

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY - March 1**

8:00 A.M. - Caren Costello - Marge and Andy McLean

**TUESDAY - March 2**

8:00 A.M. - Arlene Taggart - Paul and Darlene

**WEDNESDAY - March 3** Landolfi

8:00 A.M. - Charles Kennis - Bob and Dave Wacker

7:00 P.M. - Irene Snee - Joe and Marge Dicton

**THURSDAY - March 4**

8:00 A.M. - Anna Zakrzewski - Our Lady's Guild

**FRIDAY - March 5**

8:00 A.M. - William Meledin - Kit and Helen

**SATURDAY - March 6**

8:00 A.M. - Raymond Kolbinger - Wilkins Family

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5:00 P.M. - Ida Culotta - Mary Jane and Lucille

**SUNDAY - March 7**

8:00 A.M. - Parishioners

9:30 A.M. - Allen Hack - Lonnie and Jack Burns

11:00 A.M. - Sherry Terraciano - Charles Montalbano

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

- Today..... Lenten Vespers - 5:00 P.M.  
Parish Steering Committee - 5:00 P.M.
- Monday..... Lifetouch Health Screening  
Quilting Group - 7:00 P.M.
- Tuesday..... Parish Cluster Meeting - 7:00 P.M.  
Adult Choir - 7:00 P.M.
- Wednesday.... Lenten Mass - 7:00 P.M.  
Our Lady's Guild - 7:30 P.M.
- Thursday..... Knights of Columbus - 7:30 P.M.
- Friday..... First Friday of the Month  
Exposition after 8:00 A.M. Mass  
Holy Hour with Benediction - 11:00 A.M.  
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 P.M.  
Renew Faith Sharing - 7:40 P.M.
- Saturday..... Junior Choir - 10:00 A.M.  
Bingo - 7:00 P.M.

**FUTURE HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH**

- March 7..... Red Cross Blood Drive  
Helping Hands Sunday  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Youth Group
- March 8..... Liturgy Committee
- March 9..... Holy Name Society
- March 11..... Senior Citizens  
Compassionate Friends
- March 14..... Baptism Class  
St. Patrick's Dinner Dance
- March 15..... Golf Committee

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT:** Ten days into Lent, and we can't wait for Easter. Maybe it's that we haven't gotten used to the fasting yet. Or maybe it's that we haven't been as good at the extra prayer we promised ourselves that we would do. Even the Church recognizes that we need a little boost to move us along. That's why we hear the Gospel of the

Transfiguration on this Second Sunday of Lent. It is just a little foretaste, an appetizer, of what Easter is to be. For those of us who are already baptized, and for those who are preparing for baptism, the image of the glorified Christ stands as a

beacon of what we are to become when we share in the fullness of the Resurrection. Paul writes to the Philippians that Christ "will change our lowly body to conform to His glorified body." That is the hope that is held out to us as we progress through Lent. In this season we unite ourselves to Christ so that we may become more like Him. But we abandon this world, looking for some far-off promise of glory. Our almsgiving, our care for the poor, is a reflection of Christ's love for everyone. When we reach out a little more this Lent (often made possible because we've decided to give something up, and so have extra available to give away) we act like Jesus, who gave up His life for us. His suffering and death on the cross found fulfillment in His resurrection from the dead. When we care for others through our own sacrifice, we are helping to transfigure their lives, letting a little bit of God's glory be seen through our transforming love. The Transfiguration reminds us what awaits us after our own suffering if we are faithful to the commands of Christ.



**CHURCH STEWARDSHIP**

- Sunday Collection \$7,061.00**
- Second Collection - \$1,503.00**
- Special Envelopes - \$1,327.00**
- Total Collection (2-21-10) - \$9,891.00**
- Number of Envelopes - 454 Issued — 1,350**

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH** is this Friday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place after the 8:00 A.M. Mass. Chapel is open for your private prayer and devotion. A Holy Hour with Benediction



begins at 11:00 A.M. Come spend some quiet, reflective time with Jesus.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** is next Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. in our Parish Hall. Would you be willing to donate a unit of blood? Your donation could save a life. The process is simple. Overall, it takes about an hour of your time. When finished, you know you have given the gift of life. Plan to stop over the Hall after Mass next weekend and donate. Thank You.



