

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

**March 8 to March 16, 2008**

## Weekend Masses:

### STM

Saturday	Mar 8	Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Tony &amp; Mary Julio</i> by Family
Sunday	Mar 9	Fifth Sunday of Lent
<u>STM</u>	8:00am	<i>Katherine Golaszewski</i> by Margaret DiNunzio <i>Pro-populo (For the People)</i>
<u>SFC</u>	11:00am	<i>Sister Luigina Spinelli, OSHJ</i> by Charles A. Rose

## Weekday Mass/Communion Service with Morning Prayer

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Monday	Mar 10	Lenten Weekday <i>Reverend James Stevenson</i>
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### SFC HALL

Tuesday	Mar 11	Lenten Weekday <i>Helia Kultti</i> by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Mackey
Wed.	Mar 12	Lenten Weekday <i>Sandra Gestwicki</i> by Dina Gestwicki
Thursday	Mar 13	Lenten Weekday <i>Giuseppe &amp; Santa Marinaro</i> by Carmella DiBiase
Friday	Mar 14	Lenten Weekday <i>Paul Coccitto</i> by Family

### SFC Church

Saturday	Mar 15	St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Albert Coccitto</i> by Bob & Alvera Terry
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### STM

Mar 15	Vigil: Palm Sunday <i>Clarence L. Emig</i> by daughter, Grace Emig	
Sunday	Mar 16	Palm Sunday
<u>STM</u>	8:00am	<i>Cross Thomas</i> by Father Thomas
<u>SFC</u>	11:00am	<i>Peter Naglowski</i> by Naglowski Family <i>Pro-populo (For the People)</i>

“Time with Thomas” is broadcast *LIVE on Wednesdays, 10am-11am*. Tune in to WWOW Walking on Water Radio 1360AM. Father’s guest this week will be *Rev. Frank Gore of Good Shepherd Lutheran*. They will be discussing the Lutheran/Catholic Dialogue and Holy Week.

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

**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. Rev. Paula Marbury of East Conneaut United Methodist will be the speaker.

**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will meet at 7pm, Wednesday, March 12 at SFC Hall.

**All Christmas decorations** are to be removed from the graves at *St. Joseph Cemetery* by **March 31, 2008**. All other decorations are to be removed by **April 30** for the spring clean up of the cemetery.

## Sanctuary Candle

### Intentions

St. Mary

In Memory of:

**James Palagy**

by Bob, Judy, Kim & Gary

**Josephine DiVincenzo**

by Friend

**Kathleen Moore**

by Aunt & Siders Family

**St. Frances Cabrini**

In Memory of:

**James & Edith Sardella**

by Eleanor Pignotti & Family

Health & Welfare of:

**Elsie Duris**

by Annie, Arlene, Donna, Dorothy

**Special Intention**

by Donor

### This Week

Tuesday, Mar 11

**6:30pm**

Pastoral Planning, SFC Hall

Wednesday, Mar 12

**10-11am**

“Time with Thomas”

WWOW AM1360

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

RCIA, Parish Offices

**7pm**

CDofA, SFC Hall

Thursday, Mar 13

**Noon**

Senior Golden Elites, SFC Hall

**6:30pm**

CAMA Lenten Service,

Amboy UMC

Friday, Mar 14

**4:30pm**

Stations of the Cross, STM

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

Fish Dinner, SFC

Saturday, Mar 15

**9am-3pm**

Katie Whitman Memorial

Blood Drive, SFC Hall

**9am**

St. Joseph Day Mass, SFC

Sunday, Mar 16

**9:15 – 10:45am** CCD

**9:30-10am**

*The Group*, SFC

**Noon – 3pm**

RCIA Retreat, Parish

Offices/Church

## Stewardship Update

### Last Week

Budgeted \$6,328      Actual \$7,697.10      237 Env.

### Fiscal YTD

Budgeted \$227,808      Actual \$226,396.86      -\$1,411.14

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Stewardship:** When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives – our gifts as well as our sufferings – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessings for us and others.

**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 15 and 16. 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 18<sup>th</sup> until their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

**Dignity of the Human Person** Being diagnosed with HIV and AIDS can be devastating. At first, Angeline and Prosper were in denial, even as they became sicker. **CRS** helped them to accept their situation, gain access to anti-retroviral medications and other treatments, and meet others living with HIV and AIDS in their village of Cameroon. This new support system helped them face the future with renewed confidence. Angeline and Prosper now work to educate others about HIV and AIDS and how to prevent it. Jesus celebrates the gift of life by restoring it to His friend Lazarus. **CRS** health initiatives seek to preserve this gift, and inspire local volunteers to work for the health of their communities. Your participation in **Operation Rice Bowl** helps **CRS** restore a feeling of hope for millions living with HIV and AIDS.

**The Annual Blood Drive in Memory of Katie Whitman** will be 9am-3pm on Saturday, March 15 at St. Frances Cabrini Hall. The winter storms have caused the cancellation of many blood drives across Northern Ohio. An estimated 1049 pints of donated blood have been lost due to these cancellations. *Please consider giving the gift of life March 15 in memory of Katie.*

*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. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Ashtabula, OH. Social hour is at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:30pm and program to follow. Call William Niemi for tickets 992-8513.

It's time again to be talking about the **L.E.A.F. Project for 2008!** Last year we had about 50 volunteers from our parishes join the nearly 200 overall volunteers from the Conneaut area churches in reaching out to those in our city who needed help with home repair/remodeling projects. More than 20 worksites were completed! Applications for this year's **L.E.A.F. (Loving Equally All Families) Project** are at the back of the church. If you, or someone you know is in need of help, please have the application filled out and returned by April 2. Watch the bulletin and our web site for more information about how you can volunteer again this year. **Mark your calendar for July 19, 21-26, 2008!**

**The United Methodist Churches** are again hosting a **Stations of the Cross Walk** downtown at 12:30pm on Palm Sunday, Mar. 16. Everyone is invited to walk. Participants should meet at the City Hall steps.

**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.

**Sts. John & Paul Catholic School** is now registering kindergarten students for the 08-09 school year. FMI call the elementary school at 997-5831. Registration for students in grades 1-12 will begin March 31.

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://www.helpourmarriage.com)

**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.

**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.

**A Family Perspective** Families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He say to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.

**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](http://www.counselingassistancefund.org)

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.

**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](http://www.youngstownvocations.org). Go to this web site or click on the sidebar link for *Vocations* on the Diocesan homepage website – [www.doy.org](http://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](mailto:patpal@cboss.com)

**Scripture Readings Mar 16, 2008**

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Philippians 2: 6-11

Matthew 26: 14-27: 66(38)