

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

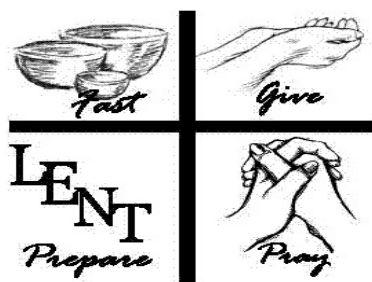
Richard Justus, Frank Fusca, Rosie Crego, Jim Shroyer, John Holoher, Deacon Rick Martin, Mary Margaret Gerlach, Pat Foley, Marianne Martin, Debbie Green Bryant, John Davis, Doris Fahrenbach, John Fahrenbach, Roger Wright, Nancy Finneran, Marilyn Greene, Christine Money, Barbara (Rhodes) Dillon, Ann Shroyer, 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...

Francis X. Weiser tells us in his classic book, **Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs**, that in most European languages the name for the Lenten season comes from the word for “forty days”: Quadragesima in Latin and Tessarakoste in Greek, Carême in French. It is Fastenzeit, or “fasting time” in German, Nagy-böjt, or “Great Fast” in Hungarian, and Sawm al-Kabar, or “Big Fast” in Arabic. Interestingly, on the island of Malta, Christians use the Moslem term Randan or Ramadan for Lent.

Our modern English term “Lent” comes from the Anglo-Saxon name for the season of spring: Lengten-tide. It refers to the lengthening of days in this season. You’ve probably already noticed the sun rising earlier and setting later. I kind of like our English use of spring to mean Lent, because spring is a season of renewal. It is a time when the Garden Club prepares the flower beds for planting, a time when the birds begin to sing again, the grass just begins to turn green again, there is occasionally a breath of warmth in the air, and the first bulb plants begin to poke their heads through last year’s mulch of dead leaves.

Let this Lenten season be for each one of us a time of reawakening in our faith in the power of the already risen Lord that we will celebrate at Easter.

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**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

Monday, February 19 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m. Donato Grilli – Fred & Betty Kletrovets
7:00 p.m. Intention of Celebrant

Tuesday, February 20 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m. Brooke Thompson – Sue & Ron Thompson

Thursday, February 22 –**The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**

8:15 a.m. Albert Scales –
Joe & Darla Quinn Luckhaupt

Friday, February 23 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m. Intention of Len & Ann Shroyer –
Jim & Maggie Shroyer

Saturday, February 24 – Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Duane & Ruth Davis –
John & Rose Ann Holoher

Sunday, February 25 – Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Jane Mitchell – Dick & Carol Berger
11:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased
Members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Liturgical Ministers Schedules**Servers for Weekday, February 19-23**

Wilmer Pacheco, Wesley Rowe

Saturday, February 24 – 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Haley & Michael Bush, Abigail Conturo
Readers: Julia Bricker, Sue Corrova
Greeters: Julia Bricker, Bobbi Lindner, Tony Swaneck
Eucharistic Ministers: * John & Shelley Hamilton,
Haley Bush, Gretchen Conturo, Rocco Fumi,
Sue Thompson

Sunday, February 25 – 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade, Cael, Cullen, Conlan Dent
Readers: need volunteer, Julie Marmon
Greeters: Rick Schirtzinger, David Creighton,
Patrick Stumpp, David Doane
Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathy Puccetti, Cade Dent,
Brian Montgomery, Dick Rammel, Jan Ries,
Greg Smith, David & Jamie Doane, Jim Stumpp

Sunday, February 25 – 11:00 a.m.

Servers: Tony Puccetti, Wesley Rowe
Readers: Alan & Melanie Kaiser
Greeters: Joe Regan, Joanne Davis
Eucharistic Ministers: *Joe & Brian Regan, Karin Carrier,
Paul & Tony Puccetti, Nancy & Jack Smith,
Andrew & Chuck Rowe

Servers for Weekday, February 26-March 2:

Sage Tilley, Amy Vanegas

Counters: Shell, Tokar, A.Carrier

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Sunday, February 18**

Baptisms

9:00 a.m. RCIA

10:10 a.m. Bible Study

Monday, February 19

No school

Tuesday, February 20

Lenten Series after 8:15 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 21

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, February 22

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

6:30 p.m. PREP

Friday, February 23

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 249:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Mass
in Campbell Hall (St. Francis Oratory)

Lenten Series after 4:00 p.m. Mass

Parish and School Expense (net of tuition and cost reimbursement)	February 10 & 11 \$ 6,516.00
Regular Sunday Collection	
Number of Envelopes – 89	\$ 4,226.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,011.00
Children Sunday Collection	
Number of Envelopes – 6	\$ 3.00
Other Parish Income	\$ 91.00
Net	+ \$,815.00
Net Month-to-date	+\$ 457.00
Net Fiscal Year 2017-2018-to-date	+\$ 9,971.00
St. Vincent de Paul was \$201.00.	

FEBRUARY 17/18: IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!! You can still sign up for *Catholic Times*. For a minimum donation of only \$17.00, Catholic news from the diocese and around the world will be delivered right to your mailbox. Use the envelope provided in your February packet, or simply write your name and "*Catholic Times*" on a plain envelope, make your check payable to the parish, and drop it into the collection basket. 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.ohsaa.org to register. Credit card required. For information, call Julius Palazzo at 614-276-9373.

St. Charles hosting annual Spaghetti Dinner February 18th, from 1:00-6:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy meal of spaghetti with meatball, salad, rolls, ice cream and a beverage. \$10.00 for adults; \$8.00 for senior citizens; \$5.00 for children 12 and under; Free for those 3-years-old and younger; and a special \$40 family rate (dine-in and immediate family up to six members only, please). Carry-out orders will be available. We hope to see you then!

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

Try something new this Lent and consider listening to Catholic Radio AM 820. Listening to AM 820 is a good way to deepen your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith!

ST. CECILIA 2018 LENTEN SERVICE PROGRAM: In preparation for the Easter celebration, St. Cecilia Parish's Lenten Service Program will be a talk on the Passion and Death of Jesus. Parishioner Tony Stout has given this talk numerous times over the years at St. Cecilia as well as at churches of other denominations, youth groups and prison ministries. The talk is usually given Holy Week but has been moved up to give us the opportunity to reflect and prepare during our time "in the desert" of Lent. The talk includes a detailed pathological analysis of the physical aspects of Jesus' crucifixion. Tony uses numerous visual aids, including a life-size replica of the "Shroud of Turin." Not for the faint of heart, yet essential for understanding the profound sacrifice He made for our salvation. The presentation includes a moving live musical accompaniment by Tony's twin brother Dwayne. This program will include handouts for personal reflections to be pondered during your journey through Lent. The program will be offered twice to accommodate varying schedules, first on Sunday afternoon, February 18th, at 4:00 and again Tuesday evening, February 20th, at 7:00. Both will be held in the church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus 43228. Please plan on attending to continue our efforts to make St. Cecilia an "Amazing Parish!"

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 Men's Luncheon Club Event: Friday, March 2 will feature a talk on Eucharistic Adoration by Bill Hinger of St. Michael Parish. Mr. Hinger was instrumental in starting 24/7 Adoration chapels at Columbus Immaculate Conception Parish and at St. Michael. The March luncheon is sponsored by St. Gabriel Radio. Please join us at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for Mr. Hinger's talk about Adoration. Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and the presentation by Mr. Hinger. No reservations are necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

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