

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Fr. Buersmeyer's column appears on page 6.



A LENTEN MISSION FOR THE PARISHES OF THE NORTH MACOMB VICARIATE

The kick-off begins with a very special musical evening! See one of the most prolific and well-respected Catholic composers of our time — David Haas. Tickets on sale in the parish office.

ALL DAY ADORATION

Sign up on the board for a time slot for the Day of Adoration on February 27. We begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m. Benediction will begin at 7:00 p.m.

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB

See what's "New and Noteworthy", read past issues of our bulletin, find links to other sites. Go online and see for yourself — www.sjohnandpaul.org. Please visit our website weekly to keep abreast of what's new and noteworthy.



Ash Wednesday February 25, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. — Prayer Service with Ashes
- 9:00 a.m. — Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- 12:00 Noon — Prayer Service with Ashes
- 4:30 p.m. — Prayer Service with Ashes
- 7:00 p.m. — Mass with Distribution of Ashes

All Day Adoration - February 27

Begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and continues



Wisdom Bytes

"How the Church Views Divorced Catholics"
Presented by Fr. David Buersmeyer

Sunday, February 22, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass
Repeated on Monday, February 23, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass

The third of a new series of adult formation opportunities is here. In response to many questions about what is the Catholic teaching on different topics, we have decided to address those concerns in a series of brief sessions, usually 30-45 minutes. We host our next session on Sunday, February 22, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The session will be repeated after the Monday evening Mass on February 23. Please call the office with any questions regarding this session

Here's what's happening this week!

Monday, February 23:

- *Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- *4:45 p.m. Gr. 1-6
Winter Session #3
- **Wisdom Bytes* — “How the Church Views Divorced Catholics” after the 7:00 p.m. Mass
- *7:45 p.m. Adult Bells

Tuesday, February 24:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *4:45-6:00 p.m. & 6:30-7:45 p.m.
Gr. 1-6 Winter Session #3
- *5:00 p.m. Jr. Choir
- *5:45 p.m. Jr. Bells
- *7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 25:

- *Mass with Ashes at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- *Prayer Service with Ashes at 7:00 a.m., 12 noon, & 4:30 p.m.
- *8:00 Adult Choir

Thursday, February 26:

- *NO Adult Choir

DAY OF ADORATION

Friday, February 27:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *All day adoration
- *7:00 p.m. Benediction

Saturday, February 28:

- *8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
- *3:00 p.m. Confessions
- *5:00 p.m. Mass

Regular Parish Office Hours

- Mon. - Wed. — 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Thursday — 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday—12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday — 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

From the Music Desk ...

Talent Call!

Our parish is extremely fortunate to have dozens of talented musicians who offer their talents as cantors, singers, hand bell ringers and instrumentalists. We are particularly proud of our Contemporary Ensemble whose members work hard to interpret and accompany the music of our parish in fresh, creative, and lively ways.



At this time we are interested in inviting additional players to become a part of the ensemble. If you play an instrument, particularly guitar or drums, please consider joining this important ministry. The ensemble's leadership is an essential part of the worship life of our parish and would welcome some additional talent.



Feel free to talk with Al Eppens or any member of the ensemble if you are interested, or you can leave a message with the church office at 586.781.9010.

Lenten Fridays

You are invited to join us for our Lenten Friday experiences

- February 27: All day adoration beginning with mass at 9:00 a.m. and ending with benediction at 7:00 p.m.
- March 6: Meal of soup and bread beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross
- March 13: Meal of soup and bread beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by going to St. John Vianney for the special vicariate concert event with David Haas. Tickets available in the parish office
- March 20: Meal of soup and bread beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross
- March 27: Monthly G.R.A.C.E. beginning with a meal at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome...registration is necessary. Topic is the Passion of Christ
- April 3: Meal of soup and bread beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by speaker, Julie Kavanagh, of the Macomb County Community Service Agency
- April 10: Good Friday — Stations of the Cross at 12 noon, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross beginning at 1:00 p.m.

2008-2009 Religious Formation Program

G.R.A.C.E.

Parish Formation Program
For all ages

September—May

EARLY CHILDHOOD

3 1/2 to 5 yrs. old
Sundays 9:30 a.m.
October—April

For more information on either programs above, or for any other adult formation or preparation for sacraments please call the Formation Office at 586.781.9488.



