

Pope John XXIII Catholic Community

PARISH INFORMATION

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, ANOINTING OF THE SICK & FUNERALS

Contact Msgr. Frecker

MSGR. FRECKER RESIDENCE

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 11

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday February 12

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. Ann Wollenberg by Jim Wollenberg

Wednesday, February 13

8:00 a.m. Anastasia Helferty
by Dave & Marcie Kossler

Thursday, February 14

8:00 a.m. Davida Swisher by James Wilfinger

Friday, February 15

8:00 a.m. 50th Anniversary Jim & Mary Getreu

Saturday, February 16

5:00 p.m. Al & Olive Miller
by Mark & Joan Carlisle

Sunday, February 17

8:30 a.m. Curtis McDonald & Nilene Postlewait
by Elizabeth McDonald
10:15 a.m. Brad Swan by Joe & Carol Lasko
12:00 noon The People of Pope John XXIII
by Monsignor Frecker

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

February 16/17, 2008

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Julie Rubadue, Pat Smith,
Kelley Stoltz, Michael Yonnotti
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Anita Hippler, Jim Hippler,
Jamie Hale, Linda Groom
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Michele Ballinger, Don DeWitt,
Mike Dowler, Deb Beck
Sunday 12:00 noon Anne Brunney, Phil Brunney

LECTORS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Tim Kujawa, Elaine Hartman
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Deb Carpenter, Kitty Saunders
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Karla Horvath, Cathy Hoffman
Sunday 12:00 noon Mary Sauer, Regina McCollam

SERVERS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Cameron Ilich, Kevin Ilich,
Sam Clark
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Danielle Garver, John Augenstein,
Brad Ewert
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Jonathan Patton, Kristen Pierce,
Mason Prater
Sunday 12:00 noon Abby Koehler, Kayla Ewert

GREETERS/USHERS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Amy Adams, William Adams,
Christy Jones, Sam Jones
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Patty Drodofsky, Susan Chapman,
Renee Bergman, Scott Bergman
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Skip Reed, Megan Reed,
Mary Francis, Joe Francis
Sunday 12:00 noon Stephanie Ball, Bob Bottarini,
Dorothy Butsko, Emily Simon

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

The readings for next week, February 17, 2008, the Second Sunday of Lent: Gn 12: 1-4a; 2 Tm 1: 8b-10; Mt 17: 1-9. To prepare yourself to hear the Word of God next week, please read over the passages ahead of time and spend a short time reflecting on how they relate to your life. We have Bibles available for purchase in the Parish Office or you can go online to our web site for the weekly readings. We pray Week II Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of Hours.

PRAYER LINE PETITIONS

If you have a prayer request or would like to join the Prayer Line, please contact Anne Brunney at 614-837-3445. Please include in your daily prayers all those on our Prayer Line and those in most need of prayer in our parish.

LENT

There are three Traditional Lenten observances:

- Prayer** – Person at home prepares by reading the Scripture prior to Sunday Mass, in addition to other personal prayer such as meditation, Rosary, spiritual readings, etc.
- Fasting** – The following regulations of fast and abstinence for Catholics provide an opportunity for us to be united with the entire Church in offering this form of prayer: All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. On fast days, one full meal is permitted along with two meals of lesser quantity the same day. On days of abstinence, flesh meat is not to be eaten. The law of fast applies to those between the ages of 18 and 59; the law of abstinence from meat applies to those 14 years of age and over. Diocesan faculties empower priests assigned to a parish to dispense parishioners and visitors from these obligations in individual cases. Dispensation for groups of persons should be referred to the Chancery. We can also abstain from something we truly like, such as sweets or special things during the Lenten season.
- Almsgiving** – We have Rice Bowls available at all Masses. Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten Program for Catholic Relief Services to help us realize that we are a part of a global neighborhood community. Operation Rice Bowl gives the seed money for the Catholic Relief Services to respond quickly to areas with the greatest need or who have experienced a natural disaster such as earthquakes and floods. The Rice Bowls are to be returned to our parish at Mass on Holy Thursday. Along with the Rice Bowls, we will have a collection of food and money that will be brought forward at the offertory time. Please keep your food items and Rice Bowls at your place until it is time to bring them forward. Offerings to other charities or increased offering to the parish during Lent are also important.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Rice Bowls and Home Calendar Guides are available on the table in the Gathering Space. The Rice Bowl collection will be on Holy Thursday with the funds going to the Catholic Relief Services to help our brothers and sisters who are in need. Please take a Rice Bowl and Guide home to use this Lenten season.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Our parish will celebrate First Communion on Sunday, May 18, 2008. A meeting for parents whose children will be receiving First Communion will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, materials will be distributed for parents to use in helping their child prepare for this most important sacrament. At least one parent should attend this meeting.

