

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Friends,

As we continue our Lenten journey, I think that it is so important for us to connect our spiritual journey to our life journey. Spiritual life cannot be something added to our life but rather our spiritual principles must infuse our total lives. To love as a Christian means to challenge our behavior in our relationships, the workplace, and in our neighborhoods. The Ten Commandments are to be lived. The Beatitudes are meant to be lived, not just read. The Sermon on the Mount must become a lived reality.

Lent is a time to ponder and to pray. Ponder your life and ask yourself "Do I truly live according to Christian principles?" My language, my behavior, my sense of spirituality, my life — does it reflect God's love for me? Belief and behavior — the first should inform the second. We live according to what we believe. We must always strive to "walk our talk."

Use Lent to make your life consistent with your belief. Don't be fragmented but be unified and life will bring the gifts of the Holy Spirit - contentment, concord and peace.

The journey continues!

Sincerely,  
Fr. Regis

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE R.C.I.A.** - THE R.C.I.A. MEMBERS ARE APPROACHING THEIR FINAL DAYS OF PREPARATION FOR THEIR SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. PLEASE PRAY THAT THEY ARE FILLED WITH THE JOY OF THE SEASON SO THEY CAN JOIN US IN PRAISING THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT IN FULL COMMUNION AT THE EASTER VIGIL. THE CATECHUMENS ARE: JESSE ROURKE, TROY WILSON AND MICHAEL COFIELD. THE CANDIDATES ARE: REID BAKER, ERIN BRZOZA, KYLIE KEEFE AND DARCY GREEN.

### INTRODUCTION TO READINGS: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18** - This passage recounts the making of a covenant between God and Abraham. Ancient Near-Eastern people often established a covenant by cutting animals in half and setting the halves opposite each other. The participants then walked in the blood flowing between the halves, thereby establishing a blood relationship. But the covenant we will hear about today involves God, who will participate in a more dramatic way.

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1** - The ancient city of Philippi was located in what is today northeastern Greece. Paul's community of converts at Philippi was especially dear to him. In this section of his letter to them, Paul is upset — but not with them. He has heard that false teachers have come to the community, teaching that Jewish food laws and the rite of circumcision applied even to Christians.

**REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS.** Andrea Andrews, Joan Bauer, Joan Bope, Lewis Beckwith, Janet Bonant, Megan Boretsky, Tom Burk, Max Cormack, Jim Dean, Patrick Dean, Garrett Green, Regina Kirschmann, Paul Marchionna, Becky Mellingers, Roni Millstine, Sandy Niederberger, George Peaco, Fr. Nick Pesanka, Don Porter, Nancy Price, Lil & Walt Roth, Barbara Slade, Brandy Smetana, Theresa Steiner, Terry Tuite, Bob Weinert, Dave Weiss, Don Wisniewski, Lou Zang, Alex Zbur and Dorothy Zola.

Please note: *We ask those who have requested prayers to give us an "update" call when your loved one is better. Thank you.*



**ROSARY MAKERS NEEDED** - Adults are needed to assemble rosaries for Haiti and the Pro-Life Movement. Will train and supply materials. If

interested in this service project, please call Mary at (412) 492-1168. This would make a great Lenten project!

Our **LENTEN FISH FRY** will be held the Fridays in Lent. Join us for a delicious dinner or call ahead for take-out or drive-thru service at (412) 486-6001. Take-out and drive-thru orders can also be placed on Fridays until 4:00 pm on the parish website - [www.stcatherineofsweden.org](http://www.stcatherineofsweden.org). Dinners are served from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. The menu includes baked or fried fish, pierogies, shrimp, macaroni & cheese, Boston clam chowder, salad, applesauce, coleslaw, pudding and beverages. Bring the family and then attend Stations of the Cross.

**"WHERE DO PRIESTS COME FROM?"** Friday, March 5, following Stations of the Cross at 7:15 pm in the Church, we continue to celebrate the Year of the Priest. Fr. Michael Stump, pastor of St. Mary of the Mount and a Butler High School graduate, will share his story. Come and hear about his journey from Butler County to the priesthood.

The **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MARCH MEETING** has been changed to Monday, March 1, in the Church Hall at 7:00 pm. Please bring anything you have for the Mother's Day Basket Raffle to church and drop it off in the Arts/Environment work room (beside the steps in the Narthex) on the cart provided. You can also bring them to the March meeting. Thank you.

