

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, February 13

4:00 PM - Philip and Henrietta Cazalé - *Rita and Family*

Sunday, February 14 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM - Joseph Ralph - *Suzanne Andrews*

7:00 PM - Members of the Parish

Monday, February 15

No Scheduled Mass - *Our Parish and all Diocesan Offices are closed in observance of Presidents' Day.*

Tuesday, February 16

7:30 AM - Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass - Mary Jane Scerbo - *Bill, Dana, Kelsey & Sean Thompson*

Wednesday, February 17 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM - Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes
[Church]

12:10 PM - Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes
[Church]

4:45 PM - Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes
[Ohio Room in the HUB on IUP's Campus]

7:00 PM - Mass with Distribution of Ashes [Church]

Thursday, February 18

5:00 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 PM - For the Health of Dr. Tony Atwater - *STMUP family*

Friday, February 19

12:10 PM - Foge Fazio - *Georgann & Charles Kachur*

Saturday, February 20

4:00 PM - Dr. James B. Reilly - *Chuck & Linda Spadafora*

Sunday, February 21 - First Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM - Arthur McConville - *Patty DeBiasio*

7:00 PM - Members of the Parish

This Week's Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Next Week's Readings

Deut. 26:4-10

Romans 10: 8-13

Luke 4:1-13

SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to all who provided stamps, envelopes, stickers, markers and other supplies for our annual Valentine Making Party held this past Monday. Even with the inclement weather, this intergenerational faith formation event was a great success!

Crafters of all ages created more than 200 Valentine Cards that have been sent with best wishes from the entire STMUP community. Thanks to all who were a part of this ministry!

St. Bernard Parish Liturgy Schedule

Week of February 14, 2010

Monday, February 15	7:30 AM Mass
Tuesday, February 16	7:30 AM Mass and 12 Noon - 6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
Ash Wednesday., Feb. 17	7:30 & 9:30 AM & 5:30 PM Mass
Thursday, February 18	7:30 AM Mass
Friday, February 19	7:30 AM Mass, 6:00 PM Exposition 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 20	7:30 AM Mass; 8:30 - 10:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 PM Mass of Anticipation
Sunday, February 21	7:30 AM & 9:30 AM Masses

FROM THE PASTOR

“...and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love...”

This weekend, we are proud to honor Dr. & Mrs. Joe and Shirley Angelo with the 2010 St. Thomas More University Parish Leadership Award. It is an opportunity to celebrate the faith and commitment of a couple who exemplifies through their actions, the same “servant-leadership” that Jesus displayed when he washed the feet of his friends at the Last Supper.

Also this weekend, we celebrate both World Marriage Day and Valentine's Day. We recall the gift of Sacramental Marriage and the many blessings that flow from all the Sacraments and celebrate the amazing nature of the gift of “love.”

These weekend occurrences help us focus on the message of the Gospel that challenges us to live as Jesus taught and to remain faithful to whatever vocational status we choose.

The Beatitudes, taught by Jesus to throngs of listeners, remind us how blessed our lives can be if we but open our hearts to trust in God's call to holiness.

May all those who reflect the love of Christ in their lives be blessed abundantly for their willingness to take the risk to love and may all who long for the love of others and the love of God find the fulfillment and peace that genuine love brings. *Fr. Willie*

A Prayer of Priests and Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name.

Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen

PARISH NOTES

Blessed Palm Branches and Mardi Gras: Signs of Lent

We are still collecting last year's Palm Sunday branches during these final days before Ash Wednesday. Please bring your old blessed palm branches and place them in one of the baskets located in the Narthex of the Church.

Plan to join us this coming Tuesday evening as we “bury” the *ALLELUIA* at our annual Mardi Gras event and help us usher in the holy season of Lent.

Parishioners, friends of STMUP and of course IUP students are invited and encouraged to join us for our Mardi Gras festivities, dancing and fun that will be take place in the Lounge on **Tuesday, February 16** from 6:30 PM ‘til ??? (‘til the fun runs out or Midnight... whichever comes first). Please bring a “Finger Food” or Appetizer to share if you are able to do so. Hope to see you there!

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend's second collection benefits the Home Missions of the Americas annual appeal. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Get your Cans to Church

If you are looking for a way to get rid of your soda cans without making that trip to the recycling center yourself, you can drop them off at STMUP to be recycled. Monies we receive by recycling will benefit the St. Thomas More University Parish Emergency Assistance Fund. Thanks so much!

Operation Rice Bowl

As has been the practice over the past few years, STMUP will participate in Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten program that fosters almsgiving that benefits the hungry of our local and global communities under the direction Catholic Relief Services. Your participation in this prayerful opportunity is, as always, deeply appreciated.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS***Preparing Hearts and Homes for Lent, Easter and Pentecost***

This weekend, after ALL Masses, be sure to visit the Cardinal Newman Room to gather ideas and materials to help you enter more fully into the upcoming liturgical seasons.

RCIA

The Rite of Sending will take place at the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, February 21 here at St. Thomas More University Parish.

