

## *WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH*

**SS PETER & PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Lehighton, PA  
MARCH 10 & 11, 2007 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Monday, March 12 – Lenten Weekday**

8:00AM – Frank & Mary Hadnagy – Maryann Rakos

**Tuesday, March 13 – Lenten Weekday**

8:00AM – Florence J. Howe - Estate

**1:30PM – School Stations of the Cross**

**Wednesday, March 14 – Lenten Weekday**

8:00AM – William G. Swartz – Andrea & Todd Kriner

10:00AM – Gnaden Huettner Nursing Home – **COMMUNION**

10:00AM – Mahoning Valley Nursing Home – **MASS** – Wayne & Eulalia Steigerwalt

**Thursday, March 15 – Lenten Weekday**

8:00AM – Dr. David J. Newton – James McHugh Family

**Friday, March 16 – Lenten Weekday**

6:30PM – George Yurick - Estate

**7:00PM – Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, March 17 – St. Patrick, Bishop - Vigil Fourth Sunday of Lent**

4:00PM – Parishioners of SS. Peter & Paul Church

**Sunday, March 18 – Third Sunday of Lent**

8:00AM – Joseph Hlavaty, Sr. – Mr. & Mrs. Ron Hlavaty

9:30AM – Edward R. Dugan – Marie Obert

11:30AM – Philip Rodgers – Margaret & Bob Nothstein

### MARCH 17 & 18, 2007 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

TIME	LECTOR	EM'S	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
4:00PM	D. Murray	R. McConnell/F. Heery J. Wilhelm	J.Oriel/P.Phelan C.Hansler	T. Berger
8:00AM	L. Stockhausen	P. Gallagher/S. Kresge P. Stockhausen	P., R., & V. Marzen	D.Kashetta/E. & R. Marzen
9:30AM	N. Burghardt	C.Burghardt/D.Windbeck J. Mustacchio	A. & C. Windbeck G.Steigerwalt	V. Hoban/G. Bowman
11:30AM	L. Gerber	C. & A. Taibi/A. Wilhelm	J. & J. Mooney J. Sample	S. Whiteman

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:**  
**Coordinator: Mrs. Barbara W. Murphy, M.S.W.**  
**Confidential Telephone: (800)791-9209**

**Diocesan Safe Environment**  
**Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J.**  
**Telephone: (610)289-8900, Ext. 222**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER PARISH SICK VISITATION: For March 11: J. Hanosek, A; P. Fritzing, B.**

**CHURCH CLEANING CREW** for week of **March 10: P. Fritzing, D. Windbeck, V. Hoban**  
 If you are unable to help, Please **find** a substitute.

<b>COMING EVENTS</b>	
3/12	– Day of Adoration 8:30AM
3/16	– Fish Fry
3/23	– Parish Retreat
3/25	– Conf. Practice 7PM
3/27	– Confirmation 4:30PM
3/31	– School Flea Market

**In Today's Gospel:** The gardener in today's gospel gave the fig tree another chance to produce fruit. In families we need to grasp every opportunity to give another chance to each other. Don't waste the opportunity.

The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns from **March 4** until **March 17** in memory of the Joseph Rakos, presented by Maryann & Family.

**FOOD PANTRY** is accepting **Soup & Crackers** for the month of March. Your donations are appreciated.

**TRAVELING ICON:** Our icon of SS. Peter & Paul continues its journey this weekend. May the prayers of our Parish Family bear fruit in bringing forth men and women to follow the call of the Lord as priests and religious. The duty of fostering vocations falls on the whole Christian community...*The family finds in the plan of God the Creator and Redeemer not only its identity, what it is, but also its mission, what it can and will do. Each family finds within itself a summons that cannot be ignored, and that specifies both its dignity and its responsibility: family, become what you are (And what are you?) an "intimate community of life and love." Hence, the family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love. Pope John Paul II – On the Role of the Christian Family on the Modern World.*

**Praying for Vocations March 11 – March 17,  
2007  
Carmen & Shirley Ciavaglia**

**SCRIP CARDS** will be available in the school from now until the beginning of March. Because of the chance of inclement weather, SCRIP will not be sold outside after the Masses for the next two months. It can however be purchased in the school on any school day. The J.C. Penney cards can now be used to pay on your account.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY** will take place on **Monday evening, March 12 at 6:30PM.** *Mary's words were discreet, and her voice was measured. She did not shout and she was careful not to say anything bad about another person – nor even to listen willingly to wrong that was spoken..... St. Athanasius*

**FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Weekly Budget..... \$5,673.00

Weekly Collection(3/4).....\$6,170.65

**This week's Surplus.....\$497.65**

**YEAR-TO-DATE INFORMATION**

Year-to-Date Budget (36 Sundays)...\$204,228.00

Year-to-Date COLLECTIONS.....\$193,737.15

**Year-to-Date DEFICIT.....\$10,490.85**

**RICE BOWL COLLECTION** for the first two weeks of Lent amounted to \$1,693.93. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY** will meet at 7:30AM Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> in the School Hall to process to the church for the recitation of the Holy Rosary prior to the 8:00AM mass. **Religious articles including FIRST COMMUNION TIES, VEILS, AND GIFTS** will be available for sale in the school hallway, near the soda machine, after all the weekend masses on **March 17 and 18.** Proceeds will benefit our **Summer Vacation Bible School.**

**PARISH RETREAT** – The season of Lent is seen as a time to intensify our need for becoming closer to Our Lord. Just like Christ, who was led into the wilderness by the Spirit, so we too are called to leave behind the busyness of daily life. Accept the invitation to experience the rare gift of what it means to know the stillness of being in God's presence. Join in the first Annual Retreat of SS. Peter & Paul parish, which will take place from early afternoon **Friday evening, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 'til Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.** Total cost is \$150.00 which includes meals, room and round trip transportation. Tri-fold brochures, with information, can be found at the doors of the church, or contact Fr. Ed at the rectory. **Deadline for registration is Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sign up before it's too late!**

## **Life Cycle of Marriage & Family**

### **Families Matter: *Singles***

Our singles are very much a part of our parish family. We pray this week for all single people that the Lord sustain them and that we as a church welcome them as active members of our parish family. **You pray for my family and I'll pray for yours.**

### **LET US REMEMBER OUR PRIESTS IN PRAYER:**

Mar.11 – Rev. Raymond P. Slezak, M.Div.  
Mar.12 – Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. T. Smith, M.A.  
Mar.13 – Rev. William J. Sneek, S.J.  
Mar.14 – Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Sobiesiak, Th.M..  
Mar.15 – Rev. Charles S. Sperlak  
Mar.16 – Rev. Leo S. Stajkowski  
Mar.17 - Rev. Michael J. Stone

**FISH FRY Friday, March 16 – Adults \$8.00  
Children (4 yrs & up): \$5.00** Take-outs 3:30-5:30 PM Eat In 4:00-7:00PM in the school. Advanced tickets suggested. Call the school at 377-4466.

## ***ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM***

The challenge that I offered only a few weeks ago has been a great success already. To date, the amount pledged is **\$17,465.00**. This money, which will be used for the 2007-2008 school year, will be a tremendous help in assisting with tuition for your students. To break it down, the money pledged could provide nearly 6 students with full tuition, or nearly 12 students with half tuition, or nearly 23 students with quarter tuition assistance. It is my desire that every single child that attends our parish school be able to take advantage of being "adopted." I would like every child to experience the generosity of this parish. Thank you for accepting this part of my challenge. Now accept the other part: **121 students for the 121<sup>st</sup> school year beginning in September.** To all those who work in the finance field and who have clients asking about tax-deductible gifts – let them know about this program. **Forms can be picked up at the doors of the church or you can contact the rectory or school for information.**

**MEN OF MARIAN CHINESE AUCTION** will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2007. Doors open at 11AM and the auction begins at 2:30PM. Browsing will be held on Saturday, March 31 from 5-8PM. For more information or tickets, contact the Development Office at Marian High School, 570-467-0641.

### **CONFIRMATION PRACTICE**

**Sunday, March 25, at 7PM**

Confirmation Practice will be held in the church. All confirmation candidates and their sponsors should be present. If it is impossible for a sponsor to be present, then another adult should attend in their place.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation is on **Tuesday, March 27 at 4:30PM.** Confirmation candidates should report to the school hall at 4:00PM. Because of the size of the church, each family will receive 3 tickets for admission to the church. All others may go to the school hall where the Confirmation service will be viewed via television..

