



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF March 14, 2010

Weekend of 3/7/2010
 Regular Collection Goal Per Week - **\$15,000**
 Actual amount received - **\$8,525**
 Savings - **\$1,979**
 Assessment - **\$600**
 Envelopes sent to registered parishioners - **1,209**

REMINDER
 All Parents who have children in St. Laurence School are required to give **\$10.00** each week in your church envelope. Catholic High School, **\$12.00**

HOPE
 If you have an emergency need for transportation (a doctor or dentist appointment, help with food shopping,) call our HOPE representative, as early as possible at the following numbers:

WEEK OF March 14, 2010
 610-352-2782 OR 610-789-2950
WEEK OF March 21, 2010
 610-352-7104 OR 610-352-7080

VIGIL FOR LIFE - March 20, 2010

Jesus died to give us Life...

Make your sacrifice that others may live!

St. John the Evangelist Church, 13th & Market Sts. Philadelphia
 7:00AM Mass and Exposition of Our Lord, A Rosary procession to the abortion center, returning to Church for Adoration and Benediction, celebrated by
Father Matthew H. Phelan, O.de M.

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY
 Those who have been associated with the Health Care Ministry, please contact **Jack Kearney at 610-352-2767** and leave you name, address & phone number and Jack will get back to you.

BAPTISM

Welcome to our newly baptized Member of Saint Laurence Parish
Paige Ericksen
 Daughter of Karl & Elizabeth

Monday, March 15th
 8:30 Theresa Fitzgerald & Sons

Tuesday, March 16th
 8:30 Marie & Peter Venuti

Wednesday, March 17th
 8:30 Patricia Mulholland

Thursday, March 18th
 8:30 Deady, Fortune, Leary & Condran Families

Friday, March 19th
 8:30 Helen McMullin - *1st Anniversary*

Saturday, March 20th
 8:30 Clarence & Dora Cucchi
 5:00 Sarah McFadden

Sunday, March 21th
 7:30 Lynam, McFadden & Beatty Families
 9:00 Connie Montesano - *1st Anniversary*
 10:30 John & Catherine Craig
 12:00 Dec'd Members of the Mauri Family & Albert Pompei, Jr.
 6:00pm Parishioners of St. Laurence

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Raymond Gannon, Christine Cashman, Patricia Cashman, Christine Kirlin, Eleanor Deal, Marcellino Caprara, Joseph O'Donnell, Monsignor Duane, Michael Harkins, John Connelly, Ruth Strahan, Linda Gensberg, Mary Moran, Penny Orr, Agnes DeLacy, Angelica Sheeler, Marie Innaurato, Frances Kaminski, Patricia Spicer, Margaret Lesniak, James Delaney, Rose Bonsera, Lois Cook, Lawrence Cardarelli, Joyce Cardillo, Danny Lane, Melody Dalrymple, Brenda Taylor, Paul Skipper, Veronica Kagen, Bernadette Palasch, Robert Grant, Vincent Alexander, Martin Garland, Joe Clifford, Marion Toffling, Jim Lynch, Albert Oliver, Gina Scorsone, Robert Clark, Peg Kearns, Rita Eckardt, Bob DeFino, John Morris, Dolores Baranick, Concetta McMenamin, John Martin, Maria McClelland, Lorraine McCarty,

Deceased Parishioners of St. Laurence

Edward Doherty,

March 14, 2010

Pastor's Note



I Forgive You.

It makes all the difference.

What is the essential virtue that separates faith believers from the rest of the world? Forgiveness. The gospels proclaim the necessary steps of *how to heal* our families. What to do and what not to do to achieve forgiveness is written down for us in the New Testament, Luke chapter 15, *The Prodigal Son, The Forgiving Father & The Resistant Brother.*

I know of no family or relationship that survives without forgiveness. None. Yet, nothing will happen without God's grace. Sorry, there is no way around it. If I want forgiveness from someone, then I need God first. Desire is not enough. Without God, the person with whom I am striving to be reconciled will be suspicious of my intent.

With faith in Jesus Christ, however, everything is different. Your apology will mean something because grace is a beautiful gift from God. With the grace of mercy, you will radiate God's joy.

God in Jesus Christ has taken a first step toward us. May we respond by taking a step toward 'Divine Mercy'.

SCRIPTURE STUDY PRESENTED

BY

MONSIGNOR MALONE

Enrich your spiritual life by joining our Lenten Series here at Saint Laurence. Monsignor Malone will present topics from Saint Paul's Letters. We will meet on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Saint Laurence School Resource Room on the dates listed below. Please bring your New Testament.

All are welcome.

- March 16 What happened to original Sin?
- March 23 Theology of the Sacraments
- March 30 Spiritual Worship.

LENTEN PRESENTATION

A play entitled **Sermon on the Mount** will be presented at **St. Bernadette Church**, 1035 Turner Ave. in Drexel Hill on Monday evening, March 15 at 6:30 PM.

