

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Richard Justus, Frank Fusca, Rosie Crego, Jim Shroyer, John Holocher, Deacon Rick Martin, Mary Margaret Gerlach, Pat Foley, Marianne Martin, Debbie Green Bryant, John Davis, Doris Fahrenbach, John Fahrenbach, Roger Wright, Nancy Finneran, Marilyn Greene, Christine Money, Barbara (Rhodes) Dillon, Ann Shroyer, Albert Scarpitti, Joni Dray, Janice Holtschulte, Lew Lindner, Maggie Cosgrove, Patsy Davis, Kenny Quinn, Mildred & Marlene Parsley, Tom & Helen Moore, Nichola Storey, Don & Rita Schooley, Mary Jo & Shannon Patke, Amy Manning, William Foley, Kathy Maxwell, Thomas Knight, Sue Keeler, Elizabeth Guy, Alan Wiseman, Ken Miller, Joann Colopy, Pam Moine, Dotty Kelly, Marge Foley, Nick Hayes, Marge Casey, Gene Catlett & Michelle Martin.

From the pastor...

Lent starts this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. Masses including the Distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. with the schoolchildren, and at 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat for Catholics aged 14 and older. It is a day of fasting for those between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting means having only one full meal, with a collation, that is, a small amount of food, at breakfast time and again either around midday or in the evening, depending upon when you choose to have your full meal, for lunch or for your evening meal. The Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat.

The obligation to observe these days of penance, as a whole or substantially, is a serious one. Even though, we should not be scrupulous about individual days. In other words, if you forget and grab a hamburger on a Friday of Lent, or perhaps join non-Catholic friends for dinner, which includes meat, don't burden your conscience. There are many ways of practicing penance.

We could look at penance as spiritual conditioning exercises. We are responsible for discipline ourselves and writing rules for ourselves that will help us develop our character, our moral judgment, and our holiness. The Church encourages and guides us in this task in the season of Lent.

Thank-you from UNBOUND – I carried home with me fond memories of your beautiful parish community at St. Mary Magdalene. Most importantly, I returned home with many sponsorship forms – meaning that there are many more children, youth, and elderly who will have a brighter future. Those sponsoring them will make new friends. My thanks to Father Stan Benecki for inviting UNBOUND to your parish and to all of you for your gracious hospitality. If you didn't become a sponsor over the weekend but still wish to, you can do so by using the UNBOUND bulletin insert, by going online at UNBOUND.org or by calling 800-875-6564 to sponsor. Thank you on behalf of the newly sponsored and thanks for the great experience at St. Mary Magdalene. Sincerely, Fr. Justin Reis

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, February 10 –

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Gene Lauber – Tony Swaneck

Sunday, February 11 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Special Intention of Dobias Family –
Montgomery Family

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

Monday, February 12 – Weekday

8:15 a.m. Albert Scales – Stephanie, Kim, Amy,
Dianne & Marjorie

7:00 p.m. Intention of Celebrant

Tuesday, February 13 – Weekday

8:15 a.m. David Benecki – Joe & Betty Reagan

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m. Russell Bonneville – Joe & Betty Regan

7:00 p.m. Jane Mitchell – Rose Murnane

Thursday, February 15 – Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m. Larry Jackson – Joe Gerardi Family

Friday, February 16 – Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m. Donato Grilli – Mary Benedetto

Saturday, February 17 – Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. 12th Anniversary of Death of Frank Yonadi –
Debbie Yonadi

Sunday, February 18 – First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Mary Magdalene Parish

11:00 a.m. Harry Koors – John & Mary Ann Graham

Liturgical Ministers Schedules

Servers for Weekday, February 12-16

Paul Martello, Allison Perez-Santamaria

Saturday, February 17 – 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Jeremiah & Jonas Happ

Readers: David Gruber, Rusty Bonneville

Greeters: Tony Swaneck, Rusty Bonneville, Gloria Angelo

Eucharistic Ministers: * Jeremiah & Jonas Happ,

Kelly Martin, Judy Hammond, Gloria Angelo, need volunteer

Sunday, February 18 – 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Amy & Michelle Vanegas, Audrey Klosterman

Readers: Dick Rammel, Pat Foley

Greeters: Rick Schirtzinger, David Creighton,

Patrick Stumpp, David Doane

Eucharistic Ministers: *Carole Marsh, Audrey,

Rae & Jeff Kloterman, Stephenie VanTilburg,

Maggie Shroyer, Celeste Doane, Andrea Lumiere

Sunday, February 18 – 11:00 a.m.

