

## Fourth Sunday of Lent Liturgical Schedule

### Saturday, March 13

4:00 PM - Richard Rezzolla - *George & Jean Lenz*  
(REMINDER: Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend. Don't forget to "SPRING FORWARD" an hour before going to bed tonight!)

### Sunday, March 14 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM - Sr. Mary Cosmas, O.P. - *Family*  
7:00 PM - Members of the Parish

### Monday, March 15

12:10 PM - Ruth Geletka - *Nancy & Ron Lesneskie*  
7:00 PM - Regional Lenten Reconciliation Service at STMUP

### Tuesday, March 16

7:30 AM - No Scheduled Sacrament of Reconciliation  
8:00 AM - Rita O'Neill - *Peter Sullivan*

### Wednesday, March 17 - St. Patrick, bishop

No Scheduled Mass

### Thursday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor

5:00 PM - No Scheduled Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 PM - Aurora Schinella - *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

### Friday, March 19 - St. Joseph, Husband of the BVM

12:10 PM - Joseph S. Lechnar, Sr - *Fr. Willie*

### Saturday, March 20

4:00 PM - Mary Jezewski - *Judi Duffy*

### Sunday, March 21 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM - Members of the Parish  
7:00 PM - Ruth Geletka - *Clare Ficca*

#### This Week's Readings

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Luke 15:1-3; 11-32

#### Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Philippians 3:8-14  
John 8:1-11

#### Regional Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

7:00 PM Monday, March 15, St. Thomas More University Parish  
7:00 PM Tuesday, March 16, Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent  
7:00 PM Thursday, March 18, St. Ambrose Church, Avonmore  
1:00 PM Saturday, March 20, Ss. Simon & Jude Parish, Blairsville  
7:00 PM Monday, March 22, Our Lady of the Assumption - Coral  
7:00 PM Tuesday, March 23, St. Bernard Parish - Indiana  
7:00 PM Thursday, March 25, Church of the Resurrection - Clymer

#### PLEASE NOTE:

During the weeks of our Regional Reconciliation Services, Holy Week and Easter Week, confessions will NOT be scheduled on the usual Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Please feel free to contact Fr. Willie at 724.463.2277, ext. 112 if you would like to schedule an appointment to share in this sacrament.

#### St. Bernard Parish Liturgy Schedule Week of March 14, 2010

Monday, March 15	7:30 AM Mass
Tuesday, March 16	No Scheduled Mass
	12 Noon - 7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, March 17	7:30 AM Mass
Thursday, March 18	7:30 AM Mass
Friday, March 19	7:30 AM Mass, 6:00 PM Exposition
	7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 20	7:30 AM Mass
	No Scheduled Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5:30 PM Mass of Anticipation
Sunday, March 21	7:30 AM & 9:30 AM Masses

## FROM THE PASTOR

On this 4th weekend of Lent, we celebrate *Laetare* Sunday as we draw more deeply into the Paschal mystery and find "joy" (as the Latin term translates) in the hope that Easter promises.

The Gospel from St. Luke (Cycle C) that we hear this weekend has been frequently called the parable of "The Prodigal Son" and is probably known best by that name. More recently, this story that came from the lips of Jesus Christ himself has been identified as the parable of "The Forgiving Father."

Both titles reflect key aspects of this story. One title emphasizes the abundant nature of God's compassion, while the other reveals the need for all of us to embrace a sincere desire for healing and conversion.

The beauty of the Sacred Scriptures is that each time we read a book, chapter or verse, we can apply it to where we are in our lives and see new and deeper meaning of the Word of God emerge.

May the Living Word encourage us to REJOICE in a special way this weekend!

*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

During Lent, some try to follow a phrase that is actually more challenging than it first appears: *Give up! Give in! Give back!*

"Give up!" One of the most popular ways to sacrifice during Lent involves giving up a favorite food, hobby or activity for the duration of Lent. This practice adds discipline to our lives and reflects a desire to change our

ways.

"Give in!" By making amends, for example, with a relative or friend with whom there may have been past hurt, we show that we genuinely embrace the concept of reconciliation.

"Give back!" In becoming a volunteer at a food pantry, hospital or church, or by finding some small way to cut the budget in order to temporarily increase almsgiving, we reveal to God and to those around us that we understand what stewardship is really about

May Lent give us all hope and trust in God's abundant love!

#### Operation Rice Bowl

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

Before the conclusion of Lent, please return your Rice Bowl contribution to the collection receptacle in the back of the Church or drop it off at the Parish Office. On behalf of all who will benefit from your generosity and prayers "Thanks!"

#### Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are being accepted for 2010, please call the Parish Office 724.463.2277, ext. 113 for additional information.

