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**WEDDING BANNES II:**  
 April 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 Allison Forbes Whittredge and  
 Captain Daniel Peter Capozza

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

How would you define a great leader? We all have our own interpretations, but consider for a moment some common traits of those whose leadership has stood the test of time. In most cases you will find people who recognized very difficult things that had to be done. But rather than worry about the consequences, they somehow knew that the only thing to do was to forge ahead because it was the right thing to do; to hesitate, as they say, would be a losing option. Can we live our lives in such a way? Even in the smallest of circumstances, do we recognize that doing the right thing is the only thing to do?

Jesus was faced with what would be considered a difficult decision by most. A dear friend, Lazarus, lay dying in Bethany. Having been driven from the region because of his preaching, the disciples felt Jesus would be in danger if he returned. But Jesus' response was twofold in meaning. He waited two days, knowing he was to raise Lazarus from the dead as a miracle for all to witness, but he also wanted to show his disciples that no matter how difficult the task at hand may be, if it is something that is right and just, it must be done without hesitation or thought of self.

Jesus never wavered in his decision to go to Bethany despite the danger. Our friend the disciple Thomas, of course, opined that they might as well go with him and all die together. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that faith is certain (CCC 157). In Jesus' demonstration of love for his friend Lazarus, he showed that faith and despair are incompatible. We can never allow despair and fear to creep into our hearts; despair feeds upon itself and can consume our faith in the process. With faith, the courage of our convictions will always triumph.

**NEEDED: YARN and FABRIC**

**Prayerfully Made** Ministry would appreciate yarn and/or fabric you have stored but do not have a use for. The fabric is for baby quilts and should be about a yard long and colors fitting for a young child. The yarn, for prayer shawls and lap blankets, can be of any color and amount. Place your items in the container in the Sacristy labeled "PRAYERFULLY MADE". We thank you for your donation.



**Attendance      Offertory**

March 21/22      420      \$2,748.00

**Catholic Relief Services Collection:      \$ 918.00**

**Lenten Liturgies**

**MON & FRI at 7 am      TUE & WED at 12:10 pm**

**THUR at 12:10 pm (at the Bassett Hospital Chapel)**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS with**

**Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament FRI at 7 pm**

**Lent is the Time to Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession Times during Fridays of Lent 6:30 am - 6:55 am; after the 7 am Mass - 7:50 am & 11:30 am - 11:45 am**



**Votive Light Memorial**

The week of **March 29th 2009** is for

**James Hopkins by  
 Ursula & Chuck Hage**

**Acknowledgement:** we are grateful for the exquisite creativity Patricia Thorpe has demonstrated in gracing our sanctuary all through the journey of Lent. Many have commented: "How beautiful! How dramatic! How breath taking! How inspirational!" The furnace repair man stopped and shared: "Your altar is wonderful."  
**Thank you.**

**St Mary's Calendar: March - April 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8 am Mass 9:30 – 10:30 AM Grades 1 – 6 (Parish Center) 11 am Mass	30 7 am Lenten Mass (St Mary's Church)	31 12:10 pm Lenten Mass (St Mary's Church)	1 <i>April Month of The Holy Spirit</i>  7pm Reconciliation	2 12:10 pm Lenten Mass (Bassett Healthcare Chapel) 7:00 pm Rosary Group	3 7 am Lenten Mass (St Mary's Church) 8:00 – Noon Exposition Blessed Sacrament 7 pm Stations of the Cross	4 Mass 5:30 pm  <small>We are a light to each other</small>
5 9:30 – 10:30 AM Grades K – 6 (Parish Center) Palm Sunday	6 7 am Lenten Mass (St Mary's Church)	7 12:10 pm Lenten Mass (St Mary's Church)	8 12:10 pm Lenten Mass (St Mary's Church)	9 HOLY THURSDAY	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11 EASTER VIGIL
<b>EASTER TRIDUUM</b>						

# FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades 1-6 Faith Formation classes  
March 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:20.



**Katherine Gannon** is the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Faith Formation teacher. Katherine holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from Ohio State University. She has been a member of St. Mary's parish for three years when she and her husband, Paul Sohacki, moved to Cooperstown with their three boys: Charles age 9, Leo age 6 and Ambrose age 4. Katherine joined the St. Mary's Faith Formation staff last year and we are thankful for the valuable contributions she makes to the program. She brings her strong faith to the classroom and strives to provide experiences and information that assist children in strengthening their faith over a lifetime.

