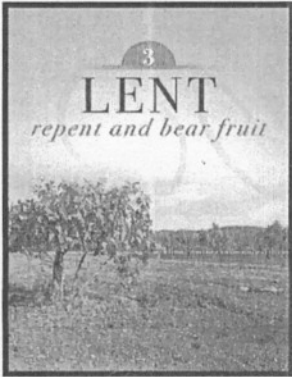


THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7, 2010



The Gospels that we hear for the next three weeks were chosen because of their special importance for those undergoing Christian initiation at the Easter Vigil. Today's Gospel presents Jesus as one who offers living water, water that will well up within us as a source of

eternal life.

From the beginning, God worked with water. Chapter one of Genesis shows God separating water from the sky and the earth. In chapter two, God causes a stream to rise from the earth to water all the surface of the dry land so that a garden can spring up. And from the dust—with a little water—God made the first human creature and then breathes life into him.

When Moses led Israel out into the desert and the people began to grumble because they found themselves without water, God sent Moses over to strike a rock. Out came cool clear water.

Jesus hung around water quite a bit, too, calling his first disciples from the fishing boats up in Galilee. Not only did he calm the water, he even walked on it. But of all the times that connected Jesus to water, none is more significant and filled with meaning than the time he spent with the Samaritan woman at the well. She had come to quench her thirst, to get water for cooking and washing. What she found was the one who could give her water of a different kind.

WHAT WOULD LIFE BE WITHOUT WATER?  
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DRINK THE WATER  
THAT JESUS GAVE US? HOW DOES IT TAKE  
AWAY OUR THIRST?

We pray that God may give us a thirst both for Jesus and for the eternal life he brings. Jesus, the living water, will preserve our spirits from becoming dry and our hearts from becoming hardened. We pray the Holy Spirit to lead us to the wellspring of salvation.



*It is with great pleasure that I ask you to join me in welcoming to the St. Bart's family, Mrs. Navada Pociernicki, our new Music Director. Navada comes to St. Bart's with a plethora of knowledge regarding liturgy and worship. I believe you may be as awed by her expertise on the piano as I was when I heard her play the first time.*

*May God continue to bless all of us here at St. Bart's with good and holy people who are willing to share their gifts and talents to further the mission of Jesus.*



**CONFIRMATION**

*This Tuesday, March 9, we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Zubik as our confirming Bishop. We also have the privilege of welcoming the students, families and Pastor's of St. Gerard's, St. Joseph's and St. Susanna's. May the Holy Spirit be ever present in our Church this evening.*

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**WEEK OF 2-28-10 —\$7,404.75**  
**Budgeted Collection Amount**  
**\$8,100.00**

*Thank you for your sacrificial offering to your parish.*

*Have a Blessed Week.*

*Sister Dorothy*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Confirmation

Our school and church families welcome back Bishop Zubik to St. Bart's. Bishop Zubik will celebrate confirmation on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 7 pm. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders have prepared for this important day in their lives. Please keep our students in your prayers and may God continue to bless them.

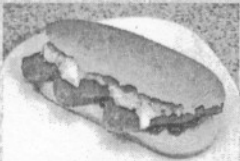


### Safety Assembly

Students will participate in a bike and outdoor safety assembly on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. With spring quickly approaching, this assembly will enforce the importance of outdoor safety.

### Mass

Please join Mrs. Eggan and our 6<sup>th</sup> graders for mass on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. During this Lenten season, it is time to remember the importance of church in our lives. Please join our students as they celebrate this mass.



### Fish Fry

PTG continues to sponsor our school Fish Fry every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday. Dinner is served from 4:30pm-7:30 pm in our school cafeteria. Dinner is available for take-out or eat-in. All proceeds from our Fish Fry benefit the students.

## HOLY HOUR

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday afternoon from 4-4:45 PM. When Fr. Tom is finished with confessions promptly at 4:45 he will have benediction and reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Since this is a time of prayer, we ask everyone coming into church during this time to respect the solemnity of this space.



I am asking once again that cell phones not be used in church. I understand that there are emergencies that occur and if this is the case, please leave the body of the church and either go outside or at least go to the vestibule. Cell phone conversations become very distracting to others who have set aside time to come to church and to pray, especially before the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you for understanding.



### CLUSTER LENTEN SCHEDULE

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Friday, 3-5-10 — St. Gerard's — 7 PM
- Friday, 3-12-10 — St. Irenaeus — 7 PM
- Friday, 3-19-10 — St. Joe's — 7 PM
- Friday, 3-26-10 — St. Susanna's — 7 PM

#### ENTEN PENANCE SERVICE'S

- Thursday, 3-18-10 — St. Joe's — 7 PM
- Monday, 3-22-10 — St. Gerard's — 7 PM
- Tuesday, 3-23-10 — St. Bart's — 7 PM
- Wednesday, 3-24-10 — St. Susanna's — 7:30 PM  
(they will have mass at 7 PM)
- Thursday, 3-25-10 — St. Irenaeus — 7 PM

# SAVE THE DATE

# SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

**MARCH 7, 2010**

**ATTENTION CATHOLIC MEN  
"GET INTO SPIRITUAL SHAPE"**

Don't miss the Annual Diocesan-wide Catholic Men's Fellowship! It is a gathering of Catholic men on Saturday, April 10, 2010, at the A.J. Palumbo Center in downtown Pittsburgh, PA. Doors open at 8:30 AM with the closing Mass at 4:00 PM, celebrated by Bishop David A. Zubik DD. A boxed lunch is included in the cost for the day.

This day is a day of prayer, fellowship, worship and inspiration for all Catholic men with invitations also to their older sons, nephews and grandsons and/or brothers. Father Matt McClain, director of Vocations, Deacon Ralph Poro, husband, father and founder of New Evangelization Ministries and Damian Wargo, Co-founder of the King's Men Apostolate, are guest speakers.

Speakers for "Get into Spiritual Shape" are EWTN Television's *Crossing the Goal* team: Brian Patrick, Peter Herbeck, Danny Abramowicz and Curtis Martin.

Pre-registration tickets through our Parish Conference Leader, Larry Lucas can be purchased at \$35.00 each and tickets for high school and college age students are \$10.00 each until April 4th. Tickets are \$55.00 at the door.

For more information, please call Parish Conference Leader Larry Lucas at 412-823-5570.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, March 8,  
Saint John of God**

10:00 AM Herbert G. Moran, Jr. (Wife,  
Coletta)

**TUESDAY, March 9,  
St. Frances of Rome**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna  
7:00 PM Confirmation With Bishop Zubik

**WEDNESDAY, March 10,  
Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna  
1:30 PM Quest Bible Study

**THURSDAY, March 11,  
Lenten Weekday**

10:00 PM John Stack (Winifred Slatery)  
6:30 PM Quest Bible Study

**FRIDAY, March 12,  
Lenten Weekday**

10:00 AM Sue Della Cioppa (Family)  
2:00 PM Stations—St. Bart's  
7:00 PM Stations—St. Irenaeus

**SATURDAY, March 13,  
VIGIL, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

3:45 PM Holy Hour  
4:00 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, March 14,  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 AM Joseph Talotta (Camilla Talotta  
& Sons)  
10:30 AM Jessie Fleming (Ruth & Amy  
Smith)

Next week there will be a second collection  
for the Catholic Campaign for Human  
Development

The Sanctuary Candle was lit last week in  
memory of Frances A. Boscia from her  
husband Joseph.

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in  
memory of Frances, Joseph Sr. & Joseph  
Jr. Triolo from their family