

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



### TODAY'S READINGS

Ex 3:1-8,13-15; Ps 103:1-4,6,11; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12;  
Lk 13:1-9

### WEEKDAY READINGS

2 Kgs 5:1-15; Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30  
Dn 3:25,34-43; Ps 25:4-5,6,7,8,9; Mt 18:21-35  
Dt 4:1,5-9; Ps 146: 12-13,15-16,19-20; Mt 5:17-10  
Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11,14,17; Mk 12:28-34  
Hos 6:1-16; Ps 51:3-4,18-21; Lk 18:9-14

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

### MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday PM	5:30	Judy Ballerina – M Sarao Dorothy Hannenburg – Sr. Ellen
Sunday 3/7	8:00	William & Marguerite Hughes – Hughes Family Harriet Kaczka – K Connolly
	10:00	Anthony Mucignat - Townsends
	12:00	Joseph Talarico – Siebel Family Ruth Nowacki – LP Seniors
Monday PM	7:00	Jane Pescatore – Chappel Fam
Tuesday	8:00	Msgr. William King
Wednesday	8:00	Sr. Eileen Halloran
Thursday	8:00	Msgr. Carl J. Wolsin – Chappel Family
Friday	8:00	Christina Shirkey & Maribeth Hastings – SJP Staff
Saturday PM	5:30	Eleanore Arvidson – W Arvidson Doris & Tom Andrascik - Family
Sunday 3/14	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

### MEMORIALS

The candle in the sanctuary is burning in loving memory of  
**Eleanore Arvidson**, from Peggy Piccoli.

MARCH 7, 2010

### SHARING OUR TREASURE

2/27/10 - 2/28/10:	\$ 7,525.00
Additional Ash Wednesday, 2010:	\$ 131.00
Year to Date:	\$ 327,841.50
2/28/09 – 3/1/09:	\$ 7,900.00
Previous Year to Date:	\$ 328,473.50
Candles:	\$ 284.00
Pennies for the Poor:	\$ 21.00
Weekend Attendance:	789

**From the Pastor:** The Gospel has a typical Lenten theme of forgiveness. You will probably get as tired of hearing about it as I will get writing and preaching about it. But, it is a very important theme if scripture. It is mentioned in over 100 passages in the Old Testament, and in over 100 passages in the New Testament. This theme is so important because it is unforgiven sin that can completely break our relationship with the Lord and eventually eliminate us from eternal life. Not only that, but unforgiven sin can prevent us from living life to the full. When we persist in our refusal to seek forgiveness, we are blocking the channels of God's grace in our lives, and we can easily begin to feel that God is distant and not a part of our lives. If you feel this way, my first question would be to ask the date of your last confession. God's forgiveness is there for the asking. It doesn't matter what you have done, and it doesn't matter how long it has been since your last confession. There is nothing you can confess that I haven't heard already. We have confessions on Monday evenings during Lent and Saturday afternoon all year long. You can also call Fr. Bob or me to set up an appointment for confession when it is more convenient. We are always willing to accommodate you. Getting rid of your sins can be very healing and bring you closer to God. Please come to confession this Lent. You won't regret it!  
*Fr. Phil*

**How You Can Help Us Earn Money.** Saint Joseph 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.parihsparishpay.com](http://www.parihsparishpay.com); 1-866-Parish-1 or call Fr. Phil.

### PEACE CELL

The Franciscan Sisters of Peace will be cancelling the peace cell for this Sunday (3/7).

### 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"*

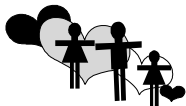
Dorthula Tucker, Margaret Meyer DeVries

*"a time to heal..."*

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 Mizzone, 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, Sue LaScala, 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.

### INTERFAITH HOMELESS SHELTER



**This is our first commitment of 2010 and we are so grateful to our parishioners who have been so generous in the past. We are looking forward to the continuation of our support of this rewarding ministry in the coming year.**

The Interfaith Homeless Shelter will be arriving at the Jacksonville Annex **this** Sunday, March 7. We will provide food that day as well as food and fellowship on Saturday, March 13. Sign up sheets will be on the tables in the rear of church. Anyone who would like more information regarding our parish's involvement in the homeless shelter should call Lois Moeller at 973.696.4049 or Mary Bono at 973.696.9713

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**Join us on 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.welcomehometohealing.org)



### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

#### GRADES K-8

- 3/7 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Mass @ 10 am
- 3/9 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Penance (Church)
- 3/10 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Penance (Church)
- 3/23 Stations of Cross for Grs. 5,6,7 & 8
- 3/23 Last Class for Grs. 7 & 8.

#### CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

**Class this evening (3/7) from 7-9 pm in school.**

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](mailto: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.

### FSP CALENDAR RAFFLE

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**

## **PARISH MISSION**



Exciting News! Starting Sunday evening April 11 and ending Wednesday evening, April 14, we are 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!**

## **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.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

### ***The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses:***

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.

For young people in Afghanistan and around the world who lack education opportunities. May our generosity and prayers this Lent support communities in their efforts to establish quality schools for their children. We pray to the Lord.

## **GRIEF MINISTRY**

SJP Group Support Group meets twice per year. The group is for those who have lost a spouse due to death. It is open to all faiths and is strictly confidential. Participants are encouraged to wait at least three months after the death has occurred before joining the group. For more information contact Sr. Ellen at 973.696.4411, x17.

## **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.



***Paterson Diocesan Council of Catholic Women - 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Spiritual Enrichment Day for the women*** of our Diocese from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

***Immaculate Heart of Mary, Wayne*** – On Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, the faith community of IHM is offering a unique prayerful meditation on Jesus and his healing presence in our lives. The Franciscan Mystery Players from Notre Dame Church will be presently a mystery play, "Jesus the Healer." All are invited to join in this prayerful reflection of the healing presence of Jesus in our lives. There will be a good will offering taken at the doors. The presentation will take place in Church.

***Mary Help of Christians Academy, Horth Haledon*** – On Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## ***Assumption Church – Morristown***

On Sunday, March 14, the Assumption Holistic Health Ministry and the Alzheimer's Association of Greater New Jersey will sponsor a free information session entitled "Understanding Memory Loss" from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in the Community Room. Registration is required. Please call the parish office at 973.539.2141 to make arrangements to attend or for more information.



## **The Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Council 5486**



## **POSTER AND ESSAY COMPETITION**

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE PROUD TO AGAIN SPONSOR THEIR ANNUAL LENT AND EASTER POSTER AND ESSAY COMPETITION.**

**THE COMPETITION IS OPENED TO ALL CHILDREN OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH, FOR THE FOLLOWING GRADES:**

**POSTER COMPETITION: GRADES 1 TO 3**

**THEME: "HOW JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS AND THE JOURNEY HE MADE ON HIS LAST DAY?"**

**ESSAY COMPETITION: GRADES 4 AND 5**

**THEME: "TELL US ABOUT A MOST MEMORABLE OCCASION FROM YOUR LENT REFLECTIONS OR EASTER PAST DURING YOUR FAMILY GATHERING AROUND THE EASTER TABLE"**

**ENTRIES CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR HANDED OVER TO YOUR CCD TEACHER BY THE LATEST April 11, 2010. THE WINNERS, ONE IN EACH CATEGORY, WILL WIN A SAVING'S BOND AND THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 18, 2010 .**