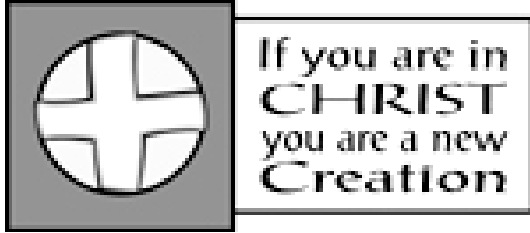


FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 14, 2010



TODAY'S READINGS

Jos 5:9,10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

WEEKDAY READINGS

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12,13; Jn 4:43-54
 Ez 47:1-9,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9,13-14,17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106,19-23; Jn 5:31-23
 2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16; Ps 89:2-5,27,29;
 Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21, 24
 Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3,9-12; Jn 7:40-53

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 5:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday	PM 5:30	Eleanore Arvidson – W Arvidson Doris & Tom Andrascik - Family
Sunday	8:00	Harriet Kaczka – W Butkeiwicz
	10:00	In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered - Anonymous
	12:00	Frieda Korkes – Cleary Family Christina Shirkey – Sirica & Schworn Families
Monday	PM 7:00	John English – A Thierry
Tuesday	8:00	Sue LaScala – M Zampetti
Wednesday	8:00	Maureen Miele – B&C Reiss
Thursday	8:00	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8:00	Rev. Dennis Hogan
Saturday	PM 5:30	Mike & Lisa Hughes – Hughes Family
Sunday 3/21	8:00	Rose & Joseph Blois – R Blois Steven Cunningham, Jr.- Family Helen Yurovchak – Janet, Billy, Jack & Ryan
	10:00	Thomas Sloan – M Murphy
	12:00	Agnes Pegler - D&P Folenta Susan Shawah - Family

SHARING OUR TREASURE

3/6/10 – 3/7/10:	\$ 9,767.00
Year to Date:	\$ 337,608.50
Second Collection (Catholic Relief Services)	\$ 1,627.00
3/7/09 – 3/8/09:	\$ 8,182.00
Previous Year to Date:	\$ 336,655.50
Candles:	\$ 249.00
Pennies for the Poor:	\$ 48.00
Weekend Attendance:	871

From the Pastor: Today's gospel is known as the Prodigal Son. The word 'prodigal' means 'recklessly extravagant'. Recklessly is used in the sense of doing something without thinking and/or not caring about the consequences. Extravagant means being generous. Putting the two together, prodigal means someone who is, as we say, 'generous to a fault', or 'he'd give you the shirt off his back.' Who is the really prodigal person in this gospel passage? Is it the younger son or the father? I think this story should be called the Prodigal Father. When the younger son asks his father for his inheritance, he gives it to him! What are the chances of that happening? What is the younger son saying to his father? Since we don't receive an inheritance until someone dies, the younger son is saying, "I wish you were dead", or "I can't wait until you are dead, so pay me now." Nice kid, huh? When the son runs out of money and returns home, what does the father do? Does he ask for an accounting of the money? Does he take him in as a hired hand? No, he makes him a son (which means he is entitled to one half of whatever is left), and he has a party for him! The love of the father for the son is very prodigal. He loves him no matter what the son does. And all the son has to do is ask for forgiveness, and all is forgiven. The point of this story is to tell us about God's love for us. God is very generous (prodigal) to us, and there is nothing we can do to decrease his love for us. No matter what we do in life, all we need do is ask, and we will be forgiven. Jesus paid the price for our sins. The only unforgiven sin is the one that is not confessed. What are we waiting for? *Fr. Phil*

How You Can Help Us Earn Money. Saint Joseph's Church has joined Boiling Spring Savings Bank's Community Alliance Program to help us earn extra money. For more information please see Fr. Phil or Boiling Springs Bank at (973) 696-7100 or visit your local Boiling Springs Savings Bank Branch at 60 Beaverbrook Road in the ShopRite Shopping Center.