**MARCH 5 IS FIRST FRIDAY.** There will be Anointing of the Sick during the 9:30 am Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist following Mass until Benediction at 4:00 pm. Come and spend some time alone in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' **OPERATION RICE BOWL**, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS**, for parents wishing to have their children baptized, will be held on Sundays, March 7 and April 11. Parents will meet from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in Room 215. The class is required before the baptism. Call to register for one class at (412) 486-6001.

The **WOW MARCH LUNCHEON** will be held at Applebee's, Rt. 8 on Saturday, March 6, at 1:00 pm. Please call the Parish Office by Friday morning if you will be attending. Hope you will join us.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to those who helped with the Meager Meal success. Thank you to those who brought in veggies, PB & J, Jello, bread and butter. Thank you to those who helped on Tuesday cutting up vegetables and making Jello. Thank you to those who made the PB & J sandwiches and cut up the bread. Thank you to those who put up the tables and set them. Thank you to those who made and served the soup. Thank you to those who came and ate the meal and donated to the community cause. Thank you to those who cleaned up and got the hall ready for Fish Fry. As you can see, it wasn't just done in a day. Many were needed and participated in this successful event that gave our community Feed the Hungry Program and North Hills Community Outreach Food Bank a total of \$907.10 that will be divided between them. Again, a Big Thank You!



St. Catherine's **PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION** for the 2010-2011 school year is in progress. We offer programs for 3 year — 4 year — 5 year Pre-K children. Especially helpful, if you have younger children, is our "stay in your car" curbside drop-off and pick-up service. We are in the back lower part of the building with our own entrance. For more information, please look at the parish website or to schedule a visit, call Katie Spurdute at the school (412-486-6001) or email [preschool@stcatherineofsweden.org](mailto:preschool@stcatherineofsweden.org).

Our **JOINT FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION** to Our Lady of Fatima begins with the Rosary at 8:30 am followed by 9:00 am Mass on March 6 at St. Richard Church. Our Pilgrim Statue is available for home devotions. Please call the Parish Office.

**YEAR FOR PRIESTS**

"For since nobody can be saved who has not first believed, it is the first task of priests as co-workers of the bishops to preach the Gospel of God to all men." —*Presbyterorum Ordinis (Decree on the Ministry and Life)*



The **MARCH FOOD ITEM OF THE MONTH** for the Food Pantry is Crackers (Saltines, Ritz, etc.). Toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo and bar soap are always needed and appreciated. Please place donations in the box in the Narthex. Thank you!

**FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

TO REMEMBER A SPECIAL OCCASION OR HONOR A DECEASED LOVED ONE WITH A FLOWER DEDICATION, THE CHURCH ALTAR ARRANGEMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION OF \$100.00 AND ALL FOUR VASES AT THE CHURCH AND NARTHEX DOORS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$50.00. YOUR DEDICATION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN THAT WEEKEND. PLEASE CALL ANNE AT THE PARISH OFFICE (412-486-6001).

**AVAILABLE DATES**

**ALTAR:**  
APRIL 11, 18 & 25  
MAY 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

**VASES:**  
APRIL 11, 18 & 25  
MAY 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

**FIVE LIVE EASTER WREATHS: \$100 EACH**



Our next **QUILTING GROUP** meeting will be on March 3 in Room 109. We are looking for people with a variety of skills for laying out, choosing fabrics, pinning and sewing. You don't have to be an experienced sewer, just someone looking for a fun gathering for a cause. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month after the 9:30 am Mass. For details, please contact Lorrie Spenser at (412) 370-0248.



**GIRL SCOUTS COOKIE TIME!** St. Catherine's Girl Scouts Troops will be selling cookies after Masses on March 6 & 7. You can buy boxes for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and in VA Hospitals, which we will ship for you. Boxes of cookies are \$3.50 each—and don't forget to pick up a box for yourself!

**FOREVER YOUNG** will meet at 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 11, in St. Catherine's Church Hall. Join us for a delicious luncheon prepared by John Marshall followed by a Lenten reflection by Fr. Patrick Barkey. Reservations are \$8.00 and must be paid in St. Catherine's or St. Richard's Parish Office by Monday, March 8. Please include the names of all those attending and make checks payable to **John Marshall**. Hope to see you there!

