



Mass Intentions

- Monday February 15th**
5:00 p.m. Clemence H., Carolyn A, Robert Alan and Richard C. Faecking
- Tuesday February 16th**
8:30 a.m. Antonio and Gloria D. Bornaes
- Wednesday Feb. 17th Seven Founders of the Order of Servites**
5:00 p.m. Clara Smith
- Thursday February 18th**
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
- Friday February 19th**
8:30 a.m. Carl & Dorothy Diedrick
- Saturday February 20th**
9:00 a.m. Marie Borgmann
4:30 p.m. John Radachi
- Sunday February 21st 2nd Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m. The Suetta Family
9:30 a.m. Ron Peloquin
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish

Readings for the Week of February 15th

- Mon Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tue Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wed Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thur Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7-8; Mt 7:7-12
Fri Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sat Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sun Gn 15:5-12, 7-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

In your prayers...

This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially: **Alan, Bette, Beverly, Bob, Carmen, Colin, Danielle, Dave, Don, Dorothy, Doug, Eli, Ethan, Fran, Jacob, Kelly, Linda, Lois, Mark, Mary, Matt, Noah, Olga, Pat, Susan, Theodore, Tim, Tom, Vicki, the Mercy Doctors in Kenya** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (02/07/16) \$10,088.68
Envelopes 284

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection February 14th - Helping Hands Ministry]
[2nd Collection February 21st - Black & Indian Mission]



My Friends,

Growing up as a child, I always thought of Lent as a time to pay up on my debt. I gave things up to score some points on the plus side. We thought of sin in physical terms. It was a 'black mark' on our soul that we needed to erase with 'rewards points' of grace. Sin is not as much a transgression of the law as it is a rupture in a relationship. We push God away so that we can be king of the mountain and the world can revolve around us. Rather silly as we can not take our next breath without God sustaining us.

The two great commandments respond to the ruptured relationship that we have both with God and one another. Love is key to reconciling the breach. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the antidotes that restore the communion we have with God and our neighbor. This is why the Year of Mercy is at the heart of our Lenten observance. Sin is overcome when we reconcile our relationships. Pope Francis is leading us in so many ways. It is time for us to become engaged.

Our faith tradition is richly blessed with the sacraments. There is no greater expression of our communion with God and one another than in the Eucharist. I don't know the reason but it seems like more and more people are losing their hunger and desire for the Eucharist. This world desperately needs something to bond it together.

Pope Francis has also encouraged us to reach out to those who have fallen away and invite them to return to their community of faith. Again this year, there will be a diocesan-wide celebration of Reconciliation. All the churches in the diocese will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, February 24th from 5-8pm. This is a time of special grace where we not only pray for those who have lost their way but more importantly invite them to seek out the sacrament.

We will continue to reflect on the importance of mercy and compassion in the coming weeks. We have prayer cards and will continue to encourage your practice of the works of mercy through the Sunday bulletin. *Have mercy on us Lord, for we have sinned...*

Fr. Charlie

Pre-Baptism Class will be held **Wednesday, February 17th** from **6:30-8:30pm** in the Weigand Room. Babies & Godparents are welcome. To register, please call the Parish Office at 323-5539. Our next class will be May 11th 2016.

Our February Book Club book is titled: The Illusion of Separateness by Simon Van Booy. We will meet on Thursday, February 18th at 7pm in the Cahill Library. All are welcome.



Cluster Mission: "UNCONDITIONALLY"

Sunday ~ February 21st 7pm - St. Agnes Church
"WHO WE ARE CALLED TO BE"

Monday ~ February 22nd 7pm - St. Mary Church
"OUR RESPONSIBILITY"

Tuesday ~ February 23rd 7pm - St. Jude Church
"FINDING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST"

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

- Monday February 15th**
5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Hall Committee - Weigand Room
- Tuesday February 16th**
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
5:30 p.m. Awakening Faith - Weigand Room
7:00 p.m. Revisiting Our Faith Traditions - Conf. Room
- Wednesday February 17th**
3:30 p.m. Academic Challenge - Weigand Room
5:45 p.m. Liturgy Commission - Conference Room
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room
6:30 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class - Weigand Room
7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft
- Thursday February 18th**
9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary - Rosary & Benediction
+ Luncheon & Meeting - Weigand Room
7:00 p.m. Book Club - Cahill Library
- Friday February 19th**
11am-1:30pm Pierogi Luncheon - Parish Hall
1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church
- Sunday February 21st**
9-11am Blood Pressure Checks - Weigand Room
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building
11:00 a.m. R.C.I.A. - Weigand Room
11:00 a.m. Confirmation Retreat - Church/Weigand Room
1:30 p.m. Secular Franciscans - Cafeteria
*7:00 p.m. Cluster Mission - at St. Agnes Church

200 CLUB WINNER: 02/14/16 Carol Ward #174



“REVISITING OUR FAITH TRADITIONS” will be held in the Conference Room on Tues., Feb. 16th at 7pm. Our topic will be ‘Desert Wanderings’ Numbers 1-24.



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 1st at 12:00 noon in the Weigand Room. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Please call your reservation to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140 by Friday, Feb. 26th. Time will be available for those who wish to stay and play bingo. We look forward to a great meal, sharing new ideas and hope that you will bring a friend with you.

Altar & Rosary Society



St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will meet this Thurs., Feb. 18th in the Lower Church at 11am for the Rosary and Benediction followed by a luncheon and business meeting in the Weigand Room.

Chili Cook-Off Saturday ~ February 27th from 5:30-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Flyers are available at the Church entrances!



Registration for the **2016-2017** school year for Preschool, Kindergarten and **NEW** students to St. Mary School has begun. Please contact the School Office at 322-2808 to set up an appointment to visit the School or for additional information regarding registration.

All are invited to join us for
Stations of the Cross
on Fridays during Lent at 1:00pm in Church



Our Parish will be serving dinner this Sunday, February 14th from 5-6pm in the School Cafeteria. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation at 3pm.

...and Jesus said...FEED THE HUNGRY

We will be taking dinner to the St. Joseph's Catholic Overnight Shelter on Saturday, February 20th. If you can provide a pasta with meat dish, dessert, salad or rolls call me by the 17th. Thanks to all of you who give so much. Maryann 440-458-6159.



Pierogi Lunches have begun and will continue for the next 5 Fridays in the Parish Hall 11am-1:30pm. Cost: \$6. Lunch includes: 5 Sophie Choice Pierogi, sour cream and/or onions, tossed salad, apple sauce, roll & beverage. Dine in or pick-up in the Parish Hall. Call 323-5539 x231 to place an order. Tell your friends...

*Pierogi Lunches can always use your HELP! From prep, to serving to clean up. If you are interested please contact Joyce Snyder - 440-775-1967 or chippers2@zoominternet.net.

The 2016 PIEROGI TREE is up! For a \$20 donation your family's name will go on a leaf. The money raised from the tree & Pierogi Lunches will be used for: Sprucing up the Weigand Room.



This is the final weekend of the in-pew portion of the **2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal**.

The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a pledge, to Catholic Charities in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the “least among us.” Please consider a gift and pray for the success of this Appeal. You are invited to view inspirational stories at www.catholiccommunity.org/2016Appeal. **Thank you!**



We are invited to **pray** with our families and faith communities; **fast** in solidarity with those who hunger; **learn** more about our global community & the challenges of poverty overseas; and **give** sacrificial contributions to those in need. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of the Church. Please take one home and bring it back filled with your donation on Palm Sunday. Thank you.

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