



Ss. Gregory & Barnabas Parish

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2010

Pastor

Rev. Robert L. Ruston

Deacon

Deacon Thomas M. Papinchak

Daily Mass:

(see bulletin for locations)

8:00AM: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday

6:30PM: Thursday evening

Weekend Liturgy:

Saturday: 4:00PM (Daisytown)

5:30PM (Bon Air)

Sunday: 8:30AM (Bon Air)

11:00AM (Daisytown)

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9AM - 12:30PM

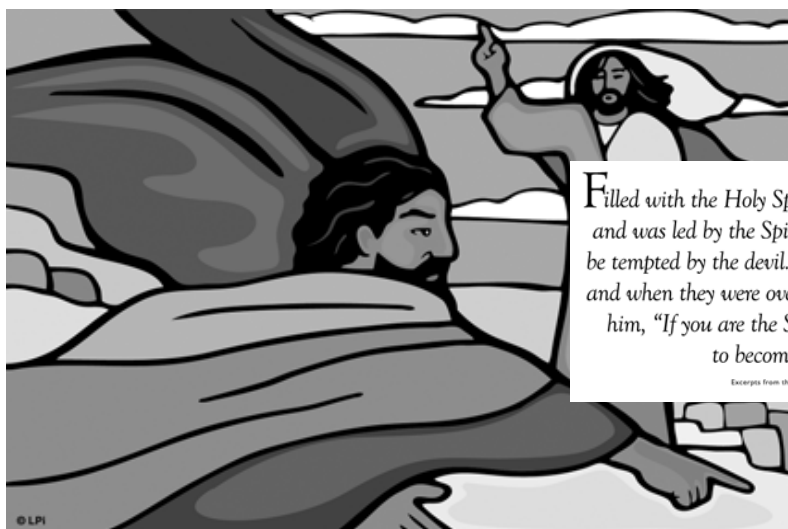
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MISSION STATEMENT

As Catholic Christians, we will live to serve God and each other. And do His will as one family united in Faith. We will teach, serve, and be an example to the youth of the parish that they will come to a full understanding of Christ and His plan for their lives. We will nurture the gifts and talents of all parish members and use them wisely for the glory of God. We will compassionately implement the Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy for those in our Parish, Diocese and throughout the world. Through the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we affirm our Communion with Christ and each other.

All are welcome.



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." — Lk 4:1-3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Reconciliation: Saturday: Noon—12:30PM (Daisytown)

Saturday: 3:30—3:45PM (Daisytown) & 6:30PM (Bon Air)

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents are to be examples to their children by being registered, active members of the Parish. Please call the rectory office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples planning to marry are to make arrangements at least nine months prior to their wedding date. Diocesan Guidelines regarding Marriage Preparation must be followed. The Catholic party/parties is/are to be registered, active members in the parish.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the church office if you have a family member or friend in the hospital who would like to receive the Sacraments. The homebound and parishioners in nursing homes should also receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.

Parish Membership: New members are always welcome! If you are moving into, within, or out of the Parish, please call the Rectory Office and let us know.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): All who would like more information about membership in the Roman Catholic Church are invited to call the Church Office.



Readings for the Week of
February 21, 2010

Monday:

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt
7:7-12

Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday:

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil
3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1



The weekend of Feb. 28th our second collection will be for the "TV" ministry. We continue to support this local ministry with a monthly offering from the parish. *Thank you for your support of this ministry.*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday**Tuesday**

In Stitches

Wednesday

Fish Fry Prep/D

Choir/6:30PM/BA

Thursday

Fish Fry/Prep/D

Friday

FISH FRY/D & BA

Saturday**Sunday**

Rite of Enrollment

BA/8:30AM

Rel Ed/K-6/9:40AM

Jr/Sr High/6PM

First Sunday in Lent



So what's your temptation? Chocolate ice cream? Gossip? Alcohol? Petty thievery? Or just plain ignoring God? Gratefully, none of us has to stand up in front of the whole assembly and confess the specifics of our sins. We simply admit to our sinfulness before we enter into the celebration of the Eucharist, leaving the specific confession of sin to the privacy of the sacrament of penance when we speak individually with a

priest. Sunday's Gospel directs our attention that Jesus truly was a human person just like all of us. He was subjected to temptation, just like we are. In our desire to conform our lives to be more like Christ, we seek to avoid temptation, just like he did.

