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# The *Pace* of Grace

February 2018



## From the Rector:

Did you know that there are at least 574 reasons to be an Episcopalian? If you doubt that, go to <http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~lcrew/365plus.html> and check it out. This is the website of Louie Clay (né Louie Crew), and listed on the website under “Unofficial Anglican Pages” you will find “365+ Reasons for Becoming an Anglican/Episcopalian, or At Least for Checking Us Out”. This list of reasons

moves from the reverent to the not-so-very-reverent: however, I find it a refreshing list and one full of humor and much truth. The introduction to the list begins like this:

“This is an on-going project, and I encourage you to send your own entries to me at [lcrew@andromeda.rutgers.edu](mailto:lcrew@andromeda.rutgers.edu).

The Episcopal Church is a secret too well kept. Many are starved for what we experience daily and too easily take for granted. Invite others to come to your parish to experience this joy.

In thinking of your 'reasons,' try to focus on what draws you and others to this church. Enjoy the exercise! Tell others about it and encourage them to submit.

Morehouse has published my [101 Reasons to be an Episcopalian](#) ISBN 0-8192-1925-8 (pbk.) -- all items from this site. All profits from the book will go to [Episcopal Relief and Development](#) (ERD).

The most popular entry: God loves you, and there is not a thing you can do to change that! By The Rev. Tom VanCulin, Honolulu

You may have also read the lists promulgated by Garrison Keillor and Robin Williams about why it is a good thing to be Episcopalian. While perhaps lesser known, the author of the website and the book, Louie Clay (né Louie Crew) is a professor of English at Rutgers University and a long-time warrior for the acceptance of LGBTQ people and the Episcopal church. Why, you might ask, am I bringing this person and his work into this annual report? One of the reasons is that I was struck by Mr. Clay's statement, as written above: “The Episcopal Church is a secret too well kept. Many are starved for what we experience daily and too easily take for granted. Invite others to come to your parish to experience this joy.”

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## **Officers & Rector:**

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*Junior Warden*

**Harry Dodds**

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*Clerk*

**The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,**

*Rector*

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**February 2 –Groundhog Day**



**February 2-3 – Winter Convocation at Kalahari Conference Center**



**February 4 – Annual Meeting – one service at 9am – brunch & meeting to follow**



**February 14 – Valentine's Day**



**February 14 – Ash Wednesday – Services at Noon and 7pm  
with imposition of ashes**



**February 19 – President's Day**

## From the Rector: continued

This is a belief that I too hold, and, I hope that you have heard me say, more than once: “We must tell our stories! We need to let people outside of this sacred space know what is special to us about this place, what do we find when we come here that keeps us coming back, and the reason that we do what we do is, not only are we good people, but this is what Jesus calls us to do – as the hands and feet of Christ in the world today. We need to invite and bring to church with us those who hear our stories.”

The Epistle for today, the day of our annual meeting, has Paul telling us “If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel! (1 Cor 9:16) and we hear Jesus tell the disciples “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do. And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.” (Mark 1:38-39) So Paul has an obligation to proclaim the gospel and Jesus clearly states that he came to carry the Good News to the people – what has that to do with us? As you read the Annual Report for Grace Willoughby for 2017 it will be clear how busy we are for God’s people. We contribute our time and our resources to this parish and to numerous social service initiatives, both as a parish community and as individuals. We help to clothe, feed and meet short-term needs. We have put new shoes and boots on elementary school age children in a way that promotes their and their parents’ dignity.

Through the new long-range planning team, we have begun studying our infrastructure and anticipating what resources will be needed as we discern what God is calling us to do and be in the wider community and in the future. We are conducting a Capital Reserve Study so that we can be sure we are setting aside funds to maintain our facilities and grounds. The IT or information technology team is trying to determine how we best communicate with one another and the world at large through social media. The work of the IT team has been slowed somewhat by the introduction of Flocknote, a software program provided by the Diocese at no cost to parishes. Flocknote will allow us to communicate with you almost instantaneously and consistently via text, e-mail or land line. During the meeting today you will be invited to sign up with Flocknote via cell phone and to tell us how you wish us to communicate with you. It will also update your information with the Diocese which is something the parish office currently has to do manually every year. That will give us a significant time savings in office operations and ensure that your information is always current.

