

First Sunday of Lent

He spent most of his college days creating or recovering from hangovers instead of studying. While his parents had taken him to various Protestant churches as a young boy, God was the furthest thing from his mind. He was expelled from school and soon found himself in the military where his off-duty hours were spent behaving much as he did in college. After his discharge, he aimlessly wandered through life and jobs until a priest who was building a new parish in Chicago offered to



introduce him personally to the Catholic faith. At the Rite of Initiation, the man realized that perhaps his own angels had been with him as he wandered through the desert of his former life.

Have you experienced a bit of desert wandering of your own? In today's Gospel from Mark, it is the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Upon his baptism by John, the Holy Spirit leads Jesus out into the desert where he remains for forty days. During this time, he is immediately challenged by Satan, but as the Gospel states, "He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him." Can we recognize our beasts, and still rely on our angels?

Throughout Jesus' forty days, his thoughts were always first and foremost with his Father. This saving grace protected him from danger and temptation. Yet we all too frequently choose to seek God's intervention only as a last resort (CCC 2732). Whether we spend our days in the presence of life's temptations or try to battle the beasts and demons that come our way, how can we be so bold as to believe we can do it on our own, when Jesus himself relied on God as his savior and protector? Faith is, was, and shall always be our greatest shield.

Readings for the Week of March 1, 2009

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Church Support

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009

Total Collection: \$9,866.10
Non-Envelope: \$308.75 Envelopes: \$9,557.35
Number of Envelopes Used: 408
Average Per Envelope: \$23.42
Number of Student Envelopes Used: 28
2009 total contributing households: 772

Family Perspectives

The gospel on this first Sunday of Lent tells us that Jesus returns from His forty days in the desert proclaiming "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the Gospel" Prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the sacrament of Penance are the Church's traditional practices that have proven effective in helping people repent and live the Gospel. Don't miss this life-changing opportunity! Schedule time make the effort to focus on Jesus and His Gospel this Lent.

Masses of the Week

MONDAY - March 2 ~ Lenten Weekday

7:00 PM Bob Hobart (B) (*Grandkids*)
(Novena and Rosary after Mass at 7:30pm)

TUESDAY - March 3 ~ St. Katharine Drexel

8:30 AM Rev. William J. Johnson

WEDNESDAY - March 4~ St. Casimir

8:30 AM Peter & Tessie Drockton (*Family*)

THURSDAY - March 5 ~ Lenten Weekday

7:00 PM Joseph & Mary Reinmann (*Zupan Family*)

FRIDAY - March 6 ~ Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM Dorothy Baher (*Faculty & Staff of SMM-SJM*)

SATURDAY - March 7 ~ Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

5:00 PM Mary Stary (*Patty & Vic*)

SUNDAY - March 8 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Barbara Fagan (*Sue Shoby*)
9:30 AM Basilio & Rosina Beringheli
(Daughter Rosetta & Family)
(Signing for the deaf at this Mass)
11:30 AM Ona Zygas (*Bud & Dolores Velichka*)
5:00 PM Mass for Parishioners

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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MONDAY, MARCH 2

(Novena and Rosary AFTER Mass at 7:30pm)

6:30 PM School Skating Party
7:00 PM (ATR) Stewardship
8:00 PM (LHMR) Holy Name
9:00 PM (LH) Men's Basketball

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

6:00 PM GIFT (at SMM)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

7:00 PM (ATR) Pre-Baptism Class
7:00 PM (FR) Festival
7:30 PM (C) Cont. Musicians
7:30 PM (CMR) Bible Study
9:00 PM (LH) Open Volleyball

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

7:30 PM (ATR) Beatitude Series

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

8:30 AM School Liturgy (Grades K-8)
3:30 PM (ATR) Beatitude Series
5:00 PM (LH) Fish Fry
7:00 PM (C) Stations of Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

9:30 AM PSR
2:00 PM (LH) Confirmation Service Day
6:30 PM-Midnight St. Patrick's Party at SMM

From the Pastor's Desk

*A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain within me.
Psalm 51*

Dear Parishioners,

Today's readings speak to us of our sinful world and our loving God. God's love alive in Jesus not only counters the long reign of sin but also opens for all people a whole new way of living. We are called today to be alive with that same love of Jesus and, with Jesus, to bring that love to others.

How do we remain steadfast? How do we sustain that willing spirit? The Sacraments and Scriptures, the prayers and programs of the Church provide a foundation and strong support. But it is our own willingness to take the risk of being like Christ for and with each other in our daily life that brings what we receive to full maturity.

Many of us are godparents and sponsors for young people. Do we share with them our faith, prayer and the good example of our lives? This is what we promised to do. If the people we asked to be godparents and sponsors are not coming to church or not otherwise giving good example, do we reach out to call them back? Do we encourage people to return to the practice of the faith? Do we invite people without a church to "come and see," as Jesus did with his first disciples? Are we willing to confront the sin in ourselves and in others with God's grace and mercy and not with rationalization denials or indifference?

