



Saturday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

4:00 p.m. †Joseph A. Petrarca (An.)

Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Joseph Martier (An.)

Monday, March 15, Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Vincent Naccarato

Tuesday, March 16, Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Mike & Lena Mendicino (An.)

Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick, bishop

9:00 a.m. †Joann Narduzzi

Thursday, March 18, Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Anthony DelleDonne (An.)

Friday, March 19, St. Joseph, Husband of BVM

8:30 a.m. †Diodato Adorante

12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Our Lady Queen
of Peace, East Vandergrift

Saturday, March 20, Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. St. Gertrude Altar Rosary Society

4:00 p.m. †Mary Garzone

Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Walter Wisniewski



March 20 & 21

4:00 p.m.~ Dylan Ruffner, Frank & Luke Poydence

8:00 a.m.~ Eric Bennardo, Michael DePanicis,
Colton Robb

10:30 a.m.~ Zachary Jones, Joey Caporali, Marissa
Molnar

This Week at

Saint Gertrude Parish

Sunday, March 14 ~ Bingo ~ 7 p.m.

Monday, March 15 ~ TCTH Leadership Team,
church hall ~ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 18 ~ Spaghetti Dinner ~ 4-7 p.m.

Friday, March 19

12:30 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Our Lady Queen
of Peace



MARCH 6 & 7

Offertory Envelope....	\$7,311.00
Loose Collection.....	213.00
Children's.....	4.00
Flowers.....	626.00

THANK YOU ~ God Bless all of you for your support of Saint Gertrude Parish!!

ST. GERTRUDE MEN'S CLUB ~ members are asked to please pay your dues for 2010. Put it in the Sunday collection basket & mark it Men's Club dues.

Healing Mass ~ Saint Paul Parish in Greensburg on Wednesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. Praise and worship will start at 6:30 p.m. and individual prayer will be available following the Mass. For info call the Parish Office at 724-834-6880.

Saint Vincent Archabbey will host an inspirational lecture by Carl T. Hasselman, M.D., entitled "The Passion and Death of Christ: An analysis of the Shroud of Turin from a Medical Perspective" on Sunday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in the Fred M. Rogers Center on the campus of Saint Vincent College. There is no charge for admission, however seating is limited. To reserve a seat or for more info call 724-805-2177.

The 2010 Census is Important ~ The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states local communities based, in part, on census data. The census affects our representation in Congress and the state legislature, county and municipal voting districts. An accurate count is critical for our community. Complete the census questionnaire and be counted in 2010.

ST. GERTRUDE CATHOLIC CEMETERY ~ due to the weather conditions, the cemetery has extended the clean up of Christmas decorations until March 29. Anything left past March 29 will be discarded. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

dear Padre

March 14, 2010

Why no Mass on certain days?

My friend says sometimes priests aren't allowed to celebrate Mass. Is that true?

Linda

Dear Linda,

It is true. There are two such day: Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The celebration of Mass falls away during these days as the Church participates in a broader, three-day liturgy we call the Triduum.

As the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the evening celebration concludes with a procession instead of the usual blessing and dismissal at the end of Mass. The Blessed Sacrament is carried to an altar of repose, where it is kept overnight.

On Good Friday there is no Mass. Rather, the Church continues celebrating the Triduum by participating in the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. The Blessed Sacrament is retrieved from the altar of repose during this liturgy and people receive Holy Communion, but there is no Eucharistic prayer and no Mass. There is no Mass on Holy Saturday either, as the Triduum continues and the whole Church waits for the joyful celebration of the Easter Vigil.

You may ask, "But doesn't the Vigil take place on Holy Saturday?" In liturgical terms, the Vigil doesn't take place on Holy Saturday-it takes place only when darkness has settled on Saturday night, and the service is understood as entering into Easter Sunday.

Matthew Allman, C.Ss.R.



SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Richard DelleDonne by Bill & Jean Rowe

MEMORIAL CANDLES

In memory of James & Catherine Defilippi by the family

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 10, 2010

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

The annual Cardinal Maida Academy gala Evening Under the Stars, a charity dinner and auction benefiting the students of CMA at Lingrow Farm, at 6 p.m. Price: \$40.00. For more call CMA at 724-568-3304.

Scripture Verse

“His son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son. But his father ordered his servants, let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.”

Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

**Readings for the Week of March 14, 2010**

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
 Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
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St. Gertrude Men's Club is holding a Night at the Races, Church Hall, Saturday, March 20, doors open at 5:30 p.m. Donation \$10.00 ~ Buffet & beverages. Ticket may be purchase from any member of the men's club.

PENANCE ~ Saturday, March 20 and March 27, we will have an opportunity for Confession at St. Gertrude Church between 3 –3:45 p.m.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be distributing Easter food baskets again this year, **BUT** we need your help. We are asking for non-perishable food items, paper products, and/or toiletries, which can be placed in the boxes at each door. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity. You will make Easter a better time for a lot of families. Our Christmas baskets helped 44 families; we hope to do the same for Easter.

Thank You

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To all who labored so hard and donated so much time to our spaghetti dinners. You are a blessing to our parish. The next spaghetti dinner will be Thursday, March 18. Please come out and enjoy the spaghetti.

St. James Parish, Apollo ~ baking Easter Nut Rolls, March 22 & 23. Cost is \$8. each. This is last week to order. Call Veronica at 724-478-2404

MARCH 17, 2010



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An Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
 May the wind always be at your back
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 and rains fall soft upon your fields.
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of His hand..

BINGO

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SUNDAY

Church Hall ~ Doors open 5:15 p.m.
Bring a friend or two along and enjoy an evening out!

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