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Easter Memorial Flower Offering

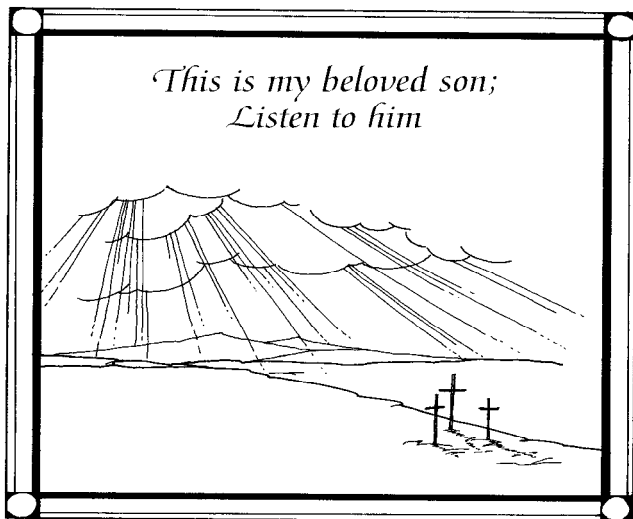
Anyone who wishes to have a loved one, living or deceased, remembered during the Easter season, please place the "Easter Flower Offering" envelope in the collection basket with the name of your loved one, printed clearly on the envelope, along with your donation. A list with your loved one's name will be printed in the bulletin at Easter. All names must be into the Church by **April 2**.



Today in Mark's gospel, we find Peter, James and John being disturbed hearing Jesus talk about carrying a cross and losing his life. In answer to their misgivings, Jesus took them up to a mountain and was transfigured before them. They were filled with awe as they realized his glory was also theirs, a glory not experienced in his future kingdom, but also here on earth. As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in prayer that human beings are not only sacred, but also social. How we participate in our family and community, from our daily actions to our policy decisions, affects each and every person. May our fasting keep us mindful of the families and communities that are hungry. Rice Bowls can be found at all the entrances to the church.

Prince of Peace Center Bowl-a-Thon

The 6th Annual Prince of Peace Center Bowl-a-Thon will be held on **April 2** at Sunset Lanes beginning at 12:30 pm. This family oriented event has been a great opportunity to have fun while assisting the Emergency and Family Services programs at Prince of Peace Center. All money raised through the event stays within our local community, helping our brothers and sisters in need. Sponsor sheets can be obtained in the church office or by calling Joe Flecher at 724-346-5777. Non-bowlers can also help by sponsoring someone who wants to bowl. Please join us for a fun afternoon as we "strike out poverty in our midst."



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"This is my Son, the Beloved: Listen to him!"

These words are the high point of the stroll Jesus takes with Peter, James and John up the mountain. His purpose was to give them some reassurance about the future they faced as his followers. And just like us when we face the future, theirs was shrouded in fog. We know keep down that we need to be aimed in the right direction and we count on Christ not only to aim us, but to stay with us. We need guidance for the times we drift and lose our bearings. If we take Mark's version of the Transfiguration literally, then God is in the fog. "A cloud" sounds more romantic or religious, but a cloud on our level is nothing more than fog. And isn't facing our future also like being in a fog? Peter, John and James are given direction from the fog, however, and from that moment on, though they may have been unclear about Jesus' message, they had a clear idea of how it was all going to end. This story is a foreshadowing of how it's going to end for us, as well. We are given this vision, this hope, this glimpse into the future to fuel our Lenten journey of renewal, as individuals and as a parish family. Keep moving toward the light!!!!


"Now you only need 71 more!" Those words were written across a Catholic Stewardship Appeal pledge envelope in which there was a pledge for \$1000. With generous pledges like this, we're slowly moving toward our assessment of \$72,900. To date, we have pledges of \$57,280 from 195 families. We're really working toward getting 500 families involved, and with a pledge of just \$20 a month from 100 more families we'd surpass our assessed goal and start to build up some fiscal reserves to keep our head above water. As I said a couple of weeks ago, we're turned the corner on our past obligations to the diocese and KCHS, in some ways it's like seeing the light in the midst of the fog. Like the apostles, let's keep on moving with confidence that it is Christ's hand on our shoulder, steering us into the future.

