

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Mar 14, 2009

4:00pm Josephine Kasitz

Sunday, Mar. 15, 2009

8:30am Tanya Naples

11:00am For the Parish

Tuesday, Mar. 17, 2009

6:00pm Anne Chase

Wednesday, Mar. 18, 2009

9:00am Edith Ceraso

6:00pm Mysti Ramsey

Thursday, Mar. 19, 2009

6:00pm Edith Ceraso

Saturday, Mar. 21, 2009

4:00pm For the Parish

Sunday, Mar. 22, 2009

8:30am Tom Pinnell

11:00am Edith Ceraso

5:00pm Mary Golden



OUR LADY OF  
GUADALUPE CANDLE  
IN MEMORY OF  
ROBERT & BETTY HIBNER



ROSARY

The Rosary will be recited  
each Sunday at 8:10 am  
before 8:30 Mass.

WHAT TO DO IF...

**You want to baptize your baby:**

Baptisms are on the third weekend of the month during Saturday and Sunday Mass. Call Cathy Cornett at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 3203 about the preparation program.

**You want to join the parish:**

To register as a member, visit the Welcome Committee desk in the gathering space.

**You want to get married:**

Please arrange an appointment with the priest at least six months before the date you would like to be married. You must be registered in the parish.

**You want to make your First Communion or be Confirmed:**

If you are an adult, call Terry Culross at 623-6847 or Linda Clark at 623-0925. If you are in grades 1-8, call Cathy Cornett, 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 2005.

**You have a prayer concern:**

Please call Connie Wason at 623-1703 or Rose Mansfield at 623-0971, who are members of the Praying Hands Prayer Group, by Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

**You would like to arrange a Mass Intention:**

Come to the parish office and ask for the secretary.

**You want to put something in the bulletin:**

Instructions for getting announcements in the bulletin can be obtained by calling the parish office at 623-2989 and speaking with the secretary. **BULLETIN DEADLINE IS 12:00 PM ON TUESDAY.**

**You would like more information about Knights of Columbus:**

Please call Otto Rieck at 582-4112.

**You want to register your child in St. Mark School:** Call the school at 623-2989, prompt 4.

**You need a ride or can offer a ride to or from Church:** Call the parish office at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 2001.

**You wish to have an announcement read at Mass:**

Anyone wishing to have an announcement said before Mass must bring the announcement in to the Parish office for the pastor's approval by Thursday before the scheduled mass. Announcement can be emailed to: [saintmarkcatholicchurch.net](mailto:saintmarkcatholicchurch.net).

**You would like the parish priest or parishioner to visit someone who is sick:**

Please call the parish office at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext 2002, if there is an emergency (imminent death or need of sacrament, prompt 3) or if you or a loved one are about to have surgery, are in a hospital or nursing home, or have become homebound. The priest is ready to visit, administer the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.

*Please provide the location and phone number of the person to be visited, and the time that is most convenient for the visit.*

**You want to change your name or address in the Parish records OR are leaving the parish:**

Call the parish office at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 2001.

**You want to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes before each weekend mass.

**You would like more information about the Catholic Daughters of the Americas:**

Call Tricia Davis at 623-9184 or Laure Schadler at 624-9316.

**PASTOR'S PAGE**

Notes from the Pastor:

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It was enjoyable for me to make my 3rd visit to the people of Holy Name Catholic Church in Ebensburg, PA. I am grateful to the Pastor, Monsignor Gaus, who celebrates 50 years as a Priest in May and approximately 23 years as their Pastor. Each night we had up to 800 people per night for their Parish Mission. I am sure it will be a while until I return to Holy Name, so on your behalf, I thank them for their generosity and thoughtfulness to us!

We are marching forward with our Parish Appreciation Pledge!! Thank you for your generous giving. Already over \$13,000 has been pledged. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU. -- we only have \$37,000 to go -- WE CAN DO THIS, IF EVERYONE CARRIES THEIR SHARE! Remember, it is not WHAT you give, it is that YOU GIVE!