For information, call 610-853-1740.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2010

Lenten confessions every Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, Fridays 7:30 p.m.

Parish Penance Service: 7:30 p.m.
Monday, March 22, 2010

Palm Sunday, March 28

5:00 p.m., Sat. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12 noon
6:00 p.m. Palm Sunday night.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

March 29, 30, 31 - Masses 8:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday, April 1

Morning Prayer - 8:30 a.m. "St. Joseph entrance only."

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.

Adoration following until 11:00 p.m.

Litany of Jesus, The Crucified One, 9:30 p.m.

Litany of the Eucharist at 10:00 p.m. &

Rosary at 10:30 p.m., The Luminous Mysteries

Good Friday, April 2

Morning Prayer - 8:30 a.m. The Lord's Passion,
Veneration & Holy Communion at 3:00 p.m.

Simple Dinner: at 6:00 p.m. before Living

Stations. Home made soup, bread, butter, coffee, tea and juice. \$3 dollars per person in the Cafeteria. All proceeds benefit St. Vincent dePaul Society. The entire parish ought to witness our youth present the Living Stations, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 3

Morning Prayer - 8:30 a.m., RCIA rehearsal 10:00 a.m.,

Blessing of Easter Foods at 11 a.m.,

Confessions 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.,

Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:30, 9:00, 10:30. 12:00

NO 6:00pm Mass Easter Sunday Night

ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL

***Celebrating 90 Years of
Catholic Education!***

***Our students continue to shine!
Congratulations on their outstanding achievements!***

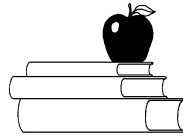
* Emma Barrera, grade 6, won 1st place in the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest for her grade.

* Joseph Clay won the Sellers Library Bookmark Contest for grade 4.

* First in Math: Four of our students are ranked in the top 100 players nationally: Jesus O'Shea #1; Sujoy Das #52; Chris Quinn #60; Nyanfor Sieh #64. **Our school is ranked 1st in the diocese and #5 in the state and diocese.**

**CYO PALM SUNDAY
SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST**

The **CYO** will be hosting a breakfast for our **Senior Citizen Parishioners'** on **Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010** after the **7:30AM & 9:00AM Masses in the School Cafeteria**. If you are a senior citizen and attend a different Mass, you are still welcome to come to the breakfast.



SCHOOL SPRING BOOK FAIR

The Saint Laurence School Spring Book Fair

runs from **March 13 to March 18**. Please join us in the school **Resource Room** on **Saturday, March 13 from 4:00 to 6:30 PM**, on **Sunday, March 14 from 9:00AM to 1:30PM** and after school on **March 15 through March 17 until 6:00 PM**. All proceeds support our school and classroom libraries.

**FRIENDS OF SEAN CAWLEY
APPLICATIONS**

The **Friends of Sean Cawley Organization** is taking applications for a four-year grant to **Monsignor Bonner High School**. Applications **are due April 1, 2010**. Late applications will not be considered.

Information on the organization, the grant, and other pertinent details are included with the paper application available at the rectory and online at www.friendsofseancawley.com.



CONFIRMATION 2010

Thank you to everyone who made the celebration of this Sacrament most beautiful. May God be pleased with all your work. May the Holy Spirit fill you with Wisdom, Knowledge, Courage, Reverence, Understanding,
Right-judgement and Fear of the Lord.
Gratefully, Father Gerlach & Sister Helen

LOST & FOUND

This weekend, March 13 & 14, we will have the items that have been left in the pews during the past few months in a box in the back of church. Please feel free to look in the box. If the items are not retrieved by anyone, they will be discarded. Thank You!

FOOD BANK - Collection

March 20 & 21

The FOOD BANK is in dire need for food items.
Boxes will be in the Tower for collection.

Meat products (spam, beef stews,) tuna, baked beans, peanut & jelly, cereal (hot or dry), soups and fruit juices. Thank you for sharing.

HIGHSCHOOL CYO

The **next** High School CYO meeting will take place after the **6:00PM Mass on March 14th** . All High School students should attend.

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Once again this year, the **St. Laurence High School CYO** will stage the **Living Stations on Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at 7:30PM in the Church**. This year's play is entitled , *On a Street in Jerusalem*. There is no admittance fee, and everyone is welcome.

### **SEPARATED & DIVORCED CATHOLICS SUPPORT GROUP (SDC)**

For those in need of support through the difficult time of separation and divorce, come to our next meeting on **Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** in the Catholic Social Services Building at Holy Cross Parish in Springfield. The topic will be "**Legal Issues of Separated/Divorced**". Our presenter is *Anthony Creato, Esq.* Newcomers please come at 7:15 for a short orientation and handouts. For more information call :  
**Alice at 610-259-9936.**