

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Liturgical Schedule

### 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*

### Monday, March 29

12:10 PM - Steve Mlecik - *Theresa Tartalone*

### Tuesday, March 30

7:30 AM - No Scheduled Reconciliation

8:00 AM - Tom Mittelhauser - *Lonie & Todd Brice*

### Wednesday, March 31

No Scheduled Mass

### Triduum and Easter Schedule

#### Holy Thursday, April 1

10:00 AM - *Chrism Mass* at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg

7:00 PM - *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (with Procession to Altar of Repose)* - Mass Intention: *For an increase of and perseverance in Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life;*

**NOTE:** *Our annual pilgrimage to local parishes to follow Mass (Carpooling will be arranged following the Procession); Adoration until closing at 11:00 PM with Night Prayer [Lounge]*

#### Good Friday, April 2

7:30 AM - Morning Prayer [Church]

12:10 PM - Mid-day Prayer

1:30 PM - *The Lord's Passion* with Veneration of the Cross

7:00 PM - Evening Prayer with Veneration of the Cross

#### Holy Saturday, April 3 - Easter Vigil

8:00 AM - Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon - Blessing of Easter Foods and Baskets [Church]

8:15 PM - *Easter Vigil Mass* - Members of the Parish

#### Easter Sunday, April 4

8:30 AM Mass - Special Intention

11:00 AM Mass - Mildred Fluhart - *Sue Hudson*

*(Note: There will be NO 7:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.)*

#### **This Week's Readings**

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

#### **Next Week's Readings**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

John 20:1-9

### **PLEASE NOTE: Modified Reconciliation Schedule**

During 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 28, 2010**

Monday, March 29	7:30 AM Mass
Tuesday, March 30	7:30 AM Mass
	12 Noon - 7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, March 31	9:30 AM Mass
Holy Thursday, April 1	7:00 PM Mass
Good Friday, April 2	1:30 PM Mass
	7:30 PM <i>Tenebrae</i>
Holy Saturday, April 3	8:15 PM Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday, April 4	7:30 AM & 9:30 AM Masses

## FROM THE PASTOR

### Palm Sunday Blessings!

As we enter this holiest week of the liturgical year, I extend my prayers to one and all that the mysteries of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection will become more deeply rooted in your hearts and that the challenge to build the Kingdom that we share is enlivened, strengthened and set ablaze with joy.

From all of us at St. Thomas More University Parish, we wish you a blessed Holy Week 2010!

*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**

**EASTER VIGIL** - Traditionally, this Liturgy begins after sunset on Holy Saturday with worshippers arriving to an unlit church and being given small unlit candles for them to carry in the opening procession. As darkness falls, there is a blessing of the "Easter" Fire and the Paschal candle is lit and in turn taken in procession to the altar. From that new fire the small candles held by members of the assembly are lit as the procession moves into the Church.



The Liturgy of the Word recounts the history of salvation from the Old through the New Testaments. The Liturgy of Baptism welcomes infants and catechumens (those who have been preparing through the RCIA) into the Church, and RCIA Candidates, along with all the faithful present renew their baptismal promises. With the celebration of the Easter Eucharist, we experience a holy night filled with joyful music and hymns of Christ's triumph over death.

### **Special Triduum Collections**

The Holy Thursday collection at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be for needy of our community. The Good Friday collection will assist those who minister in the Holy Land. As always, your faithful generosity is greatly appreciated!

### **Catholic Charities Annual Fund Raising Event**

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

The 2010 Diocesan Salt and Light Award and Annual Fund Raising Dinner 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.

### **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.

**SCHOOL NEWS****Registration Time**

It is already time to register at St. Bernard School for the 2010-2011 academic year. Those interested are invited to come to the school on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 10:00 AM, for Sadecky's Puppet Show that conveys a message of the importance of generosity, honesty, acceptance.

After the show, tours of the school and information about tuition assistance will be available.

**OUT AND ABOUT****Natural Family Planning Instruction**

The next CM-BBT method of Natural Family Planning is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM at the Catholic Charities Office in Greensburg.

Please contact Mary Ann Newhouse at the diocesan office for Catholic Charities at 724.837.1840, ext. 658 for additional information or to register.

**Arc Garage Sale**

The Arc is seeking donations of clean, safe, working items for the 2010 Garage Sale that is scheduled for April 16 -17.

Donations will be accepted at The Arc office in the Regency Mall between 8:30AM - 4:00PM, Monday through Friday. Call 724.349.8230 for additional information. Thanks so much!

**Save the Date - STMUP and IUP Annual Walk & Health Fair**

Our *Step into Spring* walk & 6th Annual Health Fair is set for Saturday, April 17. The walk will take place on the Hoodlebug Trail and health fair exhibits will be at St. Thomas More University Parish. Watch our future bulletins for more details. Plan to join in the fun and learn more about how to live a healthier life!

**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY PARISH****Saturday, March 27**

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - *Church Cleaning Blitz* - All are invited to help!  
9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon - Parish RCIA Retreat [Church & Lounge]  
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM - *Pathways* Retreat [Bishop Connare Center]  
7:00 PM - CSA Festival of Praise with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following until Midnight [Church & Vocations Chapel]

**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*  
*In recognition of Holy Week, there will be no session for JYM & SYM*  
8:15 - 10:00 PM - CSA [Lounge, Kitchen]

**Monday, March 29**

*In recognition of Holy Week, there will be no sessions CGS Level I, II & We Believe*  
7:30 - 9:00 PM - Festival Choir [Church]

**Tuesday, March 30**

9:15 AM - Staff Meeting [Development Office]  
7:00 PM - Taizé Prayer [Church]  
7:45 PM - Choir Rehearsal [Church]

**Wednesday, March 31**

*In recognition of Holy Week, there will be no sessions CGS Level I, II*  
7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross [Church]  
Faith Sharing - Immediately following Stations of the Cross [Cry Room]  
7:00 - 8:30 PM - RCIA [St. Cecilia Room]

**Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday**

*In recognition of the Triduum, our Parish and all Diocesan Offices will be closed.*

**Friday, April 2 - Good Friday**

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**Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday**

9:00 AM - Decorating for Easter [Church, Narthex, Lounge]  
12:00 Noon - Blessing of Easter Baskets [Church]

**Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday**

*In recognition of Easter Sunday, our JYM & SYM will not meet tonight.*

**MAY THIS HOLY WEEK BE A TIME OF ABUNDANT BLESSINGS  
AND GRACE FOR THE ENTIRE STMUP FAMILY!**

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**

**March 14, 2010**

Adult: \$5,701.00 Children: \$26.00 Loose: \$1,246.00

Utilities: \$169.00 Catholic Accent: \$5.00

Easter Flowers: \$34.00

*PledgeConnect*: \$789.00

**Total Regular Weekly Collection: \$7,970.00**

Home Missions: \$20.00

Envelopes Issued: 610 Envelopes Returned: (46%)

*PledgeConnect* Enrollment: 31 Households

2010 Diocesan Lenten Appeal pledges to date: \$ 20,070.00

This represents 46% of our \$43,900.00 Parish Goal.

Thanks so much for your GENEROUS support!