

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY  
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**Second Sunday of  
Lent**  
28 February – 1 March  
2015

Dear Catholic Community:

Perhaps my favorite Scripture verse is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for this Sunday of Lent. “If God is for us, who can be against us?” Throughout the years I’ve thought of those words often. The Scripture passage goes on to say that “nothing can separate us from the love that comes to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.” What a powerful reminder of God’s great love for us even when we make stupid or selfish mistakes. **GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON US.**

As we continue in this Lenten season may we all respond to God’s great love may seeking to be more faithful sons and daughters of Christ. How’s your Lenten Penance going?

Blessings,  
Fr. Fred

*Welcome to new community members!* The Downing Family, Amanda Carlos

**No Daily Mass or Bible Study** on Tuesday, **3 March 2015**

**Moral Leadership Luncheon**, Tuesday, **3 March 2015**, 1130 to 1300 Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker: SgtMaj Bryan Battaglia, USMC, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. This is an opportunity to listen, learn, ask and reflect on leadership; lunch is complementary. Please RSVP by **2 March** to Fr Fred. Open to all Active Duty Servicemembers and DoD Civilians/Contractors.

The **Pastoral Council** will meet on Sunday, **8 March 2015**. If you have any questions or concerns you would like the Council to address, please contact Fr. Fred or Pat Trahan.

**Lenten Penance Service** is Thursday, **12 March**. The service begins at 1900, Memorial Chapel. As several priests are participating, there is an opportunity for individual confession.

**4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic** class meets on Sunday, **15 March** at 1030

**Lenten Day of Recollection**: Saturday, **21 March 2015** from 0900 to 1500, Franciscan Monastery, Washington DC. This is open to adult only; limited number of seats are available. For more information or to reserve your space, please contact Pam at [pamortiz85@gmail.com](mailto:pamortiz85@gmail.com).

The next **GROUP Baptismal Instruction Class** will take place on Sunday, **22 March** at 1030. Please meet at Fr. Fred’s office. There will be NO Baptisms during the Lenten Season. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, 18 February and continues through Holy Week. This year Easter Sunday will be on 5 April. Baptisms will either be before Lent begins or from Easter Sunday into the Easter Season.

Offering for 21-22 February	
1700 Vigil Mass:	no collection
0900 Sunday Mass:	\$2,164.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,164.00</b>

ATTENDANCE: 197 Please make checks payable to “CTOF”

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER--for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:**

**Deployed:** FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Carol Yannarella, USAF; CPT Mike Mobbs, USA; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps; Kevin Voelker, USA

**Deceased:**

**Healing:** Buddy Craven, Bob Daknis, Jimmy Daknis, Joseph Toth, Jeanmarie Jonston, Jim Campbell, Betsy Hendrix, Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, Bonnie Benne, Richard Wicks, Richard Brysacz (father of Margaret Asten), Morris McGregor, John Bikus, Suzie Kumashiro, Bill Hubbard

~Please contact Pam to remove names from Deployed and Healing prayer lists. ~

Planning is underway for the 2015 Ecumenical **Vacation Bible School** at Memorial Chapel. This year's VBS will be held during the week of **13 – 17 July 2015**. Adult and teen volunteers are needed. Please call Kathy Pardue at (703) 455-1763 or (703) 501-5320 or email her at [Pardue75@verizon.net](mailto:Pardue75@verizon.net).

**What do you think?** Families with young children, would you like to have childcare available during the 1700 and 0900 Masses? This would be for children between the ages of six months and 5 years. If interested, please email Fr. Fred.

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**Introduction to Today’s Readings**

*First Reading:* Genesis 22: 1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18

Events in today’s reading took place approximately 1800 years before Christ. In that pagan culture, child sacrifice was common. That’s why Abraham believed God wanted him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Later generations constantly looked back to this event as an example of Abraham’s great faith.

*Second Reading:* Romans 8:31-34

Today’s reading is part of a hymn that celebrates God’s love and which concludes the eighth chapter of Paul’s letter to the Romans. In our first reading, we heard how God spared Abraham’s only son; in this passage we will hear how, out of love for us, God did *not* spare his only son.

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Today’s gospel tells of the Transfiguration of Christ; make the time to renew and transform your relationship. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are **17-19 April 2015** in Fredericksburg or **18-20 September** in Herndon. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [renewmarriage-vanorth.org](http://renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-378-4150.

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**Mass:** 5PM Saturday Vigil, 9AM Sunday, Noon M-F. All at Memorial Chapel  
**Reconciliation:** 11:30-11:45AM Tuesday-Friday in Room 112 of Memorial Chapel  
**Emergency Contact:** Marshall Desk SGT 703-696-3525  
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**Parish Registration:** See usher for form.  
**Advance E-bulletin:** Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday  
**Sacraments and Sponsor Letters:** Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.  
**Registration Card/Contact Information Updates:** Notify Pam of any changes to contact information or if moving from the area.