

First Sunday of Lent

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

February 9 to February 17, 2008

Sanctuary Candle

Intentions

St. Frances Cabrini

In Memory of:

Alfred & Anna Monday

by Mike Palagy

Albert Coccitto

by Barb & Bob Arcaro

Jim & Edith Sardella

by Sylvia Sardella Parma

Jim & Edith Sardella

by Barbara Arcaro & family

Special Intention for

Stephanie Best

by Grandparents

This Week

Sunday, Feb 10

9:15 – 10:45am

CCD

Monday, Feb 11

7pm

Hospitality Committee for

Tetelestai – SFC Hall

Tuesday, Feb 12

6:30pm

1st Communion Parent Mtg., Parish

Downstairs, Parish Offices

Wednesday, Feb 13

10-11am

“Time with Thomas”

6:30-8:00pm

RCIA, Parish Offices

Friday, Feb 15

4:30pm

Stations of the Cross, STM

4:30-6:30pm

Fish Dinner, SFC

8:00pm

Tetelestai, STM Church

Saturday, Feb 16

8:00pm

Tetelestai STM Church

Sunday, Feb 17

9:15 – 10:45am

CCD

11:00am

1st Communion Enrollment at Mass

2:00pm

Tetelestai STM Church

Scripture Readings Feb 17, 2008

Genesis 12: 1-4a

2 Timothy 1: 8b-10

Matthew 17: 1-9 (25)

Weekend Masses:

STM

Saturday Feb 9 Vigil: First Sunday of Lent
5:00pm **Clyde Seager** by Tom & Cathy Cebasek

Sunday Feb 10 First Sunday of Lent

STM 8:00am **Tupy Lindgren** by Mary & Don Draves
Pro-populo (For the People)

SFC 11:00am **Paul Gildone** by Mary Jane Dello

Weekday Mass/Communion Service with Morning Prayer

VILLA

Monday Feb 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
2:00pm **James Whitney** by Lillian Meinke

SFC HALL

Tuesday Feb 12 Lenten Weekday
4:00pm **Christina Gillon** by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Mackey

Wed. Feb 13 Lenten Weekday
7:30am **Mike & Carmella Castrilla** by Family

Thursday Feb 14 Sts. Cyril, monk, & Methodius, bishop
7:30 am **Rose Castrilla** by Terry & Rosalie Moisis

Friday Feb 15 Lenten Weekday
7:30 am **Communion Service**

Weekend Masses:

STM

Saturday Feb 16 Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent
5:00pm **Margaret Palagy** by Steve Wassie

Sunday Feb 17 Second Sunday of Lent

STM 8:00am **Stephen & Mildred Stofko** by Family

SFC 11:00am **Charles “Chub” Brennan** by Agnes Mirando
Pro-populo (For the People)

NEW TIME - “Time with Thomas” is now broadcast **LIVE on Wednesdays, 10am-11am.** Tune in to WWOW Walking on Water Radio 1360AM.

Our weekend **Mass is video taped** and shown on the **Conneaut Cable Access Channel** at 3pm on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons.

Time for Reflection will be given for the Lenten Season following the General Intercessions during the Preparation of the Gifts. You are encouraged to reflect on the Sunday Scriptures as well as those for whom we have prayed in the intercessory prayers.

Conneaut Area Ministerial Association (CAMA) There is no Lenten Service this week. Next week on Thursday, February 21 at 6:30pm, Fr. Thomas will be speaking on **Promiscuous Hospitality – at the beginning of life** at the First Baptist Church. Matthew 25:31-46.

Found: A sand dollar charm was found in the parking lot at SFC Church. Call the Parish Offices to claim it.

Stewardship Update

Last Week

Budgeted \$6,328 Actual \$6,590.97 301 Env.

Fiscal YTD

Budgeted \$202,496 Actual \$198,244.18 -\$4,251.82

Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship: What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh, Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

Your prayers are requested for all those involved in the upcoming production of *Tetelestai*. The Prayer Committee for *Tetelestai* is putting together a **Prayer Journal** to be given to the cast and crew next weekend. It will be filled with your prayer intentions. At the back of the church is a table with half-sheets of paper. Please stop by after Mass and write a prayer – it can be to anyone in the cast – Jesus, Mary, an Apostle, etc. You can pray for God’s blessing on them as they portray that particular person. It can also be an intention of your own that you ask the cast to pray for during their prayer time that weekend. Perhaps you may want to do a small act of penance this coming week (Spiritual Bouquet) and you could write that down and offer it up for the success of the production. Stop by the table and a member of the Prayer Committee will assist you.