The vision of the IT team includes streamlining our communication ability and updating the website so that we can project a more vibrant presence on social media which is a requirement as we try to become more integrated into the community at large.

There have been several inroads into the wider community in 2017. We continue to be active in NEMAC, the Northeast Mission Area Council, with Margaret Dodds serving as Chair and me as Vice Chair. We host the NEMAC meetings here at Grace. Margaret has submitted her resignation as chair and we are actively searching for her replacement. I would like to thank Margaret for her dedication to the mission of this group. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Adult education is once again being offered. Education groups are meeting Sunday after the 10A service and Wednesday afternoons. We have been blessed to have the presence of Deacon Lydia Bailey twice a month, both serving at the Altar and along with Jane Schierloh is conducting Scripture Study on the second Sunday of the month, between services.

We continue to be active in the Willoughby Area Ministerial Association and we are now represented on the Spiritual Care Advisory Board of Lake Hospital System as well as the Professional Advisory Committee of Ohio Living Home care and Hospice services. We were privileged to serve as the site for their Hospice Annual Bereavement Service. We are also represented on the McKinley Community Services Center Board. Each of these connections helps us serve the wider community and gives us opportunity to develop and deepen community relationships. Relationship is the area that the Holy Currencies team has identified as the currency that will be the center of their focus this year. The Holy Currencies Team believes that as we build relationship the other currencies will naturally fall in line.

We are building closer relationship with the Diocese through the support we received from Laura Hnat as she spoke at our Stewardship Kick Off Luncheon and both services that day. Your Rector is serving on the Diocesan Council and the Personnel Committee. Some of our parishioners have been actively involved at Bellwether Farm on work days and during the Bicentennial celebration and commissioning of the Farm.

We bid fond farewells to some long-time friends both through death and change in geography. We are also blessed by new friends who are enriching our communal experiences. After almost a year of study, four of our youth were confirmed and we received two and had one recommittal.

The scouts that we sponsor had a busy year with Eagle projects, courts of honor, Blue and Gold banquets, and Scout Sunday. We welcomed the cub scouts who are now meeting here at Grace. We are forming disciples. We are being disciples. We are serving as the hand and feet of Christ in this place and in the community around us. You all are working hard and making a difference. You are taking seriously Paul's words: "If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel! (1 Cor 9:16) We are proclaiming the Gospel in so many ways and in so many places. It is my hope and prayer that we continue to discern the mission our God would have us live out. As we move into our next year there are several things that will help us find and follow our mission. As we strengthen our relationships we can remember that its all about love; its about where our hearts are. It is about each of us evaluating where we choose to put our time, talent and treasure. It is thanking God for the grace and blessings God pours out on us every day and finding ways to share that grace and blessings with those that God calls us to be in relationship with.

Let's pledge to strive to see the face of Jesus in every person we meet. Let's pledge to learn to tell our stories, the stories of God in our lives, and share them out in the world. Let's pledge to do the hard and scary things that discipleship demands of us. It is by doing these things that we can ensure that our faith is not (in the words of our Presiding Bishop) "hijacked" by those who say they are Christian yet do not live in Christ's love, do not see the face of Jesus in all people. Let's learn to listen to people, hear their stories and share the love of God with them in all things. Let us work to make this sacred place integral to this community and the relationships we develop. As people discover peace, comfort and love in this place and through this place, let's be sure that we show them where that love is centered – in Jesus and in doing as He does – proclaim the Gospel message, the good news, in the neighborhoods and maybe add to the reasons to be an Episcopalian.

Peace and blessings,  
M. Rose Anne

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## ANNUAL MEETING

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Grace's Annual Meeting will be held on February 4, 2018. There will be one service at 9am followed by brunch and then the meeting. All reports were due to the office by January 21, 2018.

David Zimmerman, Senior Warden

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## SENIOR WARDEN

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I want to take this time to thank everyone who was supportive of me during my two years as senior warden and worked to make my job so much easier. As I move on I wish my successor much success as Grace moves forward with this ministry. But now, I'm packing my gear and will think of you while I am diving in the warm waters of Mexico. See you when I get back.

