

## Fifth Sunday of Lent Liturgical Schedule

### 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*

### Monday, March 22

12:10 PM - Margaret & John Houser - *Barb & Corky Hastings*

### Tuesday, March 23 - St. Toribio de Mogrovejo - bishop

7:30 AM - No Scheduled Reconciliation (see schedule below)

8:00 AM - Special Intention - *Joe Lombardi*

### Wednesday, March 24

No Scheduled Mass

### Thursday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

5:00 PM - No Scheduled Reconciliation (see schedule below)

5:30 PM - Richard Kois - *Max & Diane Weiss*

### Friday, March 26

12:10 PM - Edward & Theresa Peresie - *Chris, Donna & Tyler Cousins*

### Saturday, March 27

4:00 PM - Members of the Parish

### Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

10:00 AM - Aurora Schinella - *Barb & Corky Hastings*

7:00 PM - Beatrice (Barletta) Lotito - *Laura & Charles Fultz*

#### This Week's Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

#### Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

#### Remaining Regional Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

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: Modified Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

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.

#### Annual Spring Cleaning of the Church

Our Spring Cleaning Blitz will take place Saturday, March 27 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. All are invited to join this effort and help make our Church shine in time for Easter!!

#### St. Bernard Parish Liturgy Schedule Week of March 21, 2010

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| Monday, March 21    | 7:30 AM Mass                            |
| Tuesday, March 22   | 7:30 AM Mass                            |
|                     | 12 Noon - 6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration |
|                     | 7:00 PM Regional Reconciliation Service |
| Wednesday, March 23 | 7:30 AM Mass                            |
| Thursday, March 24  | 7:30 AM Mass                            |
| Friday, March 25    | 7:30 AM Mass, 6:00 PM Exposition        |
|                     | 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross           |
| Saturday, March 26  | 7:30 AM Mass                            |
|                     | 5:30 PM Mass of Anticipation            |
| Sunday, March 27    | 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM Masses                |

## FROM THE PASTOR

We extend our CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES to IUP Men's Basketball Coach (and STMUP parishioner) Joe Lombardi on the team's winning the NCAA Atlantic Region's Championship this past week here at IUP and their advancing as one of the "Elite Eight" as they play South Region Champs from Valdosta State in the quarterfinals this coming Wednesday in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Our support goes with Coach Lombardi and the entire team as they represent IUP on the national scene. Our prayers are with them so that they may use the gifts and talents that God has given them to the best of their ability. May they exemplify good sportsmanship and joy in being able to advance in the playoffs and may they return with no injuries and have safe travels (and another big win)! *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



PALM SUNDAY of the LORD'S PASSION - The final Sunday before Holy Week is celebrated with the blessing and distribution of palms or other branches (in areas where palms are not readily available) and the proclamation of one of the synoptic Gospel accounts (Matthew, Mark or Luke) of our Lord's Passion.

Parish communities have processions into or around the interior of their Church buildings with children and adults waving palms. The "first" Gospel of the Liturgy recalls the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem and crowds gathered with branches in hand and proclaimed Jesus as King.

Years ago, *Passion Sunday* was observed on the second Sunday before Holy Week, separate from *Palm Sunday*. Now, this weekend that begins Holy Week is named *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*.

#### Catholic Charities Annual Fund Raising Event

##### Communities of Salt & Light Award Dinner - April 22, 2010

Congratulations to Jim Froelicher, a friend of St. Thomas More University Parish and member of St. Bernard Parish here in Indiana, who will be honored with the 2010 Diocesan Salt and Light Award (Humanitarian) at the Annual Fund Raising Dinner that is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2010. Please contact Judi Modecki at Catholic Charities at 724.837.1840 for ticket information and details.

#### 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 this Weekend

Our Brown Bag Sunday Collection for March will be held this weekend after all Masses and will benefit the Alice Paul House. Your support of this outreach is, as always, greatly 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, April 11.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Lynne Jones by March 30 at 724.463.2277, ext. 115.

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

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

**Middle School Faith Night**

The Diocese of Greensburg Office for Evangelization and Faith Formation will be hosting a MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH NIGHT on Friday, April 16, 2010 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the Bishop Bosco Center in North Huntingdon. Youth in sixth, seventh and eighth grades are invited to attend this evening of faith and fun. Youth will experience prayer, music, game, inspirational talks, and more.

The cost of the event is \$10.00 and includes a t-shirt. To register for the event contact your parish office or visit our diocesan website at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org).

**2010 Diocesan Youth Celebration**

Because of the snow in early February, we have rescheduled our Diocesan Youth celebration. Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate together as the Young Church of Greensburg

All youth of the Diocese of Greensburg, grades 9-12, are invited to attend the 2010 Diocesan Youth Celebration on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 12:30-9:00 PM at Greensburg Central Catholic High School and will include Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, Bishop of Greensburg and keynote speaker Mike Patin.

New registrations are welcome. Cost for the event is \$15.00 and includes dinner, snack and a T-shirt. Registration forms are available online at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/youthministry](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/youthministry). If you are interested in carpooling information for either of the diocesan events please call Patty DeBiasio at 724.463.2277, ext. 116.

**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 any way, 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.

**The Pastoral Ministry Certificate Program**

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 fulfill 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. An information session will be held on Thursday, April 29 at 7:00 PM, here at St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana.

To register or obtain additional details, please contact Carolyn Schuchert at [cschuchert@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:cschuchert@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or call 724.837.0901, ext. 240.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY PARISH****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]  
*Brown Bag Sunday Collection to benefit Alice Paul House*

**Sunday, March 21**

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

*Join us in the Lounge after Mass for coffee & doughnuts*

No Session for JYM & SYM

8:15 - 10:00 PM - CSA [Lounge, Kitchen]

**Monday, March 22**

1:00 - 4:30 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, Kitchen, Library]

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

7:00 PM - Lenten Reconciliation Service [O. L. of the Assumption, Coral]

**Tuesday, March 23**

9:15 AM - Staff Meeting [Development Office]

7:00 PM - Taizé Prayer [Church]

7:00 PM - Lenten Reconciliation Service [St. Bernard, Indiana]

7:30 - 8:30 PM - Sign Language [Cardinal Newman]

**Wednesday, March 24**

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

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 25**

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 [Resurrection, Clymer]

**Friday, March 26**

1:00 - 4:30 PM - Taping of *Teach a Man to Cook* [Kitchen]

**Saturday, March 27**

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - Church Cleaning - All are invited to help!

9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon - RCIA Retreat [Church & Lounge]

1:00 PM - Lenten Reconciliation Service [Ss. Simon & Jude, Blairsville]

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Pathways Retreat [Bishop Connare Center]

7:00 PM - CSA Festival of Praise [Church]

**Sunday, March 28**

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

*Join us in the Lounge after Mass for coffee & doughnuts*

No session for JYM & SYM

8:15 - 10:00 PM - CSA [Lounge, Kitchen]

We extend our gratitude to this weekend's sponsor of our

*"Donation for Donuts"*

**Anonymous**

**OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

**March 7, 2010**

Adult: \$5,920.00 Children: \$43.00 Loose: \$955.00

Utilities Envelope: \$228.00 Accent Envelope: \$15.00

*PledgeConnect*: \$438.00

**Total Regular Weekly Collection: \$7,599.00**

Home Missions Collection: \$474.00

Envelopes Issued: 610 Envelopes Returned: (50%)

*PledgeConnect* Enrollment 31 Households

Diocesan Lenten Appeal (to date): \$16,170.00

This represents 37% of our Parish Goal of \$43,900 - Thanks SO much!