

## Second Sunday of Lent Liturgical Schedule

### Saturday, February 27

4:00 PM - Alice M. DeLuca - *Lonie & Todd Brice*

### Sunday, February 28 - Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM - Members of the Parish

7:00 PM - Nancy DiSimo - *Jim & Marcella Martin*

### Monday, March 1

12:10 PM - Gerardine Lechnar - *Rita Lechnar and Family*

### Tuesday, March 2

7:30 AM - Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:00 AM - Samantha Stevens - *Bill & Ruth Ann Mrozowski*

### Wednesday, March 3 - St. Katherine Drexel, virgin

No Scheduled Mass

### Thursday, March 4 - St. Casimir

5:00 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 PM - Carl Buchanan - *Family*

### Friday, March 5

12:10 PM - Health of Sr. Mary Edmund Gibson, O.P. - *Friends*

### Saturday, March 6

4:00 PM - Richard Kois - *Dan & Elaine Jastredowski*

### Sunday, March 7 - Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM - Carol Artuso - *Family*

7:00 PM - Members of the Parish

#### This Week's Readings

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Luke 9:28b-36

#### Next Week's Readings

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

#### Please let us know. . .

If you or a loved one is ill or homebound after being hospitalized and would like prayers or a pastoral visit, please call our Pastoral Associate, Cindy Schillinger, at 724.463.2277 ext. 113 for more information or to make a pastoral request.

#### Festival Choir

Our Festival Choir rehearsals for our 8:30 and 11:00 AM Easter Sunday Masses are being held on Mondays from 7:30 - 9:00 PM.

All are invited to be a part of the Festival Choir and help enliven Easter liturgies through joyful song!

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Erin Knepper at 724.349.9564 or via email at [erin.knepper@verizon.net](mailto:erin.knepper@verizon.net).

#### Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are being accepted for 2010, please call the parish office 724-463-2277, ext. 113 for additional information.

#### St. Bernard Parish Liturgy Schedule Week of February 28, 2010

Monday, March 1	7:30 AM Mass
Tuesday, March 2	7:30 AM Mass and 12 Noon - 7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, March 3	7:30 AM Mass
Thursday, March 4	7:30 AM Mass
Friday, March 5	7:30 AM Mass, 6:00 PM Exposition 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 6	7:30 AM Mass 8:30 - 10:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 PM Mass of Anticipation
Sunday, March 7	7:30 AM & 9:30 AM Masses

## FROM THE PASTOR

Lent is a wonderful time to step back and ponder the blessings we have received - blessing that we might inadvertently take for granted.

There were those who failed to recognize the amazing gift that was before their very eyes when Jesus taught them, prayed with them and healed them in person. Likewise, we too might not see the bountiful blessings that Christ presents to us since the busy-ness of life sometimes clouds our vision and dulls our senses.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the STMUP parishioners, IUP students and friends of the parish who do so much to BUILD the kingdom each and every day in our little corner of the world.

Your works of compassion, your encouragement and support for each other (and to myself and the parish staff), your witness of faith through sincere prayer and joyful song, are all treasures that we need to acknowledge and celebrate.

May this Lenten journey deepen our commitment to BE Christ to one another and REFLECT his message of peace, compassion and love. May our 40 days of prayer, almsgiving and fasting unite us under the sign of Christ's cross and nourish us well to live the Gospel!

*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

### Our Lenten Journey: Traditions & Customs



**Prayer Pretzels** - Children of all ages enjoy hearing the history of the pretzel during Lent.

Centuries ago, people who were fasting made "Lenten Bread" using only flour, water, and salt. At that time, it was the custom to pray with arms crossed over the chest. The faithful, to reflect this prayer posture, made bread in the shape of "praying arms" - thus the "pretzel" was born!

### Operation Rice Bowl

As has been the practice over the past few years, STMUP is once again participating in Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services that fosters almsgiving that benefits the hungry of our local and global communities.

Your prayerful participation in this opportunity is, as always, deeply appreciated.

### Mass at SCI Pine Grove

Once a month STMUP parishioners join Catholic inmates for Mass at the local prison. IUP Students are invited to participate. Transportation can be arranged. Those attending meet in the lobby of the prison at 11:45 AM with Mass being held at 12:30 PM. The next opportunity for this ministry will be on Sunday, March 21..

If you are interested in participating, please contact Lynne Jones by Thursday, March 11 at 724.463.2277, ext. 115.

### Newman Used Book Sale Book Sort

The first book sort for the 2010 Newman Used Book Sale will be held on Saturday, March 6 from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon in the Church Lounge.