During the six weeks of Lent we will have an alms bowl at the entrance of the church to receive donations for Catholic Relief Services' **Operation Rice Bowl**. Also plan to attend Mr. Hunt's series on the Beatitudes for Life on Thursday evening and Friday afternoon. Pray the Stations of the Cross. Enjoy the Fish Fry! Make this Lent a real time of renewal.

Peace
Fr. Kevin

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal "Blessed is the person who has regard for the lowly and poor." Psalm 41:2

Thank you for your generous response to the Catholic Charities Pledge Sunday last week. We received 322 pledges. This Sunday we will again do the in-pew commitment pledge process. Once again, on behalf of all those who will be helped, I thank you.

Fr. Kevin

Ministry of Prayer



Please pray for any of our parishioners who were hospitalized recently, the sick, **Paula Hidalgo, Don King, Sue Beam, Isabel Meyers, Betty Aquila, Mike Lukas, Tyler Voss, Betty Simandl**, the shut-in, those in nursing homes, and all of the intentions written in our Book of Prayers located in the gallery. If you would like to add your name to the prayer list, call the Parish Office or just e-mail justinmartyr@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Prayer Chain

A number of parishioners have offered their time in the ministry of prayer for the special needs of our parish family. Please call Theresa Davison, 942-5761 to add your request to the Prayer Chain. You can reach the Sisters of Notre Dame prayer line at 440-279-1163.

Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration hours are 9:00am to midnight, Monday-Friday in St. Justin's Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Hours especially needed are: **Friday, 6-7pm**, please call Loretta Vanagas, 942-7396

Pre-Baptism Classes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009

From 7:00-9:30 PM in the Andrew Trubisky Room of the school. Participation is required for BOTH parents who are planning to have their first child baptized. Please call the Parish Office to register, 946-1177 to register.



Stewardship

"We do not always have to worry about finding God; God is always seeking us!" Pope John Paul II

Lent is always an invitation to take a journey of repentance. These forty days provide us with opportunities for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. However, the challenge for this season is to look at how true repentance changes our lives. We will never be able to adequately share our time, talent and treasure, unless we have let go of those things that prevent us from fully living in communion with the Trinitarian life. Through heartfelt repentance and ongoing conversion, we can begin this journey of faith with greater clarity, purpose and conviction. The Good News for us is that once we begin the journey, Jesus will eagerly seek us out and walk with us, wherever we are. We are never done growing into the love of God as good stewards.

Ministry of Teaching

St. Mary Magdalene



- St. Justin Martyr

...collaborating with our two parish families in developing Students of Faith, Character, Compassion, & Values.

Recently:

School lottery winners from February 9 - 14:

- 2/9 669 Albert Nikolovski
- 2/10 764 Stacy Wolf
- 2/11 710 Tammy Petrecca
- 2/12 332 number not sold
- 2/13 833 Tony Coyne
- 2/14 202 Barb Haskett

Thank you for your participation, and congratulations to our winners!

- * Thank you for your support of the World's Finest Candy drive! With your help we raised just over \$6,000 to help support education at SMM-SJM School!
- * Mid-term progress reports were issued last Monday.
- * Students observed the beginning of Lent by participating in the Ash Wednesday Liturgy and the Way of the Cross on Friday afternoon.

This Week:

- * This week and next, the students of grades 1 through 8 will participate in the annual diocesan achievement testing program.
- * There is a family skating party at USA Skating rink on Monday.
- * The teachers of grades K through 2 will participate in a session to become familiar with the new Diocesan Science Curriculum guide.
- * Please join the students of grades K through 8 at the 8:30 Friday Liturgy

Registration for the 2009-10 school year

is NOW open for Preschool through Grade 8

Registration packets may be obtained from the school office. Please call if you have questions about the school or if you wish to make an appointment for a school tour, or to register. Please call (440) 946-5414 between 9:00 and 2:00 for information.

Children of St. Justin

-consider using your Church envelope and giving a little each week for Lent

CCC in Brief: Jesus Christ was Buried # 629-630

To the benefit of every man, Jesus Christ tasted death (cf. Heb 2:9). It is truly the Son of God made man who died and was buried.

During Christ's period in the tomb, his divine person continued to assume both his soul and his body, although they were separated from each other by death. For this reason the dead Christ's body "saw no corruption" (Acts 13:37).