David Zimmerman

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## WORSHIP

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The Worship Committee met Tuesday, January 9, 2018

The Adult Study Group will meet again on January 28 after the 10am service and on Wednesdays at 1pm

Review of the Advent and Christmas Seasons

The Christmas services went well and were well attended. It was suggested that we have the crèche on the altar for the Advent season and add the animals each week. Nancy and Dennis Brothers will always put up and take down the pew torches

Ash Wednesday – We will not be doing the Eucharist Ash Wednesday service at Ohio Living. We will have a service at Grace at noon with Eucharist and imposition of ashes and then a service at 7pm with Eucharist and imposition of ashes.

Lenten Program

Beginning Wednesday, February 21 we will have a Lenten Program at 6pm and Eat, study, Pray.

The discussion topic will be the Good Book Club

Choir Interns – Scott Arra is on the search for Choir Interns

We discussed having an Evening Prayer Service with music or, a Morning Prayer Service with Eucharist.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13 at 7pm. You are invited to attend – no experience is necessary.

Submitted by: Judy Stafanick

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## STEWARDSHIP STATE OF GRACE

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Spring State of Grace Gathering

This year the State of Grace Luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> after the 10am service. The details have not been worked out yet, i.e. strata or a cook-out. Mark your calendar. Not only will we be discussing Grace's current ministries, but will begin to look ahead to the future and building usage.

David Zimmerman

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## WHY I PLEDGE

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Why I give:

To support the church in all that it does. The more I give in time, talent and money the more the Lord gives back to me. The Lord has been faithful in helping me through tough times. When I was laid off for almost a year, I had to cut back on my pledging, however He always made sure my family was taken care of. He found me a better job and as I started my new job I began to increase my pledge to make up for what I had missed.

I have learned that when you give from your first fruits you will not lack for anything. He will take care of you. God has taught me how to manage my money through "financial peace university". Now I am free of the debts I used to have, and make better use of the money I have. I didn't start out at tithing 10%, and no one is asking you to do that either. Start out small and increase annually even if it's just a small increase, but do increase. You will realize you won't miss it at all after all it is all God's. We are just stewards of His money. I have used my time and talents on

different committees at Grace, in the choir and playing guitar, even being Senior Warden a few years ago.

Frank Burkacki

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## VESTRY MEETING

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January 16, 2018 meeting was opened with prayer and Lectio Divina by Mother Rose Anne. The minutes (with corrections) and Treasurer's reports were accepted and approved. The Proposed 2018 Grace Woods Capital Fund-Budget was presented and approved. The budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting. There was a proposal received to upgrade the outdoor light to LED. It was discussed and the proposal will be taken to Buildings & Grounds.

The Senior and Junior Wardens, David Zimmerman and Chris Burke, are still contacting people to inquire of their interest in being a member of the 2018 Vestry. The Vestry was asked about their flexibility if moving the Vestry meeting to a Monday.

Junior Warden – we now have a new snowplow contractor since the other one went out of business. The Narthex lighting will be updated to LED.

Foundation – Kathy Hill was appointed to the Foundation Board

Rector's Report – the Convocation is February 2-3 at Kalahari in Sandusky.

\*Still working on Flocknote.

\*appointed to the Executive Committee of the Diocese

\*keeping in touch with people in the hospital and those who are sick

\*will be out of town February 6 – 12. The Rev. John Hayden will be here February 11.

Bicentennial Update – the sign in front needs to be taken down. We will read the Bicentennial prayer the first Sunday of the month

Stewardship – the Stafe of Grace lunch will be Sunday April 29 with either a bunch or cook-out.

Evangelism and Outreach did not meet in January

Fellowship – Linda Beharry will organize the brunch for the Annual Meeting.

Worship – we will not do the Episcopal Ash Wednesday service at Ohio Living per Diane Walker, Chaplain. There will be two services at Grace one at noon and one at 7pm. There will be a short organizational vestry meeting with the new members after the Annual Meeting in February

The next meeting date depends on whether or not the date of the meeting is changed.

Submitted by: *Judy Stafanick, Clerk of Vestry*

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## EVANGELISM

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At our December meeting the Post-it notes with Grace Church information were put together in a bundle to be given out as gifts in the bags on Christmas Eve.

