



Today, we are reminded of the goal.
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 the sake of suffering, but for the sake of
 transformation.

∞ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

✦ In Memory of Bernadette Mercer-Tremblay
 Req. Linda Mercer

∞ 12 Noon Mass Celebration

∞ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

Our Black History Mission

*Instead of preying on each other...
 Let us pray for each other.*

Remember in your prayers for God's Healing

Fr. Joseph Abraham, Sandy Bryant, Georgeann Campbell,
 Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Ron Copeland,
 Cynthia Fairly, Carolyn Green, Linda Hazel, Will Holmes,
 Sheryl Lockett, Terrace & Doris Palmer, Katherine Randall,
 Santos Rodriguez, Carl Spivey, Evelyn Washington,
 Yvonne Young



STATIONS of the CROSS

Friday, Mar. 2nd ✦ 7:00 PM ✦ Rosary Society
 St. Bonaventure

Friday, Mar. 9th ✦ 7:00 PM ✦ Ministry of SVdP
 St. Benedict the Moor

Morning Mass – 8:30 AM

*During the season of Lent reflect on the
 Sorrowful Mysteries*

Readings for the Week of February 25, 2018

Monday 26th : **Mass at St. Benedict**
 Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday 27th: **Mass at St. Benedict**
 Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday 28th : **Mass at St. Benedict**
 Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday 1st: **Mass at St. Bonaventure**
 Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday 2nd: **Mass at St. Bonaventure**
 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday 3rd:
 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
 /Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

3rd Sunday of Lent (1st Scrutiny)

Confession ½ hr. before Mass

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
 1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom
 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether.

Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading His disciples to an equally barren place: He "led them up a high mountain apart by themselves." But what happens there? "And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white." Today's Gospel reminds us of the goal. We don't enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation.

Mountain imagery is prevalent throughout Scripture. The sacrifice of Isaac, Moses receiving the 10 Commandments, Elijah's revelation of God as a tiny whispering sound: all these occur on the mountaintop. Mountains are strenuous to hike. To assist the traveler in the ascent, trails often involve switchbacks. These lead the traveler back and forth across the mountainside, sometimes appearing as if hardly any ground is gained. Perhaps Peter, James, and John hiked a similar path as Jesus led them up the side of Mount Tabor.

A climb is difficult. A climb in a barren place leaves you thirsty, exhausted, and quite possibly frustrated or discouraged. Yet this is precisely how Jesus leads his closest disciples. Why? Because He has something to reveal to them. Practically speaking, Jesus needed to bring Peter, James and John away from the crowds for this revelation of glory to remain hidden. There are spiritual truths we will encounter only if we pass through difficulty. So let's persevere this Lent! **Today's Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he'll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.**

Our Sacrificial Giving To our Parish



Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$5,000.00

✦ Will provide next week

Boiler Fund Collected to Date: \$5,903.50

Thank you!!!!

**Thank you Roxanne Jones for the
Valentine Baskets
The Winner are...**

10:00 AM: Small #342168 / Large #342166

12:00 Noon: Small #342130 / Large #342099

Generation of Faith If you made a Pledge...

Please make your payments!

To date \$115,405.50 has been collected.

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www.cfbq/generations/payments. Thank You!

*Thank you for all that you are with my prayers
that we can work together to create a larger &
bountiful community. – Fr. Ted*

Sunday Mass Intentions \$20.00

Weekday Mass Intentions \$15.00

Use Blue envelopes.

Please submit your Mass Intentions

**In a timely manner – one (1) week before requested date
of intention or Tuesday of the Sunday requested.**

Please pick up & use your
2018 Contribution Envelopes

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Turn away from sin & be faithful to the Gospel

Reflect on the Word of God: Prophet Joel 2: 2-18

"Yet even now," declares the LORD,

"Return to Me with all your heart,

And with fasting, weeping and mourning;

And rend your heart and not your garments."

Now return to the LORD your God,

For He is gracious and merciful,

Slow to anger, abounding in loving kindness.

Let us pray, Father in Heaven, the light of Your truth bestows sight to the darkness of sinful eyes. May this season of repentance bring us the blessing of Your forgiveness and the gift of Your light. Grant this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Monday & Thursday's ✦ 7:30 PM

Youth Basketball & Karate: 5:00 – 7:30 PM

Adult Physical Training,

Self Defense & Karate 7:30 – 9:30 PM

St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall

Mr. Sam 929-353-9373 or Mr. Rey 646-296-1171

**NYC Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)
is accepting applications for the summer of 2018.**

If you are an NYC youth between the ages of 14-24 who is looking for valuable work experience and earning money this summer, please complete the SYEP application and take the first step to landing your dream summer job.

- Youth between the ages of 14-24

- Resident of one of the five boroughs of New York

- Legally allowed to work in New York City

participants are paid at NYS minimum wage.

Please visit <https://application.nycsyep.com> to apply to SYEP. If you have any questions, please call **1.800.246.4646**.

Application Due: March 16th

Events for the Day!

✦ 2:30 PM at St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall for our first showcase of the Youth Physical Recreation Program.

The event will be hosted by Sensei Rey Lewis, Coach Christopher Todd, and Coach Sam Lozada.

The young young will run a friendly basketball game in which they will highlight the skills they have developed these past few months. There will be a special halftime demonstration by Sensei Rey Lewis, trained in the art of Kyokushin Karate.

**Come support the young people of this parish,
food and refreshments will be available.**

✦ 4:30pm-6:30pm

Vision Board Party

Hear God's Voice.

Follow the Vision. Realize Your Dreams

with Guest Speaker Deirtre Cotton

St. Bonaventure Church Hall

\$10.00 per person

Lenten Revival *with*

Father Augustine Elveau

March 13th, 14th & 15th

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM each night

Christ the King

145-39 Farmers Blvd, Jamaica, NY 11434

Parish Lenten Retreat

Jesus & Mary

On the Way to Calvary

With Father Vinod

Saturday, March 17th

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

St. Bonaventure Church Hall