Lenten Adult Series – The Beatitudes for Life

Jesus reveals to us what it means to be truly blessed in this life and the life to come. Discover in a deeper way the importance of Jesus' Beatitudes by participating in this Lenten series offered for adults at St. Justin Martyr. Charles Hunt will present the context and significance of these consummate teachings of Christ found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke as well as focus on the riches of each beatitude. This will be a 5 part series offered twice weekly and will be held in the ATR. Dates and times are Thursday Evenings from 7:30pm to 8:30pm on March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2; Friday Afternoons from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3.

R.C.I.A.

Lent and the RCIA have a close association. Historically, the Catechumenate process we call RCIA, began before Lent was a common practice. Those who were already full members of the Church witnessed the prayer, penance and preparation of the catechumens moving toward Easter Vigil initiation and were ultimately moved to do the same. Today, key to the understanding of Lent is simple: Baptism. Preparation for Baptism and for renewing baptismal commitment lies at the heart of the season. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has reemphasized the baptismal character of Lent, especially through the restoration of the Catechumenate and its Lenten rituals. Our challenge today is to renew our understanding of this important season of the Church year and to see how we can integrate our personal practices into this renewed perspective.

Church Etiquette

"Time to 'dress up', we're going out to some place special." We have all heard this from a parent or spouse to prepare for meeting someone special, or participating in an important event or gathering. How we dress speaks of our disposition toward what we are doing. In years past, people kept a set of their best clothes just for church. Yes, the Lord is truly more concerned how we are 'dressed inside', within the depths of our hearts, than our outward appearance. But others around us can actually be encouraged or discouraged by the way we dress. This is not about the expense of our clothing or its name brand, it is about saying being at Mass is important to me, not just an everyday thing I wear anything too. Remember, this is the Lord's Banquet, and he is our Host.

Ministry of Participation

Over 50 Group

Everyone is **WELCOME** for these upcoming events:

March 5 — will be our next meeting at 7:00pm in Lambur Hall. All are welcome.

For the Year of St. Paul make your Lenten experience a memorable one .

Attend the pilgrimage to St. Paul's Cathedral in Pittsburgh on Saturday, March 28. We will tour the city by bus, visit St. Anthony Chapel, (this chapel was founded in 1883 holding over 4,200 collection of relics), ride the incline to Mt. Washington, have lunch at The Le Mont overlooking the City at the three rivers point, tour St. Paul's Cathedral and stay for evening Liturgy. (Mass). We will leave St. Justin Martyr back parking lot at 8:00AM, arrive back approximately 8:30PM. We will have a continental breakfast on the bus and a box dinner. Cost for the day is \$65.00. Contact Beth Rossetti for more information 947-1177. A \$25.00 deposit is due upon registering. Deadline for final payment is March 20. If you are planning to attend please notify the parish as soon as possible the count is very low.

Fashion Show News

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 29 and join us for the SMM/SJM Spring Fashion Show/Luncheon to be held at Lambur Hall. Doors open 12 noon. Proceeds for this event will benefit our school's Parent Club and CYO. Your invitation will appear throughout your March bulletin. If you are a PSR student and wish to model, or would like to donate an item or gift card to our basket raffle, please contact the school at 946-5414, or Mrs. Fitzgerald, 975-8662. Hope to see you there!



Festival 2009 Meeting

The Festival Meeting for all Committee Members will be Wednesday, March 4 in the ATR at 7:00pm. All members should attend if possible.

St. Justin Fish Fry - Lambur Hall - 5:00-7:00pm
March 6, 13, 20 and 27

Adults: \$9 Seniors: \$8 Children: \$6

**Adults & Senior: baked or fried fish,
FRESH CUT fries, macaroni and cheese,
coleslaw, roll and butter, beverage and
dessert! Special Children's Meal**

A La Carte:

**Cheese Pizza: \$1.50 Macaroni and Cheese: \$2.00
Cabbage and Noodles: \$2.50 Pasta with Sauce: \$2.50**



Teen Ministry

Contact Mrs. Rossetti 946-1177 or sjm.rossetti@gmail.com

Today is our regular scheduled session. We will have a service project day on **Saturday, March 7 with our sponsors** in Lambur Hall from 2:00pm.-5:00pm if your sponsor has their sponsor certificate they can bring it with them that day.



FRESH Faith

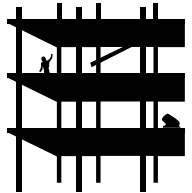
NEXT WEEK we do not have a meeting, Sunday, March 8 due to our retreat being on Sunday, March 22 in Lambur Hall from 9:45am prompt - .after 5:00 Liturgy.

Parents please plan on attending the Sunday, 5:00PM Liturgy to conclude this special day with your teen.



