

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

March 1 to March 9, 2008

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)

Weekday Mass/Communion Service with Morning Prayer

SFC HALL

Monday Mar 3 St. Katherine Drexel, virgin
4:00pm *Mass for Life*

Tuesday Mar 4 St. Casimir
7:30am *Jeanette & Charles Mondy* by Jim Clancy

Wed. Mar 5 Lenten Weekday
7:30am *Bill & Sean Kinney* by Family

Thursday Mar 6 Lenten Weekday
7:30am *Tom Rouge* by Mr. & Mrs. John Arcaro & Family

Friday Mar 7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs
7:30am *Bernie Higgins* by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Julio

Weekend Masses:

STM

Saturday Mar 8 Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent
5:00pm *Tony & Mary Julio* by Family

Sunday Mar 9 Fifth Sunday of Lent

STM 8:00am *Katherine Golaszewski* by Margaret DiNunzio
Pro-populo (For the People)

SFC 11:00am *Sister Luigina Spinelli, OSHJ* by Charles A. Rose

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, March 6 at 6:30pm, the topic will be **Promiscuous Hospitality – for the Imprisoned** at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Matthew 25:31-46.

Scripture Readings Mar 9, 2008

Ezekiel 37: 12-14
Romans 8: 8-11
John 11: 1-45(34)

Sanctuary Candle

Intentions

St. Mary

In Memory of:

Jack Gruely Birthday Memorial

by Betty, Annie & Sophia

Clyde Seager

by wife, Sophia

St. Frances Cabrini

In Memory of:

Arthur Armeni

by Family

Margaret & Michael Palagyi

by Mike Palagyi

This Week

Sunday, Mar 2

9:15 – 10:45am CCD

8:30am-12:30pm

Parish Breakfast, SFC Hall

Monday, Mar 3

Noon

Cemetery Board

Tuesday, Mar 4

6:30pm

Worship Committee, Parish Offices

Wednesday, Mar 5

10-11am

"Time with Thomas"

WWOW AM1360

7:00pm

Lenten Penance Service, STM

Thursday, Mar 6

6:30pm

CAMA Lenten Service,

Good Shepherd Lutheran

Friday, Mar 7

4:00-9:00pm

Craft Fair, SFC Hall

4:30pm

Stations of the Cross, STM

4:30-6:30pm

Fish Dinner, SFC

Saturday, Mar 8

10:00am

Ministry Day Mtg, Parish Offices

9am – 3pm

Craft Fair, SFC Hall

St. Joseph Day Food Collection

Weekend

Sunday, Mar 9

9:15 – 10:45am CCD

St. Joseph Day Food Collection

Weekend

2:00-5:00pm

Women's Retreat, SFC Hall

Stewardship Update

Last Week

Budgeted \$6,328 Actual \$6,314.79 259 Env.

Fiscal YTD

Budgeted \$221,480 Actual \$219,764.15 -\$1,715.85

Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship: The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Who am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

Contributions to the **St. Mary Capital Campaign** have been received in **Memory of John F. Perkoski**. Please remember **John** in your prayers for the deceased and the benefactors in your prayers of thanksgiving.

The Spring into Spring Craft Fair is next Friday, March 7 (4-9pm) and Saturday, March 8 (9am-3pm) at SFC Hall. There are nearly 20 crafters displaying everything from candles to plants to jewelry and much more! The Lenten Fish dinner is being offered as usual Friday evening; Saturday's lunch is chicken & biscuits.

THANK YOU to the many parishioners and members of other churches in Conneaut who volunteered their time, talent and treasure to support the performance of **Tetelestai** at St. Mary Church on Feb. 15, 16, and 17. Whether you passed out booklets, removed the cross, baked the chicken, served the dinner, baked cookies or arranged them on trays, mixed the punch, packed the lunches, set the tables up, took the tables down, housed 'Mary' or one of the crowd, shuttled cast or crew or attended the performance, know that we couldn't have done it without you. Blessings to each one!

Father Summers is recovering from surgery at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Youngstown. He is doing well and is expected to be at his sister's house within a few days to convalesce. Cards and get-well wishes may be sent to him at the following address: 204 Park Gate St., Austintown, OH 44515.

Sign-up sheets for Liturgical Ministers for the Easter Triduum services will be available at the back of the churches *after the Masses* this weekend. There are many opportunities for lectors, servers and Eucharistic Ministers. We will also need extra ministers along with those already scheduled for the Palm Sunday Masses on the weekend of Mar 15th and 16th. Please prayerfully consider being of service in some way – especially if you have not in recent years.

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.

Photos are still needed for the Power Point presentation for **Ministry Day, April 3**. You may email them to stmsfc@hotmail.com or bring them to the Parish Offices to be scanned and returned. Please submit photos by Wednesday, March 26.

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society: Your **tax deductible** donations will be accepted after all the Masses this weekend. Checks should be payable to: **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. The February donations totaled **\$526.47**. Because of your generosity, we were able to offer **emergency assistance to three families** during the past month. We are also working on a project to benefit **31 senior citizens** in our community. Thank you for your continued support of our organization!

Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers Jean Denis and Francois are neighbors in Coteaux, Haiti. For years they barely supported their families through subsistence farming. In 2002, they joined an agricultural cooperative organized by **Catholic Relief Services** and began to see change. They received and planted better seed, diversified their crops, found better techniques for raising livestock, learned to combat erosion and generated surplus crops to take to market. Now their families no longer face hunger or malnutrition. As Jesus transformed the life of the blind man, so **CRS** transforms the lives of rural farmers. By giving to **Operation Rice Bowl** and purchasing Fair Trade products, you support the dignity of workers by ensuring just wages and economic self-sufficiency.

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, dinner at 6:30pm and program to follow. Call William Niemi for tickets 992-8513.

Sts. John and Paul Catholic School is selling tickets for their **15th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle** to be held Saturday, March 15 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!

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.

Help for Hurting Marriages Do you feel like you are in a hopeless marriage? Retrouvaille can help you put the pieces back together in your marriage. The next Retrouvaille weekend program is April 11 in Beachwood. FMI call 1-800-470-2230 or www.helpourmarriage.com

The Ashtabula Site of Hospice of the Western Reserve, in conjunction with Burton Funeral Home and the Hospice Foundation of America, are pleased to present “**Living With Grief: Children and Adolescents.**” The Annual Living with Grief Teleconference will be held Wed. April 16th from 1-4:30pm at the Ashtabula Campus of Kent State University. The teleconference will focus on the experience of grieving children and adolescents including ways that professionals and parents can best support youth, as they cope with grief and loss. For registration call Hospice 440-997-6619.

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.

A Family Perspective Failure to give blinds us to another’s goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today’s Gospel: “Go wash and see.”

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

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.

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.*

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