

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Friends,

One of the convenient aspects of Lent is that it is five weeks long, therefore, there is sufficient time to start again. Undoubtedly, many of us begin Lent with good intentions. We make our resolutions; we set our goals. Now after a week and a half many, for whatever reason, have gotten off track. Now we are presented with a dilemma. So we broke our resolutions. We got too busy and didn't spend the 15 minutes in prayer that we promised or we accidentally ate the "forbidden" food. So what do we do - just quit?

We could just ride out the rest of Lent and make no change in our spiritual life or we could begin again. Maybe refine our resolutions and clarify our real spiritual needs. But don't quit! Get back to whatever you promised. Rejoin the human race. We make mistakes. We sometimes are weak, sometimes confused and sometimes stubborn but each day is a new day, a new chance. As long as the sun comes up, we have another chance.

God will not judge us on our accomplishments. He will judge us on our efforts. Do you have the faith to believe enough that you can continue the journey? The word "Lent" means spring. Spring is the time that we bury seeds in the dark, cold earth and expect them to prosper and grow and they do! God has that same miracle available to you.

Don't lose heart. Start the journey again and again if you need but never lose your hope that God's grace can make all things new! It can - the buried seed will grow and, so too, your spirit. Keep on going. Stay the course. Make each day a new beginning. Have a great week.

Sincerely,
Fr. Regis

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS, for parents wishing to have their children baptized, will be held on Sundays, April 1 and May 2. 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 of the classes at (412) 486-6001.

INTRODUCTION TO READINGS: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 - When he was a young man, Moses had slain an Egyptian official, and he had to flee into the desert near Mount Sinai (sometimes called Mount Horeb). In the ensuing years, he settled down, married and worked as a shepherd. Now, probably thinking he had a quiet future, his life takes a different turn.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 - Paul did not want his Corinthian converts to be overconfident. They were saved by their faith in Jesus, but they still needed to live a daily life pleasing to God. (In this passage, we will hear Paul refer to an interesting piece of Jewish folklore not found in the Bible. The legend is that the rock from which God gave them water followed them wherever they went in their desert wanderings.)



Shut-Ins Each first Sunday we especially remember our **SHUT-INS** in prayer. Our shut-ins are parishioners, who because of age or infirmity are no longer able to come to Mass so our Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion take Jesus to them. Our Shut-Ins are: Tony and Yolanda Botti, Mary Comport, Janet Fortwangler, Betty Hartle, Helen Myros, Eileen and Pearl Nash, Tami Palbus, Donald Porter, and Matt Yeager. Also please pray for David Jenkins.

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. 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.



This Friday, March 12, the teens of St. Catherine's will present a multi-media, dramatic reading of the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at 7:15 pm in the Church. Please join us! (*Where Do Priests Come From?* will resume the next Friday, March 19.)

PLEASE CONTINUE TO 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.

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!

BIBLE STUDY WILL MEET ON MONDAY, MARCH 8, AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS IN ROOM 216.



TODAY WE HEAR THE CALL OF MOSES TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE FROM OPPRESSION TO FREEDOM. GOD PROMISES TO BE WITH THEM AS THEY JOURNEY TO A NEW LIFE. OUR PARTICIPATION IN CATHOLIC RELIEFS' **OPERATION RICE BOWL** UNITES US IN PRAYER, FASTING, AND GIVING WITH THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO ARE OPPRESSED BY POVERTY, INJUSTICE, WAR, DISEASE, AND LACK OF EDUCATION AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES.

The **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, March 13 & 14, will be our monthly collection for the Building Fund.

WANTED: YOUR USED QUART-SIZE MASON JARS. Kopar Honey Farm will pay 15¢ to St. Catherine of Sweden's Building Fund for every donated quart-size mason jar that accepts a regular or wide mouth lid. Jars can be dropped off in the marked bin in the Narthex. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Corporal Tim Tabify Iraq	SSgt Robert J. Yatsko Tyndall AFB, USAF
LT Erik Thomas 22376 Deerpath Court Great Mills, MD 20634	Pvt. Corey Fung HHT 2-17 CAV 7118 6 th Street, Box 348 Ft. Campbell, KY
Maj. J.E. O'Hanlon G2 Operations Chief 1 st Armored Division Camp Liberty, Iraq	Spec Colin R. O'Hanlon 260 th CSSB APO AE 09344
Michael Fry USAF	ENS Jenna L. Creveling PPO AE 09573-1759
	Joe Ritter, Jr. USAF



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.