To enroll in ParishPay: www.parihsipay.com; 1-866-Parish-1 or call Fr. Phil.

FOOD PANTRY

The item requested for the month of March is instant potatoes. Please leave your donations in the back of church. Thank you.

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose."
Ecc 3304

"a time to die"

Sue LaScala, Jeremiah Del Tufo

"a time to heal..."

Jeannette Cioffi, Mary Pisarcik, Nino Armato, Ann Sarao, Emma Sorrentino, Brian Morgan, Timothy Murphy, Doris O'Donnell, Kathy Way, Andrew Stessel, Michele Riola, Marlene Bennett, Edward Gallagher, Maya Humphrey, Steven Grabowski, Joseph Pisarcik, Carla Mizzzone, Jeanne Ward, Cathleen Bonsiewich, Clare Lambert, Rev. Charles Parr, Regina Morales, Lee Mahoney, Bob Bruno, Kevin McNulty, Barbara Filip, Cathleen Bonsiewich, Anthony Verdi, Sandy Galacio, Alicia Lintag, Walter Condon, Sr., Barbara Wild, Pauline Fitzpatrick, Joe McGovern, Lucille Lisa, Dana Morris, JoAnn Walter, Christopher McVeigh, Monica Ward, Joann DiGirolamo, Rose Poulson Elsie Yazulla, Marius Troast, Kayla Brandt, Rachel Fritz, Josephine Bastante, Chris Emolo, Garrett Byrnes, Pat Curello, "Baby Connor", Leslie DuBois, Mary Ellen Zahorian, Kendal DiLorenzo, Baby Claire, Mary Ellen Choate, Doris O'Donnell, Kenneth Stephens, Lily Ko, Kathleen Wisniewski, Sandy Pegler, Wendy Favorito, Peggy DeLuca, Karen Newton, Martin Corso, Addie Meyer, Carol Meyer, Kenneth Dobbins, Thor N. Jorgenson

To place someone on this list, call 973.696.4411, x10.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Join us on next Friday, March 19 for our meatless Spaghetti Dinner in Halloran Hall beginning at 6 pm. The menu will

include spaghetti marinara, spaghetti with clam sauce, and spaghetti and scungilli. Coffee, etc. will be provided. The cost is \$7 per adult and \$5 per child. Please join us!

WELCOME HOME

"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday evening during Lent through March 22nd before and after the 7:00 PM Mass (from 6:30 pm and ending at 8 pm) here at SJP. Also from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!
www.welcomehometohealing.org

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

On Wednesday evening of Holy Week (3/31), in immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum, Holy Cross Parish (in Mountain View section of Wayne) will celebrate the annual Lenten Penance Service at 7:30 pm.

PARISH MISSION



Exciting News! Starting Sunday evening April 11 and ending Wednesday evening, April 14, we were having a Parish Mission led by Catholic Lay Evangelist, Bill Wegner of Good News International. The thrust of the mission is to bring us into a closer walk with Our Lord Jesus. This will be a great time to be encouraged in our faith. Plan to be there and **bring a friend!**

CHRISM MASS

Every year the Mass of Chrism is celebrated during Holy Week. This year, it will be celebrated on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson. At this Mass, the bishop consecrates the chrism and blesses all the oils used in our sacraments for the coming year. Priests also renew the promises they made at their own ordination. All are invited to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES K-8

3/23 Stations of Cross for Grs. 5,6,7 & 8

3/23 *Last Class for Grs. 7 & 8.*

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

4/11

Class

7-9 PM

Community Service:

Good Friday Living Stations - Practice Sunday 3/28 from 7-10 pm in school, Wednesday, 3/31 from 7-10 pm in Church. Stations will be on Good Friday, April 2 @ 7:30 pm. Sign up at www.jenshirkey@hotmail.com

Beginning this month, our youth minister, Jen Shirkey will be having office hours twice weekly: Sunday evenings from 8-9:30 pm and Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10:30 am in the Youth Room. It will be open during those days and times for any visits or phone calls. The Youth Room number is 973.694.5844.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

If you would like to mail in your contribution to your parish during Easter, we have supplied you with a mailing donation envelope, located in the special mailing you have/will be receiving soon.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: A GRAND NEW DAY!

