

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Jerry Ranney, Nancy Finneran, Michael Whyte, Marilyn Greene, Carol Higgins, Christine Money, Joann Coughlin, Barbara (Rhodes) Dillon, Ann Shroyer, Albert Scarpitti, Joni Dray, Janice Holtschulte, Lew Lindner, Maggie Cosgrove, Patsy Davis, Rosie Crego, Kenny Quinn, Mildred & Marlene Parsley, Madelyn Radich, Tom & Helen Moore, Nichola Storey, Don & Rita Schooley, Mary Jo & Shannon Patke, Karen Roberts, Teresa Dimel, Michelle Stover, John Davis, Amy Manning, William Foley, Kathy Maxwell, Mary Kulp, Thomas Knight, Sue Keeler, Elizabeth Guy, Eleanor Lelonek, Alan Wiseman, Frances McNulty, Ken Miller, Kathleen Foley, Joann Colopy, Pam Moine, Dotty Kelly, Marge Foley, Nick Hayes, Marge Casey, Gene Catlett & Michelle Martin.

From the pastor...

I can't believe Lent is already here! Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday, a day for consuming what is left of fat in the house to prepare for a "skinny" Lenten diet. Some families eat pancakes on that day. My family, coming from Poland, ate donuts filled with dried apricots, prunes, or cherries. I noticed that Kroger is now selling those favorites, though I think they fill them with jelly.

If we all try to make a good spiritual Lent this year, the whole parish will benefit. Please pick up a copy of the Lenten Schedule at the church doors.

We are having a breakfast and educational video series, by Bishop Robert Barron [the same man who produced *Catholicism*], after the 8:15 a.m. Mass on March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4. The series is called *Pivotal Players* and explores the lives of St. Francis, St. Thomas Aquinas, Bl. John Henry Newman, St. Catherine of Siena, G.K. Chesterton, and Michelangelo. Volume II of the series is in the works.

On four Saturday evenings of Lent, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, we will share appetizers of wine and cheese as we watch the four part series, *From Jesus to Christ*, which explores the development of our understanding of the identity of Christ.

We continue afternoon Way of the Cross on Fridays of Lent. We are expanding our Friday evening Way of the Cross to include Adoration starting at 6:30, Stations at 7:00.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Masses will be at 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at those Masses. Be sure to look at the tables at the doors for Lenten material. There is something for everyone!

Spring Cleanup – St. Joseph, Resurrection, Holy Cross and Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemeteries will begin removing wintertime decorations beginning March 6, weather permitting. Families are advised to remove any personal keepsakes they wish to retain as soon as possible.

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
Matthew 4:1-11

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**Saturday, February 25****Vigil: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Linda Olvera – Judy Rahe

Sunday, February 26 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Eugene Jaquay – Tim Ferguson

11:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Monday, February 27 – Weekday

8:15 a.m. Dan Weisenbach – VanTilburg Family

7:00 p.m. One-year Anniversary of Death (2-25-16)
John Rahe

Tuesday, February 28 – Weekday

8:15 a.m. Phyllis & George "Mike" Kelley –
Rose Harner

Wednesday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m. Margaret Radich – Mary Benedetto

7:00 p.m. Albert Scales – Marilyn Radich

Thursday, March 2 – Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m. Sue Weilbacher – Joe Gerardi & Family

Friday, March 3 – Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m. Donato Grilli – K of C #13581

Saturday, March 4 – First Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Sheila & Angelo Cipriano – Cipriano Family

Sunday, March 5 – First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Vincent Susi – Jan & Roger Ries

11:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Sunday, February 26**

10:10 a.m. Bible study

7:00 p.m. RCIA

Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday

Masses & Ashes at 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, March 2

6:00-8:00 p.m. ESL Class

6:30 p.m. PREP

Friday, March 3 –**First Friday – Communion to Our Shut-ins**

2:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Adoration, Confessions

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday, March 4

10:00 a.m. Candidate/Sponsor Workshop at
St. Agnes

The Bishop Ready Theatre Department is staging the comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace." It's not too late to catch the Sunday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. showing. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$9.00 for those 65+, and \$8.00 for students. Fourteen Ready students will take the stage in this farce about two spinster aunts, their nephew, his fiancée, and older gentlemen who keep disappearing.

Ministers are still needed for Ash Wednesday, March 1st, at 7:00 p.m. Mass. Sign-up sheet is in the gathering space or call the rectory office.