Volunteers are needed to sort books, label boxes, carry boxed books to the truck, and serve refreshments. Donations of used books (no encyclopedia's please), tapes, CDs and DVDs can be dropped off in the lower Church entrance.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS****Junior and Senior Youth Members (grades 6 – 12)**

On Wednesday, March 3, 2010 we are asking youth in grades 6 – 12 to help lead the Stations of the Cross for the Parish at 7:00 PM. This involves arriving at the Church at 6:30PM, helping to light the candles, reviewing the readings and prayers and choosing or assigning parts to read, being a cross bearer or restoring all candles and materials to the sacristy.

Even if you have never participated in this prayerful devotion before you will be able to help out. Please call Patty DeBiasio at 724-463-2277 or Lynn Contrucci at 724-349-1385 to let us know that you are willing to help.

**Adult Faith Sharing During Lent**

You are invited to participate in an adult faith sharing group, during lent, that is meeting in the Cry Room on Wednesday evenings after Stations of the Cross. The book being used is "Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton." It is not too late to begin this Wednesday!

Call Sue Kovaleski at 724-357-9299 for more information.

**ATTENTION: Parents of Children in Sacramental Prep**

A Parent Session on the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist is scheduled for Monday, March 8 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Church for parents of children preparing to receive their First Eucharist in the Easter season. If you have not turned in the necessary paperwork, please bring it to this session.

The retreat for children and their parents is scheduled for Saturday, March 20 from 9:30 – 12:00 Noon. If you have any questions please call Patty DeBiasio at 724-463-2277, ext. 116.

**SCHOOL NEWS****St. Bernard School requesting Baked Goods**

If you would like to donate a dessert to be served at one of the Lenten fundraisers for St. Bernard School, please bring them to the basement of St. Bernard Church any time after 9:00 AM on Fridays of the Fish Fries. Sugar Free desserts are also needed.

Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Bernard School!

**OUT AND ABOUT****Knights of Columbus - March Schedule**

March 3 - 7:00 PM - Officers Meeting [Lodge]

March 10 - 7:00 PM - Regular Meeting [Lodge]

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

**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. Call 724.349.8230 for additional information.

**Coins for Vocations**

If you have extra loose change on your desk or in your pocket, please consider donating it to the Bishop's project of *Coins for Vocations*, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. A coin bank has been placed in the Narthex of the Church. Your generosity is appreciated.

**Natural Family Planning Instruction**

The next CM-BBT method of Natural Family Planning is scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Catholic Charities Office in Greensburg.

Contact Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 724.837.1840, ext. 658 for additional information or to register.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY PARISH****Sunday, February 28**

Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 10:00 AM Mass

*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]

**Monday, March 1**

9:00 - 11:00 AM - Coalition for Equity [Cardinal Newman Room]

1:30 - 5:30 PM - Taping of *Teach a Man to Cook* [Kitchen]

5:45 - 7:45 PM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

5:45 - 7:45 PM - CGS Level II [St. Cecilia Room]

5:45 - 7:45 PM - *We Believe* [Cardinal Newman Room & Library]

7:30 - 9:00 PM - Festival Choir [Church]

**Tuesday, March 2**

9:15 AM - Staff Meeting [Development Office]

7:00 PM - Taizé Prayer

**Wednesday, March 3**

12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM - Mom's in Touch [Cardinal Newman]

12:30 - 2:30 PM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

2:00 - 4:00 PM - Prayer Shawl Ministry [Cry Room]

5:15 - 7:15 PM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

5:15 - 7:15 PM - CGS Level II [St. Cecilia]

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross [Church]

Faith Sharing - Immediately following Stations [Cry Room]

7:00 - 8:30 PM - RCIA [Cardinal Newman Room]

**Thursday, March 4**

9:30 - 11:30 AM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

2:30 - 3:30 PM - Interfaith Council Meeting [Cardinal Newman Room]

4:15 - 6:15 PM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

5:30 - 7:00 PM - Choir Practice [St. Cecilia Room]

**Friday, March 5**

2:30 PM - 5:30 PM - Taping of *Teach a Man to Cook* [Kitchen]

5:00 PM - *Newman Used Book Sale* Book Sort Setup [Lounge]

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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**

**February 14, 2010**

Adult: \$5,587.00 Children: \$19.00 Loose: \$969.00

Utilities Envelope: \$142.00 Emergency Assistance Fund: \$100.00

*PledgeConnect*: \$659.00

**Total Regular Weekly Collection: \$7,476.00**

Anonymous Special Donation: \$1,000.00

Church in Eastern Europe: \$171.00

**Ash Wednesday Collection: \$1,946.00**

Envelopes Issued: 602 Envelopes Returned: (46%)

*PledgeConnect* Enrollment: 32 Households

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

Our current total has reached \$821,448.00! Thanks SO much!