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.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

"Whoever has been called to the preaching of the Gospel should obey instantly and without delay."

—Saint Basil the Great, bishop, theologian

The **ST. PEREGRINE CLUB** will meet Sunday, March 21, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in Room #227. This support and prayer group is open to all who are recently diagnosed cancer patients, those currently in treatment for cancer, survivors, family members and friends of someone affected by this terrible disease. Please consider joining us



OUR PARISH COUNCIL INVITES ALL PARISHIONERS AND GUESTS TO THE **DONUT SOCIAL** AFTER ALL THE MORNING MASSES NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 14, IN THE CHURCH HALL.

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



HOLY THURSDAY BUS TOUR - On the night before he was crucified, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane with much pain and sadness. He knew what was to come. According to the Gospel of St. Matthew, Jesus went into the garden with Peter, John and James. Deep in prayer, Jesus suffered while his friends fell asleep. Jesus said to them, "Can you not keep watch with me for one hour?" Several times he tried to keep them awake; the time had come and his betrayer was at hand. On Holy Thursday evening following the Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Catherine of Sweden will honor that moment in the garden and "stay awake" with Jesus. A bus will be chartered for visiting seven churches in the area. The tradition of visiting parishes on Holy Thursday night is believed to go back to Rome when the pilgrims would visit seven minor basilicas as penance. St. Boniface VIII revived the tradition in 1300 with the establishment of the Jubilee Year and Rome became a center of pilgrimages. Please to keep this tradition alive by making the pilgrimage to seven area churches on Holy Thursday, April 1.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers are needed to minister at the Easter Masses. If you can minister that weekend, sign-up sheets are available at the Hospitality Desk.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - The owner of the orchard in today's gospel was disappointed with the fig tree and ordered it out down. When others disappoint us today's gospel tells us to imitate the gardener. Don't cut them out of your life by silence or ignoring them. Rather give them more time and assistance. Families don't give up on each other. When others reject, family accepts!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all persons who contributed food items and paper products to the food drive that benefitted the North Hills Community Outreach this past weekend. You did it - you filled the truck! NHCO Food Pantry was very appreciative.

The **ITALIAN FEST COMMITTEE** will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00 pm in Room 216. Anyone interested in helping with this event is welcome to attend this meeting.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

C.C.D. REMINDERS:

- Second grade students preparing for First Holy Communion will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 13, at 11:00 am in the Church.
- Sixth grade students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will participate in the Seder Meal next Sunday, March 14, at 4:00 pm in the Church Hall. If you have not confirmed your attendance at the Seder Meal, please return the R.S.V.P. portion of the notice as soon as possible.

The next **APPALACHIA GENERAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2010 beginning at 7:15 pm in the Church Hall. This is a mandatory meeting. All workcampers must attend. If you have any questions, call Tom Franzak at (412) 486-6001 x 18.

Mass Intentions

The Week Ahead

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]

Monday, March 8, St. John of God

9:30 am	Annette Weber (Husband, Ed)
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Tuesday, March 9, St. Frances of Rome, religious

9:30 am	Elizabeth Anthony (Husband, Theodore)
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Wednesday, March 10, Lenten Weekday

9:30 am	Deceased Members of the Politano Family (Dom and Vi Mazzotta)
7:15 pm	Betty Boston (Bill Hurley)

Thursday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

9:30 am	Fred and Sara Siciliano, Sr. & Family (Family)
10:00 am	Reconciliation (Confessions)

Friday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

9:30 am	Harry Talik (John and Eileen Bates)
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Saturday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

11:30 am	Reconciliation (Confessions)
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Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat. 4:00 pm	Bill and Mary Kelly (John and Arlene Stack) [Fr. Pat]
Sun. 7:30 am	Marcia Hodak (Family) [Fr. Pat]
9:15 am	Anna Ward (Afternoon Card Club) [Fr. Pat]
11:00 am	Sandy Stewart (Katherine Verb & Family) [Fr. Regis]
6:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Catherine's [Fr. Regis]

