

# Palm Sunday

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

## March 15 to March 23, 2008

### Weekend Masses:

<b>STM</b>	Mar 15	Vigil: Palm Sunday 5:00pm <i>Clarence L. Emig</i> by daughter, Grace Emig
Sunday	Mar 16	Palm Sunday
<b>STM</b>	8:00am	<i>Cross Thomas</i> by Father Thomas
<b>SFC</b>	11:00am	<i>Peter Naglowski</i> by Naglowski Family <i>Pro-populo (For the People)</i>

### Weekday Mass/Communion Service with Morning Prayer

#### SFC HALL

Monday	Mar 17	Monday of Holy Week 4:00pm <i>Reverend Blaine Pierce</i>
Tuesday	Mar 18	Tuesday of Holy Week 4:00pm <i>Neal &amp; Maribel Ansbro</i> by Stofko Family
Wed.	Mar 19	Wednesday of Holy Week 7:30am <i>Sarah, Joseph &amp; Arthur Armeni</i> by Family

#### SFC Church

Thursday	Mar 20	Holy Thursday/Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm <i>Tom Rouge</i> by Tom & Cathy Cebasek
Friday	Mar 21	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm <i>Good Friday Service</i>

### Weekend Masses:

<b>SFC</b>	Mar 22	Vigil: Easter 8:00pm <i>Easter Flower Memorials</i>
Sunday	Mar 23	Easter Sunday
<b>STM</b>	8:00am	<i>Easter Flower Memorials</i>
<b>SFC</b>	11:00am	<i>Easter Flower Memorials</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.

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.

The Parish Offices will be closed Holy Thursday, March 20 through Monday, March 24, 2008. The Offices will reopen Tuesday, March 25, 2008.

A Women's Spring Retreat will be held Saturday, April 5 from 8:30am to 12:30pm at *Laurello's Vineyard* (Route 307 between Rt. 45 and 534.) The topic is "The Women who Stayed" – a reflection on women who stay faithful to Jesus and the Gospel message. The presenter will be *Eileen Novotny*, who has rescheduled this retreat from the fall. A \$15 donation is requested. Please call JoAnn Welch (440/998-7073), Lorna Greicius (440/964-5009) or send your name, phone number and the \$15 by April 1, 2008 to Mt. Carmel, 1200 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St., Ashtabula, OH 44004.

## Sanctuary Candle

### Intentions

St. Mary

In Memory of:

**Jennie Palagyi**

by Bob, Judy, Kim & Gary

**John Perkoski**

by the Gaukel Family

**St. Frances Cabrini**

In Memory of:

**Joseph Armeni**

by Family

**Barbara Ashcraft**

by Aunt Dee

**Jane Maukonen**

**Birthday Memorial**

by Nancy Cifelli

**Theresa DeNunzio**

**Birthday Memorial**

by Family

Health & Welfare of:

**Debbie Litwiler Church**

by Elsa & Pete

**Special Intention**

by Donor

### This Week

Sunday, Mar 16

9:15 – 10:45am CCD

9:30-10am

The Group, SFC

Monday, Mar 17

6:30pm

SVdP, Human Resource Ctr.

Wednesday, Mar 19

10-11am

"Time with Thomas"

WWOW AM1360

Thursday, Mar 20

10:30am

Chrism Mass, Cathedral

7:00pm

Holy Thursday Mass, SFC

Friday, Mar 21

3:00pm

Good Friday Service, SFC

4:30-6:30pm

Fish Dinner, SFC

Saturday, Mar 22

8:00pm

Easter Vigil Mass, SFC

All those going to the **Chrism Mass** on Holy Thursday should meet at St. Mary's at 8:15am.

**Stewardship Update**

**Last Week**

Budgeted \$6,328      Actual \$3,316.00      89 Env.

**Fiscal YTD**

Budgeted \$234,136      Actual \$229,714.86      -\$4,421.14

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Stewardship:** “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” shouts the crowd in today’s Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!

**Collection for the Holy Land** The situation in the Holy Land makes necessary and urgent the intervention of the whole Catholic Church in order to preserve these Christian’s presence in the birthplace of Christianity. The late Pope John Paul II has said: *“You rightly give particular attention to the territories of the Holy Land because this region, made holy by Jesus, holds great significance for all Christians. A special collection is designated for this land, and my venerable predecessors beginning with Leo XIII have strongly encouraged all Catholic communities to contribute generously. Alas, the Holy Land continues to be an arena of conflicts and violence and Catholic communities present there suffer and need support and assistance in their many necessities.”* At this sacred time of year, when the annual collection for the shrines and people of the Holy Land is taken up on Good Friday, please respond generously.

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.

Following the Easter Vigil a light reception will be held in St. Frances Cabrini Hall to celebrate with our newly initiated, *Janet Merlene, Joe Schor and Kayla Spangler*, newly received, *Hanna Merlene*, newly baptized, *Brian Brewer*, and newly confirmed *Sara Gambling*. Please plan to attend.

**Pie Sale:** Orders for apple, Dutch apple (\$6), cherry & blackberry pies (\$8) are being taken for Easter. To place an order call the Parish Offices by Tuesday, March 18. Orders are to be picked up on Friday, March 21 at SFC Hall from 3-6:30pm.

**Rights & Responsibilities** You know *Catholic Relief Services* helps people around the world – and some of them may be your own neighbors! Your diocese keeps one quarter of the funds raised through **Operation Rice Bowl** to assist the needy in your own community. Giving with **Operation Rice Bowl** helps good people alleviate suffering and strengthens communities.

**Scripture Study**, Praying the Scriptures, will begin Mon., April 7, 6:30-8:00pm in the Breezeway of the Parish Offices. Cost is \$10. Please call Sr. Barbara, 599-8570, if you would like to attend. All are welcome.

*“Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness,”* is the theme of our Parish Retreat scheduled for Sunday-Tuesday, April 20-22. The presenter will be **Father James McKarns**. Please save these dates on your calendar.

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!**

Last weekend Father Thomas spoke to us about the **Ferrari-Moneypenny** family who lost everything in a house fire. Donations of clothing, beds, bedding, appliances and other household items would be greatly appreciated. Clothing sizes are listed below. For specific items needed, you may call Renea Roach at the Human Resource Center. Donations may be brought to the Human Resource Center or to the Parish Offices. All monetary donations should be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and marked for the **Ferrari-Moneypenny** family.

- Woman:** Size 34/36 pants, XL tops, 8 ½ shoe, 9 boot
- 15 yr old girl:** size 11 bottom, large top, 10 shoe
- 10 yr old girl:** size 16 bottom, large top, 7 shoe
- 8 yr old girl:** size 7/8 bottom, medium top, 1 shoe
- 8 yr old boy:** size 8/10 bottom, 10 top, 2 shoe, size 10 underwear.

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During this Easter Season we wish to invite those who have been away from the Church to **“Come Home.”** If you know of someone to whom I can personally extend a warm welcome, please list their name, address & phone below and return to the Parish Offices. Fr. Thomas

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**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.

**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.

**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** The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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 30, 2008**

Acts 2: 42-47

1 Peter 1: 3-9

John 20: 19-31(43)