



3rd SUNDAY of LENT

MARCH 7, 2010



From the Pastor's Desk...

The Lord in the Gospel today tells us of the importance of repentance. In fact He says, "If you do not repent, you will perish."

Lent is the time of year for repentance and we all know how difficult it is to change our ways. Sometimes we need to take some radical steps to improve and to deepen our relationship to the Lord.

We are almost at the midpoint of Lent. How are we doing with our Lenten resolutions?

Let us continue to pray for each other and support one another as we make our Lenten journey.

Fr. Capitani

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT.	5:00 PM	Adeline "Addy" Marsico <i>(Tom & Jane Traynor)</i>
SUN.	7:30 AM	William & Sadie Frantz <i>(Family Bequest)</i>
	9:00 AM	Parishioner's Intentions
	11:00 AM	Waldo Niebukr <i>(Chris & Mike Clark)</i>
MON.	9:00 AM	Florence Polanowski <i>(Lorraine Walters)</i>
TUES.	9:00 AM	Eugene Shuchart <i>(Arlene Henderson)</i>
WED.	9:00 AM	Anna Marie Quill <i>(Pat Smithson)</i>
THUR.	9:00 AM	Ed Quinn <i>(Chuck & Lisa Carey)</i>
	7:00 PM	Rita Komander <i>(Jim & Stevie)</i>
FRI.	6:00 AM	Jennie Wirzchalski <i>(John & Jennifer Springer & Family)</i>
	9:00 AM	Paul A. Utz <i>(Barb & Dick Zimmerman)</i>
SAT.	9:00 AM	Mary Butt <i>(Richard & Mary Tagler)</i>
	5:00 PM	Alfred R. Myers <i>(Mary Jane & Jim Waro)</i>
SUN.	7:30 AM	Parishioners Intentions
	9:00 AM	Jerome Phelan <i>(Erin & Kathy Rohr)</i>
	11:00 AM	Dorothy Gushen <i>(Troy & Laurie Johnson)</i>



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jos 5: 9a, 10-12 2 Cor 5: 17-21 Lk 15 1-3, 11-32



Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE GLORY OF

GOD (\$50 for one large bouquet or two small) In Memory of the Precious Souls of Abortion

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL (2 Arrangements \$40)

JESUS and CHILDREN STATUE (Atrium) (Cost \$20)

MARY and JESUS STATUE (Cost \$20)

ST. JOHN NEUMANN STATUE (Cost \$20)

BLESSED MOTHER BOUQUET (Cost \$20)

VOTIVE CANDLES Special Intentions 3/1



VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or is unable to attend mass, and wishes to receive Holy Communion.

We are a Tithing Parish Following God's Plan for Giving

Total Collection 2/28/10	\$ 18,331
Total Collection 3/1/09	\$ 19,200

Weekend of 2/27 & 2/28/10

Envelope Collection	
<i>(465 Env. \$33.15 Avg. Gift)</i>	\$ 17,340
Debt Reduction	\$ 465
Add'l. Snow Removal	\$ 340

From the Pastor: We must not forget to thank our Loving Father for His Life and Love and His goodness to us. Thanks to all our generous parishioners for their response to God's grace.

From the Pews: It has been an amazing turn-around in my life since I began tithing. When I made my tithing commitment, I began to realize how much God has given me.

Lenten Appeal Report – 2/28/10

Responses	33
Pledges	33
Amt. Pledged	\$ 14,960
Amt. Collected	\$ 7,235
Average Gift Pledged	\$ 453

Debt Reduction Report – 2/28/10

Responses	21
Pledges	21
Amt. Pledged	\$ 11,620
Amt. Collected	\$ 3,420
Average Gift Pledged	\$ 553

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR SERVERS

MAR 11 7:00 PM Emily & Jenni Ferg, Sarah Tyler
Mass – Old Church

MAR 12 7:00 PM Morgan, Alex, Jordan Williams
Stations – Old Church

MAR 13 5:00 PM Aaron Benson, Rachel Martin
Jordan McGee, Brianna Anderson

MAR 14 7:30 AM Paul & Mark Freidhoff, Josh Wolf
Maggie Kaliszak

9:00 AM Hanna Fletcher, Grace Weikert
Josh Senn, Gregory Howell

11:00 AM Sarah Tyler, John Grzymala
Dan Ferraro, Julien Sherman

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Each Sunday this column will contain reflections on the first and second readings for *next weekend's* mass.

4th Sunday of Lent - 1st Reading

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Simple Blessings

Unleavened cakes and parched grain do not sound like much of a menu. But it was a banquet for the Israelites of long ago.

