

Dear Parish Family,

Our beautiful new sanctuary windows arrived and were installed this week. I want to thank Kerry and Mary Ann Byrne of Der Glass Werks Art Glass Studio for designing and executing the windows. Also, I want to thank all of you who have generously supported this project. Because I need to write so much about Lent, I hope to discuss the windows more in next week's bulletin letter.

Thank you for your response to the re-launch of our Home Improvement Fund. Some parishioners have already responded generously resulting in the February Home Improvement Fund collection being significantly higher than it has been. Your continued efforts will be appreciated as we attempt to build this fund and use it for unplanned capital and maintenance expenses.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Also, every Friday evening during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross and Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The law of abstinence requires Catholics 14 years of age and older to abstain from eating meat. The law of fasting requires Catholic from the age of eighteen until their fifty-ninth birthday to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church defines this as one main meal a day and two smaller meals which if added together would not be larger than the main meal.

Our Lenten Penance Service will be Monday evening, March 16, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Our ability to celebrate Easter well, i.e., not just celebrate Jesus' resurrection but our own resurrection to new life with him, depends on how we celebrate Lent.

Lent, however, is not all penance. *One of our Lenten highlights is our weekly Fish Fry each and every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. and continues until 7:30 p.m. This year there will be no price increases as a small way of recognizing our struggles with the economy. I want to encourage everyone to attend and to invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend.* The Fish Fry is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors to socialize. Each year I am amazed at the number of people who suggest that we have the Fish Fry all year long.

Also, each year the Fish Fry earns the parish approximately \$9,000. This money is included as ordinary income in our annual budget. I am profoundly grateful to Mary Martha Costello and all her dedicated workers who work every week to make the Fish Fry possible. I am also grateful to those organizations and individuals who volunteer to help on one or more Fridays.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

In Our Thoughts and Prayers.....

We extend our condolences to **Colleen Brown** on the death of her mother, **Ruthann Woodrum**, who passed away on February 10th. May she be welcomed into God's eternal glory and may we keep Colleen and her family in our prayers.



Session 6 for candidates and team will take place on Sunday, February 22nd following the 6pm Mass. Session 7 will follow on March 1st. Please pray for our confirmation candidates and their sponsors. You will find their pictures on the bulletin board by the choir loft door.

**Masses of the Week**

FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 23 – MAR. 1, 2009

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| 23 February | Monday |
| 7:00 am | Communion Service |
| 5:30 pm | William Galluzzi by Roberta Galluzzi and Family |
| 24 February | Tuesday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 5:30 pm | Elaine Sauer by Charlie and Karen Davidson |
| 25 February | Ash Wednesday |
| 8:30 am | Bernard Durman, Sr. by Betty and Phil Caito |
| 6:00 pm | Rita Ernestes by Lucy Corder |
| 26 February | Thursday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 1:30 pm | Crestwood - Mary Edith Williams |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 27 February | Friday |
| 8:30 am | Patrick and Marguerite Walsh by Peggy Walsh |
| 5:30 pm | Way of the Cross and Communion Service |
| 28 February | Saturday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 5:00 pm | Vigil- First Sunday of Lent |
| | Joanne Foust by The Foust Family |
| 01 March | Sunday – 1st Sunday of Lent |
| 8:30 am | Ellis Fowler by Joseph and Sally Turner |
| 10:30 am | Amy Grismore by The Little Flower Ladies Club |
| 6:00 pm | For the People |

INFORMATION FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday is this week, Wednesday, February 25th. Masses will be at 8:30am and 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross and Communion Service will be each Friday during Lent at 5:30 pm.

Our Lenten Penance Service will be Monday evening, evening, March 16th at 7 p.m. **at Our Lady of Lourdes.** Please mark your calendars.

THANK YOU

Carol Murphy and all of Charley's family send a special thanks to Fr Bob, Peggy, & Miss Eckrich as well as the funeral luncheon committee for their care and help throughout Charley's passing and funeral. Please continue to keep Carol and the family in your prayers.



Please welcome into our Christian Community Brogan Vincent, son of Ryan and Angie (Burnett) Griffin and Elizabeth Anne, daughter of Francesco and Courtney (Clinger) Rocchio baptized on Sunday, February 15, 2009.

The first babysitting Co-op night will be Saturday, March 7 in the St. Therese room from 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Parents will rotate turns as the sitters while the rest of the group gets a night out. If you missed the meeting and want to know what it's all about, contact Molly Hahn at 513-9970.