Gift Bearers

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Sat. 4:00 pm	Huerbin Family
Sun. 7:30 am	Volunteer
9:15 am	Jack & Dot Scott
11:00 am	Bartholow Family
6:00 pm	Kuczynski Family

LECTOR AND ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

3/13 Sat. 4:00 pm	Spohn, Gassert	Spohn, Studebaker, Magister
3/14 Sun. 7:30 am	Gardner, Zerega	M, E & K Herock
9:15 am	Primrose, Istone	A & R Govi, Antol
11:00 am	Pagnotta, Jaketic	Gacka, S & T Radziminski
6:00 pm	Brown, Weber	Kelly, Steinmetz, Stalter

OFFERTORY for 02/28/10 = \$12,686.85.

2010 PARISH SHARE:	Assessment = \$134,254.00
	Pledges = \$104,328.00
	Payments = \$ 34,677.00

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235.

Sunday, March 7

Citrus Fruit Pick-up	Ch Hall	After All Masses
Girl Scout Cookie Sale	Narthex	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	12:00 - 3:00 pm
Cub Scout 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

Monday, March 8

Bible Study	216	10:15 - 11:30 am
Children's Handbells	222	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Gr. K - 8 C.C.D. Classes	Classrooms	6:30 - 8:00 pm
Adult Handbells	222	7:00 - 9:00 pm

Tuesday, March 9

Rosary for Peace	222	9:00 am
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	216	10:30 am - Noon
Cub Scout Den Meetings	Classrooms	6:00 - 8:30 pm
Boy Scouts	Ch Hall	7:00 - 8:45 pm

Wednesday, March 10

Hampton Fields Mass	Hamp. Flds.	10:30 am
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
Lenten Evening Mass	Church	7:15 pm

Thursday, March 11

"Forever Young" Luncheon	Ch Hall	12:00 - 2:00 pm
Fish Fry Set-up	Ch Hall	6:00 pm
Adult Choir	Church	7:00 - 9:00 pm
R.C.I.A.	216	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting	111	7:30 - 9:00 pm

Friday, March 12

Fish Fry	Ch Hall	4:00 - 7:00 pm
Youth Stations of the Cross	Church	7:15 pm

Saturday, March 13

First Confessions	Church	11:00 am
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Sunday, March 14, Building Fund Sunday

Donut Social	Ch Hall	8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Children's Liturgy of the Word	222	9:15/11:00 am
Gr. 1 - 8 C.C.D. Classes	Classrooms	10:30 am - Noon
R.C.I.A. - Second Scrutiny	Church	11:00 am Mass
Gr. 6 Seder Meal	Ch Hall	4:00 - 6:00 pm
Contemporary Choir	Church	4:30 - 6:00 pm
Middle Sch. Home-based C.C.D.	Homes	7:15 - 8:45 pm
Appalachia General Meeting	Ch Hall	7:15 - 8:45 pm

MARRIAGE MOMENTS: Humor is the oil of relationships. It can bring a squeaky problem into perspective. If things are tense between you, sometimes making a funny comment (perhaps a self-deprecating one) can lighten the situation.

—Susan Vogt



CONGRATULATIONS TO CARLY DUKOVICH, who will be awarded the 2010 Spirit of Faith Catholic Athlete Award. This award is being given to Carly for her work evangelizing through athletics, helping other athletes stay connected to the Church, and witnessing the Eucharist through her actions in C.Y.M. Basketball. Be sure to pass your congratulations on to Carly and her family.



"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!

March 7 - "Heart of Mystery"

March 14 - No Life Teen - Appalachia General Meeting

St. Catherine of Sweden Youth Ministry is on 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!

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

COFFEE, TEA & TEENS, a support group for parents of teens, meets once a month at Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry (formerly North Hills Youth Ministry Counseling Center) from 10:00 am to Noon. The next meeting is Friday, March 12, with Joan Wolf Schenker, M.Ed., certified school counselor. Sessions are \$5.00. Questions? Call (412) 366-1300.

