

4th *SUNDAY OF LENT*
MARCH 2, 2008



What a nice visit we had this past Sunday with Bishop Zubik. I believe he enjoyed being with us as much as we enjoyed having him. Thank you to everyone who made the day so nice. I think our spirit of hospitality was quite evident.



As our Lenten journey continues our Gospel for today speaks to us of a man who was blind from birth and who was healed by Jesus. Why do you think Jesus choose this man out of the crowd to heal? Has Jesus ever chosen to heal you or someone close to you? Is it possible to be healed? Physically? Mentally? Spiritually?

Faith is a way of seeing. When our faith is called into action, it isn't always easy to see clearly. In what ways does faith cause us to look at life and each other differently?



I invite everyone to join us again this Wednesday for **Holy Hour at 7 PM**. We will continue to offer reflections, exposition and optional faith sharing.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Joseph's in Verona on Friday, March 7th at 7 PM.



We will also have Stations at 2 pm with our school children. All are invited.

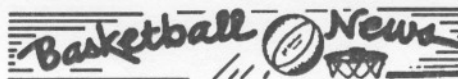
Have a great week.
- - Sister Dorothy

**CLUSTER LENTEN
PENANCE SERVICE'S**

Thursday, March 6th – 7 pm
St. Joe's – Verona
Monday, March 10th – 7 pm
St. Gerard Majella
Tuesday, March 11th – 7 pm
St. Bartholomew
Wednesday, March 12th–7 pm
St. Susanna
Thursday, March 13th-7 pm
St. Irenaeus

SCHOOL NEWS

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DR. SUESS READ ACROSS AMERICA

Monday March 3rd, students at St. Bartholomew School will participate in Dr. Seuss's Read Across America Day. There will be a special guests from our community State Senator Tony DeLuca, Sister Dorothy Pawlus, and the librarian from the Penn Hills Public Library will be reading to our school children. This should be an exciting day for all.

PTG MEETING

Tuesday, March 4th our PTG will meet in the school library at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to join us. We are planning some very exciting things for our school.

MASS

Please join Miss Begley and the 2nd and 3rd graders for mass on Thursday, March 6, at 10:00 AM. The children have been preparing for this special mass.

BUNNY BRUNCH



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St. Bartholomew PTG will sponsor a Bunny Brunch on Palm Sunday, March 16th, after the 10:30 AM mass. See insert in today's bulletin for details.

If you did not get a chance to see one of our many home Bruin basketball team games play, you missed some great games. Congratulations to all our players, in every grade, on a great season.

BRUIN PRIDE!!



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Please support the PTG Fish Fry every Friday during lent from 4:30 pm until 7:30pm. All proceeds benefit our school.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to today's gospel: Go wash and see.

GOLDEN AGERS

The Golden Agers meeting will be held Friday March 7th at 1:30PM in Helzlsouer Hall.

SECOND COLLECTION

This week we will have a second collection for: Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Home Missions Appeal and National Collection for Black & Indian Missions. Thank you for your generosity

TENEBRAE CONCERT

The Saint Coleman Schola, under the direction of Thomas M. Cosley, will be presenting its 8th annual Tenebrae Concert on Good Friday, March 21st at 7:30 PM at St. Coleman Church. The Schola consists of singers from the area parishes, including vocalists from our parish. The theme of the concert is based on the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. Call 412-823-2564 for additional information.

A RESPECT LIFE MEDITATION

"Husbands and wives are called to protect and defend their marriages and their families. They need to live, not just good Christian lives, but heroic Christian lives. A decision must be made to live accordingly to the ways God has decreed that a family is to live".

PENNSYLVANIA MARRIAGE PROTECTION ADMENDMENT

The Pennsylvania Legislature is considering SB 1250, which will amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to define marriage as the union between one man and one woman, and will prevent civil unions, which are in effect the same as marriage. Your state representative and state senator need to hear from you that marriage makes a difference. Log on to www.pacatholic.org to send a message telling your legislators to support the marriage amendment, and check out www.PA4marriage.org

MON., MARCH 3, KATHERINE DREXEL
10:00 A.M., JOSEPH J. CAPOBIANCO
(ANGELA, JOEY & ROCKY)

TUES., MARCH 4 CASIMIR
8:00 A.M., ST. IRENAEUS
9:00 A.M., ST. GERARD MAJELLA
ST. JOSEPH

WED., MARCH 5 LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00 A.M., ST. IRENAEUS
9:00 A.M., ST. GERARD MAJELLA
ST. SUSANNA
7:00 P.M., HOLY HOUR-
"THE CUP OF OUR LIFE"

THURS., MARCH 6 LENTEN WEEKDAY
10:00 A.M., EDWARD J. CALLAHAN, JR.
(JOE & DONNA LANZA)

FRI., MARCH 7 PERPETUA & FELICITY
10:00 A.M., ADELIA & AMICO GASBARRO
(LINA FRATANGELO & FAMILY)
2:00 P.M., STATIONS—ST. BART'S
7:00 P.M., STATIONS—ST. JOSEPH

**SAT., MARCH 8 VIGIL, FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**
4:00 P.M., CONFESSIONS
5:00 P.M., PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUN., MARCH 9 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 A.M., ANN COLAIZZI (SON & FAMILY)
10:30 A.M., JESSIE FLEMING (RUTH & AMY
SMITH)

Please remember in you prayers the sick, shut-ins,
and hospitalized members of the Parish.
Please remember in your prayers the departed
members of our parish family.



*Please keep in your
prayers our
candidates
Danielle Werner
Chad Galbraith*