For those of us who are already baptized, this Lenten season is one of renewal. We are praying more, fasting, and helping others so as to recover our baptismal innocence. These forty days are meant to get us ready for the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. In those promises we rejected Satan, his

works, and his empty promises. We rejected sin so as to live in the freedom of God.

These forty days will test our fortitude, but we don't go into them alone. We are surrounded by an entire community of faith, all of us working together to become even better Christians. Sometime during this season, we'll each confess our sins with a priest.

But as we begin Lent, it might not hurt to tell one other person what you're striving for during this season. Ask them to pray for you, and to help you by being ready to ask how your Lent is going on a weekly basis from now until Easter.

**James L. Cosgrove**

nephew of Beverly Deitke and
grandson of Vashti Cosgrove

Marianna Elizabeth Weaver

daughter of Michael and Candice
(Brezovic) Weaver &
granddaughter of Martin &
Barbara Brezovic

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday (SG)8:00AM Josephine German
(Virginia Amenti)

Tuesday (SB)8:00AM George Galuska
(Anniv) By Family

Wed. (SG)8:00AM Marian Ledwich (Helen Tursic)

Thurs. (SB)6:30PM Michael Kohan
(B'day Remembrance) By Family

Friday (SB)8:00AM Leona Milavec (Ethel Balamuta)

Sat. (SG)4:00PM Vera Brunetto
(Anniv 2/22) by Family
(SB)5:30PM Sophie Mihelic (Ethel Balamuta)

Sunday (SB)8:30AM Frank Kuska (Walter V. Rozum)
(SG)11:00AM For the People

FESTIVAL PLANNING

MEETING

Monday, March 1st

6:30PM

Rectory Basement

New ideas & suggestions
welcome!

From the desk of Father Bob

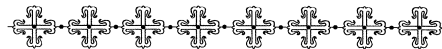
It has been a very bad month in so many ways that I am simply "calling uncle" on a number of items here in the parish. I am giving up on my attempts to make home visits to the homebound for this month. It is causing me to become very short on patience with myself and others. I need to just "let it go" and try again in March.

Response to our pleas for help this past week in the preparation process for the Lenten fish fries has been terrible. I am about ready to throw in the towel and admit that we simply do not have the necessary help to continue this major fundraising event at either location. Financially this would be a disaster to the parish but given my present state of mind it seems to be

a desirable alternative. Blame it on the weather perhaps but that doesn't change the reality of the situation.

I am only going to schedule Stations of the Cross on Sunday evenings, when possible, this year. If the winter storms keep up, those devotions will be held only in Daisytown at 7PM. If the weather breaks I will try to schedule some of those services in Bon Air on Sunday evenings as well.

Lent is off to a very rough start for me and I ask your prayers for wisdom, patience, and perseverance. I need to trust it will all end in Easter joy!



FAST ✠ PRAY ✠ SHARE ✠ FAST ✠ PRAY ✠ SHARE

LECTIO DIVINA will be offered on the Sunday evenings of Lent in what was formerly "Bert's Place" in the basement of the church in Daisytown. This is intended to be prayerful reflection upon the Sunday scripture readings and how they might touch our hearts more deeply and bring us to a closer relationship with the Lord. Parents who bring their children to evening religious education classes on Sunday might take this opportunity to remain and enhance their own understanding of their Catholic faith while the young people of the parish are being educated in their faith as well. Weekly attendance is not necessary. Sessions will begin at 6:30PM and will end about 7:45PM, at about the time your children are dismissed from class. First session will be February 21st.

Rite of Enrollment

RITE OF ENROLLMENT for our Confirmation candidates takes place next weekend at the 8:30AM Mass. This ceremony celebrates the candidates' formal and public commitment to their Catholic faith as they prepare for full initiation into the Church with the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter season.

