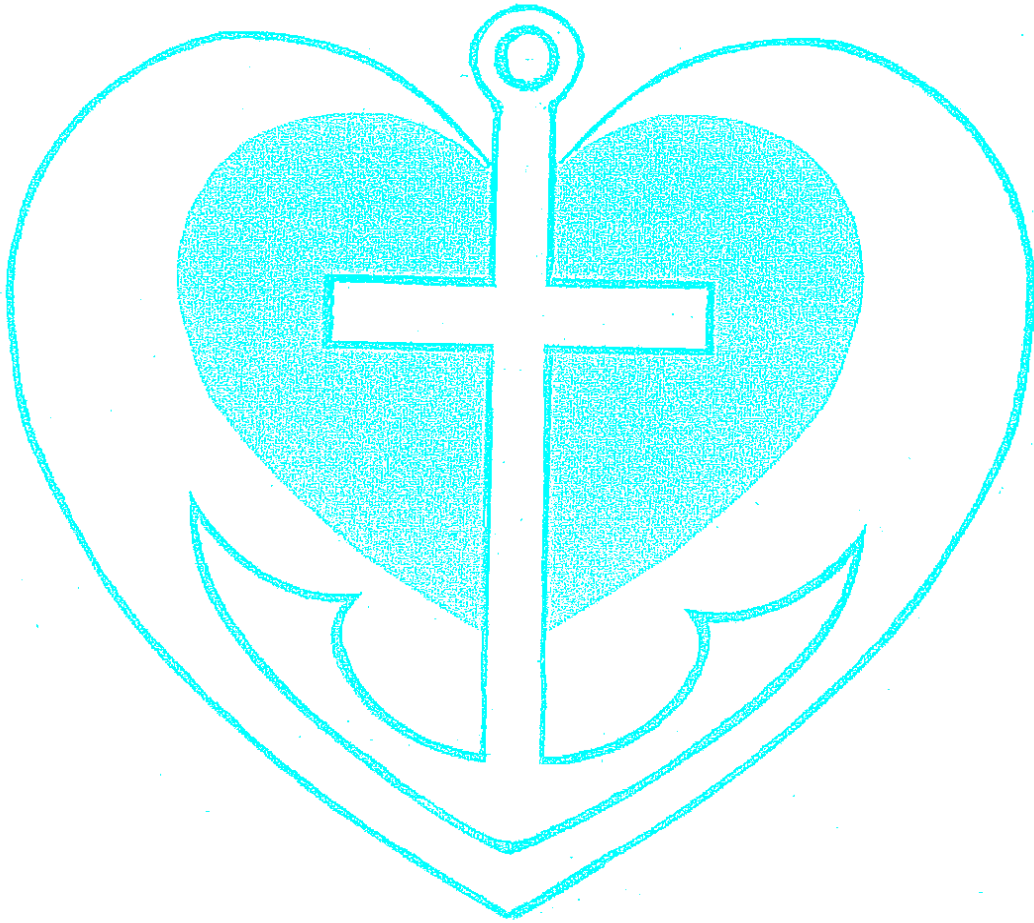


**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



**DO NOT FEAR  
TO HOPE**

**ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH**



## "Seasons for Celebration"

### MISSION STATEMENT

St. Bonaventure Parish is a rural Christian community called to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. We fulfill our mission by our worship, our witness and our service to the people of the parish as well as to those in the wider community. Our task is to affirm the individual gifts of people of all ages in order to minister the Gospel in solidarity with people of good will.

### FROM THE PASTOR...

Each Sunday during Lent at one of the three weekend Masses, we have blessed this year's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) candidates with a symbol of our faith. This week we bless them with Holy Water as a reminder of the living water that is Christ Jesus. Our five candidates have been meeting every Sunday during Lent with the team and a member of the staff. It is exciting to watch their progress as they journey towards the Sacraments of Initiation at the Holy Saturday Vigil.



All the Scripture readings for the next three Sundays of Lent will come from Cycle A. These readings are in the missalette and are used whenever there are RCIA candidates. The symbol used this weekend is water which comes from both the first reading from the Book of Exodus and the Gospel reading about the woman at the well.

Please keep our five RCIA candidates in your prayers. Also, remember in your prayers, our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have been taking turns to lead us in the Apostles' Creed. It is so affirming to hear them state: "This is our faith; this is the faith that we want to profess at our Confirmation."

We are, like the RCIA candidates and the Confirmation candidates, on a journey of faith. Sometimes we take for granted the faith we profess. Both groups of candidates remind us that our faith is a gift. How are we using that gift? How are we making it grow? How have we been willing to live that faith especially when it would be more convenient to put it aside?