FISH FRY is here!

FRIDAYS, BEGINNING THIS WEEK!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

THE SCHOOL AND PARISH STAFF WILL BE HELPING TO

MAKE OUR FIRST FISH FRY OF THE SEASON A BIG

SUCCESS. PLAN NOW TO JOIN US!

SEE THE BULLETIN INSERT FOR DETAILS!

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ladies Club reminder: Just a reminder that Lenten Fish Fry's will begin on February 27th and we are counting on the women to provide those yummy desserts!



First Communion

We will be offering instruction for children in grades 3rd through 8th who are baptized but have not made their 1st Communion. Please contact Lisa at 357-8352 ext. 33 by Feb. 27th if you would like to enroll.

Attention! All senior members of our parish! It's time to put on your dancing shoes! On February 28th, from 6 pm -10 pm in Duffy Hall (school cafeteria), the 8th grade class at Little Flower School, will host a Senior Prom. This event is open to anyone in the parish age 55 or older. The evening will include dinner, dancing and bingo. There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required, so that there is an accurate count for dinner. What a great way to beat the winter blues and have a free evening out. Please call the Parish Center, 357-8352, by February 23rd if you wish to attend. This is a great opportunity for you to meet some of the young people of our parish, so please mark your calendar and let us know you are coming!

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will sing at 6pm Mass on February 22nd and March 1st. Please meet in church at 5pm.

The Little Flower Athletic Association presents..

Monte Carlo/ Texas Hold 'Em Night! You won't want to miss this fundraiser as this is the last opportunity to offer your financial support to the LFAA program for the 2008-2009 school year. This event is sure to be a great time with cash prizes, cash bar and FREE admission. This event will be held from 7 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 7th in Little Flower's Duffy Hall (school cafeteria). Ante up and join us for a fun night out while supporting the LFAA and its athletes.



The Little Flower Athletic Association will be holding their Spring sign ups on February 23rd in the gym at 6:30 pm. Please remember that all sports fee are due at the time of sign ups and if you are unable to make the sign ups in person you can send your fees to school with your child. If you have any questions or need further info please contact Tim Smith at trsmith1838@sbcglobal.net

TAKE NOTE:

There will be an informational meeting for anyone wishing to learn more about the **Christopher**

Ministry on Wednesday, February 24th at 7pm in the Parish Center. "Christophers" are parishioners who become "Christ Bearers" to others by taking Communion to nursing homes or homebound parishioners, offering respite care, or providing rides to Mass each weekend. Please contact Peggy Clegg, 357-8352, for more information.

LENTEN BABY BANKS

Baby Banks will be at the doors of Church beginning Ash Wednesday. Please take one and fill it with your loose change as part of your Lenten sacrifice. 75% of the monies collected support the Gabriel Project, which assists mother who have chosen life over abortion. A small portion of this supports the work of the Respect Life Committee. 25% are directed toward a parish project. This year it has been decided to direct the parish portion of our Lenten sacrifices to St. Gabriel Parish in New Orleans. You may recall that we assisted St. Gabriel's several years ago immediately following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

This parish has is now back in their own church, but beginning work on the rest of the parish facilities. Banks can be returned to Church at any of the Palm Sunday Masses. Thank you for your continued support of the Gabriel Project.



Dates to Remember

February 22 – March 1, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	8:30 am	Rite of Sending RCIA
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	SS Peter & Paul Cathedral	2:00 pm	Rite of Election -RCIA
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation
Monday	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	Gym	6:30 pm	Spring Sports Sign-Up
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Financial Peace
	School	6:30 pm	Child Care Financial Peace
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Christopher Ministry
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
Friday	Duffey Hall	4:30 pm	Fish Fry
	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	6:00 pm	Senior Prom
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Confirmation

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of February 14 th and 15 th	\$ 11,770.30
Electronic Contribution 2/11 to 2/17	\$ 3,869.64
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 462,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 448,532.29
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 13,467.71

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions	\$ 1,139.00
Febuary Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,703.00

Thank you for your response so far to the re-launch of our Home Improvement Fund. Just recently, \$3,600 was need for the repair of a major boiler valve in the school. This malfunction was resulting in the loss of valuable steam! The Home Improvement Fund was used to make this repair possible.

Your continued efforts will be appreciated!

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 1/31/2009

Amount Pledged	\$903,695.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$744,396.00

Pledges still outstanding	\$139,512.00
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