POPE JOHN XXIII YOUTH MASS

On February 23, 2008, our 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass will feature some of our youth as Greeter/Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Choir members. The readings for this Mass will be taken from the Catholic Children's Lectionary. We hope that you and your family will join us for this exciting faith experience. Choir practice for the Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 23. All youth are encouraged to participate! For more information, please call Angie Lloyd at 614-834-5772.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENTS

The forms for the Diocesan Youth Rally are now available. Please take a form from the table in the Gathering Space and contact Crystal Adams (614-834-1148) for additional information. The Rally will take place March 1 and 2, 2008, at St. Charles Preparatory School. The High School Lenten sleepover will take place on Saturday, February 23 beginning at 4:00 p.m. We will be assisting with the Youth Mass and stuffing the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt we sponsor on Easter Sunday. Please RSVP to Crystal Adams (614-834-1148) by Sunday, February 17, so we will know how many to plan for.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

It is our desire to always take care of those in our parish who are homebound or hospitalized. If you are going into the hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick prior to your admittance, please call Monsignor to make arrangements to receive the sacrament. If you are homebound for a short or long period, please also let us know so we can make arrangements for you to receive the Eucharist.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION MEETING

On Tuesday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m., we will have a meeting for all parents or expectant parents who will be preparing for the Baptism of their child. This meeting is necessary prior to the Baptism; please call Deacon Pry (614-920-1563) if you are able to attend.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

Needed to cover expenses \$ 7,440.00
Actual for February 2 and 3, 2008 \$ 8,446.93
Attendance 836

PLATINUM CLUB

The next gathering of the Platinum Club will be held on Thursday, February 14, 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks and your favorite games or come for great conversation. The Platinum Club is open to all individuals 55 years old and above.

CARING STITCHES

Caring Stitches volunteers meet on the third Tuesday each month, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Anyone with skills pertaining to sewing, knitting, or crocheting are welcome, as well as anyone who is interested in learning about these skills. Our projects include items for the homeless, Children's Hospital, and other charitable organizations. Also, any donations of yarns, material, batting, or fiberfill are more than appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Maribeth Zappia at 614-920-0874 or zmaribeth@hotmail.com.

THE CATHOLIC TIMES

February is Catholic Press Month! Help raise your awareness... Help lift your spirit... Subscribe to *The Catholic Times!* For less than 30 cents an issue, **\$15.00 annually**, *The Catholic Times* provides us not only the local diocesan news but news about the Church from around the world. Please support our diocesan paper. It is our desire to have each registered family/individual receive *The Catholic Times*. If you are able to contribute more than \$15.00 to help offset the cost for those unable to contribute due to circumstances beyond their control, we would be most grateful.

"WHAT CHRISTIANS HAVE IN COMMON"

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ECUMENICAL, SMALL GROUP FAITH-SHARING
The Ministerial Associations of both Canal Winchester and Lithopolis are sponsoring an opportunity for you to meet with members of the other Christian Churches in our area for prayer, fellowship, and discussion. This gathering will take place on February 10, 2008, at Pope John XXIII, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. It is important for us to respect the diversity that exists among the various Christians congregations, and to become more aware of the beliefs of other Christians. But it is also important for us to explore together the many things we hold in common through Baptism. "WHAT CHRISTIANS HAVE IN COMMON" is a time to celebrate the faith that is so dear to us and to learn more about the faith of others. If you are able to attend, please sign up in the back of church so we will know how many to plan for.

RENEW

Sports play a significant role in the lives of many individuals and families today. But can sports offer insights into one's appreciation and understanding of the sacraments? In today's bulletin insert, Eileen Marx draws some interesting parallels of her second graders' simultaneous experience with basketball and preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation. The foundation of moral living begins as children learn the importance of telling God you're sorry, taking responsibility for offending God and hurting others and receiving the gift of God's forgiveness. And by extension, the Sacrament of Reconciliation teaches us to bring forgiveness to our families and to those around us. "What if God held back His forgiveness and expected perfection in each of us the way we do with one another?" Marx concludes.

PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICEMEN AND SERVICEWOMEN

Lord, hold our servicemen and servicewomen in Your loving hands. Protect them, especially those who are in harm's way. Bless them and their families for these selfless acts they perform for our Country in our time of need. Be with all people who suffer from the ravages of war. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen. Our parish family has many family members serving in the Armed Forces as well as others supporting our troops around the world, please keep them all in our prayers.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE SPEAKERS SERIES AT ST. MARK'S

On Sunday evenings, February 10 and February 17, March 2, March 9 and March 16, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Mark Parish, 324 Gay Street, Lancaster, there will be different featured speakers on various topics. The first Sunday, February 10, 2008, will be Sr. Patricia E. McMahon, OSF. Sr. Patricia will speak on "Death as Part of Life" and address some common fears regarding death and look at practical considerations with which we all have to deal. For more information about each series, call the parish at 740-653-1229.