Grades 1-6 Age-Specific Winter Sessions

Monday or Tuesday

4:45-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

February 23/24

March 2/3

Weekly attendance by all children registered in the G.R.A.C.E. program is required.

Growing

Responding

As

Catholics

Everyday

**Next Month:
MARCH 22, 24, 25, 27
6:00-8:30 p.m.**

Theme:
The Passion

Catechetical Area:
Growing as Sacramental People

Event:
Palm Sunday

We will journey together this month to:

- understand the Passion narrative
- appreciate the main characters and motivation of the key participants
- be able to better participate in a meaningful way in the story of the Passion.



Menu:
Meatless Pasta & Salad



Next G.R.A.C.E.
April 26, 28, 29, May 1
Theme: **Images of God**



Preparing for Lent....

In these few days before Lent begins, we can begin to prepare our hearts by asking ourselves how we want Lent to be different this year. What do we want to ask the Lord to give us—and more importantly, we can ask *what the Lord wants for us* this Lent. What gift of generosity, love or attention can we share with others in the weeks ahead? How can we focus on the Lenten season and ask that our hearts be opened to what is real—not to the externals which distract us so much? How will I *be* with my family and friends this Lent? What will I do that sets this season apart from my normal routines? How can I name, anticipate and feel the gifts the Lord showers on me with such love in the weeks ahead? Every morning, we can begin by asking God to help us receive these gifts with open hearts and carry that focus with us throughout the day. We end our day by simply thanking God for the love and gifts of the day.



Teen News

9-12 Grade News

- 9-12 Grade Youth Group Meeting on Sunday, February 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please bring a friend and join us for this wonderful evening.

Subiaco Retreat

- Gr. 9-12 teens save the date: April 3-5 for the weekend retreat at Subiaco. More details will follow.

Attention Future Confirmation Candidates!

- There will be a meeting for all parents and future confirmation candidates that have completed their two year preparation on March 4 and March 10 at 7:00 p.m. It is mandatory that one parent and the teen be present at one of the meetings. This meeting will give you and your teen a lot of information to pray about, think about, and then decide if this is the proper time for your candidate to receive this Sacrament. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and answering all your questions at that time. If you do have questions or concerns before the meeting, please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586-781-9488.

Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection

Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe need your help to continue to revitalize the Church and to foster the Spirit of Love in their parishes and communities. In 28 countries throughout Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, the Collection funds vital pastoral and social projects and contributes to programs that promote Catholic life. Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Believe in the power of the Spirit of Love.

Thanks from Agape Center Food Pantry

Dear Friends,
HAPPY TODAY...

Just a little note to say a BIG thank you for the food and items that you provided for needy families helped through the North Macomb Vicariate Pantry at Agape Center in Romeo. Your generosity will help many persons during these difficult economic times.

May our God whose love is unbounded, bless each of you and your families for your generous Spirit.

Gratefully,
Nancy Kaspari
Christian Outreach—NMV
Sr. Valerie Knoche, IHM
Hispanic Minister—NMV



145 bags of donated food!



Load 'em up!



Sorting all that food



Helping Hands



Lenten Blood Drive

SS. John & Paul will once again be sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on **Sunday, March 15, 2009 from 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.** Please call the office to make an appointment, or register online at www.givelife.org and put in our sponsor code **ssjpch**. **Walk-ins are always welcome!**

Grief Support Seminar

In-House Hospice will present a grief support seminar at St. Clement of Rome at 343 S. Main, Romeo, Tuesdays from 2:00-3:30 p.m. beginning February 24, 2009 through March 31, 2009.

The seminar is intended for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one and consists of a series of six free sessions to learn and share about the grief process. For more information or to register, please call Judy at 586.468.8580.

Help Your Neighbors — You Can Make A Difference

The Macomb County Services Agency 9MCCSA, Senior Nutrition Program (Meals-On-Wheels) is seeking volunteer and substitute drivers to deliver meals to frail, homebound seniors in your community. Volunteers are asked to drive a lunch route, approx. 1-1-1/2 hours twice a month. Drivers use their personal automobile. Mileage reimbursed. The meals are delivered 5 days a week, Monday through Friday, different days available. Great volunteer opportunity waiting for you!

For more information, call Macomb County Community Services Agency, Senior Nutrition Program at 586.469-5228 or sign up on line at www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa.



