



## Parish Schedule & Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 9</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday;</i> <i>St. Frances of Rome, Religious</i>
<b>Mass</b>	5:00pm	Ronald Irving
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 10</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
<b>Mass</b>	8:30am	People of the Parish
<b>PSR</b>	9:40am	Parish School of Religion
<b>Confirmation</b>	9:45am	Chapter "Confirmed in Discipleship" (Church)
<b>Mass</b>	11:00am	Michael Kichurchak
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>Mass</b>	8:30am	Pelletier Family
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 12</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>Mass</b>	8:30am	Dante and Lucietta
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 13</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>Mass</b>	7:15pm	Lisa Valentin
<b>Meeting</b>	8:00pm	AA Meeting (Church Hall)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 14</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>Mass</b>	8:30am	Theodore Michael
<b>RCIA</b>	7:30pm	Faith and Religion
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 15</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>Mass</b>	8:30am	Mary Ann Dunn (d.3-17-02)
<b>Devotions</b>	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Penance</b>	8:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 16</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>Penance</b>	4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Mass</b>	5:00pm	John J. (Terry) Montaquila (d.3-21-96)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 17</b>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
<b>Mass</b>	8:30am	A. J. Stokes
<b>PSR</b>	9:40am	Parish School of Religion
<b>Confirmation</b>	9:45am	Chapter "Confirmed in Discipleship" (Church)
<b>Mass</b>	11:00am	People of the Parish



### Operation Rice Bowl

### Fostering Community Banking in the Dominican Republic

We are invited to learn about the Dominican Republic this week, where CRS helps women form savings and lending communities that help them save money and access small loans for new businesses. Pray for these women who have the courage to start their own businesses, and make a contribution to your Rice Bowl to support people working to provide a better livelihood for their families.

### Scriptures for Week of March 10, 2013

<b>Sunday</b>	Jos 5:9a,10-12 2Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3,11-32 or 1Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41
<b>Monday</b>	Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47
<b>Friday</b>	Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11 or Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45



Read and pray the Scriptures daily



## From the Pastor's Desk

On this the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, we hear the parable of the "Prodigal Son" or it might be described as "a most loving and merciful Father." Those who are considered outcasts and sinners, the dregs of society, criticized by those who consider themselves right with God give Jesus the occasion for the parable. It is about two sons. One has squandered his inheritance and seems to come to his senses. The other is dutiful but questionable as to his motivation or love of his father and family. Perhaps we have heard it said there is within us both sons. As we mark the half way point of Lent, ask yourself, has the opportunity for grace and conversion been wasted or only done out of obligation, or some of both? Do you celebrate with God our Father as those around you come back to the Lord? Are you truly deepening in the life of Christ? Who in the parable do you most identify with...the father, the prodigal, or the dutiful brother?

*O God, Who through Your Word  
Reconcile the human race to Yourself  
in a wonderful way,  
grant, we pray,  
that with prompt devotion and eager faith  
the Christian people may hasten  
toward the solemn celebrations to come.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity  
Of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

Collect of the Fourth Sunday of Lent  
The Roman Missal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

### In your prayers...

Emma Aguilar, Catherine Baker, Richard Bennett, Celia Bican, Heidi Burmeister, Johannah Conner, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris Gibbs, James Ging, Marilyn Griffith, Tayha Hostetler, Bob and Kathy James, Maureen Joyce, Mike LaMarre, Carol Leach, Marca Kaplar, Marcene, Margaret, John McDermott, Megan, Susan Mitchell, Mark Munnings, Ashley Munoz, George Novak, Bridget Perez, Rita Lucy, Dorothy Rogus, Andrew Sanford, Theresa "Tess" Slenn, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Hank Symanski, Phyllis Todd, Laura Tories, Sylvia Trecaso, Margaret Wills...



O Mary help of sick, pray for us!



**March 10, 2013  
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*"I no longer deserve to be called your son."*

*Luke 15:19*



**Sunday, March 10, 2013: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

*Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. (Psalm 34:6)*

- There are three characters in today's parable, the younger son, the older son, and the father. Who do you most closely relate to?
- Have you always been forgiving to those who have hurt you?
- When you do forgive, are you able to reconcile and join in feasting with the one who hurt you or do you hold a grudge?

### **Why must we suffer?**

God did not want men to suffer and die, in fact, God's original idea for man was paradise: life forever and peace between God and man. Man lost the original harmony with the world and ultimately with God. Sacred Scripture tells us that the experience of alienation is expressed in the story of the Fall. Because sin crept in, Adam and Eve had to leave paradise and their harmonious relationship with each other and God. The toil of work, suffering, mortality, and the temptation to sin are signs of this loss of paradise. St. John Chrysostom wrote, "We have lost paradise but have received heaven, and therefore the gain is greater than the loss." (Youcat #66)

### **What about this**

#### **"Guilt"...for which Catholics are mocked?**

Guilt prepares a person for repentance. The insight into one's personal guilt produces a longing to better oneself; this is called contrition. We arrive at contrition when we see the contradiction between God's love and our sin. We are then full of sorrow for our sins, we resolve to change our life and place all our hope in God's help. St. Teresa of Calcutta wrote, "Some saints described themselves as terrible criminals because they saw God, they saw themselves, and they saw the difference." (From the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church) (Youcat #229)

*Year of Faith resources  
may be found at  
[www.dioceseofcleveland.org/yearoffaith](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/yearoffaith).*

### **What You Believe**

**Faith and Religion Sessions are an opportunity to learn about our Catholic Faith and religious heritage. It will deepen your relationship with our Lord.** Make Thursday at 7:30pm the special time set aside to learn about what Catholic Christians believe. Perhaps it will help your faith in ways that you never thought possible. It may answer those questions that seemed to not have one. All are welcome! You may also see **Father John** after Mass, call the rectory at 330-657-2631, or email [mospenoh@windtream.net](mailto:mospenoh@windtream.net).

### **DSWC**

The **Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron** is sponsoring a talk by **Jan Becker of Becker Greenhouse Cottage Garden Herb Farm**. Her topic will be "**Cooking with Herbs**". It will be held on **Monday, March 11th at 7:30pm** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Father McIntyre Room, 2859 Lillis Dr. in Cuyahoga Falls**. This event is **open at no cost to single people of all faiths**. Refreshments at 7:15pm. For more information, please call **Frank at 330-801-0527 or Sharon at 330-612-3635**.

### **Witness to Life**

**Join in the 40 Days for Life spring campaign by praying, fasting, and witnessing until March 24** to the sanctity of human life. **Prayerfully consider spending at least one hour witnessing in front of an abortuary**. Please call **Judith at 330-762-2785** for more information.

### **Jesus in Disguise**

**Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me (Mt 25:40)**. Today, we are reminded of the gospel message to **love all our brothers and sisters around the world and treat them with respect**. The Catholic Relief Services Collection sees Jesus in victims of human trafficking, those who seek to change unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. **How will you help Jesus in disguise? Thank you in advance for your prayers and donation!**

**March 3, 2013**

<b>Sunday Offering</b>	<b>2,055.00</b>
<b>Easter 2013 (additional)</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Church Maintenance</b>	<b>386.00</b>
<b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>	