

PANCAKE BREAKFAST RAFFLE

Tom Wilk won the St. Joseph Statue at the Pancake Breakfast but we are still looking for the 50/50 winner—No. 72452. Call the rectory (9-4:30 Monday thru Friday) to claim your prize.

FISH FRY 50/50 WINNER was Bill Brooks (#170083) for a total of \$171.50.

Sister Mary Mercedes Blazowski, 93 years old, a member of the Felician Sisters for 76 years died after a lingering illness on February 19, 2007, in the Felician Sisters Provincial House, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. She was a native of Canonsburg and a daughter of St. Genevieve Parish. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, February 23 in the convent chapel. Remember Sr. Mercedes in your daily prayers.



PIEROGI TIME: Place your **PIEROGI** order now! Call Pat (724.745.3931) or Rena (724.745.3058) to order your pierogi for Lent. Only a limited number of pierogi will be available so don't delay in placing your order. Cost is \$5.00 per dozen and can be picked up on Monday, March 12 between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. in St. Genevieve Social Hall or by special arrangement.

Pierogi workers – see you on Sunday, March 11 and Monday, March 12, (8:00 a.m.) in St. Genevieve Social Hall for this enjoyable time. Profits benefit the parish. Volunteer workers are welcome to bring a dessert on Monday or breakfast snack on Sunday.

FISH FRY

Join us on the Friday's of Lent (**except Good Friday**) for our delicious freshly breaded fried (or baked) Fish and sides for Lunch or Dinner in the school cafeteria. Lunch is served 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Dinner from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Takeouts at lunch or dinner by calling 724.745.6560. **LUNCH:** Fish Sandwich and Sides: (coleslaw and haluski); **DINNER:** Baked or freshly breaded fried Icelandic Cod, Baked Potato or Mac and Cheese, Coleslaw, Roll, Beverage and Dessert. **Fish Sandwiches** will also be available for dinner.

SPECIAL THANKS to everyone that helped with this past week's Fish Fry. We have a wonderful problem — we actually have too much help! Thank you!

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
FEBRUARY 25, 2007**

Envelopes	\$13,508.00
Children's Envelopes	76.85
Loose Cash and Coin	935.25
St. Patrick School	36.00
Parish Total	\$14,555.10

Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense	2,885.00
TOTAL NEEDED each week	\$16,125.21

Ash Wednesday	\$4,571.08
St. Vincent dePaul Society.....	\$1,337.71
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED	

Second Collection at all Masses during Lent. Last week's collection was for St. Vincent DePaul Society and this weeks collection will be designated for another worthy cause.

MEMORIALS were received as follows:

"My Father's House" Renovation Fund: In loving memory of **Ruth Gostic** by husband, Steve Gostic, and Anna Gostic; In loving memory of **Antoinette Pugliese**, (sister of Dr. Anthony Galletta) by Sam Cancilla and Sisters.

St. Patrick Library: In loving memory of Dolores Sifinski by John and Lucille Tomsic.

MASSES were received as follows: **Anna Gostic** by Irene L. Stevens, Richard and Joanna Ziack; for **Dolores Sifinski** by Alice Kebart, Mirko and Edna Tomsic; and for **Linda Kebart** by Mirko and Edna Tomsic and Alice Kebart

FISH FRY DONATIONS: Special thanks to Bill Brooks for his donation to our Friday Fish Frys.

CENSUS INFORMATION: Please make every effort to return your up-dated family information as soon as possible. We are interested in **ONLY** the persons residing at your address.

COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS flown at the Embassy in Iraq in honor of St. Patrick Church and School are for sale by contacting Kathleen Bench 724.942.0338 or the rectory office. They are encased in cherry wood containers with beveled glass and carry a certificate of authenticity. These flags are priced at \$125.00 and only a limited number are available.

MOTHERS IN NEED DRIVE sponsored by our K of C will continue through Lent. Items needed are formula, baby food, diapers, Baby Hygiene Products, etc. **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to our Knights of Columbus for supplying the "Nails" for our Lenten journey.