—Parish Wide Lenten Project— “Bucks for Bags”



This Lenten season, SS. John & Paul will sponsor a *weekly* food drive to benefit our local food pantries. The post-Christmas season is typically a time of bare shelves for most food pantries. This year, coupled with our economic downturn, the need for food and commodities is even greater. This weekly food drive is not to be confused with our occasional “Bag-a-Lot” drive for Agape or “Adopt-a-Bag” for Samaritan House.

Here is how “Bucks for Bags” will work. Each of the six weekends of Lent we will have grocery bags available in the hallway to the Activities Center with a list attached of items to be donated. SS. John & Paul will match each filled bag that is returned with one dollar. That week a local food pantry will not only receive the bags of food, but also a check from SS. John & Paul in the amount of bags donated, to use where needed.

The three local food pantries who will benefit from these food drives are listed below. All these pantries keep records as to who receives emergency food and how often they receive it.

- **St. Francis/St. Maximilian Kolbe** serves those who come to their church seeking emergency assistance with food, clothing and utilities year round. They are North Macomb Vicariate members serving not only those in our area but others from Port Huron, Clinton Township and even Imlay City.
- **The Agape Center Food Pantry (also known as the North Macomb Vicariate food pantry)** also serves those in need of emergency food and shelter and also provides programs and education. Clients are from Romeo, Washington, Bruce, Ray, Armada and beyond.
- **Samaritan House** food pantry serves those within the boundaries of 23 Mile Rd. to the south, 38 Mile Rd. to the north, Dequindre Rd. to the west and east of Omo Rd. to the east. As a sponsoring church of Samaritan House, we are able to make informed referrals for individuals living beyond these boundaries.

**Bags will be available beginning the weekend of
February 21/22 until March 28/29.**

Widowed Friends News

A Weekend for Widowed — “Rebuilding Your Future”

Don't get shut out of the Widowed Friends “peer” group in the Archdiocese of Detroit's interactive weekend being held at the Retreat Center at St. John's in Plymouth on Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29. It features speakers, small group discussions, interaction with other widowed men and women, liturgy, healing service and much more. Choose single room at \$116.00, double at \$99.00 per person or Sunday only EXPO at \$25.00. Meals included according to length of stay. Rooms are limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. All options require pre-paid registrations and must be received by March 11. For more information call Justine (734) 455-6939, Rose (586) 726-0844, or Joan (248) 478-1084.

Join us at St. Mary Mystical Rose

All widowed are welcome to celebrate the Eucharist at St. Mary Mystical Rose Parish, 24040 Armada Ridge Road in Armada on Saturday, February 28 at 5:00 p.m. (for directions call 586.784.5966). Dinner to follow at Thee Office Pub & Cookery, 128 S. Main in Romeo (586.752.6680). Although this event is hosted by Young Widowed Friends (age 35-55) widowed of all ages are welcome to attend this special mass featuring contemporary music. Please RSVP to Denise at 248.446.6007 or e-mail at ywfriends@sbcglobal.net.

Pastor's Perspective

*LENT

This Wednesday we once again enter into the Lenten season. We consciously embrace some type of penance—extra prayer, fasting or abstinence, and charity—so that we are reminded often (daily if possible) during this season to keep our priorities in order. Throughout the Church those preparing for full initiation are also entering into a time of spiritual preparation, including penance, and so we join them on their journey. [Aside: This is my first year as a priest where there are no candidates for full initiation into the Church. Please invite people in your life who show an interest to become Catholic. The preparation is a wonderful time of learning and growth. We lose so much as a community not having people who are in that preparation process. It takes a bit of the excitement out of the Easter Vigil and other celebrations as well.]

The goal is to come to Easter, ready to renew our baptismal promises, with lives renewed and re-focused on the Lord. Take some time this week to think about Lent and at least one way you can take on a Lenten penance—giving something up or doing something positive—which will nearly daily remind you that you are in this special season. Don't take on something too large. It is not the difficulty of the penance that means anything. It is the re-focusing that happens when we do the penance.

I've included on the home page of our website a detailed look at the Lenten regulations and the spirit of Lenten penance. You are encouraged to read that.

*ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting from food and abstaining from meat for those who are able or fall within the guidelines. [Another aside: Don't be a letter of the law person. Don't get all scrupulous if you mess up some part of the Lenten regulations. Just begin again

or substitute another penance. At the same time, don't be limited by the letter of the law as well. I especially think this is important for Ash Wednesdays and the Fridays of Lent when it comes to abstaining from meat. It binds technically only on those 14 years of age or older. But if we haven't entered into that abstinence as a family and allowed the children to experience it from a very young age, it will make no sense to all of a sudden impose it on a 14 year old. Embrace the spirit of the season.]

You will note that here at SS. John and Paul we do not have the ashes out in church and simply have people come in at any time and self-impose the ashes. Even though this practice is not explicitly forbidden, it is a terribly individualistic and silly way of celebrating Ash Wednesday. The whole point of the day is to enter into the season of Lent as a community of faith, to show each other that we are taking the ashes of the hypocrites we are. We have five times during the day for prayer and the distribution of ashes. I hope everyone can make one of these. If we need to add another time in the future, let me know what time might work.

*FRIDAYS OF LENT

Once again we are focusing on the Fridays of Lent as the special community day of prayer and penance for Lent. The universal Church asks us to abstain from meat. In addition, let's try to have at least one other practice that will shape the Fridays of Lent for this parish as a day of solidarity in prayer and penance. Some suggestions: Omit lunch and use the time to walk, read a spiritual book, reflect or pray; come to the Friday simple soups; use Friday night as a family to rent movies with deeply spiritual themes and watch them together; declare Friday a "no TV or internet" night and find ways to spend time unplugged; make Friday night a home-cooked (and meatless) meal night, using the time for preparation and eating to connect as a family; take a walk after dinner (it is staying lighter longer) rather than rushing into individual activities; use the little black book as a family

focus on Friday at dinner; take the chapters from the gospel of Mark (this year's gospel) on the passion of Jesus and begin to read it together, a few paragraphs at a time each Friday, and discuss it; or any other way you can think of to make Fridays a day of solidarity in penance with the rest of the community.

*ALL DAY ADORATION THIS FRIDAY

Our first of two Lenten Days of Prayer and Adoration is this Friday, February 27th, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. We begin with morning Mass at 9, at the end of which we will leave the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar for prayer throughout the day. Come in during the day and spend some quiet time in prayer. Bring your intentions and intercessions and place them before the Lord at the altar. There will be a sheet on the bulletin board to sign up for different half hour time slots, just to make sure someone is in the church at all times. But come whenever you might have a few minutes. We will end the day with a Benediction service at 7:00 p.m.

*VICARIATE MISSION

You have been hearing about the North Macomb Vicariate Mission, talks, a concert, gatherings at different vicariate parishes. A full schedule has been sent to you in the Lenten mailing this week. It begins with a kick-off concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday March 13th at St. John Vianney. Tickets are required for this event only. They are available for a couple of more weeks from the parish office. Please get yours soon. Any unused tickets will be released at the end of the month for general sale to the public. We will have our Lenten simple soup at 6:00 p.m. that Friday evening prior to the concert. Those who want to carpool are welcome to do so. But the soup is open to all, whether going to the concert or not.

Our parish Hospitality Commission is arranging for some type of simple meal and then car pooling each

of the nights of the mission—Monday through Thursday. That way people don't have to worry about driving, and it gives us a chance to have some fellowship and community support as part of the mission.

Our own parish will be hosting the Monday morning mass, March 16th at 9:00 a.m. That will be the only Mass that day at the parish or in the vicariate. It will be a "Teaching Mass" led by me and open to everyone in the vicariate. Each day one of the parishes in the vicariate will host the daily morning Mass, with no other Mass scheduled in other parishes that day. It is, again, a way to build up some connections to the other parishes and Catholics in the North Macomb Vicariate during our mission week.

Mark your calendars for any or all of the events that week. It is a chance to bond as a vicariate and to be offered some reflections for deeper spiritual life.

***WISDOM BYTES: CATHOLIC WISDOM ON DIVORCED PERSONS AND THE CHURCH**

Today (Sunday) and Monday we will have our next 30 minute "byte" of formation for adults. The topic suggested by a parish member is "How Does the Catholic Church View Divorced Catholics?" I want to share a few thoughts here. More at the wisdom bytes session. And then continue some reflections in the weeks ahead.