One of my favorite lines from today's Gospel is the line that Jesus uses in speaking with the woman at the well. He says to her: "If only you recognized the gift that is within you and who is speaking to you."

*(Continued in the next column.)*

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could always recognize the gift of faith that is ours. Perhaps, if we could see the gift, we could help it to grow through prayer and nourish it by putting it to better use.

Fr. Richard, OFM



### ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

On Saturday, March 20, from 5 PM to 7 PM, we will gather in Memorial Hall for a meatless meal of Italian foods and desserts. Tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased in advance. There will be no takeouts. Sheila Darrow will provide a wonderfully diverse assortment of food and desserts. Also, the Spring Raffle Drawing will be held at this event.

The tradition of St. Joseph's Table comes from Sicily in the Middle Ages when there was an exceptionally severe drought. People prayed to St. Joseph and the rains came and the crops grew. With the harvest, a special feast of food was provided to show their thanks. Thus, began the yearly tradition of St. Joseph's Table taking on many forms.

We begin this tradition here certainly giving thanks for God's blessings to this parish family and asking for the special protection of St. Joseph for all families.

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Msgr. Frank Lane, Homilist

**Tuesday, March 23: St. John's (Olean) at 7 PM**

**Wednesday, March 24: Our Lady of Peace**  
(Salamanca) at 7 PM

**Thursday, March 25: St. Philomena**  
(Franklinville) at 7 PM

**Friday, March 26: St. Bonaventure at 7 PM**

**Saturday, March 27: St. Mary of the Angels**  
at 11 AM

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK...

#### Saturday, March 6, 2010

4:00 Michael, Mary & John Ballak by Family  
(2) Catherine Cheman by Pat Coats & Family

#### Sunday, March 7, 2010

8:00 Helen B. Flynn by Mary Elizabeth Koch  
(2) For the People of the Parish  
11:00 Dr. Jeffrey Miller by Family  
(2) Ed Pikulski by Chuck & Rose Kwiatkowski

#### Monday, March 8, 2010

8:00 Katherine Mulcahy Ryan by Estate

#### Tuesday, March 9, 2010

8:00 Bertha Donahey by Don & Rita Policastro

#### Wednesday, March 10, 2010

8:00 John, Theresa & Wayne Housey by Joan & Joe Crisafulli

#### Thursday, March 11, 2010

8:00 Memorial Mass

#### Friday, March 12, 2010

8:00 Nellie Mussall by Don & Rita Policastro

#### Saturday, March 13, 2010

4:00 Bill Eisenhart by Tuesday Morning Scripture Class

#### Sunday, March 14, 2010

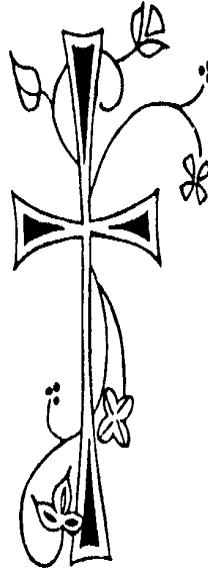
8:00 Jake Karl by Marcia  
(2) Raymond Karl by Kathleen & Family  
11:00 John Hesse by Patsy & Marlene Collins  
(2) For the People of the Parish



### PRAYER LIST...

As a community of faith, we offer the support of our prayers for one another. The following list of people are in acute need of our prayers.

Anyone who asks to be on this prayer list will be listed for six weeks. After that time, his/her name will be put in our Intention Book, which is on the table in front of the Tabernacle. Both groups are remembered in our daily Mass through the Prayer of the Faithful. *For all those we hold in our hearts, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.*



- Linda Abrams
- Barb Barton
- Tony & Em Belli
- Landon Tyler Burdick
- Brooke Eaton
- Joyce Fitzgerald
- Walt Flynn
- Bob Giudice
- Anne Kane
- David Margeson
- Alphonse Melfi
- Patrick Monahan
- Mike Moses
- Monica Jones Olivette
- Shea Payne
- Jeanie Sewell
- Abby Spaeth
- Amy Frisina Stowell



### Sanctuary Candle

This week the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of Martin T. "Marty" Gleason requested by the Parish Staff.



### LAST WEEK'S OFFERING...

Each week we offer to the Lord a portion of our resources in response to all that God gives to us. We thank you for your generosity to the parish. May our contributions always be an indication of how blessed we are by God.  
Weekly Offertory \$3,986.68

### THIS WEEK'S OFFERING...

This weekend, **March 6 and 7**, there will be **one collection**, which includes a **second envelope** for the **Black and Indian Mission Office**. Your financial contribution helps to support Catholic communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities and funds evangelization programs to strengthen the faith, continue the legacy and share the mission with children and adults here in the United States. For more information, go to [www.blackandindianmission.org](http://www.blackandindianmission.org). Please be generous in your support. God bless you for your generosity.

### NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING...

Next weekend, **March 13 and 14**, the **monthly envelope for March** is for **Snow Removal** and will be a **second collection**.

### PRAYERS FOR MILITARY...

If you would like the name of a family member, relative or friend serving in the military listed for prayers in our bulletin, please call the parish office at 373-1330. *Loving God, protect and bless all those who today selflessly work to preserve our freedom:*

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Jamie Anick             | David "Arden" McCoy |
| Damian A. Bess          | Michael McLaughlin  |
| Timothy Bush            | Ray McLaughlin      |
| John Carroll            | Patrick Miller      |
| Amanda Foreman Coniglio | James Morin         |
| Joseph Coniglio         | Elizabeth Noble     |
| James Doyle             | Colin Pascal        |
| Fred Duttlinger         | Adam Phearsdorf     |
| Zachary Eaton           | Urban Picard        |
| Yann Germain-Tardieu    | Daniel Simpson      |
| Gino Giardini           | Craig Summers       |
| Jonathan Hoshal         | Gregory Swarhout    |
| Bernard Jackson Jr.     | Michael Wiehagen    |
| Mike Lyons Jr.          | Justin Wilcox       |



**Whoever. Wherever. Whenever.**  
**Catholic Charities is always there.**  
**Please be there too.**  
**Give as generously as you can**  
**to the 2010 Appeal.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...****Sunday, March 7:**

- RE classes for **grades 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.**
- **Students in 5th grade 8 AM Mass** followed by **5th grade parent meeting** in Memorial Hall from 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM.
- **Students in grades 9 and 10** have class in church.

**Friday, March 12:** Lenten Evening #3 - St.

**Luke's Mission of Mercy** at 6:30 PM in church.

It is a suggested **"Choice"** parent/student activity.

**Sunday, March 14:**

- **Students in grades 9 and 10** have **Living Stations dress rehearsal.** Meet at 12:30 PM in Memorial Hall. Walk to Motherhouse for 2 PM show.

**Friday, March 19:** Lenten Evening #4 - **Living Stations** by **9th and 10th grade students** at 6:30 PM in church. It is a suggested **"Choice"** parent/student activity.

**Saturday, March 20:** Lenten Evening #5 - St.

**Joseph's Table** at 5 PM in Memorial Hall. It is a suggested **"Choice"** parent/student activity. See Page 2 for information.

**Sunday, March 21:**

- RE classes for **grades 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.**
- **Students in 4th grade 8 AM Mass** followed by **4th grade parent meeting** in Memorial Hall from 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM.

**Friday, March 26:** **Lenten Penance Service** at 7 PM in church. It is a suggested **"Choice"** parent/student activity.

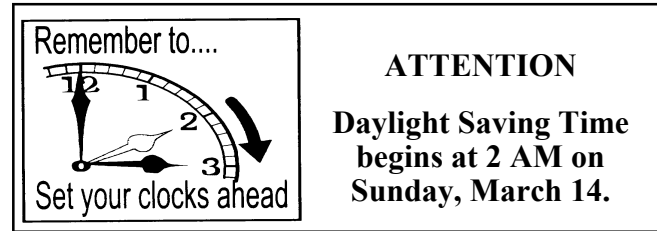
**Sunday, March 28:**

- RE classes for **grades 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9.** This is the last class. Community Service forms are due.
- **Students in 10th grade** have **"Trust Walk"** beginning at 6:30 PM in Memorial Hall.
- **Plan Ahead: RE Registration for 2010-2011,** including Summer Song K-3 and Peace Camp will take place all morning in Memorial Hall. Please note: **Registration forms will not be mailed** to save on postage.

**Holy Thursday, April 1:**

- **Students in 10th grade** attend **6 PM Mass.** As Confirmation candidates, their feet will be washed. Each one is invited to bring a towel.

**Monthly Stand for Life**  
**First Sunday of Each Month**  
**Lincoln Park from 1 PM to 2 PM**

**Family Night DVD's**

The following DVD's (and name of the modern day saint each one represents) are available in the sacristy for sign out for 3 nights:

1. **"A Time for Miracles"**—St. Elizabeth Seton
2. **"Romero"**—Archbishop Oscar Romero
3. **"Molokai"**—St. Damien the Leper
4. **"John XXIII"**—Pope John XXIII
5. **"The Heart Has Reasons"**—Jean Vanier
6. **"Maximilian"**—St. Maximilian Kolbe
7. **"Entertaining Angels"**—Dorothy Day
8. **"Mother Teresa"**—Teresa of Calcutta

**Easter Baskets**

The following are items for an Easter basket for a child at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy: snacks, granola bars, candy, jelly beans, gummy bears, cake mix, coloring kits for eggs, family DVD, books, stuffed animals and traditional Easter things. The Easter baskets will be collected during Mass on the weekend of Palm Sunday, March 27 and 28, and will be delivered that Sunday to St. Luke's.