Please do not forget to check me out on FACEBOOK and the Lexington Herald Leader FAITH BLOG at [www.kentucky.com](http://www.kentucky.com). I try to update this BLOG at least once a week.

As usual, let me remind you that I am available to you in my office via email at [FatherJim.Sichko@SaintMarkCatholicChurch.net](mailto:FatherJim.Sichko@SaintMarkCatholicChurch.net) or, in cases of an emergency (i.e., death or imminent need of the Sacraments), by phone at 859-623-2989.

See you in Church,  
Fr. Jim

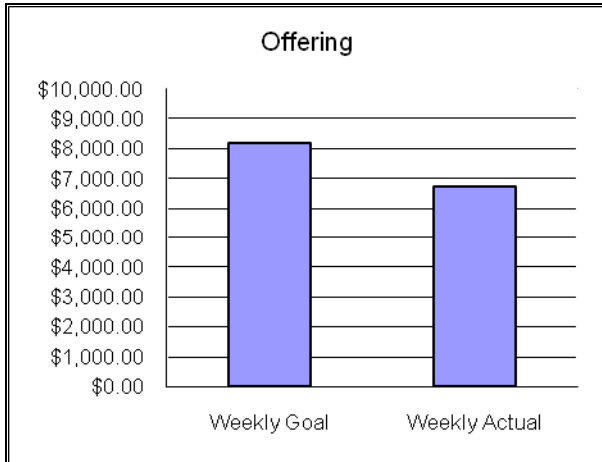
**The Third Week of Lent**

**With this week, we conclude the first part of Lent. We continue our lessons in the faith, as our practices of Lent become deeper and more full of grace.**

**We enter into this week reflecting upon the Scrutiny that makes up our intense prayer for those Elect, preparing for Baptism. And, as we beg, as Church, that they be freed from sin and from all anxiety, we ask those same desires for ourselves.**

**The simple and powerful words of the Opening Prayer guides our daily prayer. We continue to wake each morning, pausing to ask for the graces we desire for the day. Throughout each day, the background of our thoughts and feelings is more and more taken up with what this journey means for our personal change of heart, the renewal of our Baptismal commitment to be placed with Jesus, and our growing desire to act in solidarity with the poor. We go to bed each evening, after pausing to give thanks for the gifts of the day.**

**STEWARDSHIP**



**OUR WEEKLY GOAL: \$ 8,200.00**

**ENVELOPES: \$5,512.17**  
**LOOSE CASH: \$ 442.00**  
**LOOSE COIN: \$ 7.61**  
**LOOSE CHECKS: \$ 785.00**  
**TOTAL: \$6,746.78**

**Under for the week - \$1,453.22**

**FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATES AND NOTES:**

The St. Mark Finance Council meets on a monthly basis. During these meetings we discuss various aspects of the financial condition of the Parish. We want to share with the parishioners items of interest:

- **Collection revenues from July 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009 are \$16,000 under budget.**
- Fr. Jim's January preaching travels to Kansas brought in donations totaling \$5,800---WOW!!!

**PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL**

**Campaign Statistics as of 03/04/09**

**GOAL \$50,000.00**

Total # of Parishioners: 558  
 Total # Pledged: 72  
 % of Participation: 12.9%  
 Total Amount Pledged \$14,920.00  
 Total Amount Paid: \$11,219.98  
 Average Pledge: \$207.22

% of Pledges Collected: 75.20%

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

July Home Meals Delivery - \$1,244.44  
 August Families in Need - \$1,326.12  
 September St. Mark School - \$1,105.55  
 October Altar Society - \$719.07  
 November Home Meals Delivery - \$1,379.23  
 December Altar Society - \$1,009.38  
 January St. Mark School - \$2,030.98  
 February Families in Need - \$1,473.82

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March	Home Meals Delivery \$1,212.95
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**MINISTRIES**