The annual **GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN** conference will be held on April 10 at the A.J. Palumbo Center. Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Desk. Call Steve Cafaro at (412) 487-3667 for additional information.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - ON THE MOUNTAIN THE APPEARANCE OF Jesus changed. IT IS COMMON TO SHOW A DIFFERENT FACE OUTSIDE OUR family. Only with those closest to us do we dare REVEAL OUR REAL selves. LOVE IN FAMILIES IS BASED ON MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE. IT'S THE REAL thing. —**Bud Ozar**

**FILL OUT YOUR CENSUS FORM!** CENSUS INFORMATION PROVIDES POPULATION STATISTICS THAT IMPACT ON OUR REPRESENTATION IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE STATISTICS ARE ALSO USED TO HELP DETERMINE HOW MORE THAN \$400 BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS WILL BE SPENT LOCALLY EACH YEAR ON HOSPITALS, ROADS, SCHOOLS, LOW INCOME FAMILY SUPPORT, SENIOR CENTERS, SOCIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AND SO MUCH MORE.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS:** As the song goes, "Love isn't love till you give it away." It's not too late to start giving something away each day until Easter. Not only will it declutter your closets, the love that brought you together can grow by giving to those in need. —**Susan Vogt**

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

"Even with all the snowy weather the Boys' & Girls' basketball Teams, their coaches, and parents came to clean the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Etna. We want to thank them and Tom Franzak, St. Catherine's Youth Minister, for organizing the project for the "Souper Bowl of Caring." This amazing group also collected \$1,559.62 and food items from the members of St. Catherine's Church. With this donation we are able to feed many families in our communities. Thanks to everyone!"

—**Marlene Stack, Manager**

*Mass Intentions*

*The Week Ahead*

**Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent**

Sat. 4:00 pm Sandy Stewart (Breen Family) [Fr. Pat]  
 Sun. 7:30 am Art Hahn (Scott and Sandy Winters) [Fr. Regis]  
 9:15 am Bill Hanna (Antol Family) [Fr. Regis]  
 11:00 am Catherine Matesic (Matesic/Plunkett Family) [Fr. Pat]  
 6:00 pm Parishioners of St. Catherine's [Fr. Regis]

**Monday, March 1, Lenten Weekday**

9:30 am William Sestric (Wife)

**Tuesday, March 2, Lenten Weekday**

9:30 am Bill Hanna (Giza Family)

**Wednesday, March 3, St. Katherine Drexel, virgin**

9:30 am Deceased Members of Liguori Family (Urbash Family)  
 7:15 pm Mary Kay Dillman (Friends of Twelve Oaks)

**Thursday, March 4, St. Casimir**

9:30 am Verna Brecko (Farabaugh Family)  
 10:00 am Reconciliation (Confessions)

**Friday, March 5, Lenten Weekday**

9:30 am Isabel Vogel (Neighbors)

**Saturday, March 6, Lenten Weekday**

11:30 am Reconciliation (Confessions)

**Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent**

Sat. 4:00 pm Sandy Stewart (M/M Lawrence Weber) [Fr. Pat]  
 Sun. 7:30 am Parishioners of St. Catherine's [Fr. Regis]  
 9:15 am Bernadette Studeny (Dorothy Scott) [Fr. Regis]  
 11:00 am Lloyd Bartholow (Wife, Diane) [Fr. Pat]  
 6:00 pm Paul Donovan (Family) [Fr. Pat]

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Gift Bearers		02/28
Sat. 4:00 pm		John Huerbin Family
Sun. 7:30 am		Al Hahn Family
9:15 am		Dennis Antol Family
11:00 am		Matesic/Plunkett Family
6:00 pm		Volunteer

**LECTOR AND ALTAR SERVERS** - Please pick up your new Ministry Schedule beginning March 6/7 at the Hospitality Desk. The schedule is also available on the Parish website under "Liturgy." Thank you.

