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National Catholic Church

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February 23, 2025



Worship Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 pm - Vigil Holy Mass
Sunday 9:00 am - Holy Mass (also livestream on Facebook)

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Second Sunday Before Lent (Sexagesima)
February 23, 2025

Altar Servers: Abby, Parker

Greeter: Rick Radzaminski

Trustees: Rick, Joanne

Lector: Donald Dross

Cantor: Jeff Staats

Cycle of Prayer: Holy Cross Parish, Woodland Park NJ

Mass Intentions:

Sun. Feb. 23 - **In Memory of †Robert Hockenbury** (req. by the Peplowski Family).

Sun. March 16 - **In Memory of †† Fred & Norman Carlson on their Birthday**
(req. by Sondra Carlson).

Sun. March 30 - **In Memory of †Nancy Sawczak** (req. by Ed Sawczak).



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph.

So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him.

Abishai whispered to David:

"God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!"

But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?" So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening.

All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber.

Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops.

He said: "Here is the king's spear.

Let an attendant come over to get it.

The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness.

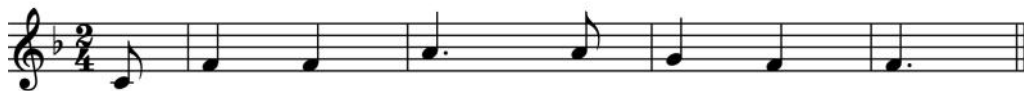
Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp,

I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

C. The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13](#)



Cantor: **R/. The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.**

R/. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R/. The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R/. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R/. The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

R/. The Lord is kind and merciful.



Second Reading [1 Cor 15:45–49](#)

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

It is written, *The first man, Adam, became a living being,*
the last Adam a life-giving spirit.

But the spiritual was not first;
rather the natural and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, earthly;
the second man, from heaven.

As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly,
and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly.

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one,
we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

C. The Word of the Lord.

R/. **Thanks be to God.**

STAND

Gospel Acclamation [Jn 13:34](#)



Cantor: R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

R/. **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
love one another as I have loved you.

R/. **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Gospel [Lk 6:27–38](#)

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

R/. Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“To you who hear I say,

love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

To the person who strikes you on one cheek,

offer the other one as well,

and from the person who takes your cloak,

do not withhold even your tunic.

Give to everyone who asks of you,

and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

For if you love those who love you,

what credit is that to you?

Even sinners love those who love them.

And if you do good to those who do good to you,

what credit is that to you?

Even sinners do the same.

If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment,

what credit is that to you?

Even sinners lend to sinners,

and get back the same amount.

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them,

and lend expecting nothing back;

then your reward will be great

and you will be children of the Most High,

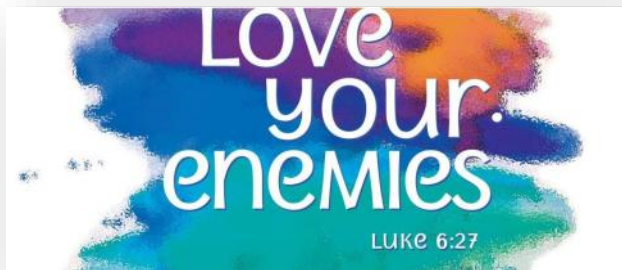
for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Stop judging and you will not be judged.
Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.
Forgive and you will be forgiven.
Give, and gifts will be given to you;
a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing,
will be poured into your lap.
For the measure with which you measure
will in return be measured out to you.”

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ!



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◆ HOMILY

C. Jesus has invited us to live with compassion, praying for those who persecute us, pardoning those who wrong us and giving generously to all people. As we strive to fulfil this calling, we ask God to guide us.

1. For the bishops and all clergy: That they may lead us with compassion and mercy in our journey towards God. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For all who hold positions of power in our world: That they may be moved by the Spirit to break cycles of violence and exploitation in our world. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For Fr. Jim Konicki, Mary Gnidzinski, for all who are sick or injured, or who are alone and frightened, and for all who care for them. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For the Holy Cross Parish in Woodland, New Jersey, and for ourselves: That, inspired by Christ, we may live generous and compassionate lives, which speak of God's love for all people. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For Robert Hockenbury for whom this Holy Mass is being offered, and for all who have completed life's pilgrimage: That they may rejoice in the possession of eternal joy. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For our own intentions [long pause for silent prayer] We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

C. Loving Father, in Your generosity, we ask that You may hear the prayers we bring before You today and look kindly upon us as we seek to live our lives as You call us to. Through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

Announcements

*Requests for all announcements must be received by noon Wednesday each week.
Please contact Justine Fazziola (bvmc.bulletin@gmail.com)*

In case of bad weather, call the Church office at 518-453-2258.

A message will be recorded 2 hours before that event to let you know of any cancellations.

- **Families struggle to put food on their tables.** Please pick up a non-perishable food item to drop in the food pantry baskets located in the church vestibule and share with others from the bounty with which we have been blessed.
- **St. Michael's Church, 20 Page Ave. in Cohoes NY will be hosting their Annual Penny Social on Sunday, March 2nd.** Doors open at 10:30am, tickets can be purchased starting 11:00am and the games will start at 1:00pm. Admission is free. There will be food, desserts and beverages for purchase. For further info please call Maria @ (518) 782-1203., Michelle (518) 235-3292 Or Theresa (518) 237-7906.
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- **Thank you' for your continuing support of our parish.** You can donate by mail: BVMC Parish, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham NY 12110, or through online giving, <https://www.bvmc.org/giving> which is secure and easy. If you need assistance, please contact our financial officers, George Urciuoli or Mark Peplowski via email: bvmc.church@gmail.com.

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Happening at BVMC



Saturday, March 1
5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday, March 2
9:00 am Holy Mass (also livestream)
Altar Servers: Abby, Everett
Lectors: Mary–Lou Cantor: **T B D**
Greeter: Bob Trustees: Mark, Jeff



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 28 - Choir–Sponsored Dinner
March 5 - Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)
April 13 - Palm Sunday
April 20 - Easter Sunday
May 18 - First Holy Communion



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