSFORMED

Today's showing forth of God's glory is filled with a light that astonishes and reveals. Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor energizes even the sleepy apostles, who see but cannot get hold of it. They can be forgiven for not apprehending the full meaning of this extraordinary vision of a transfigured Jesus with Elijah and Moses. The whole of the Law and prophets is summed up here on this mountain.

The transfiguration on Mount Tabor is handed over to us this Sunday. As Paul reminds us, it is we who are to be transformed. The light and life of the Resurrection are set forth here so we do not lose heart and fall entirely asleep. This Sunday looks to Easter. It looks to transformation. It asks us to lift up our heads and acknowledge the risen Lord as our light and our salvation.

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SEREMOS TRANSFORMADOS

La manifestación de la Gloria de Dios en el Evangelio de hoy está llena de una luz que a la vez asombra y revela. Jesús, transfigurado en el Monte Tabor, llena de su energía a los apóstoles adormecidos, que ven la visión, pero no la saben captar. Es perdonable que no captan del todo el significado de esta extraordinaria visión de Jesús transfigurado, entre Moisés y Elías. Aquí, en el monte santo, se resumen la Ley y los profetas.

Hoy esa transfiguración se nos ofrece y se nos entrega. Como nos recuerda san Pablo, somos nosotros los que vamos a ser transformados. Hoy se nos presentan la luz y la vida de la Resurrección, para que no nos descorazonemos, no sea que nos quedemos del todo dormidos. Este domingo ya mira hacia la Pascua. Mira hacia la transformación. Nos pide que levantemos la cabeza, y reconozcamos al Señor Resucitado como nuestra luz y salvación.

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A Prayer for Lenten Grace

*Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent,
bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart
for silence and solitude,
so that I may rediscover the grace
of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things
that threaten the well-being of my body
and soul and remind me of the
grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those
in need, and, in so doing,
rediscover the grace of
gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace filled time
to rekindle my love and faith in you.*

Amen.



Las Estaciones de la Cruz
Viernes durante la Cuaresma
7:00 PM en la Iglesia
Bilingüe

*El Señor es mi luz
y mi salvación,
¿a quién temeré?*

— Salmo 27 (26):1



St. Mary Gate of Heaven Catholic Academy Invites You to Paint Nite!

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FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016

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We have our own Paint Nite page. Follow the link below to register online. PaintNite will donate part of the proceeds to SMGH. To register and see the wonderful picture we will be painting, use the following link: <http://paintnite.com/pages/events/view/newyork/1047541>

Fr. Fitz at Parish Missions

Fr. Fitzsimmons will be preaching a Parish Mission at Holy Name of Mary in Valley Stream from February 27 to March 3, at Sts. Peter and Paul in Manorville, NY, from March 5 to March 10 and at St. Thomas More in Hauppauge from March 12 to March 17th. Please pray that Fr. Fitz will touch many hearts and enliven their spiritual growth during this Lenten Season.



The next time the Food Pantry will be opened will be on Thursday, March 3 at 11 AM. Volunteers will be at the doors next Sunday to take a collection. No contribution is too small to help feed those in need.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Many icons depicting Jesus' transfiguration bear the Greek title Metamorphosis, a technical term also for nature's springtime transformation. Fittingly, this Jubilee Year of Mercy coincides with the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for only Luke specifies Moses and Elijah speaking about Jesus' "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). Israel's exodus liberated from slavery; Jesus' exodus liberates from sin's living death of selfishness. Pope Francis suggests that Lent's prayer, fasting, and works of charity can transfigure the world, if Christians translate Isaiah's challenge into our daily lived experience of Jesus' life-giving exodus by releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and homeless into your house, clothing the naked, not turning your back on your own. "If you remove from your midst oppression, and malicious speech . . . then light shall rise for you in the darkness . . . you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails" (Isaiah 58:9, 10, 11).

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The Blessed Mother Sodality will gather at the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, March 6th. A breakfast meeting will follow.

The Blessed Mother Sodality has been part of our parish for over sixty years. A member of the sodality possesses a deep, sincere and consecrated devotedness to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A member shows it by striving to imitate her virtues; places all her confidence in her and leads others to love and serve her.

They invite all women of the parish to come to their meeting and learn more about their organization.

If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it to the rectory and someone from the Sodality will call you.

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• **Yes, I am interested in learning more about**

• **the Blessed Mother Sodality.**

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• **Name** _____

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• **Address** _____

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• **Phone Number** _____

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Vinnie Teahan passed away after a long illness on November 19, 2015 in Pennsylvania. For those of you who remember her, Vinnie graced many liturgical celebrations with her beautiful voice as a member of the choir. She shared her keen skill as a seamstress by creating many banners for each liturgical season. In service of the needs of pregnant parenting teens, Vinnie ran a thrift store in the basement of what was then the convent. Her efforts were directed at supporting these young struggling moms. Additionally, she ran card parties as fund raisers for the Catholic War Veterans at SMGH.

Vinnie remained a strong, contributing member of this parish, sharing her gifts, talents and love for the people she worshipped with and served. Though she lived her last 20 years in Pennsylvania, her heart and soul remained at St. Mary Gate of Heaven. May she rest in peace.

Año Jubilar de la Misericordia

Muchos iconos con la imagen de la transfiguración de Jesús tienen un título en griego que dice Metamorphosis, una palabra técnica que también se refiere a la transformación natural de la primavera. Casualmente, este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia coincide con el Año C en el que los domingos se lee el Evangelio de Lucas, además solamente Lucas menciona que Moisés y Elías “hablaban del éxodo de Jesús, que él estaba a punto de cumplir en Jerusalén” (Lucas 9:31). El éxodo de Israel liberó de la esclavitud; el éxodo de Jesús libera de la muerte en vida del pecado del egoísmo. El Papa Francisco sugiere que en esta Cuaresma la oración, el ayuno y las obras de caridad pueden transformar al mundo, si los cristianos en la vida diaria interpretaran el desafío de Isaías de experimentar de Jesús el éxodo que da vida al liberar a los presos injustamente, dando libertad a los cautivos, compartiendo el pan con los hambrientos, ofreciendo un techo a los desamparados y afligidos, vistiendo al desnudo, no dándoles la espalda a los más necesitados. “Si quitas de en medio de ti el yugo, el amenazar con el dedo y el hablar iniquidad, y si te ofreces al hambriento, y sacias el deseo del afligido, entonces surgirá tu luz en las tinieblas, y tu oscuridad será como el mediodía. Y el Señor te guiará continuamente, saciará tu deseo en los lugares áridos y dará vigor a tus huesos; serás como huerto regado y como manantial cuyas aguas nunca faltan” (Isaías 58:9, 10, 11).

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Felicidades a los siguientes alumnos de nuestra escuela quienes han logrado el Rol de Honor.

Congratulations to the follow graduates of our school who have achieved Honor Roll Status:

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