**THANK YOU !** The **Knights of Columbus** wish to thank everyone who supported our annual Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner held on Sunday March 15th. The parish community was instrumental in helping to make the event a success.

At our April meeting we will discuss the contribution to be made to the parish and will provide that information in a later bulletin.

## Bishop Appeal 2008:

We are closing the books on the Annual Appeal of 2008. There are some outstanding pledges that total over \$6,000. It would be a great help to our parish to fulfill these pledges. The revenue will greatly help the parish overset snow-related, cold weather-related challenges: snow removal and plowing, fuel costs for the buildings. **Help support your St. Mary's as we anticipate spring.**



## Update – Sanctuary Crucifix-

We are in the season when we contemplate the mystery of the Cross. We encourage each other to walk the Way of the Cross during Lent. We have been discussing for many years our need to have a fitting Crucifix in our Sanctuary.

The Committee on the Sanctuary Crucifix met this Wednesday with an artist to discuss our options. Jennifer Pindar, Committee Chair, John Sansevere, Michael Millea, President of the Council, and Fr. John meet March 18 with a religious artist. Plans are under way to submit sketches for a specifically designed Crucifix for our Sanctuary. We have been journeying for some time. This is too important to rush the outcome.

## Lenten Reconciliation Service

7 pm - April 1 2009

## The Easter Triduum 2009

Community Supper on Holy Thursday  
Parish Hall – 6 pm

Morning Prayer 9 am – **Holy Thursday, Good Friday**  
Confessions Good Friday 8:30 – 9:00 am , 9:30 – 10:00 am

The Liturgy of the Lords Supper with Washing of the Feet  
7pm – April 9, 2009  
**Holy Thursday**

The Commemoration of the Lord's Death  
**Good Friday**, April 10, 2009  
Veneration of the Cross – 3 pm  
Solemn Stations of the Cross – 7 pm

Solemn Blessing of Easter Food, **Holy Saturday**  
Morning 10 am  
April 11, 2009

The Vigil of Easter  
The Blessing of the New Fire  
The Easter Proclamation  
7 pm Holy Saturday

**Easter Morning** Masses April 12 2009  
8am 9:15am 11am

A blessed and Holy Easter to ALL!



## Cup Setup    Cup Gift Bearer    Host    Lectors    Acolytes

### March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm	J. Tripp	F. Raeder	L. Alexander	C. Velez / J. Kennedy	G. Woodbury / A. Russo / E. Russo
8:00 am	S. Oberriter	P. Renckens	M. Cring	J. Renckens / J. Havener	D. Senif / W. Dykstra
11:00 am	R. Bohm	J. Bohm	A. McGoldrick	B. Markusen / M. Pangborn	A. Bourgeois / S. Sansevere
Choir:	J. Nicols				

### April 4 / 5

5:30 pm	L. Alexander	J. Tripp	J. Nicols	R. Hensley / F. Raeder	D. Zeh
8:00 am	L. Nicolson	S. Oberriter	C. Coleman	P. Henrici / H. Chetner	W. Dykstra / S. Johnson
11:00 am	K. Johannensen	N. Irvin	R. Bohm	L. Money / J. Irvin	A. Oliver / A. McGoldrick
Choir:	J. Bohm				

Reflections from the homily delivered on March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
by Father John P. Rosson

In just two weeks we celebrate Palm Sunday – the inauguration of Holy Week. We are at the midpoint of Lent’s journey. We meet an interesting figure. Few figures are as intriguing as this Nicodemus fellow who comes by night to be with Jesus.

This Sunday we find ourselves in the company of Nicodemus.

**Who is Nicodemus?**

Nicodemus is a **Pharisee**, a man of the **Sanhedrin**.

He is a gentleman. He is well read.

Nicodemus is the **timid disciple** Jesus chats with here.

Nicodemus has faith—he believes that Jesus has come from God—but when he comes face to face with Jesus, Nicodemus finds his faith challenged and reconfigured.

Be warned: What happened to Nicodemus can happen to us. Start with a question: What’s amiss in the way Nicodemus approaches Jesus? He’s a ruler of the **Pharisees, a scholar, a member of the Sanhedrin, wealthy, widely respected**--whatever could be lacking in Nicodemus’ faith? Nicodemus begins his conversation with Jesus by saying, *“Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” On the surface, this sounds like authentic faith.*

Nicodemus comes to the Lord at night.

Nicodemus is not anxious to be seen by Friends in daylight with this stranger preacher. He had much to lose. He was an **after midnight follower**... He remains in the closet. Nicodemus is a respectable person, but shackled by conventions and fearful of great decisions. Jesus’s encounter with Nicodemus prompted Jesus to speak the greatest of truths.