Why Catholic? Almost all the groups started meeting last week and we're on a roll. The format is surprisingly easy to follow and comfortable, even with some people who see each other only on Sundays across the church. Groups continue to meet through Lent and then break until the Fall session. It's never too late to join in these sessions on the Catechism of the Catholic Church; if spring was too busy for you, there will be sign-up opportunities come September. THANK YOU to all those parishioners who pledged prayer support for those who are in a group. The pledges so many made are displayed in the Gathering Space and vestibule - a constant reminder of our connection to each other.



Every Friday during Lent at 11:30 am and Again at 7 pm in the Main Church

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**2006 Pot of Gold Calendar
This Week's Winners**

Monday, February 27	324
\$25 Todd Carenbauer	
Tuesday, February 28	694
\$25 Gerald Grgurich	
Wednesday, March 1	145
\$25 No winner	
Thursday, March 2	633
\$25 No winner	
Friday, March 3	977
\$25 Carleen Sweet	
Saturday, March 4	540
\$25 No winner	

The ladies of our Widow's Group will be hosting coffee and donuts next Sunday after the 10 am Mass. All are invited.



First Reconciliation

Our second graders will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance (or Reconciliation) this coming Saturday at 11:00 am. Please keep them in prayer:
Ann Abate, Lexi Alexander, Tyler Alfredo, Macy Bailey, Nina Barnes, John Bartolic, James Black, Zachery Bruno, Casey Burke, KJ Burkhauser, Laureen Burns, Paige Clark, Jacob Clepper, Alexis Collins, Annie Cricks, Jessica Dickson, Elijah Dillie, Thaiddeus Dillie, Alura Dillon, Matthew Dilts, Hannah Djakovich, Elexis Duncan, Leah Gaston, Hannah Glaven, Alexa Hoover, Erin Hunter, Marisa Isco, James Keay, Michael Kifer, Rachel Knott, Nat Liscio, Jeremy Marangoni, Hannah McElrath, Kylie McElrath, Catherine Messina, Ethan Morocco, Augustus Necastro, Alivia O'Brien, Meg O'Hara, Nicholas Ostheimer, Bella Scarmack, Brock Schaller, Izzy Schell, Kaylin Shimmin, Kathryn Summers, Marissa Wiesen, Matt Wiesen, Johnathon Williams, Jacob Wilson, Tucker Winner, Raymond Zona.

Small Christian Communities

The afternoon reflection that was schedule for March 11 has been canceled.



Next Sunday, **March 19**, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Church Hall. Please consider giving the gift of life!

BLOOD DRIVE

Family Perspective from Catholic Charities

After the Transfiguration, Jesus told the apostles "not to tell anyone what you have seen." In families we entrust each other with our secrets; mutual trust is the sacred safety net binding us together.

News Around Town

Card Party, March 18 at 11 am at the John XXIII Nursing Home, sponsored by the Hermitage Woman's Club. Tickets are \$5. Call "Gus" Bengé at 724-342-6711 to reserve your table. All proceeds will benefit local charities and non-profit service organizations.

"March Madness, Sunday March 19, 7 - 10pm, Good Shepherd Social Hall, West Middlesex. Cost \$2 for students Grades 7 - 12. Music by D. J. Mike Micco/Spinspastic sounds, snacks and refreshments, contests and prizes. Sponsored by the Teen Shepherd Youth Group.

Seniors for Safe Driving, for drivers over **55, March 20 & 21**, 6 - 9:30. Classes will be at Notre Dame Church, Hermitage. To register call 800-559-4880.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, March 24-26 at Lake Chautauqua Retreat Center, offers the tools to keep a relationship in top condition, sponsored by the Erie Diocese. Call 800-432-7383, enter 4162 or visit www.wvme.org.

Veronica's Veil, performed two weekends: **March 24/25/26** and **April 1/2**, in the Veronica's Veil Auditorium, 44 Pius Street on the South Side Slopes, Pittsburgh. Make your reservations early by calling 412-431-5550 or visiting

www.veronicasveilplayers.org. There also will be a special presentation of the Living Stations on Friday, **March 31** at 7 pm

Open House - Seton Hill University, Sunday, **March 26**. Registration will begin at 7:30, followed by a full breakfast buffet. You will tour the campus, as well as have an opportunity to meet faculty and staff at our Student Services Fair. For more information, or to make your reservations, please call 800-826-6234 or admit@setonhill.edu.

