

Third Sunday of Lent

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

February 23 to March 2, 2008

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

Weekday Mass/Communion Service with Morning Prayer

SFC HALL

Monday Feb 25 Lenten Weekday
7:30am *Al Coccitto* by James & Margaret Schiavone

Tuesday Feb 26 Lenten Weekday
7:30am *Frank Vento* by Family

Wed. Feb 27 Lenten Weekday
7:30am *Mass for Life*

Thursday Feb 28 Lenten Weekday
7:30am *Shirley Meaney* by cousin, Karen Alemane

Friday Feb 29 Lenten Weekday
7:30am *Communion Service*

Weekend Masses:

STM

Saturday Mar 1 Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent
5:00pm *Margaret Palagyi* by Skip & Sue Ann Armstrong

Sunday Mar 2 Fourth Sunday of Lent

STM 8:00am *Bert Toth* by Family

SFC 11:00am *Ralph Sadowski* by Wife & Children
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) This week on Thursday, February 28 at 6:30pm, Reverend Franklin Gore will be speaking on **Promiscuous Hospitality - to the Hungry & Homeless** at the First United Methodist Church. Matthew 25:31-46.

Sanctuary Candle

Intentions

St. Mary

In Memory of:

Joy DiAsio

by Grandmother

John F. Perkoski

by aunts, Annie, Betty & Sophia

St. Frances Cabrini

In Memory of:

Arthur Armeni

by Family

This Week

Sunday, Feb 24

9:15 - 10:45am

CCD

Wednesday, Feb 20

10-11am

"Time with Thomas"

WWOW AM1360

Thursday, Feb 28

6:30pm

CAMA Lenten Service,

First United Methodist Church

Friday, Feb 29

4:30pm

Stations of the Cross, STM

4:30-6:30pm

Fish Dinner, SFC

Sunday, Mar 2

9:15 - 10:45am

CCD

8:30am-12:30pm

Parish Breakfast, SFC Hall

Scripture Readings Mar 2, 2008

1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41(31)

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Benefit Dinner** for our seminarians: **John Sheridan, Kevin Estabrook and Michael Marcelli** on Monday, March 31 at Mother of Sorrows, 1464 W. 6th St., Ashtabula, OH. Social hour is at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm and program to follow. Call William Niemi for tickets 992-8513.

Stewardship Update

Last Week

Budgeted \$6,328 Actual \$6,101.13 228 Env.

Fiscal YTD

Budgeted \$215,152 Actual \$213,429.36 -\$1,722.64

Church Overseas Combined Collection \$1,138.22

Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship: When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever He speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

Contributions to the **Capital Campaign Funds of St. Mary St. Frances Cabrini** have been received in **Memory of Bernie Higgins**. Please remember *Bernie* in your prayers for the deceased and the benefactors in your prayers of thanksgiving.

Last weekend, the Diocese of Youngstown sponsored the **Church Overseas Combined Collection** for ministries to needy people. Thank you for your participation in this important collection. If you did not have the opportunity to respond last week, there is still time to contribute. For more information on these collections, call the Office of the Chancellor, the Office of Social Action, or the Office of Missions at the Diocese Offices – 330-744-8451.

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.

Mass of the Holy Chrism will be at 10:30am at Columba Cathedral in Youngstown on Holy Thursday, March 20. Bishop Murry will be the principal celebrant and will bless the oils to be distributed to each parish. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Parish Offices by Friday, Feb. 29. A 15 passenger van has been rented so that we may all travel together. Volunteers are also needed to carry the banners for St. Mary and St. Frances Cabrini.

All Fridays in Lent are days of **abstinence** from meat for all Catholics 14 years and older. Good Friday (Mar. 21) is a day of **abstinence and fast**. The law of **fasting** binds all Catholics from their 18th until their 59th birthday.

A Family Perspective We share our faith with our children so that one day they will say: "We no longer believe because of your word; we have heard for ourselves and worship what we understand." But first, children must hear "your word."

The Nuttie Buddies of Sts. John & Paul High School will have nut rolls for sale on Sat., Mar. 8, Mon., Mar. 10, and Tues., Mar. 11 from 1pm to 5pm in the High School Cafeteria. The generously filled nut rolls are still only \$15 each. Call the school by Fri., Mar. 7 at 997-5531 between 10am and 1:30pm to place your order.

Option for the Poor Jesus guides the Samaritan woman to a greater appreciation of the Truth – himself. At Mass today, the homilist gave you greater insight into Scripture's message. Education is key to our lives, regardless of our age. Pailash, a young Indian boy stricken with polio, didn't have access to education. He survived by selling newspapers and slept in fear of being robbed. Finally he found safety and opportunity in a Kolkata school for orphans supported by **Catholic Relief Services**. Today, he eats regular meals, enjoys studying math, and is preparing to learn a useful trade. A fundamental option for the poor is a central tenet of the Church's teachings and mission. **CRS** helps to expand educational opportunities worldwide, giving new hope to the poor. Your participation in **Operation Rice Bowl** will make the dreams of young people like Pailash achievable.

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.

Saints John and Paul Catholic School is selling tickets for their **15th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle** to be held Saturday, March 15th at Mt. Carmel Community Center. To purchase a ticket, call the school at 997-5531. Please consider attending this fun-filled evening to find some gold at the end of the rainbow!

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.

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.

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