A **SPRING DAY OF REFLECTION** for Members and Friends of the Auxiliary to the Sisters of St. Joseph will be held on Monday, March 15, from 9:00 am to lunch at 12:15 pm at the Sisters of St. Joseph Spirituality Center, Baden. The presenter is Fr. Scott Seethaler, OFM, Cap. Registration and a Continental breakfast will be followed by a presentation and Mass in the Chapel. Please consider a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of lunch and Auxiliary annual dues of \$2. We also ask a donation of one scratch off PA lottery ticket for our Spring Luncheon benefit in May. Reservations are required by March 8. Please call Sr. Karen at (724) 869-6592 or email her at kstoila@stjoseph-baden.org.

A RETREAT FOR GRIEVING SINGLES - The BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND PROGRAM is presented by a TEAM of people who HAVE SUFFERED the loss of a spouse and ARE WILLING to SHARE THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE to HELP others. THE NEXT WEEKEND will be MARCH 19 - 21, 2010 AT GILMARY CENTER in MOON TOWNSHIP. PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS and possible FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ARE AVAILABLE. FOR DETAILS, CONTACT THE OFFICE of Adult & Family Faith Formation at (412) 456-3160 or familylife@diopitt.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12/Lk 13:1-9
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25,34-43/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1,5-9/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a,10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3,11-32



THE BARD AND THE HARP IN TIMES OF NEED - WITH TEA AND SCONES! Usher in St. Patrick's Day with an enjoyable "High Tea" experience on Tuesday, March 16, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Kearns Spirituality Center. Discover the role of the bard and hear the delicate strains of the harp, especially when we really need inspiration. Remember, we are all Irish on St. Paddy's Day! A wee Irish prayer will be offered to keep the Leprechauns in tow! Make this High Tea an annual event and join us for fun and festivities! Facilitators: Joan Flynn-Coultas, CDP and Michele Quinn-Bisbey, CDP. Fee: \$20 includes tea and Irish goodies. Call (412) 635-5408 for further information and to register.

EXTENDING THE CARE - Cosmetic and Reconstructive - What's the Difference? will be held at the CCAC North Campus from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Tuesday, March 16. Steven C. Bonawitz, MD, FACS is the speaker. Session is free but reservations are requested. Please call (412) 237-2670.

Senior citizens who reside in Hampton Township are invited to **SWING INTO SPRING** on Thursday, March 18, at the second annual Senior Citizen Breakfast hosted by Hampton Middle School. The meal will be followed by a performance by HMS student musicians. Doors open at 8:45 am. Breakfast will be served at 9:15 am. There is no charge for the event. Reservations are required as seating is limited. For reservations, contact Robin at (412) 492-6372 between March 8 and March 11 only from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

DONATIONS NEEDED - The food pantry at NHC will be open on Saturday, March 13, to accept donations of nonperishable food items, Spring Share donations, and other "wish list" items, from 9:00 am to noon at 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park. Join Curves (8500 Perry Highway) for free when you donate a bag of groceries to NHC. Call (412) 367-0330 for more information.

St. Sebastian Parish in the North Hills has an opening for a full time **YOUTH MINISTER** for their parish of 2800 families with 475 youth in grades 6-8, high school and young adult programs. Must have minimum bachelor's degree in theology, catecheses or related field (Master's degree preferred) and minimum of 3 years experience in Youth Ministry. Responsible for administrative duties - budgets, staff meetings and yearly program planning. Send references and resume by March 19 to St. Sebastian Parish, 311 Siebert Road, Pittsburgh, 15237 or email to pkirchner@saintsebastianparish.org.



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FILL OUT YOUR CENSUS FORM! The Diocese of Pittsburgh and local parishes use census information to get a clear picture of our changing neighborhoods. The census helps determine how best to serve the poor and needy among us, our needs in educating our children and caring for our sick, even our needs in evangelization by giving us a better picture of our neighborhoods. Many times, the groups undercounted in the census are the same groups that the Church serves in its charitable and outreach ministries. Without an accurate count, it can be difficult to help these people get the assistance they need.