"UNDER CONSTRUCTION"

It's time for Living Stations of the Cross. Contact Mrs. R. to be part of the Lenten Experience of acting out the Way of the Cross. Meeting March 10 7PM



National Catholic Youth Conference will be held on November 19 -21, 2009 in Kansas City. Our diocese will be taking to buses to help our teens to celebrate this occasion. Teens that are interested please contact Mrs. R. ASAP so that we can begin discussing money matters, fundraising tips and other vital information. Cost per teen is \$595.00. **Deposits are due on March 15.** Check the website for more information and forms: www.stjustin.net

We are still collecting monies for Food for the Poor, Inc, a generous donation was made from a parishioner. Teens you have been asked to match this magic number. We haven't as yet! Can you give up a DVD or some itunes? A wii game? This will benefit those living in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Can you please help????

Jr. High Ministry for 6-8th graders is scheduled for Thursday, March 12 in the Church Meeting Room. Bring your friends and celebrate St. Patrick's Day !

2008 CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like a statement of your 2008 contributions, simply clip this form and return it to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket. You may then pick up your statement on the table at the east end of the gallery the following week.

NAME _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

☐ PLEASE MAIL



PARISH/SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR MARCH, 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 DONUT SUNDAY 6:00 (LH) Confirmation	2 5:30 (LHMR) Athletic Assoc 6:30 School Skating Party 7:00 (ATR) Stewardship 8:00 (LHMR) Holy Name	3 6:00 GIFT (at SMM)	4 7:00 (ATR) Pre Baptism 7:00 (FR) Festival 7:30 (C) Cont. Musicians 7:30 (CMR) Bible Study 9:00 (LH) Open Volleyball	5 7:30 (ATR) Beatitude Series	6 8:30 School Liturgy (K-8) 3:30 (ATR) Beatitude Series 5:00-7:00 (LH) FISH FRY 7:00 Stations	7 9:30 PSR 2:00 -5:00 (LH) Confirmation Service Day 6:30-Midnight St. Patrick's Party At SMM
8 BLOOD DRIVE 8am-2pm	9 7:15 PSR 7:30 (CMR) SVDP 5:00 (LH) 3 on 3 9:00 (LH) Men's Basketball	10 5:00 (LH) 3 on 3 6:30 (CH) Avilas Holy Hour 7:00 (C) Living Stations 7:30 (CMR)	11 5:00 (LH) 3 on 3 7:00 (CMR) Fresh Faith Retreat Mtg. 7:30 (C) Cont. Musicians 7:30 (ATR) Bible Study 9:00 (LH) Open Volleyball	12 7:00 (CMR) Jr High Ministry 7:30(ATR) Beatitude Series	13 8:30 School Liturgy (5-8) 3:30 (ATR) Beatitude Series 7:00 (ATR) First Com. Parent Mtg. 5:00-7:00 (LH) FISH FRY 7:00 Stations	14 9:30 PSR 9:45(ATR) First Com. Parent Mtg. 11:00(LH) Girl Scouts World Friend- ship <div>Our Lady of Lourdes</div>
15 3:00 (LH) 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner & Auction <div>Shrine Sales/Visit</div>	16 No School Teachers' Professional Day NO PSR 5:00 (LH) Market Day 7:00 (C) Living Stations	17 7:30 (CMR) Parish Council	18 7:30 (C) Cont. Musicians 7:30 (CMR) Bible Study 9:00 (LH) Open Volleyball	19 7:30(ATR) Beatitude Series	20 8:30 School Liturgy (K-4) 3:30 (ATR) Beatitude Series 5:00-7:00 (LH) FISH FRY 7:00 Stations	21 9:30 PSR
22 9:00AM-6PM (LH) Fresh Faith Lenten Retreat	23 7:15 PSR 7:30 (CMR) Respect Life 7:30 (FR) PA Meeting 9:00 (LH) Men's Basketball	24 7:00 (CMR) Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 (C) Living Stations 7:00 (LHMR) Teen Bereavement	25 7:30 (C) Cont. Musicians NO Bible Study 9:00 (LH) Open Volleyball	26 7:30 (CMR) Finance Council 7:30(ATR) Beatitude Series	27 8:30 School Liturgy (5-8) 3:30 (ATR) Beatitude Series 5:00-7:00 (LH) FISH FRY 7:00 Stations	28 9:30 PSR <div>Pilgrimage to PGH</div>
29 SMM-SJM Spring Fashion Show 1-3pm (LH)	30 7:00 (C) Living Stations 7:15 PSR 7:30 (ATR) Palm Weaving 9:00 (LH)	31 7:00 Communal Penance Service	<div>School Book Fair in the ATR</div> <div> Key to Room Designations ATR Andrew Trubisky Room C Church CH Chapel CMR Church Meeting Room LH Lambur Hall HMR Lambur Hall Meeting Room FR Faculty Room </div> <div> Adoration: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to Midnight Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday after 7:00 PM Mass </div>			<div> St. Justin Fish Fry Lambur Hall 5:00-7:00pm </div>