

MARCH 22, 2009

Stewardship News!

The St. Rita sponsored Boy Scout Troop 163, Cub Pack 163 and Girl Scouts Troops are featured on Stewardship Board for the month of March. These groups have put up individual exhibits of the troops to share their mission and outings with the parish. If you would like more information on any of these organizations please leave your name in the parish office and you will be contacted.

Stewardship . . . Live It!

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OPERATION RICE BOWL PRAYER

Loving Father, During this Lenten season I lift up my voice to you. Instill in my heart the desire to hear your voice in the voices of the poor, your people. Bless my Prayer,

Fasting, Learning, and Giving in this season of grace. May these actions answer the call to bring justice to our world. Amen

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EASTER CANDY SALE

Our St. Rita Society will hold their annual candy sale in the greeting area after all Masses until they're sold out! Chocolate bunnies are \$3.00 each and delicious Mint-Melt-Aways will be sold for \$2.00 per box. Proceeds will be used for St. Rita Society Outreach Projects.

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**PARISH
EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Sunday, April 5
from 1:00-3:00
in the Parish Center Gym**

The Youth Group is hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt for all children of the parish ages 1-11. Please pick up a registration form in the back of church. The "entrance fee" is 12 small plastic eggs and one (1) small bag of candy along with your registration form. **Please return your form and "fee" to the parish office no later than Friday, March 27.**

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Communal Celebrations of Reconciliation

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 9:30 am
TUESDAY, MARCH 31 7:00 pm

INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES

For the Celebration of Reconciliation

Every Saturday in Lent 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Tuesday, March 24 4:30 – 5:30 pm

HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD



Each year many seniors within our Diocese have an opportunity to be nominated for the Hands of Christ award. The senior nominated has to consistently demonstrate a Christian attitude by word and example, actively participate in their parish, school and/or community, be a positive role model to their peers and be a practicing Roman Catholic. On Monday, March 16, I had the privilege of celebrating at St. Joseph's in Penfield, this prestigious honor with 17 seniors from our parish and their families. Please join me, Mary Jo DiNoto congratulating the following seniors for their outstanding efforts:

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| Daniela Albano | Victoria Alfieri |
| Kristina Boccardo | Mark Butto |
| Laura Casper | Michelle DiRaimo |
| Susan Loeb | Andrew Pawluk |
| Megan Samuelson | Christina Smith |
| Melissa Stadler | Megan Tait |
| Lauren Tatanus | Christopher Topping |
| Frank Torchia | Alexander Verneti |
| Michael Weatherspoon | |

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**From the desk of Mary Jo DiNoto, Youth Minister
671-1100 ext. 18 or mdinoto@dor.org**



All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome in getting together with other youth who share their faith and want to have fun together. **Check our website at www.saintrita.org** for more information and events.

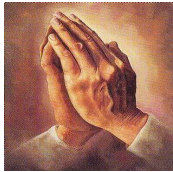
Friday, March 27 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Fish Fry Bake Sale in the Gym. Thank you for supporting our Youth.

Would you like to help out children less fortunate? Well here's your chance... please bring your gently used or new **children's books** to church the next two weekends. There will be a bin set up in the greeting area. The books will be donated to a school in the city through the Scott Spino Foundation. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

**SUNG EVENING PRAYER
for Palm / Passion Sunday**

**Sunday, April 5
at 4:00pm in Church**

Join together in Church for this wonderful opportunity to reflect on music and readings for Passion (Palm) Sunday, led by an a capella vocal ensemble.



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

Among the intentions for those who gather for the Eucharist this week will be:

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009

7:00AM ARTHUR WILBERT – Gladys Hickey & Family
9:15AM ART YAEGER – Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009

9:15AM DOROTHY ZOYACK – George & Kim Havilla

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

9:15AM ST. RITA SCHOOL MASS - All are Welcome!
FOR OUR SCHOOL BENEFACTORS
LIVING AND DECEASED – St. Rita School
11:00AM MASS AT BAYWINDE (Sage Harbor)

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009

7:00AM SARAH LAMBIASE – Richard & Rita Johnson
9:15AM FRANCIS TRABOLD – The Rogers Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009

9:15AM ROSE DUNN – Patty & Joe Janiak

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009

5:00PM MAX BARBEAU – The Wynne Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

7:30AM ROBERT STEIN –
Tom Garney, Jim Michels & Ray Zimmer
9:00AM ELEANOR DE MANNO –
Bill & Ruby Morganti
10:30AM ANGELO & NANCY MORETTI –
Bob & Dee Crowell

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
in loving memory of Clement Hilberer**

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As part of our Spirit Alive! Initiative throughout the diocese we are focusing on the Gospel of Mark

**For the week of March 22
Read the Gospel of Mark Chapter 15**

Mk 15-41 Have your actions ever been mocked because you are a disciple of Jesus? Have you ever sat with someone who is dying? What was it like? How do you feel when you attend funerals and burials? What does Jesus' death mean to you?