Freed from their slavery in Egypt, they made the long trek through the desert to reach the Promised Land. They trudged a long, tiring, and dangerous journey. Moses, their leader, had died. Now Joshua, his successor, had brought them to their homeland.

It was Passover, the festival commemorating their departure from Egypt. So the people celebrated the feast with food from their new home: unleavened cakes and parched grain. They no longer ate the food of Egypt. They no longer ate the manna from the desert. Now, camped on a plain in Gilgal, they ate the food of their new home, the food of freedom.

You appreciate things more if you have had to go without them. Food tastes better if you are hungry. Employment satisfies more if you were unemployed. Shelter feels safer if you have been without a home. God's presence feels stronger when you rediscover prayer.

It may not seem like much—unleavened cakes and parched grain, but for the Israelites it was a banquet. They may not seem like much—the little blessings God gives us, but for those who experience God's mercy, they are heaven.

4th Sunday of Lent - 2nd Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Ambassadors for Christ

Through the sacrament of reconciliation we confess our sins and experience the mercy that God alone can give. Through the ministry of the church, we are reconciled to God and one another. The priest, our intermediary, expresses the forgiveness of God, represents the forgiving community, and steers the wandering ship of our souls to the safe shores of peace.

We believe that God created the earth in goodness. Sin entered the world, and God keeps us at peace through the ministry of reconciliation.

In a letter to the Corinthians, Paul says that he himself was reconciled to God through Christ, and that he was given the ministry of reconciliation. God reconciled the world in Christ, and continued the work of reconciliation through Paul and other apostles, making them ambassadors of the forgiving Christ. On behalf of Christ, Paul pleads, "be reconciled to God."

As we become more aware of our faults this Lent, we bring our sorrow to the church through the sacrament of reconciliation. Then, forgiven by Christ, we too become ambassadors for him. We carry the message of reconciliation to all that we meet.

Lent is not just about seeking forgiveness for ourselves, but also about building reconciliation wherever ties were broken. Wherever we can, let us bring the peace of Christ to all we meet at home, at work, at school, in our streets—all around the world.

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Perpetual Adoration

Open hours that need to be filled:

WED 12:00 – 1:00 PM *On Call Substitute Needed*

THUR 12:00 – 1:00 PM *On Call Substitute Needed*

If interested in helping with this most important ministry, please contact Rick Winkelman 235-7115 or Margaret Bird 235-8329



Lenten Mite Boxes for H.O.P.E.

Lent is traditionally a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are asking you to assist us in the practice of almsgiving. As in previous years, our Lenten sacrifices will be given to H.O.P.E. (*Help for Oncology Problems and Emotional Support*) This is a local organization which provides tremendous care and support in all areas for those people living with cancer.

Due to cost saving measures, the boxes will not be mailed to your home, but will be available on the tables outside the main worship area of the New Church. We ask that ALL families take at least one box, and your offering of one quarter a day for the 40 days of Lent will give a Lenten offering of \$10.00 to this worthy cause. Thank you for your sacrifices of the past, and I know you will be generous again.

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Holy Father's Intentions for 2010

MARCH 2010

World Economy

General: That the world economy may be managed according to the principles of justice and equity, taking account of the real needs of peoples, especially the poorest.

The Churches in Africa

Missionary: That the Churches in Africa may be signs and instruments of reconciliation and justice in every part of that continent.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED The *Order Sons of Italy in America, Mason Dixon Lodge #2669* is accepting applications for its 2010 Scholarship. All graduating high school seniors of Italian-American ancestry, who are residents of Southern York County and Northern Baltimore County and who are American citizens are eligible to apply. Application forms are available in the parish office. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2010.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat tm

**Healing the pain of abortion,
one weekend at a time...**

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend is a chance to get away from all the daily pressures of work and family, and focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive and non-judgmental process. The time away provides an opportunity to deeply enter the grieving process and identify all the ways your abortion may have affected you. There is no judgment only mercy and compassion. **Please join us March 12th –14th, 2010 Our Lady of Providence Retreat Center Elverson, PA**
Rvpamd@gmail.com Totally confidential 717-788-4959

SECOND COLLECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Next weekend our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. The CRS collection helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, immigrants, and the impoverished, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought. Please be generous in next week's collection.



21 Club Parish Fundraiser!



Proceeds Benefit St. John's Catholic School
TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!!

21 Club Winner/Sellers for February 27, 2010: \$200 Tkt. 1459 Not Sold; \$150 Tkt. 1273 Karen Woolley/ \$15 Karen Wooley; \$50 Tkt. 1127 Barbara Dayberry/ \$5 Polly Shuchart

Congratulations to all the ticket winners & sellers!