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS

Registration begins February 25, for parishes in the area without Catholic schools; they will accept registration for new students grades 1-5, kindergarten students and 4-year-old prekindergarten students. These students should bring a copy of their birth or Baptismal certificate. A nonrefundable registration fee of \$25.00 per child (maximum of \$50.00 per family) is due at the time of registration. For more information, please call the School Office (740-654-3137). St. Bernadette is located at 1325 Wheeling Road in Lancaster.

STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY – SETON PARISH MISSION

Father Willy Raymond, National Director of the Family Theater, will be conducting this mission from Sunday, March 2, 2008 to Wednesday, March 5, 2008. Father Willy, a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross and immediate past provincial superior of its Eastern Province, has served as National Director of Family Theater Productions since September 2000. The mission of Family Theater, which was founded in Hollywood in 1947 by Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, now a sainthood candidate, is to evangelize culture by using mass media to entertain, inspire and educate families. Family Theater's famous slogan is "The Family that Prays Together Stays Together™." Please join us for this mission, which begins at 6:00 each night, with a hearty soup-and-bread supper, followed by the mission from 7:00-9:00 each night. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Hector Raymond at 614-833-0482, ext. 243, or e-mail at hraymond@setonparish.com.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Canal Winchester Area Food Pantry is planning to reorganize their volunteers and give more people the opportunity to help. Please contact Janet Bristol, Food Pantry Director (614-833-6897), if you are available to help in any capacity.

BABY CLOTHING NEEDED!

Hope United Methodist Church is currently collecting "gently-used" baby clothing (sizes 0-5T) for a new ministry in the greater Canal Winchester area. Boys' and girls' summer and winter outfits, Onesies, socks, and booties are needed for distribution beginning in April. All donations may be dropped off at the Hope Office at 83 E. Columbus Street, or will be picked up by calling the office at 614-837-7548. A charitable tax-exempt receipt provided upon request.

GENDER ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Gender Road Christian Church, 5336 Gender Road, is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday February 16, 2008, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Adults – \$6.00, children 3-12 – \$3.00, and children under 3 are free.

POPE BENEDICT TO VISIT NEW YORK CITY: Pope Benedict will travel to the United States – Washington, D. C., and New York City – this April. A bus trip is being planned to New York City to attend the Mass, celebrated by Pope Benedict, on **Sunday, April 20th**, in Yankee Stadium. The bus will leave St. Matthew parking lot early on Friday, April 18, and return Monday, April 21 (departure and arrival times to be announced at a later date).

We have just been notified we have only 40 tickets and bus seats available. Tentative pricing (subject to change): \$575.00 per person for double occupancy; \$450.00 per person for a quad room. Price includes roundtrip bus, baggage handling, 3 nights hotel on the Jersey side, snacks, some tours, (such as Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center) most taxes and fees. More information will be available at a meeting this Sunday, February 10th, 7:00 p.m., in St. Raphael Room of the Church Undercroft.

Please call JoEllen Vickers (475-5086, or sassytravel@yahoo.com), or Connie Danison (478-8418, cdanison@columbus.rr.com), for more information.

PARISH MEETINGS

Sunday, February 10, 2008
8:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 12:00 noon Masses
Preschool during 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. Masses
RCIA Session, Room E
PSR, 9:40-11:00 a.m. and 11: 25 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
3:00-5:00 p.m. Ecumenical Small Group Faith-sharing

Monday, February 11, 2008

7:30 p.m. Guitar Practice

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

7:00 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

7:00-8:30 p.m. Confirmation Class in Church
7:00 p.m. Administrative Council and
All Commissions Meeting

Prayer and Refreshments – Administrative Council

Thursday, February 14, 2008

7:00 p.m. Platinum Club

Friday, February 15, 2008

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 16, 2008

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 17, 2008

8:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 12:00 noon Masses
PSR and RCIA
Hospitality Name Tag Sunday

WORDS OF OUR PATRON – BLESSED POPE JOHN XXIII

Reflecting on the Feast of St. Valentine: SUPPRESSING THE SELF – Love is all; love is at the foundation of civilization; love is the basis of all that Christ came to declare to the world. It is the command to love which distinguishes the Christian revelation from the doctrine of all other religions. In love is found the solution of all social problems, of all political disputes. It is the keystone of the arch. When you hear all sorts of things announced by this leader or that, but no mention of love, be on your guard, my children, beware. Without love you may obtain temporary successes, or victories won by force, but afterwards, and very soon, all will fall to the ground. This has been proved by our experience in recent years. Let us love the Lord. Let us love one another. We must know how to suppress the self and how to emphasize the unity, the social nature, of man. St. Thomas says that man is a social animal, and this is true. Our own welfare is our brothers' welfare; it is that of others, of all men.

Taken from the book, Prayers and Devotions from Pope John XXIII, His personal thoughts for every day of the year.