



welcome *all*

Save the Date: An Evening of Confession
at all Catholic churches in the diocese.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 | 5 - 8 PM



"God never ever tires of forgiving us!" -POPE FRANCIS

Back in June of 2010 I went to Italy. While in Rome, I took a bus trip to Pompeii that included a trip up Mount Vesuvius. However, the bus only took us so far up the mountain. We had to walk the rest of the way to the top. The walk was steep and you could easily lose your footing.

Once I got to the top, I felt good to be there. It was worth it! You could see the city of Florence in the distance, you were one with the clouds and you were able to peer into the volcano! On the way down to the bus, everyone was energized by the trip and glad we made the trek. Even though I did not see our Lord transfigured before me, my experience going up Mount Vesuvius gave me a sense of what it had to be like for Peter, James and John being led up the high mountain by Jesus.

The arduous walk up the high mountain was well worth it for them. These apostles had Jesus to themselves on the long journey and enjoyed every minute with him. Then these apostles caught a glimpse of what was to come for our Lord. He was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white. His Father's voice spoke from the cloud and reminded them to listen to Jesus and that Jesus is his beloved Son. This transfiguration event bolstered their faith! I am sure they too were energized on the way down the mountain.

Sometimes, there are walks in life that can be arduous without having to go up a mountain. Maybe the walk to the parish Penance Service falls into this category. But, we make the journey and entrust ourselves to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God in the Sacrament. We feel good we made the trip and are energized by it. Through the Sacrament, we are reconciled with God and the community.

The Sacrament of Confession increases grace, the virtue of charity, self-knowledge and strengthens the will. The Sacrament does so much for us! The experience bolsters our faith! If you feel moved to make this journey, this Sacrament will be available in every parish throughout the Diocese of Cleveland on Wednesday, March 15th, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Please consider this opportunity for God's mercy and bring a friend to join you, perhaps someone who has been away from the church, someone who needs to feel the love and mercy of God.

A Journey to Love & Mercy

Second Sunday of Lent
2017 March 11/12

Rev. Steven Breck
Pastor

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