## ***P.R.E.P.***

### ***Lenten Service Project***

The past few years the PREP classes and the parishioners of SS Peter and Paul have made St. Bonaventure's Indian Mission and School their special project. This project has helped to get a family that had been living in a car, into a renovated trailer. It has supplied books and materials for the school children. Coats and blankets have been provided for the children and the elderly. The Navajo people and the mission staff are very grateful for the generosity of the parish.

There are still many people living in deplorable conditions. The needs of the Navajo people are still great, so once again, we are asking you to help make this project a success. Every donation large and small will help make a big difference in the life of someone on the Navajo Reservation. Checks should be written to **SS. Peter and Paul with a notation for St. Bonaventure's.** **All donations, cash or check, should be placed in an envelope marked for St. Bonaventure's and dropped into the collection basket..**

### **LOURDES & PARIS PILGRIMAGE –**

July 25-August 3, 2007 – Cost \$2,200 plus Airport Tax. Spiritual Director: Father George Winne. For information, contact: Lorraine Echevarria 610-847-2306.

### **MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS/PAUL G. NESTER, JR. SCHOLARSHIPS**

are based on school, parish and community activities, academic achievement, teacher and pastor recommendations, and financial need. Two full one-year scholarships to incoming freshmen will be awarded. Applicants must complete an essay on, “Why I feel a Catholic education is important in my life.” **Applications are available in the Rectory office and must be submitted to the School Principal or to the Rectory by March 23, 2007.**

### **CEO AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP**

The CEO America Website, [www.ceoamerica.net](http://www.ceoamerica.net) has this year's **Educational Improvement Tax Credit Scholarship Application** available for parents who have children in public school but want to send the children to private school. They offer 3-year scholarships at 80% tuition. The family's adjusted gross annual income must be below \$50,000. Deadline for application is May 31<sup>st</sup>. All qualified residents of Pennsylvania are invited to apply.

CEO America is also offering \$2,000 private scholarships for children who go from public to private school. It is called the “Little Egg Easter Lottery.” 50 winners will be selected by lottery Easter Monday. Again, the family's annual income must be below \$50,000. Children in grades 1 to 11 qualify. The deadline for this application is March 30, 2007. **For an application, please call the rectory.**

**FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER -** The Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 9AM until 2PM. Items can be dropped off at school on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon until 8PM. Donations of articles are welcome. Start Housecleaning!!

**CYO ST. PATRICK'S DAY HOOPIA –** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bidy basketball Tournament hosted by SS. Peter & Paul CYO program will be held on Saturday, March 17 at the Lehigh Area Middle School starting at 9AM. Doors will open at 8AM. **We are in need of sponsors to help offset the cost of the tournament.** Sponsor cost is \$25.00. Please call Director **Phil Liszka** at **610-217-4321**, or **Denise Stellar** at the school **610-377-4466** if you or your business would like to sponsor a game, or if you wish to volunteer your services or donate any of the following items: baked goods, Gatorade, bottle water, soda, coffee, pretzels, chips, candy bars, and paper products. Monetary donations are always welcome. Schedules of game times and teams can be picked up on the shelf in back of church.

**SPRING POPS 2007 CONCERT** at Pleasant Valley High School will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 7PM and Sunday, April 29 at 3PM at Pleasant Valley High School (auditorium). Purchase reserve tickets by calling Joan (570-629-4837 or Janet at (570) 620-1570. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS:**

**Msgr. Agnello J. Angelini Assembly 971, Fourth Degree** will meet on Wednesday, March 14 at 7PM at Sacred Heart in Palmerton. The meeting of **Damien Council 598, Third Degree**, will begin after the Assembly meeting. Recitation of the Rosary will follow the meetings. All members are urged to attend.

**BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE** will be held on March 24 at Fritz's Lanes starting at 9AM. Form a team of 5 persons and help raise \$50. See Bulletin Board in back of church for more information. To register, call Big Brothers Big Sisters Office at 800-955-4376, or visit the web site at [bbbswb.org](http://bbbswb.org).

### **SS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

**Wednesday, March 21 from 6PM to 8PM.** We offer high quality faith-based education. *We invite you all to come see what our school has to offer.*

Hmmmm..... Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, But such a small amount when you go shopping?