**Items for the Toiletry Totes:**

- Pair of socks (athletic and crew size to the calf and preferably colored, not white).
- Travel-size toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant and shampoo.
- Disposable razor, bar of soap and wash cloth.

These items will be collected during Lent and will be given to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy to be handed out to those in need.

**Our Furniture Outreach Program** is in need of gently used furniture and appliances for needy people in our area. If you have any items for us, we will be glad to make arrangements for pick up. Please call us at the parish office at 373-1330 any day Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Thank you.

**Women of Faith Conference** entitled "Over the Top" will be on Friday and Saturday, October 8 and 9, in Rochester, NY. For more information or to place a reservation, please contact Judy Pastore at 372-3546.

**PARISH NEWS...****Mass Statistics**

<b>February 20 &amp; 21</b>	<b>February 27 &amp; 28</b>
<b>4 PM—181</b>	<b>4 PM—182</b>
<b>8 AM—234</b>	<b>8 AM—137</b>
<b>11 AM—205</b>	<b>11 AM—198</b>
<b>Total—620</b>	<b>Total—517</b>

Twice a year the Diocese of Buffalo requests that we take a count of those who come to our weekend Masses. We usually count people present on two successive weekends so that we can have a better accuracy of members. If you look at the two weekends listed above when that was done, you will notice a difference of about 100.

The additional numbers come from the 8 AM Mass when parents and our 7th graders were involved in the Mass. Simply said it makes a big difference when parents bring their children to Mass. It is a great blessing to have our young people present at Mass and involved in the Liturgy. Children can for the most part be present at Mass only when parents bring them.

Parents: Remember what was said at the Baptism of your child: *“Parents, you have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so, you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith.”* Perhaps, the best way you can do this is to come with your children to Sunday Mass. Thank you for understanding how important your role is.

**Lectio Divina**

Come on Monday, March 8, or any Monday during Lent from 9 AM to 10 AM in Room 104 to reflect on the Gospel for the next Lenten Sunday.

**Lenten Evenings**

The third Lenten evening of reflection is about **St. Luke’s Mission of Mercy** and will be held in church on **Friday, March 12, at 6:30 PM**. A group of missionaries from St. Luke’s, our sister parish, will share their work with the poor of South Buffalo. The evening will end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The remaining Lenten evenings are:

**Friday, March 19: Living Stations**  
**Saturday, March 20: St. Joseph’s Table**  
**Friday, March 26: Lenten Penance Service**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION...****St. John’s Oratory in Vandalia**

Para-liturgical service will be held there on Monday, March 15, at 7 PM. Sr. Suzanne Kush of St. Bonaventure University will conduct the service. All are welcome to attend.

**Spring Raffle Drawing  
on Saturday, March 20,  
at St. Joseph’s Table.**

**Lenten Series**

You are invited to the Lenten Series, **The Way of St. Francis: Teachings and Practices for Daily Life (CD’s) by Murray Bodo, OFM**. Come join us for a time of listening, sharing and prayer during the remaining Tuesdays in Lent (March 9, 16, 23 and 30) from 1 PM to 2:30 PM at St. Bonaventure School in Room 104. For more information, please contact Sr. Eleanor at 372-0195 or Sr. Pat at 373-0200.

**Vianney . . . The Play**

This live one-man production performed by actor and director Leonardo Defilippis will be presented at St. Mary of the Angels Church on Thursday, March 11, at 7 PM. Admission is a free-will offering. Come see this talented performer bring Saint John Vianney to life for the Year for Priests in this professional production, which presents the gripping story of the remarkable priest who battled the devil to save souls and includes a spectacular set, numerous costumes and a moving musical score. The program runs for 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 9 and up. For more information, please contact Marianne Magon at 372-4841 ext. 25 or [marianne@saintmaryoftheangels.org](mailto:marianne@saintmaryoftheangels.org).

**Genesis House** will sponsor an Emergency Services Fair for clergy and ministerial staff on Tuesday, March 23, from 10 AM to noon in Memorial Hall.

**Archbishop Walsh Academy** will hold a **St. Patrick’s Day Party and Raffle** on Saturday, March 27, starting at 7 PM. **First prize is \$20,000**. The price of a ticket is \$100 and may be shared with family or friends. Each ticket allows 4 people to attend the party (free food and drink) and is in the drawing for 20 cash prizes totaling over \$34,000. Tickets are available at the St. Bonaventure parish office.