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“The glory of God is revealed in a human being who is fully alive.” St. Ireneus(3rd century)

In 2002, Pope John Paul II introduced to the rosary the *Luminous* (“Light”) *Mysteries*, namely to highlight the public ministry of Jesus. **The Mysteries of Light** are: *Christ’s baptism in the Jordan; Christ’s self-revelation at the marriage of Cana; Christ’s announcement of the kingdom of God with the invitation to conversion; Christ’s Transfiguration when He revealed His glory to His Apostles; and Christ’s institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper as sacramental expression of the Paschal mystery.*

On this **Second Sunday of Lent, the 4th Luminous Mystery** is accented, **The Transfiguration of Jesus**. As Jesus faces the darkness of the cross, He is transformed by the glory of God. Peter, James, and John get a glimpse of His glorified humanity for the “*test of faith*” they too would soon endure. The transfiguration event provides a sense of hope, in these early days of the Lenten season. As we ponder and meditate on the Lord’s sacrifice and sufferings, we never forget the glory of His victory over sin and death forever.

Abraham, our father in faith, is put to the test and is transformed from being a mere shepherd to becoming the father of a great nation.

Jesus is transfigured before the eyes of 3 of His disciples-- Peter, James, and John from being merely an itinerant preacher to being the Savior of the world. The **purpose** of the transfiguration account is **three-fold**: 1.) First, it aims at clarifying Jesus’ identity as God’s Son. 2.) Second, it points ahead to the ascension where Jesus will be exalted to heaven. 3.) Third, it serves to teach Jesus’ disciples about the nature of His Messiahship.

Through the grace of Baptism, the light of God lives *within* each of us, calling us beyond our own *needs, wants, and interests*. The *challenge* of discipleship is to allow the light of God’s life and love to “*transfigure*” our lives and our world. Jesus reminds His disciples that they must go down from the mountain into a world where both *pain* and *love* co-exist. There Peter, James, and John will find God and so will we.

Our entire life is to be a ‘*transfiguration*’, a passing over from our old sinful ways to new ways of light and grace offered by God. We are born to manifest the glory of God within us.

May our Lenten prayer simply be: ‘*Lord, transform my suffering into growth, my tears into prayer, my discouragement into faith, my fears into trust, my expectations into hopes, my anger into closeness, my bitterness into acceptance, my guilt into reconciliation, my loneliness into contemplation, my silence into peace, my death into resurrection. Amen.*’ (03/04/07)

PARISH FESTIVAL

June 14, 15, and 16, 2007

PIZZA COORDINATOR will be Nancy Bell and the **MARKETING COORDINATORS** are Paul and Lisa Scarmazzi. We welcome them to the great Festival Team!

Thank you for volunteering for your parish.

For more information or any questions on the Festival, call Kathy Fontana, Festival Chairperson at 724.746.3404.

MEN’S RETREAT: Rediscover God’s unending love for you, God’s real presence in your life and the beauty of your own unique self. Come experience a St. Paul’s weekend Retreat on March 16, 17 and 18 to recapture your peace of mind and the joys of God’s creation. For more information, call John at 724.745.1735, Doug at 724.873.1483 or Brian 724.873.0780.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? - Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information or to register for the spring program (March 23-25, 2007) call Eric and Vici John at 412.563.0465 or visit the web site at www.helpourmarriage.com

Catholic Men’s Fellowship of Pgh. will present its second annual “Gathering of Catholic Men on Saturday, March 24 at the A. J. Palumbo Center. Call 412.276.2685 or email pat@cmfpitt.org for ticket information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar. 4 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)
- Mar. 4 Baptism Instruction** (1:30 p.m.) in the rectory
- Mar. 5 RCIA** (7:30 p.m.) – Center
- Mar. 5 Mass (6:30 p.m.) Bible Study** (7:00 -8:15 p.m.) in
- Mar. 6 Lenten Vespers (7:00 p.m.)**
- Mar. 8 Knights of Columbus** (8:00 p.m.) - Knights Home
- Mar. 9 FISH FRY—11:00-1:00 and 4:00-7:00 p.m.**
- Mar. 9 Stations of the Cross** (7:00 p.m.) and 2:20 p.m. with School Students.
- Mar. 11 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)
- Mar. 12 Pierogi pick-up** (1-3:00 p.m.) for those that ordered at St. Genevieve Social Hall
- Mar. 11 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 4—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 5:00 SP (P.M. - Vigil Saturday) Galizia and Knizner Families by Mr. and Mrs. Nick Galizia
7:30 SP Steve Kulakowski by Mrs. William Gennocro
10:00 SP Blumen and Hedtke Families by John and Marsha Blumen
12:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