SPECIAL NOTE! *If an unsold ticket is selected for ALL THREE weekly drawings, we will continue to pick numbers until we have a name for one winner. That person will be awarded \$100 and the seller \$10.*

Women's Council News

• ROSENA ITZOE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

St. John's Women's Council is offering a \$500 scholarship to a young woman who will graduate high school in the class of 2010, who plans to further her education in an institution of higher learning. The Scholarship is in memory of Rosena Itzoe, who was a life long member of St. John's and of the Women's Council. Applicants must be confirmed and a member of the parish. **The deadline for applications is April 15.** Applications are available in the parish office. Questions or additional information contact Leslie Corriveau 227-2728 or Patti Evans 235-8833.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT *Ladies, Save the Date!* Our Annual Women's Retreat will be held this year on May 21 and 22, 2010. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for further details.



St. Patrick's Celebration

The Annual Irish Dinner and Music night will be held on **Sunday, March 14th** in the Parish Center beginning with corned beef & cabbage dinner at **5:30 PM** (doors open at 5:00 PM) Irish Dance and

Music presentation by "Irish Blessings" from 7:00-9:00 PM. Tickets are **\$19.00 for dinner & concert and \$10.00 for concert only.** (Tables may be reserved in groups of 8 only) Tickets are available in the parish office or by calling Tom Bailey 227-9793, Margaret Bird 235-8329, Arlene Dieter 235-5578 or Judy Hooper 235-6251.

Lenten Ecumenical Prayer Service

Wed. Evening March 10

6:00 PM Soup & Sandwich, 7:00 PM Prayer Service

Host Church: Christ Lutheran Church, Shrewsbury

Homilist: Rev. James Sunderland



Welcome

PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you NEW to the Parish, or perhaps have not formally registered??

Please help us keep our parish records up to date. Contact Kathy in the Parish Office 235-2156 or log onto the parish website and print a registration form to be returned to the parish office.

Parish Website: www.stjncath.org



St. John the Baptist Catholic School

2010 - 2011 School Year ♦ K - Grade 2
717-235-3525

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is now accepting student registrations for the 2010 - 2011 school year. Classes for students from Kindergarten through Grade 2 are now being formed. For additional information or to register, please contact the school office **717-235-3525**.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED We have scheduled another Open House and Registration for **Sunday, March 7th from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM** for all interested families to come and see what St. John's Catholic School has to offer.

PRE SCHOOL NOTES...

Pre School Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Phone: 717-235-3525

2009 - 2010 Class Schedule

Junior Class	Mon. Wed. Fri	9:00 - 11:30 AM
Junior Class	Mon. Wed.	12:30 - 3:00 PM
Senior Class	Mon. thru Thurs.	9:00 - 11:30 AM
"	"	12:30 - 3:00 PM
Sr. Optional Day	Friday	9:00 - 11:30 AM
2 Yr. Old Class	Tues. or Thurs.	9:15 - 11:15 AM

PRESCHOOL TEACHER OPENINGS

St. John's preschool is expanding and has teacher position openings for the 2010-11 school year. We are looking for a teacher for the senior class for M/W/F or a teacher for the junior class on M/W/F. You must have an early childhood or Elementary Education Degree and be a practicing Catholic. Please call the preschool at 235-3525 if interested.

Health Ministry News...

March is Kidney Month

Are you at increased risk for chronic kidney disease? Members of the Health Ministry will be in the atrium the weekend of March 6-7 with information on kidney disease, what it is, what increases your risk and how to protect your kidneys. There will also be sign-up for A Healthy You! and information about a free kidney risk assessment at the atrium table. During the March blood pressure screenings the weekend of March 27-28, nurses and doctors from our health ministry will be providing a free kidney risk assessment for our parishioners. Stop by or call Judy in the office for more information.

Thank You! Special thanks to all the parishioners who donated food items to the recent atrium collection for Susquehannock High School. All these donations benefit the Southern York County Food Pantry housed here at St. John's. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES...



Calendar

This Week in Our Parish

Religious Education

2009 – 2010 Class Schedule

Sunday	8:45-10:15 AM	Grades P3, P4, K, 1
Sunday	10:45 AM-12:15 PM	Grades P3, P4, K, 1
Tuesday	9:00-10:30 AM	Grades P3, P4
Wednesday	4:45-6:00 PM	Grades K,1,3,4,5,6
Wednesday	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Grades, 5,6,7,8,HS
Thursday	4:45-6:15 PM	Grades 1,2,3,4,5,6

Office hours

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday thru Thursday
(And during ALL Religious Education Classes)

CHILDREN'S SEDER MEAL The Wednesday and Thursday 6th grade Religious Education Students will be participating in a Children's Seder Meal on **Wed. March 24th from 5:00 - 6:15 PM in Neumann Hall**. This event will take the place of their regular scheduled class for that week. All students attending must have a signed permission slip.