The Parish Celebration for **Sending the Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition** with Bishop George Murry will take place at the 11am Mass at St. Frances Cabrini Church this Sunday. Catechumens (those who have not been baptized) **Janet Merlene, Joe Schor and Kayla Spangler** and Candidate (those who have been baptized) **Hanna Merlene** along with their sponsors, god-parents and members of the RCIA team will travel to St. Columba Cathedral for the 2pm **Rite of Election** with Bishop Murry. Let us remember in prayer Janet, Joe and Kayla as they begin a period of special prayer in preparation for the celebration of the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and for Hanna as she prepares for Confirmation and Eucharist.

The Sisters of Notre Dame are offering a **Lenten Retreat for Teachers** on Friday Feb. 29 at 7:00pm through Saturday Mar 1, 7:00pm at the Bethany Retreat Center at Notre Dame, 13000 Auburn Rd., Chardon. There is a \$10 registration fee and a freewill offering will be taken. FMI call Sr. Patricia Griesmar at 440-313-7659. Register by Feb 15.

Lenten guidelines for fasting. All those 14 and older are to abstain totally from meat all the **Fridays in Lent**. There is no obligation to fast on the weekdays of Lent, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

The Hospitality Committee for Tetelestai will be meeting at 7pm, Monday, February 11 at St. Frances Cabrini Hall. Anyone willing to help with this committee is invited to attend. If you cannot make the meeting, but would like to help, call Sr. Jean Marie at the Parish Offices.

The next meeting of the **Golden Elites** is 12 noon on Wednesday, February 20 at SFC Hall. Please phone the Parish Offices with your reservation by Wednesday, February 18. There will be a guest speaker!

Save these dates!

Sunday, March 9, 2-5pm

Women’s Retreat with Sr. Kathleen Glavich, SND.

Sunday-Tuesday, April 20-22,

Parish Retreat with Fr. Jim McKarns.

A Family Perspective: In today’s Gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; “one does not live on bread alone.” Let Lent 2008 be a time when you are “led by the Spirit” to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

Volunteer Opportunity: *Patrick Sorohan Ashtabula County Volunteer Guardianship Program Orientation Night* will be held Thursday, March 6th from 5:30-8:00pm at Catholic Charities, 4200 Park Avenue, 3rd floor. Please register by Mar 4th. Join us and learn about becoming a volunteer guardian and advocate for an elderly person in Ashtabula County. FMI call Brian Johnson or Jill Valentic at Catholic Charities 992-2121.

A Pilgrimage to Slovakia to attend Matus Imrich’s ordination to the priesthood and his Mass of Thanksgiving is being planned by Fr. Thomas for June 18-26, 2008. Plans are being made to visit his seminary as well as towns and villages in both Slovakia and Poland, staying in various religious houses and convents. Travel costs at this time are about \$1400 for the flight alone. Please call the parish offices if you may have some interest. More details will follow.

Care for God’s Creation Most of us have clean water whenever we want it. Ciro didn’t have this experience. He and his neighbors in rural Guatemala had to carry water for miles to meet their village’s needs. With the help of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) they were able to construct a water supply system. Disease abated as new sanitation made their village a healthier place to live. God formed Ciro, his neighbors and all of us and infused us with the breath of life. Your involvement in Operation Rice Bowl will help sustain that life, in ways as simple as making clean water accessible. CRS strives to be a responsible steward of creation while pursuing sustainable development. Dirty water, deforestation and pollution don’t contribute to a healthier future.

The Hearts of Hope Bereavement Team offers funeral luncheon meals for a small fee to parish families following funeral Masses. For information, call Sr. Jean Marie at the Parish Offices.

Reminder: There is handicapped seating available at the front of both churches. The front pews on both sides have been reserved for those with special needs. They are wheelchair accessible. There is also a handicapped-accessible restroom available at St. Frances Cabrini.