Christian Mothers and Guild to attend 12:00 Noon Mass

Pray for Henrietta Ball, Month's Mind

- 5:00 SP John Rossero by Wife, Susan

MONDAY, MARCH 5

- 7:00 SP Charles Cerenzia Sr. by Family
8:15 SG Bill Backner by Wife, Betty and Family
6:30 SP Mario DeJohn by Ray and Nancy Margiotta

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

- 7:00 SP D'Amico and Merovich Families by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D'Amico
8:15 SG Mary Cyprowski by Konopka and Brennan Families
2:00 (Canon House) Mass for Carrie DiRosato by Mary Blasko

12:00 SP (Noon) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 SP (P.M.) Closing Prayers and Vespers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7—Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

- 7:00 SP Ed DeBlander by Marie Phillips
9:00 SP Peter Mandus by Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 8—John of God

- 7:00 SP Bishop Nicholas Dattilo by Kristin and David
8:15 SG Catherine Shento by Mary Messner

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

- 7:00 SP Mary Zullo by Michael Triplett
8:15 SG Hasen Pastovich, Louise and Jacob Kocian, Jennie and Al Grivetti by Children
10:00 (Pine Lawn) Mass for Victoria Zuzek by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bercik

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

- 7:30 SP Antonio Tarnik by Charlotte Taylor

11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION

- 5:00 SP (P.M. - Vigil Saturday) Mike Leson, Frank and Elizabeth Falcioni by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Falcioni

SUNDAY, MARCH 11—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 SP Deceased Children of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sroka by Debbie Sedora
10:00 SP Charles O'Shanka and Deceased Members of DeVitis Family by Joan O'Shanka and Son
12:00 SP Joe Salamon and Deceased Members of Chemento and Salamon Families by Rose Salamon
5:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

HOME WITH CHRIST: Remember Lord and welcome into your Kingdom those who have died and gone before us marked with a sign of faith, especially **Sister Mary Mercedes Blazowski, Rose Arceri Kubacki Scalzo, Antoinette Pugliese**, (sister of Dr. Anthony Galletta) and all the faithful departed.

Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.

PRAY FOR PEACE!



*Solemn Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held Tuesday, March 6 beginning at Noon until 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church. Make the effort to spend some time with the Lord.

Please use the following information to take advantage of the spiritual riches of Lent, resolve to attend Mass more frequently and to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

MONDAY: 6:30 p.m. **Mass** followed by **Bible Study** in St. Patrick Church

TUESDAY: 7:00 p.m. **Vespers** (Psalms and hymns are used in this ancient rite of prayer.)

FRIDAY: 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross** and at 2:20 p.m. **Stations** with St. Patrick School students
Check the Mass Schedule for daily Mass times.

THE FRIDAYS of Lent are days of abstinence (refraining from eating meat).



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: During Lent the High School Youth Group will meet each Sunday (6:30-8:00 p.m.) in the Teen Room of St. Patrick Center. This Sunday is a Play and Pray week and we will also collect questions about our faith to be addressed the following week with Catechist, Philip Mortorano. Please join us for a Journey of our Catholic Faith during this Lenten season.

Hosanna '07 is a gathering of Catholic teens (grade 8 thru 12) at Duquesne University (A.J. Palumbo Center) on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2007. The day will include celebration of Liturgy for Palm Sunday, a keynote presentation by Jesse Manibussan, along with games, talks, prayer, food and a benefit dance. Cost is \$20.00 which includes t-shirt, dinner and dance. Permission slips and money needs to be in the rectory by March 14th. Any question call Nicole (724.745.9413).

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE will be held November 8-10, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio. Teens have received information at Youth Group Meetings and registration fee of \$25.00 needs to be received by March 11, 2007. Fundraisers are planned to help defray the cost of the weekend. Any questions, call Nicole (724.745.9413).

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP: March will be our **Month of Service** by working at the Friday Fish Frys and attending Stations of the Cross. Volunteers need to come to the cafeteria at 4:00 p.m. on Friday. A Volunteer clipboard will be available to sign up for your service hours. Any questions, call Lisa Ackerman at 724.745.3989.

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