

# Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

January 26, 2008 to February 3, 2008

## Weekend Masses:

### STM

Saturday Jan 26 Vigil: Third Sunday of Ordinary Time  
5:00pm *Agnes Cebasek* by son, Tom & Cathy Cebasek

Sunday Jan 27 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

STM 8:00am *Katherine Golaszewski* by Mr. & Mrs. George Lindgren  
*Pro-populo (For the People)*

SFC 11:00am *Clem Gestwicki* by Dina Gestwicki

## Weekday Mass/Communion Service with Morning Prayer

### SFC HALL

Monday Jan 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor  
4:00pm *James Schiavone* by Mary Lou & Carl Stroble

Tuesday Jan 29 Weekday  
7:30am *Reverend John Gardner*

Wed. Jan 30 Weekday  
7:30am *Mary Santillo Birthday Memorial*  
by daughter, Patti

Thursday Jan 31 St. John Bosco, priest  
7:30 am *Mary Pizzi* by Mary Ellen & Jim Lauer

Friday Feb 1 Weekday  
7:30 am *Communion Service*

### CONVENT

Saturday Feb 2 Presentation of the Lord  
9:00am *Cross Thomas* by M/M Nick Julian

## Weekend Masses:

### STM

Saturday Feb 2 Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
5:00pm *Margaret Palagyi*  
by Bob & Judy Brown, Gary & Kim Godfrey

Sunday Feb 3 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

STM 8:00am *Nora & Ed Baker* by Family

SFC 11:00am *Paul Gildone* by Ed & Kathy Picard  
*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.

Youth from STM/SFC will participate in the national 'Souper Bowl of Caring' this weekend, Jan 26/27. Money and/or canned goods for the Conneaut Food Pantry will be collected after each of the Masses. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you in advance for your support

Members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be accepting your *tax deductible* donations after each Mass next weekend. The January collection was \$495. A special 'thank you' for a gift of \$500 from a special benefactor. From mid-November to mid-January, your generosity allowed us to provide over \$2000 in assistance, including winter outerwear for children, food vouchers, and emergency assistance for families. Thank you and God bless all of you for helping fulfill our mission.

## Sanctuary Candle

### Intentions

St. Mary

In Memory of:

**Marie DiCorpo**

by sister, Augustine

**Richard & Tom Grant**

by Ann Grant

**John V. Perkoski**

**Birthday Memorial**

by Family

**Clyde Seager**

by Mary Paris

**St. Frances Cabrini**

In Memory of:

**Frank & Sophia Kovacs**

by Chase Family

In Honor of:

**St. Jude**

by Mary Jane

This Week

Sunday, Jan 27

**9:15 – 10:45am**

CCD Lenten Workshop

Monday, Jan 28

**6:30pm**

Pre-School Advisory, Parish Offices

Tuesday, Jan 29

**6:30pm**

Finance Council, Parish Offices

Wednesday, Jan 30

**10-11am**

"Time with Thomas"

**6:30-8:00pm**

RCIA, Parish Offices

Friday, Feb 1

**4:30-6:30pm**

Fish Dinner, SFC

Sunday, Feb 3

**8:30-12:30**

Parish Buffet Breakfast, SFC Hall

**9:15 – 10:45am**

CCD

## Scripture Readings Feb 3, 2008

Zephaniah 2: 3; 12-13

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Matthew 5: 1-12a (70)



## Stewardship Update

### Last Week

Budgeted \$6,328      Actual \$4,289.00      147 Env.

### Fiscal YTD

Budgeted \$189,840      Actual \$186,078.25      -\$3,761.75

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Stewardship:** The watchword today is “immediately.” Peter, Andrew, James and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

**A Family Perspective:** When Jesus called his disciples, they came “immediately.” Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don’t. Children slowly grow into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done “immediately”, but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

If you would like your *Contribution Statement for 2007*, please call or email the Parish Offices. They are not automatically sent.

*Tetelestai, The Trial, Execution and Resurrection of Jesus the Messiah*, will be enacted by the Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries of Cleveland at St. Mary Church, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15 & 16 at 8pm and Sunday, Feb. 17 at 2pm. *Tetelestai* is being sponsored by the Conneaut Area Ministerial Association (CAMA). Your help is needed on one of the following committees: Housing, Hospitality, Publicity, Outreach and Prayer. Please call Sr. Barbara at 599-8570 if you can help.

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. Suggested donation is \$60-\$75. FMI call Sr. Patricia Griesmar at 440-313-7659. Register by Feb 15.

**Rebates** from payments made by our parishioners to the **Diocesan Capital Campaign** have been received. St. Mary Church received \$2955.60 and St. Frances Cabrini received \$1759.13. May God Bless you for your continued generosity and concern for the many needs placed before you.

**Gathering of Palm Branches:** You are invited to bring palm branches from past years and deposit them in the container in the back of each church. The collection will take place the weekend of Feb 2 & 3. These palm branches will be burned and used as needed. Thank you.

Contributions have been received for the St. Mary Capital Campaign Fund in **Memory of Maurice Strawbridge**. Please remember *Maurice* in your prayers for the deceased and those benefactors in your prayers of thanksgiving.

St. Mary Church has received a bequest in memory of *Helen Sharp*. A plaque will be placed in the vestibule at St. Mary Church in acknowledgement and appreciation for this gift.

Members of our youth ministry “*The Group*” are asking for your donation of a *theme basket* for the upcoming Fish dinners. Suggestions include sports/car-care/school supplies/gardening items/bath and beauty items, etc. The theme baskets will be on display and bids will be taken each week during Lent. The baskets will be awarded to the highest bidder at the Fish dinner on Good Friday. All proceeds will benefit the youth activities.

**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 in the weeks ahead.

**The Knights of Columbus of Ashtabula County** will join us at the 11am Mass at St. Frances Cabrini Sunday, February 3 for their District Communion.

There will be an **Open House** at the **KofC** Hall on Amboy Road at 7pm on Tuesday, Jan. 29. The public is invited. A Ham and Bean dinner will be served.

**A Reverse Raffle** is being planned for sometime in April. If you would be willing to help sell tickets/work the raffle, please call the Parish Offices.

**American Heritage Girls** is a Christ-centered non-profit scouting organization that offers a wholesome program for girls age 5-18. AHG was founded with the love of God, the love of families and for the love of children. For more information call Mrs. Boneita Paradis (593-5984) or stop in the Parish Offices for some printed material.

**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.

Make this year's Valentine's Day Celebration special with a gift of love to your spouse. Treat them to a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** instead of a box of candy. You will discover the fun, laughter, and intimacy that thousands of married couples have experienced. The next weekend is February 15-17 in Akron. Call 330/305-9963 or email [WorldwideME@aol.com](mailto:WorldwideME@aol.com) or check our website, [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Hurry! This is the only weekend scheduled so far in 2008!!

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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.*

<b>Diocesan</b>	<b>Vocations</b>	<b>Website</b>	–
<a href="http://www.youngstownvocations.org">www.youngstownvocations.org</a> . Go to this web site or click on the sidebar link for <i>Vocations</i> on the Diocesan homepage website – <a href="http://www.doy.org">www.doy.org</a> . 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](mailto:patpal@cboss.com)