

Second Sunday of Lent

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

February 16 to February 24, 2008

Weekend Masses:

STM

Saturday Feb 16 Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent
5:00pm *Margaret Palagyi* 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)

Weekday Mass/Communion Service with Morning Prayer

SFC HALL

Monday Feb 18 Lenten Weekday
7:30am *Charles T. Emery* by Lynne & Bill

Tuesday Feb 19 Lenten Weekday
4:00pm *Paul Coccitto* by John & Ann Thomas

Wed. Feb 20 Lenten Weekday
7:30am *Sarah, Joseph & Arthur Armeni* by Family

Thursday Feb 21 St. Peter Damian, bishop, doctor
4:00pm *Cliff Carr* by Family

Friday Feb 22 Chair of St. Peter, apostle
7:30am *Communion Service*

Weekend Masses:

STM

Saturday Feb 23 Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent
5:00pm *Katherine Golaszewski* by Daughters

Sunday Feb 24 Third Sunday of Lent

STM 8:00am *Flavian Gaukel* by his Family
Pro-populo (For the People)

SFC 11:00am *Bob & Elna Roach* by Family

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) This 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.

Pat Clancy has been hired as our new custodial/maintenance person. He will be overseeing the care of our churches, halls, parish offices, convent & priest residence. Please join us in welcoming Pat.

Sanctuary Candle

Intentions

St. Mary

In Memory of:

Mary Corrao

by daughter, Augustine Turner

Richard Baugher

by Parents

St. Frances Cabrini

In Memory of:

Biddiana Kohowski

by Mary Pataky

Special Intention

by Donor

This Week

Sunday, Feb 17

9:15 - 10:45am

CCD

11:00am

1st Communion Enrollment at Mass

2:00pm

Tetelestai STM Church

Monday, Feb 18

4:30-6:30pm

KofC Roast Beef Dinner, SFC Hall

Wednesday, Feb 20

10-11am

"Time with Thomas"

Noon

Golden Elites Senior Luncheon,

SFC Hall

6:30-8:00pm

RCIA, Parish Offices

Thursday, Feb 21

6:30pm

CAMA Lenten Service, First

Baptist Church

7:00pm

Ladies Guild, SFC Hall

Friday, Feb 22

4:30pm

Stations of the Cross, STM

4:30-6:30pm

Fish Dinner, SFC

Sunday, Feb 24

9:15 - 10:45am

CCD

Scripture Readings Feb 24, 2008

Exodus 17: 3-7

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

John 4: 5-42(28)

Stewardship Update

Last Week

Budgeted \$6,328 Actual \$7,777.25 223 Env.

Fiscal YTD

Budgeted \$208,824 Actual \$207,278.23 -\$1,545.77

Ash Wednesday Collection \$1,256.80

Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship: “Bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God,” St. Paul tells Timothy in today’s second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

This weekend the Diocese of Youngstown is holding the **Church Overseas Combined Collection** for ministries of the Church around the globe. These ministries of **Catholic Relief Services, Holy Father/Peter’s Pence, the Church in Latin America and the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** assist the Church in serving people who are hungry, refugees, victims of natural disasters, and development projects. Please give generously to this collection which combines four collections in one.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to become Benefit Bank Counselors to help reduce poverty in Ashtabula County by 50% by the year 2020. The Benefit Bank is a tool to help individuals and families overcome poverty by utilizing an online system to determine if people in need qualify for certain tax refunds, tax credits, federal and other anti-poverty benefits. Volunteers should be comfortable working with people and be able to enter data into a computer. No knowledge of programs or benefits is required. Hours are flexible and would be scheduled in advance. Training will be provided. FMI call Jill Valentic at 992-2121.

2. Patrick Sorohan Ashtabula County Volunteer Guardianship Program Orientation Night will be held Thursday, March 6 from 5:30-8:00pm at Catholic Charities, 4200 Park Avenue, 3rd floor. Please register by Mar 4. 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.

Pilgrimage to Slovakia, June 17 to June 26:

Due to limited availability of tickets, those who wish to make this pilgrimage need to confirm their plans with Fr. Thomas by Wednesday, February 20. The airline ticket price will be a little over \$1500. The pilgrimage will encompass parts of Slovakia where the Ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving (June 21/22) of Matus Imrich will take place. Matus was the seminarian who was with our parishes two years ago. Pending further planning, a day or two may also be spent in Poland. Housing will be at the local seminary and religious houses.

You still have the opportunity to submit your **prayer requests** for the cast/crew of **Tetelestai** and for your own intentions following all the Masses this weekend. A table with half sheets of colored paper will be set up in the back of the church. You may write your requests there. They will be given to the cast this weekend.

The **KofC** will hold a *Roast Beef Dinner* on Monday Feb. 18 at SFC Hall. Adults \$7, Seniors \$6, under 5 free.

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 Monday, February 18. There will be a guest speaker!

Solidarity A small influx of resources can make a big difference. Hamsatou Tangare in Mali, a country in West Africa, couldn’t earn enough as a tailor to support her family. With a small loan from Catholic Relief Services (**CRS**), she expanded her business and could ultimately purchase school supplies for her children. **CRS** micro-finance projects work with a group dynamic – Hamsatou meets regularly with 30 other women in her village to ensure accountability and help one another during emergencies. St. Paul tells us to “bear your hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.” Hamsatou and her neighbors are bearing it together. By praying and giving with **Operation Rice Bowl**, you too are shouldering their burden and expressing a profound message of solidarity. Initiatives like micro-financing will someday lighten the burden of African poverty.

Hospice of Western Reserve invites you to attend the **Annual Cake Auction & Cake Toss** sponsored by the Ashtabula County Board of Realtors in memory of Andy Leiber on Sat. Mar. 15 from 11am to 4pm at the Ashtabula Mall Center Court. “Cake” tossing is from 11am -2pm, with the auction beginning at 2pm. There will also be live entertainment.

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.

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.

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.

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-stfrances.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