

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last weekend's **Lenten Retreat** was a rewarding day for so many...me included. 'Thanks' to all who helped make it so.

Hopefully, everyone is experiencing a rewarding **Lent** thus far: how's your H₂O Project water bottle feeling...still light, over extra heavy? The typical project for building a well costs \$1,500-\$2,000. Last year's collections yielded one new well...can we do it again this year through our Lenten almsgiving? How's your prayer...is it deeper and more life-giving or are you maybe stuck in a rut? If you weren't able to join us for retreat, check out my blog on our website and use our retreat reflections as your own private meditation. And what about those acts of self-denial...are you thirsting and hungering for the Lord of new life? In just a few more weeks, we'll be able to reap the rewards of walking with Christ during Lent.

Please be sure to note the **charity benefit** mentioned on the next page: we're invited to a few hours of music & fun to benefit a special cause at St. Jude's, Wynantskill. I hope I'll see many of you there on April 6th.

Over the last few months, I've been sharing with you the various sections that comprise our new stained glass window (and if you've kept track of them, you might try to take the puzzle pieces and put them together to form a tapestry or mosaic!). Here is the small lower panel that will be underneath the main panel. Measuring 18" h x 44" w it reflects the results that can be ours after God shares with us the gifts of faith and baptism: we are invited then to share in the holiness of God, following after the examples of so many holy women and men. You'll note that the Eucharist binds us to God and one another. Also, the various people around the altar were designed to represent the many walks of life and varied occupations of the folks of Clinton Heights in 1927, 1952 and today. Finally, can you guess why we've included the coats of arms representing Pope Pius XI and Bishop Gibbons? It helps to date our parish to its establishment in 1952! Next week, we'll see the last installment: the central image of the entire window.



A continued blessed Lenten Season to all...Fr. David



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18 2013



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| Tues. | 3/19 | 7 ^{AM} | +MSGR. KEVIN O'NEILL (available; priest's intention) |
| Thurs. | 3/21 | 7 ^{AM} | +REV. R. DAVID KIEFER (available; priest's intention) |
| Sun. | 3/24 | 8:30 ^{AM} 11 ^{AM} 7 ^{PM} | +CHRISTINE BYRUM By Karen Rogers & Barbara Murphy +RICHARD CIMMA By Karen Rogers & Barbara Murphy +PAULINE FILMER By Jerrie Rock +LEO CORVINO, SR., CARMELA CORVINO, & ALFONSO P. TENORE By Mary Corvino +RALPH L. PINTO By St. Mary's Choir +MICHAEL STOFFELS By John & Candy Muraski FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR AREA PARISHES |

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Report for: Fourth Sunday of Lent

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| Offertory received from Envelopes & Loose Offerings | \$ 5,708.44 |
| Offertory received from E-Giving | \$ 2,215.00 |
| Total Offertory received for last week | \$ 7,923.44 |
| Budgeted need for last week | \$ 7,741.00 |
| Percentage of budgeted need received in offertory | 102.4% |
| Last Week's Difference ("+" means surplus, "-" means deficit) | + \$ 182.44 |
| Diocesan Collection for Catholic Relief Services: | \$ 1,293.34 |

Thanks to all of you who show such generous care!
Please remember our parish in your will...we are:
"St. Mary's Church, Clinton Heights, NY"

EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

DID YOU KNOW?



WE TAKE WATER FOR GRANTED

- It takes a ton of water to make 1lb. of sugar.
- 84% of a raw apple is water.
- A gallon of water weighs 8.34 lbs.
- Water expands about 9% as it freezes.

The collection of H₂O water bottles will begin on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

FIRST RECONCILIATION SACRAMENTAL FAMILY PREPARATION



3rd Session: Sunday, 03/17/2013; 9:45AM -10:45AM
A parent or faith sponsor must attend the preparation with their child.
Celebration of First Reconciliation: Monday, March 18th at 6:30PM

K -5th GRADE (elementary)

19th Session: Sunday, 03/17/2013; 9:45AM -10:45AM
20th Session: Sunday, 03/24/2013; 9:45AM -10:45AM

6th-8th GRADE (Middle School)

9th Session: Monday, 03/18/2013; 7:00PM - 8:30PM

9th-10th GRADE (High School)

10th Session: Monday, 03/25/2013; 7:00PM - 8:30PM

ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS OFFERINGS

- **Scripture Study—Tuesday, April 9th from 6:30-8:00pm**
Fr. David LeFort will be our guide as we explore Paul, an Apostle.
- **"Catholicism" Series - Thursday, April 4th from 7:00-8:30pm**
A VAST COMPANY OF WITNESSES: The Communion of Saints

Don't forget to check the website (www.stmaryny.org) for detailed information and additional happenings or contact Maureen at maureen@stmaryny.org or 449-2232 x12.