#### Brown Bag Sunday Collection Next Weekend

Our Brown Bag Sunday Collection for March will be held next weekend after all Masses and will benefit the Alice Paul House. Your support of this outreach is, as always, greatly appreciated!

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS****RCIA - The Journey Continues...**

Please continue to pray for the all those in RCIA who are preparing to receive the Easter sacraments. God bless them all!

**We Believe Program (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

There will be no regular session for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade on Monday, March 15, the children and their families are invited to come to the Regional Reconciliation Service in the Church at 7:00 PM to share in God's healing love.

**Reminder to Parents of Children Preparing for Sacraments:**

The Eucharist Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 20 from 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon. Once again children who celebrated sacraments last year (and their families) will provide breakfast breads, muffins, juice and coffee.

Be sure to call the Office by Monday, March 15 to let us how many are attending so we can prepare for you!

**Vacation Bible School – Mark Your Calendars!**

This summer's Vacation Bible School will again be a collaborative effort of St. Thomas More University Parish and St. Bernard Parish and will take place at the St. Bernard Learning Center the week of *July 12 – 16, 2010*.

If you would like to volunteer or help in anyway, you may contact Patty DeBiasio at 724.463.2277, ext. 116.

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

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.

**Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Program - Information Sessions**

A new cohort of students for the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Program is now being formed. Classes will begin in Fall, 2010. This program is designed to prepare those called to lay ecclesial ministry to full their responsibilities with theological competence, pastoral sensitivity and spiritual depth. Men interested in the diocesan Permanent Diaconate Formation program must complete all the requirements of the certificate program.

To learn more about the program, application and admission processes and financial aid, please register for one of the Information Sessions listed below. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from Seton Hill University and the diocesan offices for Lay Ecclesial Ministry and the Permanent Diaconate.

All sessions will be held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at the following sites:

April 15 - St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kittanning

April 29 - St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana

Registration in advance is required. To register and receive directions to a site or if you have questions, call 724.837.0901, ext. 240 or email [cschuchert@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:cschuchert@dioceseofgreensburg.org),

If you unable to attend a session and want more information, contact Marsha Kable, Director, Office for Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Liaison to the Office for the Permanent Diaconate, 724.837.0901 or email [mkable@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:mkable@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

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

9:30 - 11:30 AM - Confirmation Workshop for youth in RCIA and those preparing for Confirmation [Cardinal Newman]  
IUP's Catholic Student Association "Rent a Student" Sign Up following the 4:00 PM Mass [Narthex]

**Sunday, March 14**

Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 10:00 AM Mass  
*Join us in the Lounge after Mass for coffee & doughnuts*  
IUP's CSA "Rent a Student" Sign up following both Masses [Narthex]  
11:30 - 12:30 AM - Festival Choir [St. Cecilia Room]  
6:15 - 8:15 PM - JYM & SYM [Cardinal Newman, St. Cecilia & Kitchen]  
8:15 - 10:00 PM - CSA [Lounge, Kitchen]

**Monday, March 15**

8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon - 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 - No Session for *We Believe* (due to Reconciliation Svc.)  
7:00 PM - Lenten Reconciliation Service [STMUP]

**Tuesday, March 16**

9:15 AM - Staff Meeting [Development Office]  
7:00 PM - Taizé Prayer [Church]  
7:00 PM - Lenten Reconciliation Service [Good Shepherd, Kent]

**Wednesday, March 17**

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 18**

9:30 - 11:30 AM - CGS Level I [Atrium]  
4:15 - 6:15 PM - CGS Level I [Atrium]  
5:30 - 7:00 PM - Choir Practice [St. Cecilia Room]  
6:30 - 9:00 PM - Pathways [Lounge]  
7:00 PM - Lenten Reconciliation Service [St. Ambrose, Avonmore]

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1:00 - 4:00 PM - Taping of *Teach a Man to Cook* [Kitchen]

**Saturday, March 20**

9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon - Eucharist Retreat for Sacramental Prep [Lounge & Atria]  
1:00 PM - Lenten Reconciliation Service [Ss. Simon & Jude, Blairsville]  
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**OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

**February 28, 2010**

Adult: \$5,457.00 Children: \$23.00 Loose: \$747.00  
Utilities Envelope: \$165.00 Easter Flowers Envelope: \$25.00  
*PledgeConnect*: \$695.00

**Total Regular Weekly Collection: \$7,112.00**

Church in Eastern Europe: \$10.00 Home Missions: \$75.00  
Kentucky (CAP) Spring Break Alternative Trip: \$2,564.00

Envelopes Issued: 602 Envelopes Returned: (39%)

*PledgeConnect* Enrollment: 31 Households

*Diocesan Lenten Appeal* to date: \$14,950.00 (33% of Goal - Wow!)