



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 15

8:00 Schwartz Family by  
Bernadette Connolly

Tuesday, March 16

8:00 Leonard Rejewski by  
family

Wednesday, March 17 - St. Patrick

5:30 Msgr. Williamson - 48th  
Anniversary of Ordination  
by St. Teresa's Women's  
Guild

Thursday, March 18 - St. Cyril of  
Jerusalem

8:00 Nancy Neyman by Ann  
Sayers

Friday, March 19 - St. Joseph

8:00 Tom Patterson by Daniel  
and Frances Springer

Saturday, March 20

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Joseph and Helen Springer  
by Daniel and Frances  
Springer

Sunday, March 21 - 5th Sunday of  
Lent

8:00 Mary Strollo by Mario and  
Maria Ianni

10:15 Deceased Family Members  
of the Lewandowski and  
Fiorello Families by Bob  
and Ruth Fiorello



### Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - Isaiah 65:17-21;

John 4:43-54

Tuesday - Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12;  
John 5:1-16

Wednesday - Isaiah 49:8-15; John  
5:17-30

Thursday - Exodus 32:7-14; John  
5:31-47

Friday - 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a,  
16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Saturday - Jeremiah 11:18-20;  
John 7:40-53

Next Sunday - Isaiah 43:16-21;  
Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11



PASTORAL SHARINGS

### Mother Teresa's Words on Charity

Jesus came to earth to give charity its rightful place in the hearts of men. "By this," he said, "men shall know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" - and this commandment will last for all eternity. True love for our neighbor is to wish him well and to do good to him.

Hear Jesus your coworker speak to you: "I want you to be my fire of love amongst the poor, the sick, the dying, and the little children; the poor I want you to bring to me." Learn this sentence by heart and when you are wanting in generosity, repeat it. We can refuse Christ just as we refuse others: "I will not give you my hands to work with, my feet to walk with, my mind to study with, my heart to love with. You knock at the door, but I will not give you the key of my heart." This is what he feels so bitterly: not being able to live his life in a soul . . .

The greatness of our vocation lies also in the fact that we are called upon to minister to Christ Himself in the distressing disguise of the poor and suffering. We are called upon every day to exercise our priestly ministry of handling the body of Christ in the form of a suffering humanity and of giving Holy Communion to all those with whom we come in contact by spreading the fragrance of His love wherever we go.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

### 2010 Appeal for Catholic Charities

God of compassion, you pour out your mercy  
On the world through those who spend their lives  
In the service of their brothers and sisters in need.

Saint Damien served and died in solidarity  
With the outcast, the leper. Through our prayer,  
Our care and our charity, may be become  
Your mercy for those most in need today.

Saint Damien, bless our  
2010 Catholic Charities Appeal  
And the Bishop's Fund for the Faith.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Our Special Prayer Request for the Week:** That we through acts of charity and prayer provide assistance to the terminally ill so they may avoid depression and threat of self defeat; 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, Rita Matynka, Scott Tellgren, Josephine Liberti, Bob Fiorello, Donald Helmbrecht and Kristen Konieczny Sikora and her baby and for the happy repose of the soul of Father Thomas Sheehan, OFM, Mark Pearce and Nancy Marks. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

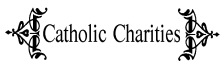


St. Teresa's, Our Lady of Peace and Nativity Church will have a **Special Lenten Penance Service**, to be held at Our Lady of Peace, Main Street, Clarence on Monday, March 22 at 7:00 pm.

**Harvest House Baby and Children's Ministry needs our help!** St. Teresa's Women's Guild has provided the crib, which will be set up in the vestibule of the Church from March 13-21, 2010. Please help us fill it up with new or gently used NEWBORN, baby and children's clothes to size 14, books, virtually any baby and child related items. If you have any questions, please call Amy at 542-9704.

**Lenten Family Suggestions:**

- Look for authentic humor in your life today. It may be that you are called upon to bear wrongs patiently!
- Thank a family member for serving you (especially if you have been feeling "imprisoned" in yourself in any way, shape or form).
- Talk about a favorite Bible story during this Lenten season and see how it challenges you to practice a spiritual or corporal work of mercy.
- What family situation most needs your time and attention. This will definitely be a major spiritual practice if after you identify it, possibly share it, but then find a way to act on it with love and through God's grace.
- Light a candle at dinner for family unity - yours, others, your parish family, the world.
- Compose a special prayer for the sick and share this with each other.



**Catholic Charities Appeal letters have been mailed.** Please continue to be part of our **Whoever, Whenever, Wherever. We're always there. Please be there too.** Campaign. All day, every day, whenever there is someone in need, Catholic Charities is there with assistance for basic needs of food, clothing and shelter; with counseling and support for children and adults; and with comfort for those who are lonely. Please, give selflessly to Appeal 2010. Find out more at [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org).

**Take A Reflective Moment . . .**

All told, it is good that God has left us without exact information. If we knew that virtually everybody would be damned, we would be tempted to despair. If we knew that all, or nearly all, are saved, we might become presumptuous. If we knew that some fixed percent, say fifty, would be saved, we would be caught in an unholy rivalry. We would rejoice in every sign that others were among the lost, since our own chances of election would thereby be increased. Such a competitive spirit would hardly be compatible with the gospel.

Avery Cardinal Dulles



"The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"



- \* **Sunday, March 14 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- \* **Monday, March 15 - Scripture Sharings 10-11 am in the Rectory Meeting Room**
- \* **Wednesday, March 17 - Religious Education Classes - 4:00 - 5:00 pm**
- \* **Friday, March 19 - Sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul Society will be made after the 8:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall; Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm followed by Communion service**
- \* **Saturday, March 20 - First Reconciliation - 1:00 pm in the Church**
- \* **Weekend of March 20-21 - Blood Pressure Screenings after each Mass in the Library of the Church; Akron/Newstead Food Pantry Collection Barrels will be out in the back of Church - Fruit Juices are needed!**
- \* **Sunday, March 21 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**

**The 8th Annual Catholic Men's Conference - Saturday, March 20th**  
[www.spiritiscalling.org](http://www.spiritiscalling.org)  
**Register Today!**

BOTTOM LINE:

Let us give thanks to God for all His gifts to us.