Liturgical Ministers for Ash Wednesday, March 1

8:15 a.m. Mass School Staff & Students
7:00 p.m.

Servers: Evan Gruber, **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Readers: **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Greeters: **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Eucharistic Ministers: * Rick & Janet Schirtzinger,
Evan & Paula Gruber, Tamara Francone,
Denny Shonebarger

Liturgical Ministers Schedules

Servers for Weekday, February 27-March 3

Hannah Bailey, Cheyenne Blackburn,
Allison Perez-Santamaria

Saturday, March 4, 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Josh & Abigail Conturo, Baily Warren

Readers: Roberta Lindner, Lisa Cipriano

Greeters: Tony Swaneck, Bobbi Lindner

Eucharistic Ministers: * Judy Hammond, Baily Warren,
Gretchen & Josh Conturo, need volunteer

Sunday, March 5, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade, Cael, Cullen & Conlan Dent

Readers: Carole Marsh, Jane Thomas

Greeters: Patrick Stumpp, Rick Schirtzinger,
David Creighton

Eucharistic Ministers: * Jan Ries, Cade Dent,
Brian Montgomery, Dick Rammel, Greg Smith,
Jim & Dee Slee, Kathy Puccetti, need volunteer

Sunday, March 5, 11:00 a.m.

Servers: Tony Puccetti, Wesley Rowe, Mila Gerardi

Readers: Charles Rowe, Paul Puccetti

Greeters: Joe Regan, Nancy & Jack Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: * Jack & Nancy Smith,
Martha Shannon, Joe & Brian Regan, Andrew &
Charles Rowe, Karin Carrier, need volunteer

Servers for Weekday, March 6-10

Dominique Brown, Abigail Conturo,
Elizabeth Duarte-Cabrera

Counters: Foley, Moine, Miller

Altar Linens: Linda Jewell

Hospitality Committee: Knights of Columbus

Please join us for Bishop Campbell's regional talk presented in our area at **Bishop Ready on Thursday, March 16, 2017, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** All are welcome. In his presentation, "**God's Creation, Our Common Home**" Bishop Campbell will reflect on the encyclical, *Laudato Si*, which speaks of our relationship with God through creation. He will touch on the social, environmental, and moral issues facing all creatures of God. The Bishop will address the suffering caused by the opiate addiction crisis. We are entrusted with God's gift of life, life for all, which requires valuing, care, and protection. The Bishop's message will help families explore, embrace, study, share, and act on the true beauty and grandeur of God's gift to us. After Bishop Campbell's talk, there will be an opportunity for questions and a panel will be present to help provide answers and information. This presentation is suitable for high school and middle school students and parents are urged to attend with their children. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Columbus West Deanery.

| Parish and School Expense | February 18 & 19 |
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| (net of tuition and cost reimbursement) | \$ 6,516.00 |
| Regular Sunday Collection – # of Env. <u>93</u> | \$ 3,518.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 4,010.00 |
| Children Sunday Collection – # of Env. <u>8</u> | \$ 4.00 |
| Other Parish Income | \$ 202.00 |
| Net | + \$1,218 .00 |
| Net Month-to-date | - \$ 972 .00 |
| Net Fiscal Year 2016-2017-to-date | +\$ 9,129.00 |

The proceeds of Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to JOIN, which operates under Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Columbus. JOIN provides emergency assistance to the poor and vulnerable of Franklin and surrounding counties in the form of food, prescription help, utilities, infant needs, identification papers, transportation, eyeglasses, burial assistance, senior items and referrals to other service providers.

Next weekend will be the Diocesan collection for **Black and Indian Missions**. Please place your envelope in at the regular collection.

FOOD PANTRY – Next weekend, March 4 and 5, is the first weekend in March and time for the collection of nonperishable items for our SMM Food Pantry. This month, the need is for both food and nonfood items. They are toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo (no conditioner, please, we have lots), soup, macaroni products, spaghetti sauce, and canned tuna fish. As always, whatever you can provide will be appreciated. Thanks for always thinking of others.

Spring sports signups for boys and girls, grades 4-8, are going on until Thursday, March 2nd. Forms are available at the Church or School Office this week and at PREP with Mrs. Oddi. Sports offered are Boys Baseball and Girls Softball. **Boys and Girls Track and Field** is being offered by OLPH, Grove City. To sign up for track, contact Rich Green at 614-365-1480. This is a combined Track team of OLPH, SMM, St. Cecilia and Trinity.

THIS WEEKEND

10:10 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. RCIA