**NEW BISHOP OF SCRANTON:** We extend our congratulations to Msgr. Joseph Bambara who is now the new Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Scranton. Bishop-elect Bambara is a native son of the Diocese. Let us pray for Bishop-Elect Bambara that the Holy Spirit will inspire and strengthen him in his new duties.

**HELPING HANDS SUNDAY** is next weekend. Through your support we have given out eighty-five food baskets to the needy between Thanksgiving, Christmas and Valentine's Day. Right now we are a little short for our Easter food baskets. Any help you can give with non-perishable food items is greatly appreciated. All items are welcome, but special need this month is pancake mix, syrup and instant potatoes. God Bless You!



The High School Youth Group wishes to express its thanks to all who donated to the Annual "Souper Bowl" collection. The \$1,537.00 raised will

be distributed among the various food pantries and soup kitchens in our area. God Bless You!

**MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION (RETREAT)** is being held at Our Lady's Villa retreat house on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society, the retreat is open to all men of the parish. It gives you an opportunity to reflect on your faith and how we use our faith in our everyday lives. It's not just something we do in Church. Cost is \$35 and it includes materials and lunch. For more information or to register, call Pete DeVito at 620-1596 or Henry Matheis at 420-9648. Deadline to register is March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**"LET'S DO GREAT THINGS TOGETHER" – OUR DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:** We are still short about \$11,000.00 on our parish commitment to the Diocesan Appeal. If you haven't made a pledge, would you consider doing so today. Each year through your generosity, we have made our goal. It is our part, along with very other parish, in support of the many good things our diocese cares for, such as, Catholic and Religious Education, retired priests and seminarian education, social justice programs and soup kitchens. Let's do our part together.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

**THE SICK:** Tom Quinn, George Hammond, Peter Dunne, Ronnie Simpson, Chris Jenner, Vera Setari, Dolores Valvo, Pearl Hammond, Darren Acosta, Barbara Horvath, Virginia Foster, Kathleen Franks, Maureen and David Keller, Jim Hamill, Eleanor Kime, Michael Forzato, Suzy Urban, Joanne Jaccoud, Infant Ambrose Brown, and Salvatore and Giovanni Sereno. **LORD, HELP THEM IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.**



**SEASON OF LENT**

Jesus fasted for forty days in the desert in preparing for His sacrifice on the Cross. Can we fulfill our lenten sacrifices for forty days? Prayer is a powerful tool to help us in all aspects of our life.. Let the Lord in our hearts through prayer and see just how easy and spiritually rewarding our sacrifice could be.

**SACRIFICE BASKET** is in the vestibule of the Church.

If you need some incentive or ideas on what to sacrifice for Lent. Take a different one each week and make it a part of your lenten journey.

**LENTEN MASS** is offered every Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. Make this Mass a part of your lenten retreat.

**EVENING PRAYER/VESPERS:** Come pray and sing the Old Testament Psalms in our evening prayer. Sundays at 5:00 P.M.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** We journey with Jesus to calvary every Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. Benediction follows.

**RENEW – FAITH SHARING:** Come ponder your faith as we share our own stories of faith, reflect on the Scriptures or just listen to others. All welcome after Stations in the upper meeting room.

**CONFESSIONS – RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.; daily after the 8:00 A.M. Mass; and Wednesdays after the evening Mass.

**COIN FOLDERS:** Help support the needy by filling your coin envelopes. Money raised here supports Operation Rice Bowl to feed the world's hungry; our parish food pantry to help our local needy; and a disaster relief fund to support those hurting.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Applications are available in the Church office to High School Seniors planning to attend college in the Fall . There are two \$1,000 scholarships offered by the Fourth Degree K.of C. and two \$500 scholarships offered by O.L.V. Knights of Columbus There is a time limit on these applications, so get yours today.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE** is being sponsored by our Knights of Columbus on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 P.M. here in our parish hall. Tickets are \$13.00 each or \$25.00 per couple for a delicious and traditional corned Beef & Cabbage Irish Dinner, as well as entertainment, dancing and a lot of fun. Tickets available from any member of the Knights of Columbus or at the Church office.

**BAPTISMAL CLASS:** The next class is scheduled for Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents, if you will be attending this session, please call the Church office to register.