***DIVORCED AND CATHOLIC**

Over the next few weeks I will address in these columns the issues of divorce, divorce and remarriage, and annulments for prior marriages. For this first one, a key reminder: No one is "out" of the Church because they are divorced or divorced and remarried without an annulment. Often they are told that they are "excommunicated" from the Catholic Church for either being divorced or divorced and

remarried. There is a use of that word that can apply in certain situations but it doesn't mean one is out of the Church. And to be divorced in and of itself does not change anyone's status in the Church. It does not prevent them from receiving the sacraments. It does not keep them from being on parish council or commissions or act as lectors or ushers or communion or other liturgical ministers. They can be Catholics in as good of standing as any other Catholic.

The Church uses the term "excommunication" sometimes and it is usually confusing to most of us. It is a very technical term and needs to be interpreted by the standards of Church law (canon law) in a very narrow and precise way. We take it to mean "out of the community." The Church can use it in that sense but generally it means, if it applies to a specific situation, "publicly asked to refrain from receiving communion until the situation is resolved." The Church still expects and presumes that such a person is to be part of Sunday worship—just not coming forward at this time to receive communion. What situations are involved here will be dealt with in the weeks ahead.

But as a first step, if someone tells you they are divorced and asks if they are "out" of the Church, the answer is "By all means NO!!" and invite them to be part of the Sunday community. If there are other issues involved, they can be looked into and dealt with over a period of time. I have heard of even priests who have turned away someone because they are divorced or divorced and remarried. That is very tragic. It is against the gospel and against the Church's own wisdom.

Come to one of the Wisdom Bytes sessions and discuss this issue of the Church and divorced Catholics some more.

***PARISH LENTEN MAILING**

You should have received your Lenten mailing this past week or in the next couple of days. There is a lot

(maybe too much but it is all so good!) information on events, opportunities for prayer and formation and service in the parish this Lent. Please take the time to go the various offerings. Save the ones that might interest you and mark your calendars. Don't pass up this season as an opportunity for real change and growth.

Fr. Buersmeyer



"I am about to do a new thing."

Are you discerning the inclination to do something new for the Lord, perhaps as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call the Vocation Office, Fr. Tim Birney, at 313.237.5875 or visit www.vocationsdetroit.org.

"Come Away Vocation Day"

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit Vocation Office, the *Come Away Vocation Day* is a day of input, information and reflection for young women ages 18-35 who may be considering a call to religious life. A *Come Away Day* has been scheduled for Saturday, March 21, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. followed by Mass. Please contact the Vocation Office at 313.237.4672 for information on how to register, or for a brochure.

Contribution Statements for 2008

Statements have been sent to those families who have contributed \$250 or more during the 2008 calendar year. If you did not contribute \$250 or more during the year and would like a statement, please call the parish office at 586.781.9010 and we will gladly send you one.

Knights Offer Scholarships

Knights of Columbus Council #7018 (representing both St. Clement of Rome and SS. John and Paul Parishes) are offering scholarships that will be awarded to those Catholic students who will be graduating from Romeo High School this June 2009 and those in college through their fourth year (if funds are available). The Council is also offering scholarships for K thru college for attending Catholic schools only.

To obtain applications and a description of the scholarship criteria, call Jim Burns at 586.752.1115 or Ron Stec at 586.752.9180 and applications will be forwarded. All applications should be returned by March 15, 2009 to be considered.

Stewardship

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February 14-15, 2009

Weekly budget.....\$11,700.00
 Offertory \$8,820.00
 No. Sunday envelopes used280
 ESO (15th of mo.).....\$2,602.00
 No. ESO35
Total Offertory\$11,422.00

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv. / (6)\$90.00
 Children's Env. / (5)\$7.91

Did you know that in November we purchased a copier for the parish office? Thanks to your continued support of the parish, we were able to pay for the machine without withdrawing from our savings account.



Readings for the Week of February 22, 2009

Sunday, February 22:

Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;
 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

Monday, February 23:

Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 24:

Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 25:

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2;
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 26:

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 27:

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 28:

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, March 1:

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
 Mk 1:12-15

Pray for our sick

Mary Angelosante	Samantha Nelson
Alana Aynse	Tom O'Donnell
Jennie Barla	Leo Osantoske, Sr.
Rita Bayer	Carl Pallas
Mary Burcar	Rita Pascoe
Charles Cappellano	Monica Payne
Ralph Cleary	Patricia Petriches
John Patrick Cuttle	Ken Petty
Timothy J. Cuttle	Alex Polzin
Gloria Dean	Doris C. Procopio
Chris Del Pappa	Dorothy Puffpaff
Lauren DeNio	Anthony Randazzo
Morris Duhaime	Pat Rea
Vincent Eterno	Marie Richard
Blanche Fredal	Theresa Romero
Danielle Giffin	Albert Sabbe
Geri Hammer	Sylvia Schult
Lora Hardin	Bill Shevela
Ruth Hunsucker	Jeff Simpson
Yolanda Kaufman	Camille Smith
Molly Keffalo	Michelle Smith
John Kerr	Tommasina Smith
Leonard Koskodan	Mary Sorrow
Hayden Kroll	Steven St. John
John LaCroix	Ken Stempien
Jillian Lentine	Barbara Supina
Vito Loconte	Shirley Taylor
Jacob Main	Charlie Trombly
Bernice Mayer	Elva VanDamme
Rodney Mayer	Richard Waluk
Antoinette McBain	Betty Waligore
Agnes Mehlick	Patricia Wyatt
Linda Murphy	Edward Ziolkowski
Lois Nelson	

Pray for our military



Noel & Greg Ales	Chris Krusinski
Nick Bassett	Teija Kinnunen
Augie Biache III	Paul McGowan
Mike Boback	Matthew McLocklin
Eric Eppens	David Newberry
Tony Gentilia	Ryan Ribant
Michael Kaminski	Thomas Schmidt
David Krzycki	Vincent Titeriga
Jonathon Krusinski	Daniel Trendell

Sponsor of the Week

This week's sponsor is **Metropolitan Construction**. Please see their full ad on the back of the bulletin. And remember to patronize all of our sponsors because they make this bulletin possible!



Eucharistic Prayer Requests

Saturday and Sunday February 21-22, 2009

Tullio Rossi by M. Rossi
Gerardo Mazitelli by Wife
Frank Trupiano by Family
Michael Bem, Sr. by Hammer Family
Anna Catenacci by J. Catenacci
Camillo & Josephine Recchia by V. Recchia

Monday, February 23, 2009

Julius Misuraca by Wife

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Laity For Life by S. Barla

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

For the parishioners

Friday, February 27, 2009

Sarah Herbert by Greenway Family

Saturday and Sunday February 28-March 1, 2009

Lorraine Darga by Martino Family
Saveria Palazzolo by DiSanto Family
Vincenzo DiSanto by Family
Brigida Vozza & Olga Recchia
by V. Recchia
Tullio Rossi by M. Rossi

Liturgical appointments for February 28-March 1, 2009				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant/ Homilist	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes
Lectors	P. Brunet G. Pagliarella	J. Sova J. Resutek	T. Fletcher B. Greenway	M. Greenway B. Bachler
Communion Ministers *Captain	W. Zotter* A. Zotter F. Diebboll A. Peters K. Peters	Deacon John P. Sagert* R. Sagert A. Ferrario B. Huellmantel	J. Reaume* R. Newlin B. Quayhackx P. Quayhackx J. Sabina C. Seidel R. Seidel	P. Dutchik* C. Gregory M. Catalano K. O'Neill L. Hester
Altar Servers	D. Pointe F. Theodoroff	—Open—	M. Compeau J. Trombley N. Skelly	N. Delcourt
Greeters	C. Hatcher K. Hessler	S. Boettcher T. Boettcher	L. Amato M. Hoenle	K. Waligore C. Winde
Ushers	Team #2 M. LaRaia M. Hendershot J. Krieg	Team #3 B. Dale E. Fannon S. Krajewski A. Sova R. Chapman	Team #5 L. Monfils M. Bayer B. Janowiak K. Partyka L. Keast M. Chmielewski	Team #7 R. Kopera L. LePage J. Martino B. Jiannuzzi M. Bytner J. Gehrholz
Collection Counters	Team #3 — Sharon Bourgeois, Mike Adkins, Don Byrne, Len & Jackie Monfils, Dick & Pat Podolski			

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<p>Weekend Masses</p> <p>Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Weekday Masses</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Monday 9:00 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday</p>
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Parish Registration
New parishioners may register after each weekend Mass or Monday through Friday at the parish office

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday from 3:00-3:30 p.m. of after 5:00 p.m. Mass

Baptisms
Please call the parish office for arrangements and parental preparation dates. Contact office at least 3 months prior to Baptism

Weddings
Please notify office at least six months (one year if not registered) prior to wedding date to arrange for marriage preparation

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