Linens: Kitty Culp

	Ministry			
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Welcome Desk
<b>4:00PM Saturday Mar. 21</b>	Mike Schwendeman Nancy Wigand	Patti Baker Dit Bennett Terry Foster Robert Jackowski Joanne McCrary Bill Durbin Sidney Sebastian	Jim Swartz Scott Dieckmann	Dory Marken
<b>8:30AM Sunday, Mar. 22</b>	Phil Mattingly	Billy Simon Denny Vanstone Susan Vanstone Shirley West Bob Yerks John O'Bryan Melissa O'Bryan	BJ Shacreaw	Linda Maxwell
<b>11:00am Sunday, Mar. 22</b>	Sandy Sullivan Duane Gere	Sandy Adams Linda Clark Mark Davis Tricia Davis Greg Discepoli Neil DiTeresa Marlene Flinchem	Michael Price Lee Anne Ogle Kala Minguela	Terry Meeks

**\*\*A Reminder to all Ministers – Please be mindful of Dress Code. Gentlemen must have shirt with collar.**



**PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon- Thursday: 8 AM - 12 NOON  
 1 PM - 4 PM  
 CLOSED FRIDAY



There is still time to memorialize a loved one, or have your family name a permanent part of St. Mark history by having a name inscribed on the new Chalice. Please call the Parish office for more information.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CANDLES**

THE PARISH OFFICE HAS OPENED THE 2009 CALENDAR. CALL SOON TO GET THE DATE FOR 2009 YOU DESIRE.



CCD Schedule:  
 March 18  
 March 25

Every Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 7:30pm  
[cathy.cornett@saintmarkcatholicchurch.net](mailto:cathy.cornett@saintmarkcatholicchurch.net)

**WEEKLY READINGS**

<b>Sunday</b>	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
<b>Monday</b>	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42 and 43; Lk 4:24-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Saint Patrick, bishop Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 2; Mt 18:21-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 ; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18- 21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
<b>Friday</b>	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34
<b>Saturday</b>	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14
<b>Sunday</b>	Fourth Sunday of Lent 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



Next High School Youth Group will meet  
 Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

6:00 Mass  
 6:30 Dinner and Meeting

Any questions contact Mike Reister  
[mbreister@att.com](mailto:mbreister@att.com).



### KNIGHT'S CORNER

Reminder of next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting (with spouses) is Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Remember to wear your green.

A First Degree Initiation will be held in the near future. We urge all men of our parish to consider becoming a member of our Council. For additional information call John Wright at 893-1123 or email at [johnw@chpl.net](mailto:johnw@chpl.net).



### RCIA

Wed March 18 6:30--8:15 St Mark gym  
Wed March 25 6:30--8:15 St Mark gym

RCIA (Rite of Christian Information of Adults)  
For more information, contact Terry, 623-6847/ email: [towen44@bellsouth.net](mailto:towen44@bellsouth.net); or Linda, 623-0925 /email: [ljlcsw@yahoo.com](mailto:ljlcsw@yahoo.com).



### NEWMAN CENTER NOTES

Spring Break will be next week.

Coffee and Doughnuts will be suspended for Lent, but will resume on April 26th.

## CHOIR NEWS

Choir practices for the 8:30 a.m. liturgies are held each Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 in the Church. Come and lend your voice as we prepare for the beautiful Triduum liturgies. Questions?

Call Betty Reister at 623-2573. We look forward to seeing some new faces.



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA):**

**MARCH MEETING:** CDA's next monthly meeting is Tuesday, March 17. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. (Why not join us for Mass beforehand?)

**ALL PARISH WOMEN INVITED**  
**ONLY 12 SPOTS LEFT!!**



**SIGN UP NOW:** CDA is sponsoring a women's overnight retreat, "**PRAYER: STRUGGLE OR STRENGTH**," on Friday and Saturday, April 24-25, at Cliffview Retreat Center. Open to all women of the parish, the retreat will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. Friday and will close with Mass and end at 5 p.m. Saturday. Meals are included. Lodging will cost \$60.00 (double-occupancy room) or \$80.00 (private room). Stipends will be available. Register

after Mass or call Parish office. **Four spots remaining!**

### SCHOOL NEWS

If you are looking to attend the best school in Madison County next year, please call St. Mark School to arrange a tour - 623-2989 #4.



