

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC PARISH**VOL.58 NO.10****THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT****MARCH 7, 2010**

Lent most often is referred to as “a time of renewal.” I prefer “a period of recovery.” In *A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose*, Eckhart Tolle emphasizes: “You do not become good by trying to be good, but by finding the goodness that is already within you, and allowing that goodness to emerge. But it can only emerge if something fundamental changes in your state of consciousness.” Lent offers the opportunity to recover that goodness, to allow it to surface in thought, word and action.

~ Sister Joyce Rupp

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, March 8**

6:45 AM *Geraldine Kolp (Family)*

8:00 AM *Cindy Baker (Family)*

Tuesday, March 9

6:45 AM *In Memory of Richard King and in Honor of Claire King (Daughter)*

8:00 AM *Margaret Bartolomucci (Family)*

Wednesday, March 10

6:45 AM *Steve Berchin (James and Stacy Rodgers)*

8:15 AM *John Sweet (Family)*

Thursday, March 11

6:45 AM *John and Bea Tomsho (Family)*

8:00 AM *John A. Connell (Wife, Marlene)*

Friday, March 12

6:45 AM *Mary Lou Digianantonio (Family)*

8:00 AM *Bill Brauchler (Kathleen)*

Saturday, March 13

4:00 PM *George Halter (Betty Jezewski)*

Sunday, March 14

7:15 AM *Mildred Searles (Joe and Karen Weber)*

8:45 AM *Pamela Minero (Saint Michael Sociable Seniors)*

10:30 AM *Mary Lou Digianantonio (Family)*

12:15 PM *Isidore Codispoti (Barbara Schneider)*

5:30 PM *For the People of St. Michael's Parish*
Tabernacle lamps are lit this week in memory of Robert O'Brien and in memory of the Sirpilla triplets: Nicholas, Mary Susan and Peter, requested by the Sirpilla Family.

COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2010: \$23,107.00

COLLECTION FOR MARCH 1, 2009: \$30,059.00

YEAR TO DATE 2010: \$973,576.00

YEAR TO DATE 2009: \$1,015,228.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 13-14**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Deadline for the Bulletin of March 14 is past.

Deadline for the Bulletin of March 21 is noon on Friday, March 12.

LENTEN HUNGER DRIVE

Can you help? - Please give generously to those who are in need. Your donations will benefit many families in this area. Remember in your prayers those who hunger for food, love and for God. Thank you for caring & sharing. - Social Concerns Ministry

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**MARCH 7-14****SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

8:00 AM BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS in the Parlor until 11:30 AM

8:45 AM LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

10:00 AM SACRAMENTAL MEETING, for St. Michael School second graders preparing for First Eucharist, and for their parents.

10:00 AM PSR CLASSES

10:30 AM SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

10:30 AM R.C.I.A. FIRST SCRUTINY

6:30 PM LIFE TEEN LIFE NIGHT

6:40 PM ROSARY – Chapel

7:00 PM NAMI – Center Community Room

MONDAY, MARCH 8

12:00 N SOCIABLE SENIORS will meet in the St. Michael Room. New members are welcome – call (330-493-8811).

1:00 PM LITURGY COMMITTEE – Parlor

7:00 PM PRAYER: GOD'S GIFT TO US – Fannon Center

7:00 PM MARRIAGE RENEWAL – Chapel

7:00 PM RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE – Parlor

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

8:45 AM PRAYER: GOD'S GIFT TO US – Fannon Center

6:00 PM GAZINDA KNITTERS – Fannon Center “C”

7:00 PM COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION at St. Joseph Parish in Canton.

7:00 PM A BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING, for parents who are planning Baptism for their children within the next few months, will take place in the Fannon Center. This meeting is a requirement for parents who are having their first Baptism at St. Michael's. Godparents are welcome. Baptisms are celebrated on one weekend each month, outside of the season of Lent. The next three Baptism weekends are: **April 10-11, May 8-9, June 5-6**. The next parent meeting after this one will be on **May 4**. To make arrangements for a Baptism and to register for the parent meeting, please contact Pat Berring at the parish office (330-492-3119 ext. 22) or e-mail pat@stmichaelcanton.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 PM ARCHANGEL CHOIR PRACTICE - Church

7:00 PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Rectorry

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ~ Chapel. **This week's adoration will close at 5:00 PM.**

10:00 AM ST. MICHAEL GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS will have a visual treat when Chrissy Kozey, Education Manager of Stan Hywet, comes to the St. Michael Room to present “The Gardens of Stan Hywet.” Chrissy will be speaking about the *present* history of the gardens, using slides. Certain changes have been underway. Come and see and hear about what is going on at Stan Hywet, a prize of Ohio's land use within easy driving distance – Spring *is* coming. Welcome!