Thank You! The **Theology of the Body** retreat for our High School students was held on Feb 19th and 20th. The experience was incredible, beginning with prayers at our Benediction to the drum circle, to the closing of Mass with the burnt offering outside! Our 25 students left wishing for more of the same! It was such a great success due to the following team members: Carol and Joe Morel, Joy Crimmins, Pam and Phil Freidhoff, Diane LoSasso, Debbie Grzymala, Duffy Thorn, Mark Tauzin, Nancy Rector, Cindy and Sue Mareck, Rebecca Cloutier, Calvin Kennedy, Brian Sherman, Chuck and Lisa Carey, Kirt Wagner, Deacon Neil, and Fr. Bernard. Thanks to all, we couldn't have done it without you!!



CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Catholic Woman's Club of York is seeking applicants for its annual scholarships. Applicants should be Catholic girls graduating in 2010 from a York County high school within the York Deanery, with a strong commitment to the Catholic faith, and pursuing a baccalaureate degree. Application forms are available at your high school guidance office or by calling Mary Anne Burnside at 717-840-7857. The deadline for applications is Monday, March 29, 2010.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM



Don't forget, gift cards are **NOT** just for the holiday season. This is an ongoing fundraiser. Order forms with the list of retailers and information are available in the racks outside the parish office and in the Pre-School and Rel.

Ed. Offices. Contact **Sally Beck at 235-2156 Ext. 214 or sbeck@stincath.org** with questions or to place orders. A number of cards are kept on hand for immediate purchase, including **GIANT FOOD** cards, which are also available in the parish office after Sunday masses.

LENTEN REGULATIONS on Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of fast (*one full meal, two smaller meals, and nothing in between for those 18-59 years of age*) and abstinence (*No meat for all those over 14*). All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

SUNDAY – 3/7

Second Collection *Debt Reduction*

Religious Education

Children's Liturgy 9:00 AM Mass
Daystar at 9:00 & 11:00 AM Masses
School Open House 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Health Ministry in Atrium After Masses

MONDAY – 3/8 *St. John of God*

Pre School

Rosary 8:30 AM (OC)
Women's Council Meeting 9:45 AM – 12:00 Noon (NH)
Moms in Touch 10:00 – 11:30 AM (OLC)
RCIC 5:30 – 7:00 PM (L)
RCIA 7:00 – 9:00 PM (SJNC)
Spanish Class 6:15 – 7:45 PM (PC/CR)
Little Flowers 6:30 – 8:00 PM (PC Rm 7/8)
TOPASYC 6:30 – 9:30 PM (PC)
Jewels Meeting 7:00 PM (NH)

TUESDAY – 3/9 *St. Frances of Rome*

Pre School

Religious Education

Rosary 8:30 AM (OC)
Prayer Group 9:45 – 11:45 AM (L)
School Board Meeting 4:30 PM (CR)
Gr. 2 Instructional Mass for Parents 7:00 PM (NC)
Parish Council 7:00 PM (CR)
Daystar Rehearsal 7:00 PM (Music Rm)

WEDNESDAY – 3/10

Pre School

Religious Education *Conf. Group Session 6:30 PM (OC)*

Penance Service 4:45 & 6:45 PM (NC)

Rosary 8:30 AM (OC)
Moms in Touch 10:00 – 11:30 AM (OLC)

THURSDAY – 3/11

Pre School

Religious Education *Penance Service 4:45 PM (NC)*

Rosary 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM (OC)
Children's Choir 6:15 – 7:15 PM (Music RM)
Adult Choir 7:30 – 9:00 PM (Music RM)
Scouts 6:30 – 8:00 PM (PC/Rms 10,12)
Spanish Class 6:30 – 8:00 PM (CR)
TOPASYC 6:30 – 9:30 PM (PC)
Lenten Mass 7:00 PM (OC)

FRIDAY – 3/12

Pre School

Lenten 6:00 AM Mass (OC)
Rosary 8:30 AM (OC)
Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (OC)

SATURDAY – 3/13

Rosary 8:30 AM (OC)
5:00 Mass
Rel. Ed. Thank You Dinner 6:00 PM (PC)

SUNDAY – 3/14

Second Collection *Catholic Relief Services*

Religious Education

RCIA 2nd Scrutiny 9:00 AM Mass
Health Ministry 10:00 – 11:00 AM (CR)
Inclusion Ministry 10:00 – 11:00 AM (L)
Little Flowers 10:00 – 11:00 AM (SJNC)
Parish Penance Service 2:00 PM (NC)
Irish Night Dinner 5:00 PM (PC)