St. Mark Catholic School is hosting Friday Fish Fry's during Lent in the gym from 5:00 - 7:30. They will be held every Friday from March 6 through April 3rd. Please come out and support the school while enjoying a tasty fish dinner with your friends and family.

We know that St. Mark has a reputation to have some of the best bakers in town! If anyone would like to bring a dessert to share, we would love your donation! We would need your desserts on Friday March 20, Friday March 27, Friday April 3, and Wednesday, April 8. If you would like to help, please contact Kris Coons at school, 623-2989 option #4.

### SAVE THE DATE!!

March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup>: St. Mark School Scholastic Book Fair!

Lion's Share Tickets on Sale now for a chance to win \$10,000.00! Drawing will be held at the Derby Party! Date to be announced.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Lexington Catholic High School Registration

Lexington Catholic High School registration forms and the nonrefundable registration fee of \$175 are due by Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> for all students wishing to enroll for the 2009-2010 school year. Incoming freshmen should also turn in their registration by March 23<sup>rd</sup>, as well as make plans to attend Freshmen Orientation on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00pm. Questions? Please call Susie Fryer, Director of Admissions at (859) 277-7183 ext. 231.

#### Empty Bowls Project

Help fight hunger in Madison County. On Friday, March 20, at the First Baptist Church, 425 Eastern Bypass, will present the Empty Bowls Project. The minimum donation is \$12, and your donation will include a handmade pottery bowl, homemade soup, bread and a drink. All of the proceeds will go to feed the hungry in Madison County through the following programs: God's Outreach Community Food Bank, Food Bank of Kentucky River Foothills, Home Meals Delivery and the Salvation Army of Madison County. The bowls are provided by local potters and ECU art students. Times for the event are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 623-4028.

ST MARK CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA  
INVITE ALL WOMEN OF  
ST. MARK PARISH TO JOIN THEM AND GUEST  
SPEAKER  
CAROLE CHUK TO OUR RETREAT  
"PRAYER: STRUGGLE OR STRENGTH"  
APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup> 2009



Carole serves the Church of the Assumption, Bethlehem, PA as Director of Christian Ministries

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER BY PHONE PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 623-2989. CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED.

# An Evening Among Friends Encore Series

St. Mark Catholic Church  
608 West Main Street  
Richmond, KY 40475  
December 19, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

- Valet Parking
- Only 500 tickets available
- Reception with hors d'oeuvres prior to the performance
- Performance by Patti LaBelle
- Desserts and aperitifs after performance



## An Evening Among Friends: The Encore Series

### Reservation Form

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ ticket (s) or \_\_\_\_\_ pew (s) to  
Ring in Christmas with Patti LaBelle at the following level:

- General Admission: \$175 per person**
- Meet and Greet with Patti LaBelle: \$500 per person**  
*Limited to 50 tickets*  
*Includes special pre-performance reception with Ms. LaBelle in the St. Mark Church gathering space, personalized photo with Ms. LaBelle and Preferred Reserved Seating*
- Group Seating: \$2500 per pew for 8 guests**  
*Includes Preferred Reserved Seating and Patti LaBelle memorabilia for each guest (please list below)*

_____	_____
_____	_____
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets may be purchased by cash, check, or credit card in one payment or in installment payments at a minimum deposit of \$50 per ticket, with the entire cost paid **prior to October 19, 2009.**

*Checks should be made payable to  
St. Mark Catholic Church.*

Enclosed is my entire payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Enclosed is my first installment of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

For credit card orders, please complete the back of this form.

*To submit your reservation, complete this form and then mail the form to the parish office, place it in the collection basket at Mass, or drop it by the parish office.*