5:30 PM ENSEMBLE AND LIFE TEEN music rehearsal – Church

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Thursday, March 11

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place in the Chapel. All are invited to join with the R.C.I.A. for this Lenten prayer.

7:00 PM R.C.I.A. (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) will meet in the Chapel for Stations of the Cross. The evening will continue in the Fannon Center with the topic: *The Journey to Human Wholeness/Holiness.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

7:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

5:00 PM NEW PARISHIONER DINNER – Fannon Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

8:45 AM GIRL SCOUTS will celebrate together at this Mass, in commemoration of Girl Scout Sunday.

10:00 AM SACRAMENTAL MEETING for PSR students preparing for First Eucharist and for their parents.

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GIVE GOD A SECOND THOUGHT LENTEN MISSION AT ST. MICHAEL

Got Questions? What good is God? Where am I going? Why don't prayers work? Why do some people get the best of me? Do I have to love everybody?

Come explore these and other questions in a humorous, down-to-earth manner with Paulist Father John Collins. Three days of talks will be offered, in the morning and again in the evening (come to whichever time is most convenient). An opportunity for questions and socializing will follow each talk.

Dates: **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22, 23 and 24, Morning sessions** will follow the 8:00 AM Mass. **Evening sessions** will begin at 7:00 PM. Children's mission is offered during the evening sessions.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

St. Michael Parish will offer a six-week series titled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning **Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:30 PM** in the Parlor. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us. You are welcome to accompany them yourself. For more information call Mary Bohus (330-499-9850), Mike Fenstermaker (330-280-1670) or Ginger Griesen (330-492-3119 Ext.10). Here is a comment from a past participant, "*The welcome I received made me feel I took the right first step.*"

PRAYER CHALICE VOLUNTEERS

March 6-7	The Sliman Family
March 13-14	St. Michael School
March 20-21	St. Michael School
March 27-28	Fred and Carol Clark

MAKE IT HAPPEN!!

Water is such a necessity for life, but we take it for granted.

It cleans our dishes, clothes and bodies.

It nourishes our plants, crops and children.

Without a continuing supply, we would die.

We freely use water to rinse salt from our cars.

It is the largest ingredient in our carbonated beverages and specialty coffees.



Help us dig a well to provide precious water where it is needed. If you can offer up your pop and coffee for a week or two during Lent and donate the amount you did NOT spend, your help will support your Social Concerns Committee in bringing the blessings of water to those with the greatest need. Make it happen, please.

“WALKING WITH FARM WORKERS AND IMMIGRANTS: CHALLENGES AND GIFTS FOR OUR NATION”

The Social Concerns Committee will host Sr. Karen Bernhardt, HM at our monthly meeting. Sr. Karen is the National Coordinator for the Catholic Migrant Farmworkers Network, an organization founded in 1986, aimed to focusing on rural workers who may not receive the same attention as those in urban areas. This network is part of a program known as “People on the Move”, an outreach of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. Sister will give a presentation entitled “Walking with Farm Workers & Immigrants: Challenges and Gifts for Our Nation”. Please join us at 7:00 PM for this presentation in the Fannon Center on the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17th. What a way to honor the memory of St. Patrick, a great missionary, who preached to “foreigners” most of his life!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

TO NURSING HOMES AND THE HOMEBOUND

If you have a PYX that you are no longer using, would you please return it to the vesting sacristy? We are missing some, especially the large ones. Thank you.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

As a witness for life, there is a peaceful and prayerful vigil at the Planned Parenthood on Cleveland Avenue in Canton from February 17 till March 28, 2010. Would you please consider joining our Respect Life committee as we staff the hours of 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. each Tuesday? There is a sign-up poster in the gathering space if you would like to sign up. If another time is more convenient for you, you may show your support for life by attending at any time. Please call Glenn Kerr (330-499-0430) if you have any questions.

