



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 1

8:00 Edwin Schneider - 1st
Anniversary *by family*

Tuesday, March 2

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, March 3 - St.
Katharine Drexel

5:30 Kotroczo Family *by
Bernadette Connolly*

Thursday, March 4 - St. Casimir

8:00 Mary Bower Hartranft
Lasky *by estate*

Friday, March 5

8:00 Michael and Florence Zola
by Gregg and Sue Brown

Saturday, March 6

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Christine Mugridge *by Joe
Bralla*

Sunday, March 7 - 3rd Sunday of
Lent

8:00 Estelle Carlo *by family*
10:15 Bernie Badding *by Irene
Sanok*



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - Daniel 9:4b-10;

Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday - Isaiah 1:10, 16-
20; Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday - Jeremiah 18:18-20;
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday - Jeremiah 17:5-10;
Luke 16:19-31

Friday - Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday - Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday - Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-
15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12;
Luke 13:1-9

Pamphlet Rack: Be sure to check out the pamphlet rack for new items. Many of the booklets are useful during the Lenten Season. There are also a number of books for children.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

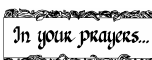
Last Sunday we learned about confidence in God's promises and deeds in history. We learned that the Lord is indeed our light and our salvation. Today we are reminded that God made a covenant with Abraham and promised him descendants as numerous as the stars in the heavens. That was surely also a confidence builder for Abraham, something that would help him to "wait for the Lord with courage, be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord," as Psalm 27 tells us.

Saint Paul tells the Philippians to remember that their citizenship is in heaven and that they are awaiting their savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Then he tells the Philippians and us today, too, that this savior is going to transform them so that their lowly bodies conform to his heavenly body. We must be transformed here and now so that people see Christ in us. We do that by following the example of Saint Paul and other good models, people who live faithfully in imitation of Jesus. Our best model, of course, is Jesus Christ Himself.

And then comes the gospel reading of the transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, John and James up the mountain with Him to pray. These three disciples were still learning to pray Jesus' way and had been overcome by sleep, something that becomes a familiar story with the disciples. Then Jesus is transfigured before them. When Moses and Elijah began conversing with Jesus, His three disciples became fully awake. Imagine how they must have felt seeing Jesus' glory! Were they dreaming? What was happening? Could they even understand what they were experiencing? Then a shining cloud and a voice telling them, "This is my chosen Son: listen to Him."

Imagine yourself there in the place of Peter, John and James. This was surely an epiphany moment when life is briefly transformed, and some insight is gained.

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That those being detained in lockup facilities be protected from themselves and others; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Thomas Brennan, Alexis Bruno, Julie Conschafter, Loretta Varo, Julie Carlo, Pamela Rodgers, Julie Robertson, Rose Cvitanovich, Mark Pearce, Rita Matynka, Scott Tellgren, Josephine Liberti, Bob Fiorello, Donald Helmbrecht, Kristen Konieczny Sikora and her baby and for the happy repose of the soul of Marion Wlosinski. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

Ministers for March

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:30 pm - Wendy Bergman; 8:00 am - Phil Wittman; 10:15 am - Jim Hayes

Lectors: 4:30 pm - Dick Campbell; 8:00 am - Ron Konieczny; 10:15 am - Volunteer Needed

Altar Servers: 4:30 pm - Joseph Bergman, Brian Bergman; 8:00 am - Nathan Flumerfeldt, Jason Hoefler and Anthony Brandl, Jr.; 10:15 am - Jessica Wood, Emily Hayes and Jena Kolo



Let us encourage our children to observe a spirit of fasting and abstinence during Lent. They can abstain from candy, pizza, pop or some other favorite food. Missing these foods is part of the process to help focus on Christ's sacrifice for us. They can abstain from quarreling with siblings, selfish actions, going to movies, listening to their iPods, texting or any other activity that involves a personal sacrifice. And remember the Lenten regulations for Catholics 14 years of age and older: abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Lenten Family Suggestions:

- Feast through fasting. Let your efforts lead to works of charity and service. For instance, fast from a TV program; spend that time helping another member of the family or even beyond the family unit.
- Fast from a TV program and play a creative game. Feast on feeding the "hungry" in your family - those who need quality time together.
- Write a letter to a far away relative.
- Take your neighbors some cookies or bread.
- Forgive those who injure you - not necessarily forgetting - do this in a spirit of quiet. Suffering and joy are not incompatible with God's grace.
- Express your concern for others like the underprivileged, the bedridden, the discouraged, the aged, the lonely, the overburdened. Talk about the ways this can be done as a family.



Thank you to our parishioners who attended the Lenten Meal on Ash Wednesday. A total of \$170 in donations was received and given to the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry. The volunteering efforts of the youth of our parish who helped in the kitchen was also sincerely appreciated.

The Wonders of Ancient Egypt are calling! Have you ever dreamt of seeing the great pyramids of Egypt? Seeing the Sphinx in person? How about examining up close and personal the treasures of King Tut? If you answered yes to any of these questions then you are invited to take part in a wonderful 11-day trip to Egypt, leaving from New York on November 5, 2010 for just \$2899 per person! This price includes round trip air from NY, first class hotels, outside cabins with two lower beds and private facilities on the 4-day cruise, comprehensive sightseeing with experienced guides, private motor coach and portage, most meals and more! For more information or a brochure, please contact Father Rob Orlowski at 585-599-4833 or Father Art Mattulke at 585-948-5344.



A young man went to a farmer to buy a donkey. The farmer told him, "I'm sorry, son, but the donkey died." "I'll take him anyway," the young man said. "What are you going to do with a dead donkey?" "I'm going to raffle him off." "Well, I never heard of raffling off a donkey, especially if it's dead," the farmer scoffed. Several days later, the two ran into each other again. The farmer asked how the raffle went. "I made \$998," the young man said. "You got \$998 for a dead donkey?" the farmer gasped. "Didn't anyone complain?" "Yep, the guy who won," the young man said. "So I gave him back his \$2."



- * Sunday, February 28 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm; Meeting for parents of third graders preparing for First Communion - 9:00 am in the Parish Hall
- * Monday, March 1 - Scripture Sharings 10-11 am in the Rectory Meeting Room
- * Tuesday, March 2 - Women's Guild Monthly Meeting - 7:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room
- * Wednesday, March 3 - Religious Education Classes - 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- * Friday, March 5 - Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm followed by Communion service
- * Saturday, March 6 - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions: 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm;
- * Sunday, March 7 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm



A Prayer for Vocations
 Lord Jesus Christ help us hear your call to follow you. Open the hearts of your sons and daughters. Give us the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give us the gift of courage to follow you with generosity and joy. Amen.

BOTTOM LINE:

Retain your focus on the things of eternity.