*Erin Barefoot, Nikki Ledwich, Blake Butts, Nick McCombie,
Neil Wysocki, Jen Percinsky, Jess Verno*



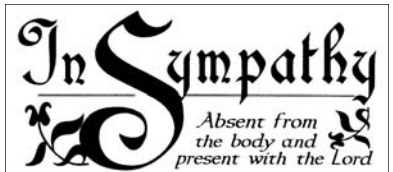
Rebecca Stiffler
Charles Mastervich
Irene Partsch

Prayerful remembrance for all serving in the military:

Justin Erdley, Air Force; Sgt. Brandon Rheel, Marine; Ryan Wood, Army; Capt. Brad Aughinbaugh; Justin Erdley, Air Force; Nathan Brezovic; Lt. Michael Galuska, M.D., Navy; Fr. Frantisek Halka, Army; Travis Hybki, Air Force; Major Paul Troy, Army; Tony Pinkas, Navy; Lt. Scott Fyock, Navy

A REMINDER:

Names of those hospitalized or admitted to nursing homes will be published ONLY when we are notified by the facility or a family member.



Thomas Murin, brother of
Margaret Martinec

Richard Gonda, nephew of
Vinny Hillegas

Stewardship

Christian stewards place their weekly offering before the altar as a grateful response for the time, talent, and treasure that God has entrusted to them.



This weekend:
Rel Ed/K-6/9:40AM

First Reconciliation:

1PM in Bon Air
Jr/Sr High/6PM

Next weekend:

Rel Ed/K-6/9:40AM
Jr/Sr High/6PM



Religious Education student instrumentalists will have practice on March 2nd and 9th from 6-7PM in the music room in the Daisytown Church hall. If you have any questions, contact Sherri Slavick (266-4409).



FINANCIAL NEWS

Fiscal Year July 1, 2009—June 30, 2010

Offertory Totals for the week of February 14, 2010

Weekly offertory	\$3,891.00	Weekly Needs	\$4,307.00
Votive Candles	71.00	Actual 02/07	\$4,452.91
FUEL	5.00	Over/under	+145.91
Black books/Lent	17.00		
“First offering”	4.00		
Easter Flowers	145.00	YTD	+\$5,817.71
Misc.	319.91		

The Church's National Collection for Black & Indian Missions in the United States will be taken at all Masses this weekend. The support of this collection goes to the neediest people across the United States. Please give what you are able.

Black & Indian	\$65.00
ACA	\$377.00
Ash Wednesday	\$118.00
Building Fund	\$287.00



2/21	J. Wysocki	3/7	B. Hite
2/28	C. Chandler	3/14	Jen Stiffler

February 27 & 28	4:00PM	5:30PM	8:30AM	11:00AM
Lector	Skelly Family	G. Cveykus	S. Rozum	C. Kessler
E. Min B	Skelly Family	G. Cveykus	G. Malzi	J. Stiffler
Altar Server	Skelly Family	M. Ponczek A. Ponczek	E. Rozum S. Rykala T. Sorchilla	B. Grasso V. Lord T. Slifko

In the community....

The **Columbian Home Association** of Council 467 Knights of Columbus is having a Basket Party on Sunday, Feb. 21st from Noon to 4PM. The fundraising activities support the upkeep of the building and grounds. The Council home, built in 1894, is the home for the first mayor of Johnstown. As you can imagine, upkeep and maintenance of this historic building is very costly. We are asking for your support in this fundraising effort on Sunday afternoon or by making a cash donation, whether large or small. Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus Columbian Home Association, P.O. Box 777, Johnstown 15907-0777.

Students at **Cathedral Catholic Academy** will begin their Lenten devotions this week with Stations of the Cross on Thursday, Feb. 25th at 1:30PM in St. Clement church. Friends and family are welcome as 8th grade class presents the Way of the Cross that Jesus followed in His last hours of His life on earth. Registrations for students entering Cathedral Catholic Academy in grades PreK through 8 are now being accepted. Contact the schools office (255-1964).