

# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 25, 2012

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, Jesus tells us that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Of course he was talking about his impending passion and death that will yield a rich harvest.

The First Reading this weekend talks about a new covenant between God and God's people. This new covenant was brought about through the death of Jesus: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood." (Lk 22:20).

The Gospel writer John has no account of the agony in the garden in his Gospel. The nearest he gets to it is when he reports Jesus as saying, "My soul is troubled." And in the words, "Should I ask the Father to save me from this hour?" we catch an unmistakable echo of his prayer in Gethsemane (Mk 14:36).

We catch a similar echo in the Second Reading: "He learned to obey through suffering." This reading also stresses the fruitfulness of his death: Jesus became the source of everlasting life for all who love and obey him.

Many thanks, to the ladies who gave their time and talent to make the celebration so special for Lillian White.

The countdown to Holy Week is upon us! Those of you who have not had reconciliation yet this Lent are encouraged to come to our communal penance service this Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. here at Transfiguration. The two parishes of St. Bernadette and Holy Name of Jesus will join us. I know that some of you are uncomfortable talking to a priest who knows you and whom you see on a regular basis; not to worry, as we will have several priests for you to confess to. Please plan to join our faith community on this very special evening.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday as it's sometimes called; please come prepared to eagerly participate in the liturgy and wear red as a sign of union with our Lord. Have a great week and see you Tuesday evening!

## PLEASE NOTE

**TRI-PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, MARCH 25

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

10:30 – 12:00 PM Religious Education Class

2:00 PM Liturgy Team Meeting-*PCRM*

### MONDAY, MARCH 26

7:00 PM Bible Study

### TUESDAY, MARCH 27

7:30 PM Penance Service at Transfiguration

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

6:00 PM Line Dancing-*hall*

6:30 PM CCL-*SJRM*

### THURSDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, MARCH 30

9:30 AM Cesar Chavez School Program-*Church*

5:00 – 9:00 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Stations

### SATURDAY, MARCH 31

10:00 AM Cherrywood-*hall*

1:00 – 3:00 PM St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting-*hall*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 1

#### PALM SUNDAY

School Collection

10:00 AM School Family Mass

Jr. Knights Mtg. *after 10 AM Mass*

Jr. Daughters Mtg. *after 10AM Mass*

10:30 – 12:00 PM Religious Education Class

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 24

5:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

### Sunday, March 25

8:00 a.m. Int. of Jo Ann Levi

10:00 a.m. + Jackeline, Dilcia, Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

12:15 p.m. +Teresa Godinez

### Sunday, April 1

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners

10:00 a.m. +Hayzetta Patterson

12:15 p.m. Int. of Sarah Johns

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday** Jer 31:31-34, Ps 51:3-15, Jn 12:20-33

**Monday** Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday** Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday** Dn 3:14-20, Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday** Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59

**Friday** Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday** Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday** Mk 11:1-10, Ps 22:8-24, Mk 14:1-15:47

## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

### FINGERPRINTING

To comply with the Archdiocese's *Safeguard the Children Program*, "All parish/staff and volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to be fingerprinted by the Archdiocese. The next fingerprint session is Friday, March 30, 2012 at St. Agatha, 2646 So. Mansfield Ave. The hours are 12:00pm - 3:40pm and 5:20pm - 7:20pm. For an appointment please call (323)935-8127, as these time slots fill up quickly.

### VIRTUS SESSION

Transfiguration will hold a **VIRTUS** Training session **Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the hall.** Please call the Rectory to reserve a space at 323.291.1136. The class, *Protecting God's Children*, lasts 3 hours.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for **Stations of the Cross** every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

### 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FISH FRY AND RAFFLE

*Sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary.* Please support our Annual Fish Fry and Raffle every Friday from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Tell a friend and bring the family for fellowship and fun.

### WEEKLY FISH FRY WINNER

The winner for the weekly drawing was: **4<sup>th</sup> week Sonya Robertson.** Turn in your tickets early and you will have a chance to **WIN \$60 CASH.**

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the hall.

### LITURGY TEAM MEETING

The Liturgy Team will meet Sunday, **March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM** in the Peter Claver Room to plan for Holy Week.

### SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

**Sunday, March 20, 2011**

\$3,942.24 Sacrificial Gift  
343.80 Building Fund  
196.46 "We Care"

### SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

**Sunday, March 18, 2012**

\$4,655.16 Sacrificial Gift  
392.72 Building Fund  
224.41 "We Care"

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SAVE THE DATE!

Health Fair Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**PTO** is having a Social - Tuesday April 3, 2012 in the Parish Hall from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**Easter Break** – School closed Friday, April 6, 2012 to Monday, April 16, 2012. **School resumes Tuesday, April 17, 2012.**

**Transfiguration School Choir** will be visiting and attending mass with Msgr. Martini at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Friday, March 30, 2012. We have a few seats available to parishioners who would like to take the trip on a first come first serve basis. Please call the school office to reserve your seat as soon as possible.

**Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have received acceptance to the following schools:**

Notre Dame Academy – with honors

Loyola High School – with honors

Immaculate Heart High School

Verbum Dei High School

Cathedral High School

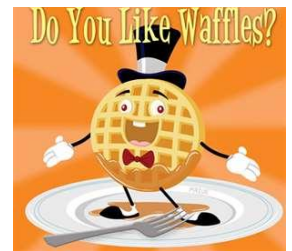
St. Mary's Academy

St. Bernard High School

Bishop Conaty – Our Lady of Loretto High School

### 8TH GRADERS BELGIAN WAFFLES BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

*Sunday, March 25, 2012  
after all masses.*



## SAVE THE DATE

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH/SCHOOL

## CARNIVAL

**MAY 25, 26 & 27, 2012**

Rides, Games, Casino, Bingo

## PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguillar, Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Stephanie Bell, Sr. Juliet Berber, Jerone Bill, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Clyde Clayton, Shirley Dieudonne, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Ellis Jones, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Yvonne Morgan, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Patricia Rhodes, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Ken Ruff, Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Curtis Tureaud, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Wayne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, Patricia Williams and Agnes Wilson.