

LENT

Lent began this past Wednesday, ASH WEDNESDAY. Lent is that forty-day period of time as we make ourselves ready for Easter through prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and penance. Here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel there are many ways for us to partake in this penitential season:

DAILY MASS: During the Lenten season will be at 7:00AM & 12:10. Many people make it a daily practice to go to Mass during Lent.

THE LENTEN MISSION will be offered this week, March 1st through March 3rd at 7:00PM each evening. Fr. David Engo will be the Mission Preacher.

THE RICE BOWLS are a way for each family to give of their resources to help feed the starving of the world. Last year, your support of this endeavor was tremendous. Let's do it again! The monies from these Rice Bowls will be collected on Palm Sunday at the Second Collection.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION are celebrated each Friday of Lent at 7:00PM in the Church.

FAST ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast (only one main meal should be taken) and Abstinence (no meat should be eaten). Likewise, all the Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

MOSAICO CDC invites anyone interested in information about the Earned Income Credit and Child Tax Credit to a free workshop at St. Mary's Church auditorium. Up to 30% of people who are eligible for this tax credit do not claim it! For more information about the workshop and to sign up, please call Mosaico CDC at 253-4267.

VOCATION RETREAT DAY is Saturday, March 20th, at the seminary of Our Lady of Providence. It will begin at 10AM on Saturday and conclude that afternoon at 3:30PM. This day is specifically for high school students, with a special emphasis on sophomores and juniors.

Dear Parishioners,

After a week of vacation and retreat, I am back and in full swing, as Lent has begun. I want to encourage all of you to attend our parish Lenten mission this week. My good friend, Fr. David Engo will be the mission speaker. As many of you know, he is dynamic and vibrant in his presentations. He will concentrate on "The Saving Mysteries of Holy Week." Tuesday of the Mission, he will give a talk on the Crucifixion, that many of our confirmation students have heard and know to be powerful and transforming. Please come Mon - Wed week for a truly spiritual experience.

As you can also see we are in the midst of painting the Church. It will be a bit inconvenient, but the end result should be great.

Have you made your bid yet on me?

Fr. Zinno

BUDGET SUMMARY: FEBRUARY

Week of February 1 - \$6,059.61

Week of February 8 - \$5,787.40

Week of February 15 - \$4,829.65

Week of February 22 - \$5,128.08

Fuel Collection - \$1,552.90

Monthly Maintenance - \$1,143.00

Debt Reduction February - \$6,217.00

BIISHOP HENDRICKEN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE will be held on Sunday, March 7th at 1:30PM to 4:00PM. For more information please call the Admissions Office at 739-3450.

BULLETIN PUBLISHER will be coming to our parish in March. We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their ad, and for those interested in placing a new ad, this is your opportunity. Keep in mind, our advertising sponsors make our bulletin possible.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA is, once again, sponsoring the Msgr. Thomas V. Cassidy Memorial Scholarship. This one (1) scholarship of \$2,000.00 will be given to one (1) student. This is available to an 8th grade girl entering into a Catholic High School. This scholarship is based both on Scholastic Merit and Financial Need. For an application, write to Mrs. Joanne B. Burger, Chairperson, 3 Twins Lane, North Providence, R.I. 02904. Deadline: April 17, 2004.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY MARCH 1

7:00AM Samuel & Jennie Fanara by Bequest
12:10PM Mass
7:00PM Parish Mission

TUESDAY MARCH 2

7:00AM Caroline & Louise Maturi by Estate
Angelo & Anne Mazarella, *Month's Mind*,
by Sandy & Donna Bruno
12:10PM Adeline Tortorice, Birthday Remembrance
by Ben & Carol Criscuolo
Marie A. Rocchio by Ben & Carol Criscuolo
7:00PM Parish Mission

WEDNESDAY MARCH 3

7:00AM Mass
12:10PM Irene Borges by George & Grace
Erasmus Mancini by Sandy & Donna Bruno
7:00 Parish Mission

THURSDAY MARCH 4 – St. Casimir

7:00AM Christine & Silvio Martinelli, 33rd Anniv.
by Family
12:10PM Domenic Di Mauro by Sister
5:30PM Nocturnal Adoration Mass
Joseph & Anne Russo & Deceased
Members of Russo Family by Family

FRIDAY MARCH 5 – World Day of Prayer

7:00AM Annie Cavallaro, Birthday Remembrance
by Daughters
9:00AM Ellen Lydon by Simeone Family
12:10PM Christine S. Camera by Family
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY MARCH 6

9:00AM Purgatorial Society
5:00PM Antonio & Maria Campagna & Deceased
Members of the Campagna Family
by Tom & Dot
Louise I. Campagna by Family

SUNDAY MARCH 7- Second Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Mass
9:00AM Santa & Anna Matrone by Family
10:30AM Teresa Bisbano by Family
Rose Ayres, Anniversary, by Daughters



March 1 – March 7

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Teresa Bisbano by Family
James Morley by Frank & Pat Caizzi
PILGRIM STATUE CANDLES
Marion (Reilly) Rowe by Aunt Bea

PAINTING & REPAIR OF CHURCH INTERIOR:

It will be somewhat inconvenient over the next four weeks with scaffolding here and there, but the finished product should be great. The cost to paint the Church is just about \$21,000.00 so your extra generosity to our collections will be greatly appreciated!

LENTEN MISSION will take place this week the first week of Lent, March 1, 2, 3, 2004. Fr. David Engo will be our Mission Preacher this year.

SONS OF ITALY LODGE #2289 MEETING will be held on Thursday, March 4th at 7:15PM.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY MASS will be celebrated next Thursday, March 4th at 5:30PM. The petition for the month of March is for all deceased members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society and the respect for life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. The flowers have been donated by Carmela Russo in memory of Joseph and Anna Russo and deceased members of the Russo family.

VOTIVE CANDLES DONATIONS are now \$2.00 for the small candle and \$3.00 for the large. We appreciate your support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will NOT meet on Monday, March 1st. Parents are strongly encouraged to accompany their children to the parish Lenten Mission, to be preached by Fr. David Engo, March 1, 2, 3 at 7:00PM in the Church.