



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 1

8:00 Earl Bower by *The
Kimmerly Estate*

Tuesday, February 2 - The
Presentation of the Lord

8:00 Triumph of Immaculate
Heart of Mary by
Bernadette Connolly

Wednesday, February 3 - St. Blaise
and St. Ansgar

5:30 Gerald and Catherine Fiegl
by family

Thursday, February 4

8:00 June Nelson by *Ann Sayers*

Friday, February 5 - St. Agatha

8:00 Joanne Malark by sister -
Jeneane Schadt

Saturday, February 6 - St. Paul
Miki and his companions

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Deno Malone - Birthday
Remembrance by *Gary and
Ann Lyon*

Sunday, February 7 - 5th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:00 Alice Rejewski by
Flumerfeldt Family

10:15 John Tebo by *Jeff and
Roberta Jurewicz*



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - 2 Samuel 15:13-
14, 30, 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday - Malachi 3:1-4;
Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Wednesday - 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17;
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday - 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12;
Mark 6:7-13

Friday - Sirach 47:2-11; Mark
6:14-29

Saturday - 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark
6:30-34

Next Sunday - Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Today's second collection is for
Catholic Relief Services. It is
geared to help those areas of the
world which have been most
devastated by disaster.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

This is a good week to ask yourself, "Have I grown in my faith as Paul did and as the church to which I belong has? Do I know Jesus better now than when I was in the fifth grade? Do I find myself wanting to know more and more about Him, or is the carpenter of Nazareth, Joseph's son, enough for me? How deep is my faith in this man that I say I believe in?"

Paul was the first theologian of the New Testament. Paul looked deeply into the life and death and resurrection of Jesus, and in his letters he has told us what the meaning of Jesus is, tells us why He is important, tells us why it is that we must place our faith and hope in Him. Do I know about Jesus what Paul knows? One thing Paul knew about was the love Jesus has for us. Paul did not dream up his description of love that we hear today on his own. He learned about love from Jesus—the Jesus who was kind, not rude or jealous or putting on airs or getting angry and being self-seeking. From Jesus, Paul learned that love is forbearing, full of trust and hope and the power to endure. Do I know that about Jesus and His love?

If there is one reason we come here Sunday after Sunday, it is to seek out Jesus, to know Him and understand Him better. He encourages us in this by speaking to us in the Scriptures. He takes us inside Himself by letting us come into communion with Him. Yes, we receive Him here, but it is we who become part of Him, so that we may know and love Him from the inside out. Leaving here we should know that this is more than Joseph's son, and be able to give a full answer to whomever asks about the faith that is in us.

Simeon Thole, O.S.B.

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That we not let the passage of time erase the intensity of our concern and prayers for the people of Haiti. May the blessing of the Father be upon His children as they attempt to reconstruct their lives; 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, Dominic Delre, Rita Matynka, Scott Tellgren and Kristen Konieczny Sikora and her baby and for the happy repose of the soul of Audrey Wick. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

Ministers for February

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: 4:30 pm - Amy Bergman; 8:00 am - Judy Bell; 10:15 am - Karen Klimchuk

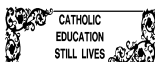
Lectors: 4:30 pm - Deb Hilton; 8:00 am - Carl Patterson; 10:15 am - David Penn

Altar Servers: 4:30 pm - Tim Bergman, Emily and Simon Wulf; 8:00 am - Skyler Earle, Nicholas and Benjamin Flumerfeldt; 10:15 am - Kellen Adderly, Felicia Fortunato, Sabrina and Alexis Kolo

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe supports essential pastoral needs of the region, such as seminary formation and parish maintenance. The collection also helps with social and charitable works that the local Church does not have the capacity to support. This collection will take place next weekend, February 6-7, 2010 in our parish. Please try to be generous!



As we welcome February 2010, let's resolve to refresh a new year's resolution and perk up participation in our child's faith life. One suggestion is to "begin" Religious Education classes with 8 am Mass followed by class time at 9 am or class time at 9 am followed by Mass at 10:15 am. The same holds true for the second session: Mass at 10:15 am followed by class at 11:15 am.



This weekend kicks off Catholic Schools Week in our Diocese. The theme for 2010 is *Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life*. Please stop by the table on your way out of church this weekend to pick up brochures for local Catholic schools and ask questions of the families from our parish using Catholic schools to educate their children. Akron school district will provide bussing for your children to Catholic schools if you live within 15 miles of the school. If you have any questions about Catholic schools, you may also contact Liz Wulf at 542-9550 or Jennifer Reichenberg at 542-2728. The following are the schools and their open house dates and times: **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School** in Harris Hill - Sunday, January 31st from 12:00 - 2:00 pm; **St. Gregory the Great** in Williamsville - Sunday, January 31st at 10:30 am; **St. Joseph's School** in Batavia - Sunday, January 31st at 1:00 pm; **St. John the Baptist** in Alden - Tuesday, February 2nd from 6:30 -8:00 pm; **St. Mary's School** in Swormville - Thursday, February 4th from 6:15-8:15 pm

As the need in our community knows no boundaries, **Catholic Charities** reach extends to all eight counties of Western New York. Wherever there is a need, **Catholic Charities** is there. **Whoever. Wherever. Whenever. Catholic Charities is always there. Please be there too.** Give selflessly to the 2010 Appeal. Contribution cards will be mailed soon For more information, please go to www.ccnny.org or call (716) 218-1450.

☺ Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a Sunoco gasoline station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted a bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car. As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm turning Catholic."

Feast of St. Blaise: Blessing of Throats will take place on the Feast Day - February 3rd - 5:30 pm Mass and after the weekend liturgies on Saturday and Sunday - February 6-7!



- * Sunday, January 31 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 - 12:30 pm; Meeting for parents of second graders preparing for First Reconciliation - 9:00 am in the School Meeting Room
- * Tuesday, February 2 - Women's Guild Monthly Meeting - 7:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room
- * Wednesday, February 3 - Religious Education Classes - 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- * Saturday, February 6 - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45-4:15 pm
- * Sunday, February 7 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 - 12:30 pm



A Prayer for Vocations

Creator God, life is your gift. Through Baptism you invite us to share our lives in service to others. Give us the courage and generosity to respond to your call. Bless those who serve you as priests, deacons, religious consecrated seculars and lay ministers. Amen.

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. If God is calling you, call Father Walter Szczesny at 716-847-5535.

BOTTOM LINE:

"May the Lord of Peace be with us all."