

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2013

## From the Pastor's Desk

"Father I have sinned against heaven and before you." So said the prodigal son whose story we hear in this weekend's Gospel. A clear theme runs through all three readings of our liturgy: God's mercy to sinners. In the First Reading we have the beautiful words God spoke to his people, "I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you." The shame of sin and the darkness of slavery are behind them. The years of wandering in the desert are over; they have come home to the Promised Land. A new era was about to begin. They mark their homecoming by celebrating anew the feast of Passover.

This reminds us of the homecoming of the prodigal son in the Gospel. His shame also is behind him. His years of wandering are over and he returns home to a warm welcome and a great feast. A new and bright future lies ahead of him. Jesus told the parable in response to the criticism of the Pharisees that he was too lenient towards sinners. They were meant to see themselves in the older son. For the Gospel writer Luke the Pharisees are righteous Christians, for whom God's mercy to sinners is unfair and scandalous.

The Second Reading stresses how God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, not holding our faults against us. The task of the Church is to bring the benefits won by Christ to all people.

As we near Holy Week, please join our faith community here at Transfiguration in our Lenten customs: the Fish Fry sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver and our stations every Friday at 6:30 PM.

God bless you all and have a great week!

*Father Michael Tang*

### Annual Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle

Please support our **Annual Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle** every Friday from 5:00 to 9:00 PM.

Bring the family for fellowship and fun.

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

## Pastor Scholarship Fund

Transfiguration School is accepting transfer students for the spring second semester in all grades, except Pre-K. The school has a **Pastor's Scholarship Fund** for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 per child which will be awarded to transfer students on the basis of academic achievement as well as family involvement in the Transfiguration community or at local parishes that do not have a Catholic school. The school serves Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade children and welcomes students of all faiths, ethnic background and economic circumstances. The school is accredited, provides a rigorous core curriculum, and recently added fine and performing arts to its offerings. Counseling services are also available at the school. Please contact Fr. Michael Tang or Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323. 291.1136 for more details.

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday March 10

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*

*Together in Mission Commitment*

12 PM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting-*PCRm*

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Religious Ed Class

### Monday March 11

7:00 PM Bible Study-*hall*

### Tuesday March 12

9:00 AM School Penance

7:00 PM Knights Mtg.

7:30 PM Finance Council Mtg.

### Wednesday March 13

6:00 PM Line Dancing

6:00 PM Confirmation Class

6:30 PM CCL

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship

### Thursday March 14

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday March 15

5:00-9:00 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday March 16

9:00 AM-12 PM Leadership Mtg.

10:00 AM Cherrywood Club Mtg.

1:00 - 3:00 PM St. Vincent DePaul

### Sunday March 17

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*

*St. Patrick's Day*

*Catholic Relief Services Collection*

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Religious Ed Class

2:00 PM Reserve Corps of St. Michael-*church*

## School News

*Celebrating **75** Years*  
*A Legacy of Making a Difference*  
 Serving the Community Since 1937

### Congratulations!

The 8<sup>th</sup> Graders "Class of 2013" has been accepted into the following schools:

*Bishop Montgomery High School*  
*Verbum Dei High School*  
*Bishop Conaty/Our Lady of Loretto High School*  
*Immaculate Heart High School*  
*St. John Bosco High School*  
*Don Bosco Technical Institute*  
*Loyola High School*  
*Notre Dame Academy*  
*Cathedral High School*

A special thank you goes out to Ms. Barbara Starks, Ms. Kathy Allen & Ms. Andrea Raggette for their donations of paper to the school.

**Paper donation:** Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper. Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

*We pray for our parishioners every week!!*

### TRI-PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

at Holy Name of Jesus  
 Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

### Women's Retreat

Ladies, are you feeling tired, misunderstood, or too busy to catch your breath? Well, maybe it's time to get to a quiet space and spend time with yourself and the Lord. Sacred Heart Retreat House is the perfect place. If you think you'd like to join us this year for a Saturday getaway or for the entire weekend of April 5, 6 & 7, please call Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846. Mrs. Barbara Liggins, District Captain.

## SAVE THE DATES



### Transfiguration Casino Night

**APRIL 20, 2013**

7:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight

(Child care will be provided)

### Carnival

**May 31-June 1, 2013**



## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:15 p.m.	<b>March 9</b> Intention of the Associates of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	<b>March 10</b> Intention of all Parishioners Soul of Dorothy Campbell Soul of Ferdinand Leon
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>March 11</b> Soul of Vernon Stanley
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>March 15</b> Soul of Velma Moseley
<b>Saturday</b> 5:15 p.m.	<b>March 16</b> Soul of Mildred Warren
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	<b>March 17</b> Soul Matthew Naughton Intention of all Parishioners Souls of Wendell & Shelley Walters

## Readings for the week

<b>Sunday</b>	Jos 5:9-12, Ps 34:2-7, Lk 15:1-32
<b>Monday</b>	Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47
<b>Friday</b>	Wis 2:1-22, Jn 7:1-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 43:16-21, Ps 126:1-6, Jn 8:1-11

## Sacrificial Gifts

<b>Sunday, March 4, 2012</b>	<b>Sunday, March 3, 2013</b>
\$6,127.65 Sacrificial Gift	\$5,173.27 Sacrificial Gift
513.17 Building Fund	442.20 Building Fund
293.24 "We Care"	252.68 "We Care"

### Thank You

The family of Dorothy Campbell wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation for the love, prayers, support and other means of expression that have been extended to them during this time of bereavement.

### PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Stephanie Bell, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Loretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vydred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Fr. Albert Shuyaka, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whayne, and Lilla Williams.