**OFFERTORY** for 02/21/10 = \$14,060.42  
**ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION** = \$1,862.53.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12,17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10,16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28/Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a,13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12/Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday, February 28, Parish Share Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup>)**

Food Bank Truck Collection	Parking Lot	At All Masses
Boy Scouts Sunday	Church	9:15 am Mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word	222	9:15/11:00 am
Gr. 1 - 8 C.C.D. Classes	Classrooms	10:30 am - Noon
Contemporary Choir	Church	4:30 - 6:00 pm
Middle Sch. Home-based C.C.D.	Homes	7:15 - 8:45 pm
Life Teen "Life Night"	Ch Hall	7:15 - 9:00 pm

**Monday, March 1**

Gr. 6 - 8 C.C.D. Classes	Classrooms	6:30 - 8:00 pm
Gr. K - 5 C.C.D. Home Lesson	-----	-----
Adult Handbells	222	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Pre-Cana Class	215	7:00 - 10:00 pm
Children's Liturgy Com. Mtg.	109	7:00 - 8:00 pm
Christian Women Meeting	Ch Hall	7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 2**

Rosary for Peace	222	9:00 am
Girl Scouts Troop #1 Meeting	113	6:15 - 7:15 pm
Cub Scouts Den #7/8 Meeting	109	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Boy Scouts	Ch Hall	7:00 - 8:45 pm

**Wednesday, March 3**

Quilting Group	109	10:15 am - Noon
Gr. K - 5 C.C.D. Classes	Classrooms	4:30 - 6:00 pm
Gr. 1 - 8 C.C.D. Classes	Classrooms	6:30 - 8:00 pm
Appalachia Committee Meeting	216	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Lenten Evening Mass	Church	7:15 pm

**Thursday, March 4**

Fish Fry Setup	Ch Hall	6:00 pm
Adult Choir	Church	7:00 - 9:00 pm
R.C.I.A.	216	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Pre-Cana Class	215	7:00 - 10:00 pm

**Friday, March 5**

First Friday Anointing/Adoration	Church	9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Fish Fry	Ch Hall	4:00 - 7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross & Speaker	Church	7:15 pm

**Saturday, March 6**

Cub Scouts Committee Training	112	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
First Confession	Church	11:00 am
WOW Luncheon	Applebee's	1:00 pm
Citrus Fruit Pickup	Ch Hall	After 4:00 Mass
Girl Scouts Cookie Sale	Narhex	After 4:00 Mass

**Sunday, March 7**

Citrus Fruit Pickup	Ch Hall	After All Masses
Girl Scouts Cookie Sale	Narhex	After All Masses
Children's Liturgy of the Word	222	9:15/11:00 am
Gr. 1 - 8 C.C.D. Classes	Classrooms	10:30 am - Noon
Pastoral Council Meeting	215	10:30 am
R.C.I.A. - First Scrutiny	Church	11:00 am Mass
Hall Rental	Ch Hall	12:- 3:00 pm
Cub Scouts Committee Meeting	112	12:15 - 1:45 pm
Pre-Baptism Class	215	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Contemporary Choir	Church	4:30 - 6:00 pm
Middle Sch. Home-based C.C.D.	Homes	7:15 - 8:45 pm
Life Teen "Life Night"	Ch Hall	7:15 - 9:00 pm

**C.C.D. REMINDERS:**

- Grades K - 5 of the Monday Night Family Program have the scheduled "Lessons at Home" this week. Parents should check the class syllabus for the correct lesson to be taught. Grades, 6, 7 & 8 have the regularly scheduled class on campus.
- Second grade students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 6. The celebration begins at 11:00 a m in the Church.

The monthly meeting for the **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD MINISTRY** is Monday, March 1, at 7:00 pm in Room 109. Lent, Easter and service project goals are on the agenda. Members unable to attend the meeting and be part of the planning process are asked to call or email any schedule restrictions for the months of March and April. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome to attend the meeting.



**"Bringing Teens Closer to Christ"**

All teens in grades 9 - 12 are welcome to join us this Sunday and every Sunday for the 6:00 pm Mass followed by "Life Night" in the Church Hall. Join us for friends, food, fun, music and discussion!