Life Teen Events

March 7th

5:30 Liturgy & Life Night

Retreat Planning 4:-00-5:15

March 14th

5:30 Liturgy & Life Night

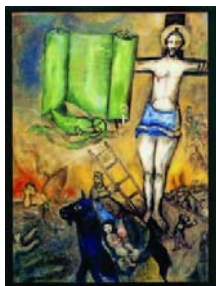
Retreat Planning 4:-00-5:15

Permission Slips due for Spring Retreat

March 28th

5:30 Liturgy & Life Night

Recycle responsibly ~ use the recycling bins!



Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 11

7:00 PM ~ Chapel

This form of Stations of the Cross will include scripture, reflection, prayers and images to help connect us and our lives with the last events before the death of Jesus.

Please accept this invitation, not only to take part in this Lenten prayer, but also to meet and support members of this year's RCIA, whom we will welcome into the Church at Easter.

St. Michael's Thursday Evening Prayer Series

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Attention Girl Scouts and Girl Scout Alumnae: Girl Scout Sunday will be held on **March 14th**. The Scouts will celebrate together at our **8:45 AM Mass**. All Girl Scouts and Alumnae are invited to attend. Please RSVP Mrs. Elfrieda Londeree (330-313-4710) if you and/or your troop will attend. All Girl Scouts and Leader(s) participating should meet in uniform in the Gathering Space prior to Mass. All Girl Scouts are welcome.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE LOVERS

Troop 771 Girl Scouts will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after all Masses on March 13 & 14. Cost is \$3.50 per box. All varieties will be available for immediate purchase and enjoyment. We thank you for supporting our Parish Troop.

ATTENTION MEN

On Saturday, March 20, Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio will sponsor the annual "Answer the Call" conference at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron. Father Larry Richards and Ralph Martin are the featured speakers. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, closing Mass with Bishop Murry, music, lunch, a table with 1,000 donuts and much more await you. For more information or to register log on to www.cmfneo.com.

SUNDAY DINNER AT ST. JAMES

St. James Parish, 400 West Lisbon Street in Waynesburg, is having a Stuffed Pork Chop or Spaghetti and Meat Ball Dinner **TODAY** (Sunday) from **11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Cost is \$8.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children, which includes salad, dessert, roll and drink. Carry-outs are available; craft items will be for sale.

RESPECT LIFE

The Second Vatican Council reminded the entire Church that we are to be a leaven for the world's transformation. ... Recently, we have tried to be such a leaven in the debate about health care. It is not for us to speak to particular means of delivering health care; it is our responsibility, however, to insist, as a moral voice concerned with human solidarity, that everyone should be cared for and that no one should be deliberately killed.

~ Cardinal Francis George, *Presidential Address to General Meeting of U.S. bishops, Nov. 16, 2009*

Praying the Psalms During Lent

Often, it seems, our focus is upon the First Reading, the Second Reading and the Gospel of each Sunday's liturgy, and not so much upon the Psalms. This Lent, St. Michael's Liturgy Committee is offering a weekly reflection on the Psalm of each Sunday, which appears in the bulletin of the preceding weekend.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Psalm 34 (2-7)

I will bless the LORD at all times;
praise shall be always in my mouth.
My soul will glory in the LORD
that the poor may hear and be glad.

Magnify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.
I sought the LORD, who answered me,
delivered me from all my fears.

Look to God that you may be radiant with joy
and your faces may not blush for shame.
In my misfortune I called, the LORD heard
and saved me from all distress.

Reflection

Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord

A Bible that Abraham Lincoln used while in the White House falls open easily to Psalm 34. A smudge in the margin shows where the president's thumb rested as he meditated on it often.

On one occasion David escaped capture by pretending to be mad. Jewish tradition links Psalm 34 to that episode in his life. *1 Samuel 21:14* At one point in his ministry, Jesus was so overworked that he was finding it impossible to eat. "When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.'" *Mark 3:21*

When you are overtaxed and overworked, how do you keep your sanity? Discuss this problem with Jesus, who had to deal with it often.

*(Adapted from The Psalms for Today:
Praying an Old Book in a New Way by Mark Link, SJ)*



We must remember the original meaning of Lent, as the *ver sacrum*, the church's "holy spring" in which the catechumens were prepared for their baptism, and public penitents were made ready by penance for their restoration to the sacramental life in a communion with the rest of the church. Lent is then not a season of punishment so much as one of healing.