We discussed ways to get to know more about each other in 2018, our gifts and hidden talents, etc.

A permanent sign to use at the Willoughby Outdoor Market and other events is being planned for this year. We ask you to think about volunteering to sit at the booth for a while on a Saturday morning and introduce Grace Church to the community. There will be a sign-up list with Saturday morning dates to sign up closer to spring.

If you would like to join us with new ideas or just help out, we meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the church lounge. All are welcome. Our next meeting is February 6, 2018.

Peggy Burkacki

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## OUTREACH TEAM

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Gloves, mittens, scarves, etc. from our Christmas Mitten Tree were abundant again this year, thanks to all of you. Items were divided and taken to Edison Elementary and Grant Elementary Schools. The schools were so grateful to receive these items for the little ones who come to school without the proper warm attire.

In 2018 we will continue to take paper product donations to Project Hope. They

really need the paper products and are so very appreciative when they receive them. You would think we were providing a box of gold. So let's not forget about the needs of Project Hope. Their helping hand to the homeless makes such a difference in the lives of so many.

Also we will continue to take donations of food to McKinley each week. Of course, shoes, clothing, furniture, medical equipment, pet supplies and other items are always needed at McKinley. These items are critical to so many in need and are so greatly appreciated. Thank you all for making these donations.

We will prepare and serve an evening meal for the McKinley guests on February 26, 2018 from 5:30 to 6:30pm. This will be 1 of 3 meals prepared by Grace in 2018.

We can reach out to others in so many ways. Please let the Outreach Team know if you have any suggestions for 2018. All ideas are welcome. Join us in our team meetings and share your thoughts. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the lounge. Peace and blessings.

Kathy Hill, Outreach Team Chair

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## NEMAC

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At the first meeting of 2018 fourteen people from seven different churches attended.

The Rev. Paul Collins from Good Shepherd requested financial assistance to host a Lenten Study Series each Wednesday during Lent. There will be a table discussion reflecting on the Gospel According to John. Study booklets and a light supper will be provided to the participants. St. Alban's, St. Bart's and St Andrew's (49 Cedar Ave.) will also be attending this program. In all, 30 to 40 people are expected to attend this study each Wednesday. An additional \$450 was needed to fund this program and NEMAC voted to provide the balance needed.

Anna Sutterisch attended our meeting as the St. Martin's seminarian and brought two exciting ideas to us with an offer to take the lead on them, if NEMAC felt there was interest in them. The St. Martin youth brought up the

idea of inviting youth and families from other parishes in NEMAC to form a monthly youth group. They are imagining a Sunday night and either an outing (rock climbing, some community service, a ski outing) or an activity (pizza and a movie, homework party, games). This would be VERY low key and focused more on fellowship plus evening prayer.

Anna's second proposal was the idea of a NEMAC Easter Vigil on Saturday night. The idea was that each of the readings could be done by groups from various parishes and presented in play form, poetry, musically or whatever means deemed appropriate.

The Rev. Rosalind Hughes had a similar idea; Epiphany will be housing an annual overnight vigil Maundy Thursday into Good Friday for youth and their leaders and would welcome other parishes to join them.

NEMAC is very excited about having some leadership in obtaining group activities for our youth. Anna & Rosalind will be consulting with one another and will contact area clergy with what opportunities may be offered to the NEMAC churches for the Easter celebration.

The Rev. Rosalind Hughes also shared that she had a parishioner who is interested in putting together a forum on anti-bullying resources for the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. NEMAC members were most interested in this and, in the Spring, Rosalind may approach NEMAC to sponsor this for a Fall offering.

The Phelps Street Project has funds of \$9,000 to continue forward through the next two years. Our partner, Morley Library, has been stalled in their attempts to obtain funding grants but are continuing to pursue other avenues.

NEMAC has a page on Facebook. You can view it by going to North East Mission Area - NEMAC. Churches are encouraged to share church events and outreach programs on this page. This would be a wonderful place to share news about our Little Feet program.