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

For Our Sick:

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| Jaime Adams | Joan Filkins | Al Molineaux |
| Withani Anvwater | Michael Gabriel | Mary Murtha |
| Rose Bix | Tiffany Gamache | Lorenzo Carling Russo |
| Nancy Burns | Robert Guynup | David Salzer |
| Marilyn Burt | Louise Kolakoski | Helen Tencza |
| Hudson Cushman | Kassidy Krenzer | Ruth Van Dyk |
| Bill Dawson | Theresa Orciuoli Lacy | Mabel Whitcomb |
| Carole Farrell | Madison Chester Mann | |

Names will be on our list for 3 months. To request continued prayer, please contact the parish office.



For Our Parish Soldiers and Friends:

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| Aaron Bentley | Vincent Catalfamo | Caroline Cleveland |
| Sean Markham | Tera & Tyson Quink | Josh Spath |
| | | Arthur Thornton |

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

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| Holy Thursday: | 7:00am | Morning Prayer |
| | 7:00pm | Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| Good Friday: | 7:00am | Morning Prayer |
| | 12:05pm | Stations of the Cross |
| | 7:00pm | Commemoration of the Lord's Passion |
| Holy Saturday: | 9:00am | Morning Prayer & Blessing of Fire |
| | 3:00pm | Blessing of Easter Foods |
| | 8:00pm | Vigil Mass of the Lord's Rising |
| Easter Sunday: | 8:30am | Mass of the Lord's Resurrection |
| | 11:00am | Mass of the Lord's Resurrection |

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

EARLY SPRING CLEAN-UP

Join us on **Saturday, March 23 from 7-8:30am** as we do some raking to spruce up our grounds for Holy Week & Easter.



ST. MARY'S SUPPORT—TO CONSERNS-U

Our pantry needs this week are: **canned tuna, canned fruit and toilet tissue**. God bless you for your support!



Just a reminder to **save the date** for our Blood Drive to be held on Saturday, April 13 from 8am-1pm at Holy Spirit School.

STILL LIFE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Practice/Rehearsal will be held on

Sunday, March 17 and 24 from Noon -1pm.



What are Still Life Stations? It is not a play, not a performance and you are not spectators. There are many ways to pray the Stations of the Cross, and it requires that you meditate before each station. Still Life Stations are a beautiful and wonderful way to focus and meditate on each station.

Back by popular demand, the youth of our parish will pray the Still Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29th at 12:05pm.

JOSEPH'S MUSIC CELEBRATION

Many of you will remember Art & Karen Frost and their two sons Joseph & Matthew who moved a few years ago to Wynantskill. Well, **St. Jude the Apostle** is holding a benefit concert on **Saturday, April 6th 11:00am-2:00pm**, featuring songs by Joseph Frost. There will be food, face painting, a bake sale and raffle prizes. Adults \$10/Children \$5 (under 5 yrs...free). Can our own parish make a great showing at St. Jude's School? Handouts are in the vestibule.

"RESTLESS HEART – CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE"



The Knights of Columbus are bringing a new epic Catholic film to the Crandell Theater in Chatham on Saturday, March 23 at 2pm. All proceeds fund local charities. \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Info/tickets: call Aaron at 965-4255

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: RUNNING RESULTS

Here are the running results of our capital campaign for air conditioning our church and installing a new organ:

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| Goal: | \$100,000.00 |
| Pledges Received: | \$ 95,514.23 |
| Still Needed: | \$ 4,485.77 |
| Number of Pledges: | 122 |
| Average Pledge: | \$782.90 |

Less than \$4500 in pledges left to go!
Are you receiving a tax refund? Consider donating a portion to our Capital Campaign!



FAMILY LIFE

A Family Perspective: Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.

Parenting Pointers: Today is St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick is said to have explained the mystery of the Trinity by using the shamrock. Which person of the Trinity – Father (creator), Son (redeemer), or Holy Spirit (sustainer) do you most identify with? Ask your child the same question. Is there anything mysterious about your child that you are still trying to understand?



UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

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| Sun | 3/17 | 12:15pm | Youth Choir Rehearsal |
| Mon | 3/18 | 6:30pm | First Reconciliation Service |
| | | 7:00pm | Reconciliation Service (Holy Spirit) |
| Wed | 3/20 | 6:30pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | | 7:00pm | Reconciliation Service (Sacred Heart) |
| Sat | 3/23 | 7:00am | Early Spring Clean-up |
| Sat | 3/30 | 10:30am | Youth Choir Rehearsal |
| Thu | 4/4 | 7:00pm | "Catholicism", episode 8 |
| Tue | 4/9 | 6:30pm | Scripture Study |



Pray that we will soon have a new Holy Father!