

Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2010

Mass Intentions For the Week

Monday 8:30 am

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Jo Ann Montell
by Mary E. & Tom Montell

Tuesday 8:30 am

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
George Brauner

Wednesday 8:30 am

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Theresa C. Trapp

Thursday 8:30 am

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Mary Marchi

Friday 8:30 am

Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Sal Bruno by Josephine Bruno

Saturday 5:00 pm

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Andy Markoff by John (Jack) Kuhns

Sunday 9:00am

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Living and deceased members
of St. Thomas

11:30am

Charles Kirkpatrick by Dr. Joseph & Elizabeth
Kirkpatrick

Stewardship

The collection amount for February 28th was \$6432. We are truly a blessed community because of the generosity of many who return something of their time, talent and treasure to the work of God.

Thank you to all who responded with amazing generosity to the appeal of Fr. Bernard Bitekerezo for the needs of the people in his parish in Uganda. \$5477 was collected and will go a long way in the work of Fr. Bitekerezo. If you did not get a chance to give last weekend, you can place your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Mission in Uganda."

This Week at St. Thomas

Tuesday, March 9

7:30pm Choir rehearsal
7:00pm Parish Council

Wednesday, March 10

10:00am, 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00pm
ESL in the Parish Center
6:30pm Soup Supper and Multicultural
Video Presentation, "Scenes from a Parish"

Sick in our Parish

Please remember the sick and homebound in your prayers: Paul Bunfill, Jim Kirkwood and Emma Alaskiewicz.

Prayer Chain

St. Thomas has an active prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, such as illness or surgery, please call Louise Layne (258-6406) or Donna Newman (476-6422).

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for March 13th and 14th

	<u>Sat. 5pm</u>	<u>Sun. 9:00am</u>	<u>Sun. 11:30am</u>
Lector 1	L. Myers	J. Jacobson	B. Burke-Marilley
Lector 2	D. Jorgensen	K. Friarson	S. Burke-Marilley
Communion 1	Karen Page	E. Cannon	M. Ovalle De Los Angeles
Communion 2	J. DeLimond	Megan Walker	M. McFadden
Communion 3	C. Taylor	R. Diggs	E. Ovalle De Los Angeles
Server 1	L. Reddae	P. Carle	J. Ibarra
Server 2	D. DeLimond	D. Polemeni-McGovern	S. Franco
Communion 1 ministers the Eucharistic Bread; Communion 2 & 3 minister the cup			

Reflection

*He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your
ills. ~Psalm 103:3*

There is always a need to renew and reform our lives. Renewing our resolve helps us remember why we are doing something. Once we have one thing under control, we discover there is something else we need to reform in order to become a better person and disciple. As long as we have life, we are still striving to reach the goal of becoming all that God calls us to be. Give thanks for the grace that has brought you so far and pray for the grace to continue to grow in God's love.

If you would like to offer a flower memorial for Easter, the envelopes are now available in the pews. Please **print** the name/names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and place it in the collection basket in the next few weeks. The money collected helps with the cost of the Easter flowers.

We are in need of individually wrapped candy for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! If you would like to donate candy there will be a box in the back of the church beginning next weekend. Thank you!

The Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to the annual Leadership Seminar entitled "*Sharing our Gifts.*" Come and learn about becoming an empowering leader, motivating yourself and others, and building a team of support to provide service through action. The seminar will take place on Saturday, March 13th at St. Andrew Parish ~ Nugent Hall, 1899 McCoy Rd., Columbus 43220 from 9am to 2pm. Registration fee is \$10 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Prior registration preferred. Contact DCCW office at 614-228-8601 or jnaporano@colsdio.org

ND Vision for Youth

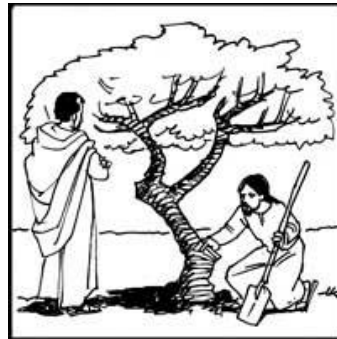
There will be an important meeting on Sunday, March 14 for our parish 8th graders and high school youth. In the past, we have had several youth who attended Notre Dame University during the summer for a week-long faith formation retreat. This opportunity is available again. If you are interested, please come. The meeting will take place in the parish center immediately following the 11:30 Mass. Come

and hear about the experience from some of our youth and get the details.

"Compassion Means Justice" (Meister Eckart) will take place at the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Dr., Columbus 43219 on Saturday, March 13 from 10am to 12:30pm.

Building upon our recent program's theme of living compassionately in contemporary times, Dr. Charlene Jendry, PhD, will share with us in word and image the good work of the Columbus Zoo-sponsored organization, Partners in Conservation (PIC), in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. A combination of video and slides will take us on a journey through East Central Africa where small acts of compassion combine to promote peace and justice—from the Virunga Mountains habitat for the remaining population of Mountain Gorillas, to women's co-ops and conservation projects, to an orphanage for genocide survivors and a center for the handicapped. Dr. Jendry will also explain her personal journey from gorilla keeper at the zoo to committed leader of PIC's humanitarian and conservation projects. For additional information, go to www.martindeporrescenter.net.

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to Jesus in disguise.



"Sir, leave it for this year, and I shall cultivate and fertilize it. It may bear fruit in the future." Luke 13:9