Spaghetti Dinner, Sacred Heart, Church Sharon, Sunday, **March 26**. Cost \$6 for adult, \$3 for each child aged 6 through 12. Tickets available at the door. Take-outs are available- bring own container.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Saturday, **April 1** at 9 am at Kennedy Catholic High School Cafeteria. Bring your camera. Reservations can be made by calling the school at 724-346-5531 by Wednesday, March 29. Cost #300 per child and \$4 per adult

Coffee & Contemplation, a morning of prayer, Tuesday, **April 4**, 9:30 - 11:30 am. Sr. Rose Anne Hanlon, HN will present Nested Meditation. Suggested offering: \$3-5. Call 724-964-8920, ext. 3358 to register.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage, Mexico City, October 10-15, Spiritual Director Fr. Rich Toohey/Pilgrimage Coordinator, Joe Ranelli. Cost \$1280 Double occupancy. Deposit of \$300 due by March 31. For reservations contact Joe Ranelli at 724-962-5059.



St. Joseph Pre-School is accepting registrations for the 2006-2007 school year. Class sessions are as follows:

M-W-F (Pre-K) 4-5 yr olds - 8 - 11 am or
11:40 - 2:40

T-Th - (Mini) 3-4 yr olds - 8 - 11 am or
11:40 - 2:40

We currently have space available in the Pre-K pm class and the Mini Classes. Please call the School Office for more information: 725-983-8382.



March 18/19

5:15 pm - Kim Anglin
8:00 am - Al DeBonis
10:00 am - Jerry Necastro
12:00 nn - Kelly Bonomo

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5:15 pm - **Rosalie Miller**, Michelle Christman, Diane Dach, Heather Schell, Mary Pass, John Bosley, J. P. Scanga, Paula Miller, **Stephanie Alter**, Karen Jofery, Eileen Anderson

8:00 am - **David Ranelli**, Peggy Heldorfer, Greg Kretser, Joe McLaughlin, Bob Poerstel, Dr. Stypula, **Louise Hosick**

10:00 am - Dr. D'Amore, Debbie D'Amore, Regina Donnelly, Jim Kaibas, Lois Kilbert, **Greg Bruno**, **Bill McKinney**, Kelly Bonomo, Scott Burke, Joe Sherbine, Sr. Sandy

12:00 nn - **Mary Beth Jones**, Pat Piccirilli, **Dorothy Yao**, Pat Keryan, Pat Mulligan, Doreen Kopen, Ernie Piccirilli



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5:15 pm - Katie Slaven, Erin Slaven
Caitlin O'Neil, Colleen O'Neil
8:00 am - Stephen Pass, Alexandra Frisco
10:00 am - Michael DeMarco, Anna Bonomo
Ashley & Jacob Carenbauer
12:00 nn - Nick Iovino, Kyle Ladner,
Quincy Nguyen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11- 32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Masses for the Week

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Monday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 am - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
12:10 pm - Jenn Waters (Mom & Dad)

Tuesday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 am -
12:10 pm - Adahl Donnelly (Mrs. Patricia Mulligan)

Wednesday, March 15 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 am -
12:10 pm - Austin Donoughe (Family)

Thursday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 am - Frank Mausser, Jr. (Family)
12:10 pm -

Friday, March 17 - Lenten Weekday (St. Patrick)

8:00 am - Tillie Klein (Lee Ciro)
11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12:10 pm - Msgr. John Hagerty (Katie Toscano)
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

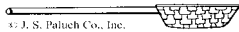
Saturday, March 18 - Lenten Weekday

5:15 pm - Martha & Jack Devine (Pauline & Mary Kay
Chestnut)

Sunday, March 19 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am - Kathryn Adderty (Jim Kerins)
10:00 am - Marie Caputo (Katie Toscano)
12:00 nn - Joe Pisarcik (Betty Necastro & Family)

Christian Giving



Weekly Expenses	15,734.00
Last Week Offertory	15,359.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(375.00)
Average Weekly Donation	30.17
Ash Wednesday Collection	599.00
School Collection	1,126.00
Catholic Service Appeal	405.00
Food Pantry	357.00
Parish Debt Reduction	899.00
Special Gifts	60.00
Easter Flowers	324.00
Candle Rack	155.00

Envelopes Used 509

Unpaid Debts

2004	Paid In Full
2005	\$83,416.50
2006	Paid in Full