**“God so loved the world that He sent His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him may not die, but may have eternal life.”**

That is greatest capsule version/ condensation of the entire Gospel.

We must not be too harsh on Nicodemus.

So many of us are zerox copies of Nicodemus. We hedge our bets with Jesus. We are afraid to place our lives on the table. An observer commented: “most people talk cream and live skim milk.”

“It is so much easier to become Christian when you aren’t one than to become one when you assume You already are.”


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Lent is a time of deepening discipleship.

There is hope in this Lent which means “spring” or new birth, for “in every winter’s heart, there is quivering spring.”

**St Mary’s Worship Schedule**

- Saturdays: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 4:30 – 5:00 PM  
Mass: 5:30 PM
- Sundays: Reconciliation (Confessions)  
20 minutes before 8:00 AM Mass  
Mass: 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM
- Weekdays: See below, the schedule varies.
- Funeral: A Funeral Mass will replace the weekday Mass when they occur.



**SATURDAY, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm Jessie Alexander  
Edward Quinn

by Louise Hulse  
by Martha Quinn

**SUNDAY, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am James Kelly  
11:00 am Jayne Aufmuth

by Carol Ann Kelly  
by Barbara Dorsey

**MONDAY, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Holy Souls from November Memorial List

**TUESDAY, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

12:15 pm Holy Souls from November’s All Souls List

**WEDNESDAY, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

12:10 pm Edward Reilly

by the Family

**THURSDAY, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Saint Francis of Paola*  
**Bassett Hospital Chapel**

12:10 pm Kenneth Gabrosek

**FRIDAY, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 am All Souls Memorials (November)

**7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
followed by the  
**Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

**SATURDAY, April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
*Saint Isidore of Seville*

5:30 pm John F, Fred, Jeannette & Bruch Hensley

by the Hensley Family

**SUNDAY, April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Palm Sunday**

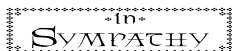
8:00 am Claire Bennett  
11:00 am Jayne Aufmuth  
Christopher Gentile (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv. )

by Barbara Harris and Family  
by Barbara Dorsey  
by the Gentile Family

**Prayer Corner**



Agnes Brisland, Paisley Scotland, Keith Preston, Margaret Epps



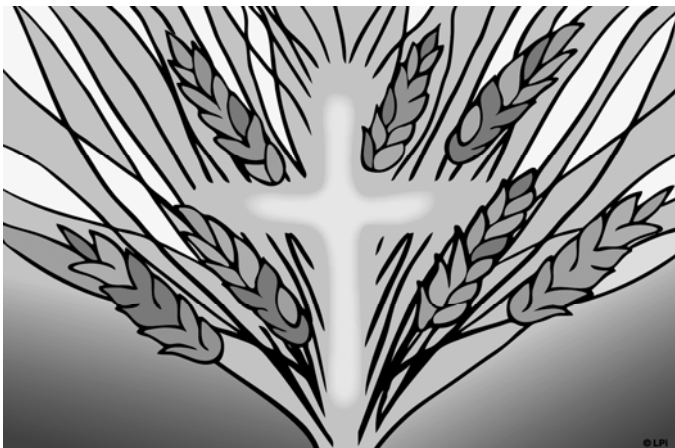
Cpl. Michael Mayne, Kristine Incze, Mary H. Ross, Kenneth Gabrosek

**FOOD for the NEEDY**

Food is collected throughout the 40 Days of Lent to Aid the Needy and the Poor. Please leave your Food Donations and Money Support at the Food Shrine before Saint Joseph.

# MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> 2009

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." Jn 12:23-24

### LITURGY OF THE DAY

The Holy Spirit summons us to this holy place to be nourished at the tables of word and Eucharist. We ask God to open our hearts to receive mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. As Easter nears, let us prepare ourselves by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to renew the promises made at the moment of our baptism.

### Readings for the week of March 29, 2009

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33  
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/  
Jn 8:1-11  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56  
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7/  
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1---15:47 or 15:1-39

## Easter Triduum



### THE CELEBRATION OF THE TRIDUUM

**Volunteers needed** for the Liturgy of Holy Thursday to serve as the Apostles whose feet are washed at the Last Supper.

**Volunteer from First Communicants needed** who will deliver one Lily at the conclusion of the liturgy on Good Friday.

**KINDLY CONTACT THE RECTORY TO VOLUNTEER**

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