The First Reformed Church, 60 Chapel Hill Road, has invited all women of the parish to join in their 8th Annual Women's Retreat on Friday, April 23 from 7 to 9 pm and Saturday, April 24 from 9 am to 3 pm. You CAN begin each day with hope and optimism – no matter what's in the news or on your plate.

Music will be led by Angela DiPrima and via DVD the "Women of Faith: speakers are: Sheila Walsh, Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Lisa Harper, Luci Swindoll and Lisa Whelchel. A complimentary luncheon will be served on Saturday, and a free-will offering will be received. Pre-register with Barbara at 973.839.6384

RICE BOWL

Fourth Week of Lent - The Prodigal Son

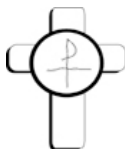
The story of the Prodigal Son helps us refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we have received. As we begin the second half of our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving.

Prayer Intention - Fourth Sunday in Lent

For women in Nicaragua and around the world who establish small businesses so that they may provide for the needs of their families. May our generosity and prayers this Lent provide opportunities for productive employment. We pray to the Lord.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP – LAZARUS MINISTRY

The Lazarus Ministry, which was begun by Sr. Eileen Halloran many years ago, is very much in need of new members. Members of the Lazarus Ministry provide support, prayer and comfort to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. They attend funerals, send notes of condolence and organize the bi-yearly Mass of Remembrance. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month in Halloran Hall. Please consider this call to Stewardship; this ministry is such an important one to our parish and is very rewarding. If you are interested in learning more or would like to become a member, please contact Kay Connolly at 973.694.1281.



*Dear Parishioners,
On behalf of the Franciscan Sisters of Peace, I thank you all for your generous support of our annual fundraiser, The Calendar Raffle! The drawings begin in a few weeks, and chances are still available if anyone would like to purchase one. We hope that there will be many winners from Lincoln Park! Thank you.*
Sr. Ellen



Paterson Diocesan Council of Catholic Women - 7th Annual Lenten Spiritual Enrichment Day for the women of our Diocese from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 20th. This program will be held at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Parsippany in St. Peter School Bldg, now All Saints Academy. All women of the parish are invited to share in this opportunity for spiritual growth and enrichment. The Spiritual Director will be Most Rev. Edgar M. daCunha, Aux. Bishop of Newark. The theme is: "The Spirit of Lent—our Personal Relationship with God. Reservations must be made in advance. The stipend is \$5 per person. For more information call Kathy Levendusky @ 973.772.5918.

Mary Help of Christians Academy, Horth Haledon – On Saturday, March 20th, the Academy presents it's first annual sports fundraiser dinner event **Sherlock Holmes and The Case of the Vanishing Van Gogh** presented by Riddlesbrook Touring Theatre Company. For more information call the Athletic Office at 973.790.6200, x137.

Don Bosco Prep – Ramsey – Come enjoy the jive-talking, rhythm and blues belting, man eating plant Audrey II and the zany staff and patrons of Mr. Mushnik's skid row flower shop, as Don Bosco Prep presents their spring musical production of Little Shop of Horrors on March 19-21, and March 26-27. Matinees will be performed on Sunday 3/21 at 3pm and 2pm on Saturday, 3/27. For more information, please call 201-327-8003, x195. Tickets are \$20 for all ages and seating is general admission.

Knight of Columbus-Pequannock – The K of C and Columbiettes of Bishop Navagh Council, Pequannock are hosting a fish & chips dinner, prepared by Argyles on Friday, April 16 between 5:30 and 7:30 pm, at the K of C Hall, 84 Lincoln Park Road. Cost: adults \$15; seniors \$14; children under 12 will be \$12. For tickets or reservations please call Lucy @ 973.696.7806.