~ Thomas Merton

THE SEASON OF LENT
2010



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
The Way of the Cross 7:30 PM

Friday, March 12th

Living Stations 8:00 PM

Saint Michael School Students

Friday, March 19th

Friday, March 26th

LENTEN MISSION

“Give God a Second Thought”

Father John Collins

March 22, 23, 24

8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Children’s Mission each night during adult presentations

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St. Michael Parish ~Tuesday, March 16 ~ 7:00 PM

St. Joseph Parish, Canton ~ Tuesday, March 9 ~ 7:00 PM

St. Joan of Arc Parish ~ Wednesday, March 24 ~ 7:00 PM

Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Monday, March 29 – 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM / 4:30 to 5:30 PM

Wednesday, March 30 – 4:30 to 5:30 PM / 7:00 to 8:00 PM

None after Wednesday, March 31.

The regular schedule for Reconciliation will resume
on Saturday, April 10 – 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

THE EASTER TRIDUUM
THE THREE DAYS

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER at 7:30 PM

Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:40 to 11:00 PM in the Chapel / Vespers at 10:40 PM



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION

3:00 PM and 7:00 PM



HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Blessing of Easter Foods and Baskets at 1:30 PM

in the Chapel

EASTER VIGIL MASS at 8:30 PM

*The Easter Vigil begins outdoors, in the Labyrinth Garden,
with the Service of Light.*

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 4

Masses at 7:15 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM

There will be no 5:30PM Mass on Easter Sunday.

There will be no 6:45 AM Mass on Monday, April 5.

VILLA MARIA FARM

TAKING ORDERS FOR EASTER AND SPRING FLOWERS

The Villa Maria Farm, a ministry of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, is taking orders now for Easter and Spring flowers. Choose from Easter Lilies, Hydrangeas, Hyacinths, Tulips, Daffodils, Mums, Azaleas, Peace Lilies, Begonias, Cyclamens and Gerbera Daisies. The Farm can guarantee orders and colors of Easter flowers through Friday, March 19. Flowers can be picked up at the Farm Greenhouse from Monday, March 29 through Thursday, April 1. All sales for the Farm go to support the mission of donating great organic food to the local poor. The Villa Farm Produce Market Barn is located on the grounds of Villa Maria Community Center, 1 mile east of the Ohio State line off Rt. 422 in Villa Maria, Pennsylvania. Turn on to Evergreen Road, go 1 mile south and follow the signs. For more information, call John Moreira (724-964-8920 ext. 3385) or go to www.humilityofmary.com/shoppe-produce.

A Good Appetite

Fasting is not an isolated discipline, but one of a trinity of holy practices: Prayer. Fasting. Almsgiving. Each of these gives support and meaning to the others. Prayer befriends the soul. It re-fixes our sacred purpose and turns us toward the tasks at hand. Fasting befriends the body — which is to say that the body is good, very good, and worthy of whatever form our fasting must take. Almsgiving befriends our neighbor with whom we share what we might otherwise have hoarded.

To fast, accompanied by prayer and almsgiving, is to be healed. Fasting is good for the body, the “body politic,” and the “mystical body.” Fasting helps to make the body whole.

Fasting is necessary now if we are ever to enjoy feasting. A good appetite allows us to enjoy the earthly gifts that we have been given. So fasting is not so much a deprecation of the flesh, but a sharpening of earthly joys. The Talmud says: “One will have to give an account on the judgment day of every good thing which one might have enjoyed — and did not.” Fasting helps us savor God’s goodness.



Spring Retreat

Peer-to-Peer
Put on by teens for teens!

When: March 20 & 21
Where: Camp Y-Noah
Who: High School Teens
Cost: \$30.00 per student

Transportation by parents.
Arriving Saturday March 20th at 9:00AM
Departing Sunday March 21st at 3:00PM
Life Teen Mass at 5:30 in Church

Activities include: Night Hike, Archery, BB, Canoe, and Wall.

Price includes: 1 night stay, all meals, complimentary tee-shirt and 2 camp activities. Trail ride on horseback is an additional \$15.00.

Reservations: Permission slip & fee must be returned by Sunday March 14th.