February 27 - "Trust Me"

March 7 - "Heart of Mystery"

St. Catherine of Sweden Youth Ministry is on [facebook.com](http://facebook.com). Sign up as a fan to receive all our latest, breaking news and event information. You can also find events on the Youth Ministry page at [www.stcatherineofsweden.org](http://www.stcatherineofsweden.org)

**HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE**

Hampton Township School District, in partnership with Hampton Township, will present **HUES AND HARMONY** at the Hampton Community Center on Tuesday, March 2 (6:30 to 8:30 pm), Wednesday, March 3 (2:00 to 8:30 pm), and Thursday, March 4 (6:30 to 8:30 pm). Visitors to the event will experience a sampling of visual arts, vocal music, and instrumental music produced by students from Grades Kindergarten through 12. The event is free and open to the public.

**DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES**

- Theresa Tomeo, an award-winning radio reporter and news anchor, first received recognition for her work from the Associated Press, the Detroit Press Club, and American Women in Radio and TV. After making the move to TV news in 1988, her assignments took her across the country covering some of the most significant stories of the 1990s including the Oklahoma City Bombing and the 1995 visit to the U.S. by Pope John Paul II. An author, syndicated Catholic talk show host, professional speaker, and media consultant, she was invited to Rome to be one of only 260 international delegates to participate in the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mulieris Dignitatum, a "Congress on Women." Join us for Theresa Tomeo's presentation, *10 Things I've Learned about Living a Godly Life*, to be held at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium, Wednesday, March 3, at 7:30 pm. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons and catechists. The lecture is free - all are welcome to attend. Bring a friend.

**YOU'RE CATHOLIC—SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?** is the theme of the Parish Mission/Renewal at St. Ursula Church beginning March 1 through March 4, at 7:00 pm each evening. Fr. Tom Sparacino, a priest in Team Ministry in the parishes of St. Benedict the Moor, Epiphany and St. Mary of Mercy, will lead participants in exploring this question. All are welcome to attend. For information, please call (412) 486-6700.



St. Ursula Parish, Allison Park, will host a **SPAGHETTI DINNER**, Thursday, March 4, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Cost: \$8 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 12.

Sauce will be made by Paul Spa. The meal includes:

spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverages, Takeouts available. For further information, call (412) 478-8109.

**LENTEN RETREAT** - There is no better time to open our hearts to the need for solitude in prayer than in the Lenten season. In this time together, we use a reality and a metaphor which comes to us from the Greek tradition - the Poustinia. Come and walk with us through the "door" which leads us into the world of communion with God and neighbor at Providence Villa, 10745 Babcock Blvd., Gibsonsia, on Thursday, March 5, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Facilitator is Marian Senish, ODP, MA. The fee of \$25 includes lunch. For reservations or additional information, please call Karen Zufftuo at (412) 635-5408.

St. Joseph Spirituality Center will sponsor **WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE**, A RETREAT FOR ALL WOMEN INVOLVED IN WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 6, FROM 9:30 AM TO 8:00 PM. This retreat offers time for input, sharing, and reflection on spirituality, Christian values, and prayer. The retreat is led by Sisters Mary Catherine Cudnik, Diane McCalley, Malania Polensky and Jeanne Scott. \$45 includes meals. (Those who wish may extend the retreat through Sunday morning for \$15 more.) To register, call (724) 869-6587.

ST. BONAVENTURE SCHOOL, 2001 MOUNT ROYAL BOULEVARD, GLENSHAW, WILL HOST AN **OPEN HOUSE** ON SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1:30 TO 3:00 PM FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS IN GRADES K - 8. TOUR THE SCHOOL, VISIT WITH ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF TO LEARN ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS. 2010-2011 REGISTRATION IS NOW BEING ACCEPTED. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.STBONAVENTUREPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.STBONAVENTUREPARISH.ORG).

On Sunday, March 7, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, the Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual **ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST** at the fire hall located at 5857 Meridian Road, Gibsonsia. Held regardless of weather, the menu includes regular & buckwheat pancakes, fresh sausage, hot cinnamon apples and beverages. A free-will donation is asked to support the fire department.

Music on the Mount, a concert partnership with Duquesne University and St. Mary of the Mount Church, presents **SINGING SAXOPHONES** on Sunday, March 7, at 3:00 pm at the church. For further information, please call St. Mary's at (412) 381-0212.

The annual **CARD PARTY & SALAD LUNCHEON**, sponsored by the All Saints Church Christian Mothers & Guild is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, at noon in the Activities Building on Dewey Street, Etna. Tickets are \$10. For tickets, call Cathy at (412) 781-4788 by the deadline on Sunday, March 7.