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HAVE YOU BEEN AWAY? ~ Contribution envelopes and year-end tax statements have been returned to the parish office for those who have been "Temporarily Away". If you were away and did not receive these please call the parish office at 671-1100.

Pastor's Perspective



In today's Opening Prayer, we pray: "Father of Peace we are joyful in your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ, who reconciles us to you. Let us hasten toward Easter with the eagerness of faith and love".

One of the purposes of Lent is to make adjustments, to question our attitude towards sin. Am I compromising? Am I being too easy in breaking God's law? Is my way of life too exclusive worldly? What are my values; what is really important? . . . We look forward already to the celebration of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There comes a point in that ceremony when we shall note we have come to the end of our Lenten observances and it is good at that moment to be able to look back and say: Yes, I did do my best this Lent in preparation for this great feast of Easter.

Cardinal Hume

In ancient times this was known as 'Laetare Sunday' ~ "Rejoice Sunday", because we are at the exact center of the six weeks of Lent. It gives us joy but it also reminds us to remember the plan we drew up for ourselves in our "little black book" and ask ourselves, how we're doing? Do we need to re-adjust and renew our efforts to truly come to a change of heart this Lent? Are we listening to the God who speaks to us in all of life – in all of creation.

Grant us, O Lord, the grace to remain alert in your service, to be ready to meet you in people and events of this life, and to meet you at last in the kingdom.

Happy Lent,

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PARTICIPANTS ARE NEEDED FOR THE PROCESSIONS ON PALM SUNDAY

People are needed to carry banners and palm fans. If you would like to be part of a procession, please sign up in the narthex. Singles and Families are most welcome!

PLANS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 22, 2009

SUNDAY 3/22

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 3/23

No Faith Formation Classes

TUESDAY 3/24

No Faith Formation Classes

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3

1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3

3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 3/25

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

9:00-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 3/26

7:00-9:00pm Scripture Study Group 2 – Rm 1

FRIDAY 3/27

12:30-1:30pm Eucharistic Chapel is Open

5:00-7:00pm Fish Dinner – Gym

7:00-7:45pm Family Stations of the Cross – Church

SATURDAY 3/28

9:30am Communal Penance Service – Church

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend March 14 & 15		
Last Week	Weekly Goal for Mar. 2009	Variance
\$14,069	\$14,900	-\$831
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$554,419	\$573,400	-\$18,981
(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)		
Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment		\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of March 1, 2009		\$187,276
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!		



BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

Join us in the parish center for a delicious breakfast on Sunday mornings! We offer a "Special" and a full traditional breakfast menu as well!

Next Week's special: Cinnamon Swirl French Toast served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Served every Friday during Lent
5:00-7:00 PM in the Parish Center

Fried or Baked Haddock are available as well as **Cheese Pizza** for those who do not care for fish! Fish dinners include coleslaw, french fries and a roll ~ \$8 for adults and \$7 for Seniors. Children's portions are available for \$4. **Come in for great sit down table service or take out.**

BIBLE READINGS:

- 22 Sun **4th Sunday of Lent** 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21
- 23 Mon Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13 Jn 4:43-54
- 24 Tue Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 5:1-16
- 25 Wed **The Annunciation of the Lord** Is 7:10-14;8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
- 26 Thu Ex 32:7-14 ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47
- 27 Fri Wis 2:1a,12-22 Ps 34:17-21,23 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
- 28 Sat Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3,9-12 Jn 7:40-53
- 29 Sun **5th Sunday of Lent** Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4,12-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED

Next Weekend ~ March 28 & 29

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Erin Hasso, Christina Smith, Mary Martellotta

Sunday, 7:30am:

Nick Rieger, Michael Hohl, Sam Dauria

Sunday, 9:00am:

Alex Verneti, Jack Meisenzahl, Tim Bruno

Sunday, 10:30am:

Jimmy Marton, Brandon Fersaci, Nick Gaglio

SACRISTAN: Week of March 22 Tom Marton

LINENS: Week of March 29 Joan Ferland

Liturgy ~ To, With, By and For Young people!

Sunday, March 22 at 5:00pm St. Paul's

All are welcome! Kids, parents, grandparents, friends, siblings and everybody else are invited to this liturgy and light supper after. Bring a dish to pass if you like. RSVP if you can to youthmass@rocketmail.com but if you don't get a chance to, come anyway! Tell us how many people you hope to bring, whether or not you can stay for supper and if you're bringing a dish to pass. All middle school, high school and college-age youth are invited to stick around after supper for CrossRoads' youth group meeting - games, discussions, prayer & music. If you are a young person interested in helping with liturgical ministries- musicians, lectors, ushers/hospitality, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, dancers, please call or e-mail Nora 585-957-3376 or Bradbury-Haehl@dor.org

Thank you to everyone who donated toiletries and baby items for Mercy Residence. We collected 12 boxes of items and St. Rita Society appreciates the support of the parish through this outreach project.

Did You Know? Our bulletin is available each week on-line at www.saintrita.org – check it out!