Help for hurting Marriages Do you feel like you are in a hopeless marriage? Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi) meaning 'rediscovery' can help you put the pieces back together in your marriage. The next Retrouvaille weekend program will be held on January 11, 2008 in Beachwood Oh. FMI call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

If you would like someone to visit and bring communion to a loved one who is homebound or confined to a hospital or nursing home, please call the Parish Offices. Because of *The Patient Privacy Act*, this information is not given out to the Parish by any institutions. You must contact Father Thomas, Sister Jean Marie or the Parish Offices directly.

Counseling Assistance Fund. The Church is committed to helping those who have been harmed as a result of sexual abuse by representatives of the church. According to mental health professionals, counseling is a vital component of the healing process for survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The Church recognizes, however, that there are people who are reluctant to contact the church for help. This new Counseling Assistance Fund can help these individuals. If you would like more information go to the website at www.counselingassistancefund.org

As of October 1, 2007 the cost of lighting Sanctuary Candles at St. Mary and St. Frances Cabrini increased from \$10 to \$15 due to increased costs. *Separate checks need to be written for candles and Masses.*

Just a reminder to continue to **check out our web-site** at www.stmary-stfcabrini.org for items of interest regarding the activities in our parishes. Our weekly bulletin is posted along with the calendar of events. You may choose a link from our web site to WWOW radio to listen to 'Time with Thomas.' Also, Father Thomas' weekly homilies are available there.

Estranged from the Church? If you or someone you know feels estranged from the Catholic Church because of divorce or marital status, consider checking into what is needed to bring you back. It may be the annulment process or simple paperwork, depending on your personal situation. If you would like to talk with someone to find out what is needed please call Father Thomas, Sister Jean Marie or Sister Barbara at the Parish Offices, 599-8570.

Mass intentions for 2008 are being accepted at the Parish Offices. Each parishioner will be allowed to schedule intentions for up to 6 Masses, 2 of those may be on weekends. The remaining will be scheduled during the weekdays closest to your requested date. *Separate checks need to be written for candles and Masses.*

Diocesan Vocations Website – www.youngstownvocations.org. Go to this web site or click on the sidebar link for *Vocations* on the Diocesan homepage website – www.doy.org. The site is a source of information for those discerning a Church vocation to priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life and is also a resource for families, teachers, catechists & DRE's.

Parish Participation – As good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, we all should contribute in some way toward building up the Body and Blood of Christ at St. Mary/St. Frances Cabrini. Our Faith Community offers multiple opportunities for service in liturgy, education, outreach and development. Please speak with Father Thomas or a member of the Staff to determine how your talents may best serve the Church.

The Conneaut Food Pantry is in need of basic food items. Donations can be left in the back of the churches or taken to the Human Resources Center on Mill St.

If you wish to *rent tables or chairs* from either Church hall, please call the office a week in advance. Rental forms must be completed and signed and the rental fee is to be paid before picking up these items.

Wheels of Love Do you know someone who has been deprived of their ability to walk due to illness or disease? If so "Hope on Wheels" can help your loved ones regain their confidence and their independence with a power wheelchair or scooter. "Hope on Wheels" helps seniors with mobility limitations to receive a power wheelchair or scooter paid by Medicare. FMI call 1-866-631-3028.

The Sisters of Notre Dame offer a Prayer Line Ministry. Your intentions will be remembered in prayer each day by calling 440-279-1163. A sister will receive your call, Mon-Fri, 10:00am-4:00pm; at other times the answering service will be available. All requests will be remembered in prayer.

Posted in the back of each of the Churches are lists of members of the Pastoral Planning Council, Finance Council and the Worship Committee. Feel free to approach any of the members with any questions or comments regarding the committees and their activities.

Volunteers are needed to assist in various areas of the RCIA process as catechists, sponsors, greeters and hospitality, as well as for Pre-Catechumenate, Mystagogia and the Sunday dismissal rite. If you feel called to be of service this coming year, please call Father Thomas or Sister Barbara at 599-8570 FMI.

Don't let the IRS tax your IRA – If you have an IRA and are at an age where you are required to take distributions, you know how taxing that experience can be. As a supporter of St. Mary and/or St. Frances Cabrini, you may be surprised to learn that a new law allows you to keep those IRA withdrawals up to \$100,000 from ever being taxed.

For a free brochure that describes the provisions of the *Pension Protection Act of 2006*, call Mr. Pat Palombo, Director of Development & Stewardship, at 330/744-8451 ext. 325 or email Mr. Palombo at patpal@cboss.com