Servers: Charlie Conley, Kyle Ferko, Bailey Wright

Readers: Lou Luther, Nancy Smith

Greeters: Joe Regan, Jack & Nancy Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: * Steve & Debbie Llaneza,

Dawn & Charlie Conley, Martha Shannon,

Keri Whitmer, Kyle & Rick Ferko, need volunteer

Servers for Weekday, February 19-23

Wilmer Pacheco, Wesley Rowe

Counters: Carrier, Davis. Marsh

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Sunday, February 11 – World Marriage Day Celebration**

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

Monday, February 12

Eucharistic Holy Hour after 8:15 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Mass and Ashes
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, February 15

6:00-8:00 p.m. ESL
6:30 p.m. PREP

Friday, February 16

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, February 17

Women's Catholic Conference
Lenten Series after 4:00 p.m. Mass

Parish and School Expense (net of tuition and cost reimbursement)	February 3 & 4 \$ 6,516.00
Regular Sunday Collection – Number of Envelopes: 99	\$ 5,061.00
Online Giving \$ -----	
Children Sunday Collection – Number of Envelopes: 3	\$ 6.00
Other Parish Income	\$ 92.00
Net	-\$ 1,357.00
Net Month-to-date	-\$ 1,357.00
Net Fiscal Year 2017-2018-to-date	+\$ 8,156.00
St. Vincent De Paul was \$201.00.	

Proceeds of the Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to JOIN. JOIN operates under Catholic Charities of the Columbus Diocese. JOIN provides emergency assistance to the poor and vulnerable throughout the diocese. This assistance may be in the form of food, life-sustaining medications, utilities, infant needs, birth certificates, transportation, eyeglasses, burial assistance, senior needs, referrals, personal care/household items and more.

Catholic Times only \$17.00. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*.

Umpire classes for Baseball or softball start February 26, 6:00 p.m., at SMM School. Cost: \$130.00. Go to www.ohsa.org to register. Credit card required. For information, call Julius Palazzo at 614-276-9373.

Sign-ups for spring sports (baseball, softball, and track) is now through February 23. Sign-up forms available at school, Church Office or at Prep. Open to grades 4 to 8.

SMM skating party – Friday, February 16, 5:00-7:30 p.m. at Skate America Grove City. Tickets on sale: \$3.00 at school, \$4.00 at door.

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Lenten Series

Bishop Robert Barron's "Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness." God calls each of us to become a saint, and He's ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based program: *"Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness."* The first path is "Finding the Center in Christ;" the second is "Knowing You Are a Sinner" and then the third, "Realizing Your Life is Not About You." **On Saturday, February 17, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass**, our parish will begin this **five-week** program – the *Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness* program. We will meet in the church basement, and each session will last about an hour. Refreshments and appetizers will be available. To find out more information, please contact Cindy Oddi at 614-551-0338.

Bishop Robert Barron's "Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues." Pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony and lust: these "seven deadly sins" are patterns of dysfunction that keep us separated from God and ultimately lead to unhappiness. Join us as we embark on Fr. Robert Barron's exploration of these seven sinful patterns and also learn how practicing countervailing virtues can break the cycle of sin. **On Tuesday, February 20, following the 8:15 a.m. Mass**, our parish will begin this **four-week** program – the *Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues* program. We will meet in the church basement and each session will last about an hour. A continental breakfast will be available. To find out more information, please contact Cindy Oddi at 614-551-0338.

Book Sale Donations Needed – Thanks to your overwhelming response to our call for donations, we have received thousands of excellent quality books for our first annual SMM Book and Media Sale, set for March 4th. While we probably do not need any more books, we are still accepting donations of other media items throughout the month of February. Please bring to church with you music CDs (no cassettes, please), movies (DVDs only), board games and jigsaw puzzles and place inside the main church doors. After the 11:00 a.m. Mass each week, committee members are taking donations downstairs to the Church Hall and sorting them. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Nancy and Jack Smith at (614) 871-3248.

Catholic teens in grades 9-12 in the Diocese are invited to a day of music, inspiration, making new friends, and celebrating our Catholic faith with Bishop Campbell. Bishop Campbell strongly encourages participation by all high school-aged youth from the Diocese. The DCYC will be hosted by St. Cecilia Parish, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Saturday, March 3. The theme is "Rise to Joy." Bishop Campbell and Bob Rice will be keynote presenters. Workshops covering various topics, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and small group discussions will be offered. Advanced registration is required by February 16. The cost is \$50.00 and includes lunch, dinner, and a T-shirt. For more information and registration forms, visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/dcyc>.

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