

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009

Third Sunday of Lent

Roberta Babbidge (8th Anniv.) 8:00 AM William F. Hogan (37th Anniv.) 10:30 AM X Arthur Currier (Month's Mind) \mathbf{X} Matthew H. Boylan (43rd Anniv.) 5:00 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Parishioners of SS. Rose & Clement

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009

Lenten Weekday / Patrick, bishop 7:00 AM \mathbf{X} Jerry Gannon

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009

Lenten Weekday

Joseph Arruda (14th Anniv.) 7:00 AM

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009

Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Deceased members of the McGovern & DiSaia families

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2009

Lenten Weekday

Raymond McDonald (41st Anniv.) 7:00 AM

7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross** (St. Clement Church)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009

Lenten Weekday

4:00 PM Francis & Helen Sharples

Lillian Tebo (Month's Mind)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Pasquale Gallucci, Jr. 10:30 AM **CHILDREN'S MASS** Joseph Philips (2nd Anniv.) \mathbf{X}

Barbara Benoit \mathbf{X}

5:00 PM Rose Hughes (6 Month Anniv.)

March 8, 2009

Sunday Collection......\$9,832.50

A sincere thank you for your support.

Dear Parishioners,

What an outstanding Mission we had this past week! With great insight and some hearty laughs, Msgr. Mancini renewed us all and strengthened us in our Christian challenge to be women and men of greater faith, livelier hope and boundless charity. I pray that the graces of our Mission will continue to bless all the people of our parish. My thanks to our parish choir who added such beauty to each liturgy and to all of you who came to pray during these blessed Mission days. Your presence in such wonderful numbers was a testimony to your faith and the faith of our parish. May God keep our faith, hope and charity strong!!

Next Sunday at 2:00 PM, our second grade students will make their First Confession. It's not like years ago when we were all shaking in our shoes! Today, we emphasize the love, mercy and healing power found in this sacrament. Please say a prayer for our little ones—and make a promise to yourself that you will make a good Confession this Lent (even if you haven't been in decades!). You'll be surprised at how much peace this powerful sacrament offers.

How are your Lenten sacrifices going? Usually by this time we're beginning to feel the weight of them-or maybe have given up. All of us struggle with the good intentions of Ash Wednesday, and some (perhaps many) of us fail. The important thing is to get-up and try again! God loves our efforts and is ready to help us keep going or start anew when we fail. Keep the faith—stay the course—try again! God is blessing you through it all! Again, I strongly encourage you to attend daily Mass. The Eucharist is the most powerful force on earth for good! Strengthening the presence of Jesus in your heart brings peace and joy beyond imagining. Come and see—you won't be disappointed.

Stations of the Cross continue this Friday at 7:00 PM. Please join us as we walk the road to Calvary as a parish family. God bless you in the week ahead.

Fr. Wilson

Next Sunday, the 10:30 AM Mass will be a Children's Mass. All children are welcome!

Please say a prayer for the success of our **PPS** Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. Our goal is the same as last year: \$89,000. Together, I know we will succeed!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ALL CLASSES will meet at their scheduled times.

REMINDERS:

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Our retreat is THIS Friday, March 20th. Please be in the Church Hall at 8:45 AM. Each student <u>MUST</u> bring a bagged lunch. Drinks will be provided.

FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS: First Penance is NEXT Sunday, March 22nd at 2:00 PM. Our last parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 PM in the Church.

TROOP 7 BUTTONWOODS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

Our scouts, Troop 7, for the eighth time in nine years were presented the National Gold Medallion Award of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). There is only one recipient of this award each year: Troop 7 is the New England recipient. Additionally, the scouts received the Pope Paul VI National Quality Unit Award (NCCS) and the Annual Unit Award (Catholic Committee on Scouting, Diocese of Providence). Individual awards presented to David Blessington and Austin Flaherty who received the Pope Pius XII Award. (Daniel LaPlante of our parish and a member of Troop 1 Conimicut received the Ad Altare Dei Award). The awards were presented by Bishop Louis E. Gelineau on March 8th at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. A special thank you is extended to our Scoutmaster Paul Schofield for his hard work and leadership in providing our scouts with a faith based scouting program. Congratulations to Troop 7 and Daniel for all their hard work.

ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

Our parish Boy Scout troop will hold its annual Pasta Dinner NEXT Saturday, March 21, 2009, at 5:00 PM in our church hall. Tickets for the dinner are: Adults: \$8.00 and Children (4-12): \$5.00. Children under 3 are FREE. If you are interested in joining our scouts for a great meal and night of fellowship, please contact Mrs. Mary Ellen Mortimer at 737-6622 for tickets. There will also be a Silent Auction. All are welcome!

SCOUT SUNDAY MASS

Our parish Scout Sunday will be held on March 22nd at the 10:30 AM Mass. All scouts and leaders of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are welcome to join us.

From the Desk of Mrs. Fuller

St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner Dance

I would like to thank the St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner Dance Committee for all their hard work organizing such a wonderful evening. As you know, the proceeds from this event benefit St. Rose School. Without the support of the parish and school families, tuition would be much higher than it is. Not only does this type of event support our school but it brings the entire community together. Again, the staff, students and I thank you for supporting Saint Rose of Lima School.

Easter Lilies

Time to think <u>SPRING</u>! It is time for flowers to bloom and time to plan for Easter. St. Rose School will be selling Easter Lilies for \$13.00 a plant. Each plant will have 6-8 blooms and come in a foiled 6 ½" pot. The lilies will be available for pick-up here at the school on Thursday, April 9th. Please call the school at 739-6937 if you are interested.

Wish List

The school is in need of walkie-talkies. The walkie-talkies enable the teachers, nurses and students to communicate if an emergency were to occur. The school has several sets but some of the sets are old and are beginning to fail. If you have a set or would like to donate a set of walkie-talkies, please let the school know. Donated sets may be dropped off at the school between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Thank you for your help.

Registration

Registration continues for all grades. Spaces are filling up quickly! Now is the time to register if you are considering sending your child/children to St. Rose of Lima School. Please call 739-6937 for more information to make an appointment to see the school.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE

Our annual Non-Perishable Food Drive will be held on the weekend of March 28th & 29th. Please take a bag or two from the pew NEXT WEEKEND and fill it (them) with canned and/or boxed goods. All the food collected will be used to stock food pantries in Warwick. Thank you for your generosity!

Women's Faith Enrichment Group

Our next meeting will be held THIS <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March</u> <u>17th at 7:00 PM</u> in the McMahon Garden Room. All adult women who would like to explore and understand more deeply their unique role in the world are invited to attend!

"SHARE THE SPIRIT" GIFT SHOP

NEW ARRIVALS

Books written by Immaculee Ilibagiza:

"Our Lady of Kibeho"

"Left to Tell"

"Led by Faith"

and the all new CD sung by "The Priests"

MEN of ST. JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph will hold their bi-weekly meeting on Saturday, March 21st at 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM in the church hall. The meeting will begin with the Holy Rosary in the main church. Coffee and danish will be available afterward. **ALL MEN IN THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!** Questions? Please call Malcolm Vakalis at 884-5565.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"There'll always be prayer in schools as long as there are tests."

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SS. Rose & Clement Garden News

Garden Planning & Information Sessions

Next Saturday, March 21st, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the McMahon Garden Room, our garden volunteers will present information on **no-till garden bed preparation and how to make compost.** There will also be "seed activities" for children. All are welcome!!

EIGHT MONTH CLUB

Thank you to all who support Saint Rose School.