

Third Sunday of Lent

In today's first reading we find that when people encounter difficult times they tend to test God rather than use the opportunity to express their faith. The people are upset with Moses because they have found no water at the place where they have encamped after their journey by day in the desert (Exodus 17:1-2a).

Moses interprets this reaction by the people as a testing of God (17:2b). This phrase is significant because it had just been used by God in the previous chapter of the book of Exodus. God had promised to rain down manna from the heavens to sustain the people. God had told them to gather the manna on only six days, collecting enough on the sixth day to sustain them on the seventh. Thus God would test the people to see whether or not they would listen (16:4-5). Would the wilderness generation trust in God's sustaining presence in difficult times? They failed the test in Exodus 16 by going out on the seventh day to gather manna. They were, after all, in the desert, where food is scarce.

They also fail the test in today's passage. Moses' reaction shows that the people have not understood the function of difficult times in the development of their relationship with God. By not trusting in God's provision they have put God to the test. They should have trusted and thus passed the test of their belief in God's providence. This passage from Exodus reconfigures the way we look upon trying situations. People commonly try God in these times by questioning the divine saving presence. These times are, however, opportunities to express our trust in God.

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Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12;
Lk 13:1-9

Monday: Saint John of God, religious
2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Saint Frances of Rome, religious
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

This is Catholic Ministries Appeal Commitment Weekend here at *St. Ann's*. We, like all parishes throughout our Archdiocese, will be asking parishioners to return the pledge card they received in the mail this week from Archbishop Schnurr. We are asking every Catholic household to participate by making a pledge. Please know that your participation matters and will make a difference.

God calls each of us to share our gifts with others for the building up of His Kingdom. The 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal is a once a-year request for your help in supporting six specific ministries of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The Appeal is to these ministries what the weekly offertory is to our parish—so your participation and support are critical. Please see the pledge packets in the poster displays to learn more and to obtain a pledge form if you did not receive one in the mail.

Archbishop Schnurr thanks all those from *St. Ann's* who contributed to the 2009 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thank you in advance for joining with parishioners throughout our Archdiocese's 218 parishes to carry on the broader work of our Church. For more information, please visit www.catholicappeal.info.

The St Ann School Centennial Mass – St. Ann Catholic School of Hamilton, OH is celebrating 100 years of educating our young people. All Alumni and former teachers are invited to attend this event, beginning with the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please set aside the date April 18, 2010. For more information you can contact the school at 513-863-4963 or call Linda at 513-896-9006.

ST. ANN LENTEN FISH FRY FAMILIES WELCOME!

Friday, March 12:
Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m.
Cost: Ala carte prices.
Menu includes: Fish
Sand, Fried Shrimp,
Pizza, Mac-n-Cheese,
French Fries, Cole Slaw,
Green Beans,
Applesauce, and
Desserts.
Beer and Refreshments. Hope to see you there!



ST. ANN LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
Thursday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, March 7th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:00 a.m. Confession
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Tuesday, March 9th

6:30-8:30 p.m. Brownies
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, March 10th

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
 5:30 p.m. Confession

Thursday, March 11th

7:00 p.m. St. Ann Lenten Penance Service
 6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Friday, March 12th

5-10:00 p.m. P.A.C. Fish Fry in School cafeteria

Saturday, March 13th

3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, March 14th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:00 a.m. Confession
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS Fish Fry Desserts - The Rosary Society is again selling desserts at the Fish Fry on March 12th. We would appreciate any contributions. We would like cakes, pies, brownies cookies etc. If you would like to donate and help the Rosary Society or to have your contribution picked up, please call 863-1700. You can also bring your contributions the night of the fish Fry. Thanks for your contribution to help us.

Badin Theater Presents "Annie"

March 25, 26, 27, at 7:30 pm.

March 28 at 2:30 pm. Badin High School Little Theater

Tickets are \$10.00 or 6 tickets for \$48 the same performance.

Please call 513-863-3993 for more information.

The Knights of Columbus, Father Roettele Council #8115 of Fairfield is hosting their 18th annual Fish Fry on March 12th and 26th, and April 2nd, 2010. It will be held, as in past years, at the Sacred Heart Church School Cafeteria, located at the corner of Nilles and River Roads in Fairfield. The dine-in serving time will be from 5.30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on all the dates. There will also be a carry-out service during the same times, by calling (513) 858-4218 in advance to place orders, which can be picked up at the marked entrance door. Fish, Shrimp, and Crab Cake dinners will be available with expanded menu offerings

AfterMass, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral's Young Adult Ministry, will meet on the second Sunday of each month, immediately following the 6:00pm Mass. The meetings will be held in the cathedral's Undercroft South, which can be accessed by taking the elevator to the Undercroft. On Sunday, March 14th the speaker will be Randy Boaz. He facilitates the cathedral's RCIA program and is one of their dedicated volunteer tour guides. A meal will be shared and then Randy will give a detailed and informative tour of their beautiful cathedral.



Saturday, March 6th

5:00 p.m. Frank Jost (Family)

Sunday, March 7th

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

10:30 a.m. Paul Sherlock - Birthday Remembrance (wife)

Monday, March 8th

7:15 a.m. Sylvia Williman (Mike & Carol Wolf)

Tuesday, March 9th

7:15 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Finan (Mark Finan)

Wednesday, March 10th

7:15 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday, March 11th

7:15 a.m. Communion Service

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, March 12th

8:00 a.m. Carl Solazzo - 3rd Anniversary (Mickey)

Saturday, March 13th

7:30 a.m. Bill Kirchhoff (Mary Jo Haizman)

5:00 p.m. Janice Ruhl - Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Sunday, March 14th

8:00 a.m. Marguerite Baynes (Patty)

10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

St. Ann Financial Stewardship *Thank you!*

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
02/28/2010	\$ 7,591.81
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 410,448.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 336,726.48
Ash Wednesday Collection	\$ 1,490.00
Rumpke Can Recycling	\$ 159.90
ABITIBI Paper Recycling	\$ 16.82

Positive Action for Lent - Morning of Reflection

presented by the St. Ann Rosary Society. Tuesday, March 16, 2010 from 9 a.m. until noon at St. Ann Church. This will be a spiritual talk by Father Jeffrey Bacon, Pastor of Queen of Peace, Rosary, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass. Everyone is invited, both men and women so bring your spouse, friend or neighbor. For more information, please contact Mary Jo Haizman at 863-1700 or Carol Meister 868-8624.

THE OPEN DOOR FOOD PANTRY thanks the people of St. Ann Church for all their donations (egg cartons, plastic bags, food, etc.). Nothing is wasted. We put all you give us to good use. Thanks again for helping us to help others. Our need is constant.