The Diocese's CRU (Council for Racial Understanding) requires clergy & Diocese Council members to undergo a racial understanding program. Other groups within the Episcopal Church are encouraged, but not mandated, to also take this training. NEMAC

voted to be a host community and work with the Diocese on this program.

The next NEMAC meeting is Tuesday, April 24th. All are welcome.

Margaret Dodds  
Council Chair

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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY

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### **Birthdays in February**

Harry Dodds	6
Peggy Burkacki	12
Larry Seymour	13
David Webster	20
Kathy Ivey	21
Ray Sphatt	27

### **Anniversary in February**

Gary & Kathy Hill 28

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## KIDS CORNER

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Brody Parks has learned long division at school.

Shaylee Frazier auditioned for and was accepted into the Singing Angels performance group. She will keep us updated as performances come up.

CONGRATULATIONS.

James Freshwater is playing intermural basketball at Edison Elementary School.

Annabelle Brothers and Sabella Burnett are taking swimming lessons at the YMCA.

Nicholas Zargari is enjoying playing basketball for CYO at St. Anselm. He will also start playing for Kenston Recreation Center.

Allison Ivey has sold 25 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. She also is a volunteer karate helper.

Nina and Natalie Zargari are enjoying Cross Country skiing at Chapin Forest with their friends. They also attended a Leader/ Mother

Girl Scout retreat over the weekend with their mother, Karla.

Maggie Ores' favorite dolls are Shimmer and Shine that her Daddy gave her. She also watches them on the Disney T.V. show.

Debbie Zimmerman  
Co-Director of the Sunday School

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## BOY SCOUTS – TROOP 185

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Grace Church will host a Court of Honor for two Boy Scouts from Troup 185 which is sponsored by Grace Church. Jackson Luck and Jonathan Luck have achieved Eagle Scout status and will be honored that day. Jackson Luck's Eagle project at Grace was to make the play area smaller and to make a larger grass area for us to enjoy. Fortunately for him, South High School was replacing the sod on the football field and the old sod was up for grabs, which he grabbed and used to make our grass area. He also made sure that the sod was watered and taken care of during the summer. Jonathan Luck's Eagle project was to weld and make bike racks to be placed at various locations in the community. This was done along with members of his welding class. One of the bike racks is located at Grant Elementary School for everyone to see and use. The Court of Honor will be on Sunday, March 11 at 3:30pm and the people of Grace Church are invited to attend the ceremony for Jackson and Jonathan Luck to celebrate their accomplishments. There will be a dessert reception following the ceremony.

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## CHURCH MOUSE TAILS

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We always have a mitten tree and the tree appears and when we have collected all the mittens, gloves, hats and socks, the tree disappears. Amazing how that happened.

There are people who have been sick with the flu among other things. Trust me I am staying out of the way. You really don't need a sick mouse around your house.

Gayle Benigar took a wrong step and sprained her ankle. Now her husband Tony is finding out how much she really does around the house.

Bill Hutchinson's ride home from church on Sunday morning was not working for him, so now there is a long list of people who are more than willing to help him out and take him home. We are such helpful people. No task is too small for us.

The girl got a letter from the postal service on January 24 that the price of a stamp was raised to 50 cents on January 21. Maybe someone should have thought about sending this information out two weeks ago. Too logical for government work.

A Big thanks to Chris Burke and Leon Range for taking all the Christmas decoration boxes back downstairs and putting them away.

Jennifer is taking a few courses at Cleveland State to maintain her teaching certificate. You rock girl!

January seems like the longest month with all the cold, ice, snow and clouds. Well talking about that really makes me need a nap.



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## 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SOUP AND CHILI COOK OFF

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If you would like to be a participant in the Soup and Chili Cook Off to help support the Little Feet Ministry, please contact Frank or Peggy Burkacki @ 440-975-1496 to register or with questions or concerns.

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 4, 2018.

6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

SOUP & CHILI

COOKOFF



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Saturday, March 10, 2018

From 11:00AM til 2:00 PM

*Enjoy the tastes and vote for your favorites*

*All proceeds will go to*

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*To help buy shoes for*

*school children in*

*our community*

*who are in need.*

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## READINGS FOR THE DAY

February 4  
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

February 11  
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

February 18  
The First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-9  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

February 25  
The Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:22-30  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38