Our RCIA catechumens and candidates will then participate in the Rite of Election with Bishop Brandt at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg at 3:00 PM in the afternoon.

Please pray for our catechumens and candidates as they journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church

Our RCIA Coordinator, Theresa Marcus, the entire RCIA "Catechetical Team," the sponsors and family members of our catechumens and candidates and our Director for Campus Ministry & Faith Formation, Patty DeBiasio continue to be excellent examples of faith and hope to those in RCIA. We look with joyful anticipation to the Easter Vigil and celebrating with those called to fully embrace our Catholic faith!

SCHOOL NEWS**Registrations Now Being Accepted**

St. Bernard School is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year for all grades PreK3 through Grade 6. Stop by for a visit or call the School Office at 724.465.7139 for more information or to pick up an application.

OUT AND ABOUT**Arc Garage Sale**

The Arc is in need of your help again, and is seeking donations of clean, safe, working items for another Garage Sale to be held on April 16 and April 17. Donations will be accepted at The Arc office inside Regency Mall between 8:30AM and 4:00PM, Monday through Friday until March 31. Call 724.349.8230 for additional information.

Lenten Fish Dinners: St. Bernard School

Lenten Fish Fries, featuring baked and fried fish, fried shrimp, orange roughly, cheese pizza, pierogies, various sides and desserts.

Meals will be served from 4:00-7:00 PM in the St. Bernard Church hall on Fridays during Lent. Take out available.

More Fish Dinners: Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent

Lenten Fish, Seafood and Pierogi Dinners with all the trimmings each Friday during Lent (expect Good Friday) starting Friday, February 19.

Meals will be served from 4:00-7:00 PM. Adults, \$9.00, Children 6-12, \$4.00, under 6, free. Take out available.

Girl Scout Spirit Day

The Diocesan Catholic committee on Scouting for Girls will host a "Catch the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Spirit" day on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg. The cost is \$13.00 which includes lunch, crafts, program and patch.

Register by calling Glenda Sekerchak at 724.446.5197 or email gsekerchak@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Registration deadline is February 19.

Knights of Columbus - February 2010 Event Schedule

February 24 - 7:00 PM - 4th Degree Business Meeting [Lodge]

If you have a concern about sexual abuse of a child or young person by anyone in a parish or diocesan position - clergy, volunteer or paid staff - please contact Bishop Brandt's delegate for matters of sexual misconduct. He may be reached at 724.837.0901, extension 221.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY PARISH**Saturday, February 13**

Preparing Hearts & Homes [Cardinal Newman Room]
Cinnamon Buns available after Mass to benefit St. Bernard School
6:30 PM - 2010 Leadership Award Reception [IUP - Mem. Field House]

Sunday, February 14

Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 10:00 AM Mass
Preparing Hearts & Homes [Cardinal Newman Room]
Cinnamon Buns available after Masses to benefit St. Bernard School
Join us in the Lounge after Mass for coffee & doughnuts.
No Session for JYM & SYM

Monday, February 15

Our Parish and all Diocesan Offices are closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

No Sessions for CGS Level I, II and *We Believe*
8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon - Taping of *Teach a Man to Cook* [Kitchen]

Tuesday, February 16

9:15 AM - Staff Meeting [Development Office]
6:00 PM - ??? - *Mardi Gras* [Lounge & Kitchen]

Ash Wednesday, February 17

No Sessions for CGS Level I & II
12 Noon - 1:00 PM - Mom's in Touch
2:00 - 4:00 PM - Prayer Shawl Ministry [Cry Room]

Thursday, February 18

No Sessions CGS Level I
5:30 - 7:00 PM - Choir Practice [St. Cecilia Room]
6:30 PM - Parish Finance Council Meeting [Development Office]

Sunday, February 21

Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 10:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM - Rite of Sending during Mass for RCIA Catechumens & Candidates
3:00 PM - Rite of Election for RCIA Catechumens & Candidates [Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg]
Join us in the Lounge after Mass for coffee & doughnuts.
6:15-8:15 PM - JYM & SYM [Cardinal Newman, St. Cecilia & Kitchen]
8:15 - 10:00 PM - CSA [Lounge, Kitchen]

Just a reminder that YOU can be a sponsor for
Donation for Donuts!

Contact Cindy at 724.463.2277, ext. 113 for details.

OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

January 31, 2010

Adult: \$ 6,026.00 Children: \$ 46.00 Loose: \$ 1,073.00
Utilities Envelope: \$ 128.00 Catholic Accent: \$ 57.00
PledgeConnect: \$ 330.00

Total Regular Weekly Collection: \$ 7,660.00

Envelopes Issued: 602 Envelopes Returned: (42%)

PledgeConnect Enrollment: 32 Households

Today's Challenge-Tomorrow's Hope pledges continue to come our way!

Our current total is \$819,198.00. This represents 81% of our parish "Dream Goal" and an AMAZING 55% parishioner participation rate!