



**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 7, 2010**

*“ I am who am ”*

**Mass Intentions**  
**FOR THE WEEK**



**MONDAY, March 8**

8:30AM - + Genevieve Kemper  
r/o Marie Healy

**TUESDAY, March 9**

8:30AM - + Sam Papa  
r/o Daughters Vinnie & Chris

**WEDNESDAY, March 10**

8:30 AM - + Special Intention  
r/o Fr. Leon

**THURSDAY, March 11**

8:30 AM - + Katherine Skorny  
r/o Daughter Helen Consalvo

**FRIDAY, March 12**

8:30 AM- + Grace Kolodnicki  
r/o Sister Theresa

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 AM Mass. Adoration immediately following Mass until 12 noon.*

**SATURDAY, March 13**

8:30 AM - + Martha Golembeski  
r/o Barbara & George Hague  
5:00 PM - + Alfred D'Ovidio  
r/o D'Ovidio Family

**SUNDAY, March 14**

8:00 AM - + Parishioners  
9:30 AM - + Rosary Society  
11:00 AM- + Edmund Brzuskiwicz  
r/o Granddaughter Renee Cote



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**First Reading: Exodus 3: 1 - 8a, 13 - 15**

Moses came upon a burning bush when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what to say should the Israelites ask him what God wishes to be called. God replied, “I am who am.”

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 6, 10 -12**

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or suffer the same downfall.

**Gospel: Luke 13: 1 - 9**

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year and to destroy it should it remain barren.

**Stations of**



**the Cross**

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Will be recited

every Friday during Lent

at 12 noon in English and

6:30 pm in Polish in the Church.

Please make an extra effort to

attend.



**Gorzkie Zale (Bitter Lamentations)** will take place after the Polish Mass on Sundays during Lent. A prayerful meditation on the Passion of our Lord in song followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST**

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:**

Catherine Barbati, Martha Burke, Wanda Czarcinski, Bernadine Hnasko, Peter Jannone, Adeline Melesurgo, Donna Rabke, Lee Sarlo, Clara Vadimsky, Helen Vanderbeek, Helen Wawrzyniak.

**HOMEBOUND:** Clementine Buono, Andy Civiletti, Alice Czado, Carmela Ciminelli, Henrietta DePass, Florence Colanduoni, Bronia Litowinski, Vicki Mitzen, John and Anna Occhipinti, Genevieve Wawrzycki.

**NOTE:** Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home/assisted living or hospitalized parishioners.

Please also notify the Parish Office when the status of a parishioner changes.

**GOD'S GIFT FOR GIVING**

*Last Sunday Our Generous Stewards of St. Mary's Parish Contributed:*

5:00 PM - \$ 1035.00	9:30AM - \$ 854.00
8:00 AM - \$ 604.00	11:00 AM - \$ 788.00
<b><u>TOTAL : \$3281.00</u></b>	

There will be a **Financial Committee Meeting** Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm. All members are asked to attend.

**St. Mary's Rosary Society** will celebrate corporate communion next Sunday, March 14, at the 9:30 am Mass. Their monthly meeting, hosted by Groups 3 and 4, will follow in the school hall.

**St. Mary's Senior Leisure Club** will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, March 14 at 1 pm in the school hall.

Wednesday, March 17--the Leisure Club will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Social at 1 pm at Russo's.

Tuesday, March 23--the Club will have their monthly bus trip to Atlantic City.

*If you would like to join the Seniors, you are welcome to attend their meetings!*

**Weekend Schedule March 13 - 14, 2010**

<u>5:00 pm Lector</u>	Joe Pizzo
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	Jim DeMaio Tony Guido Joni Kent
<u>8:00 am Lector</u>	Carol McGinnis
<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	Frank Kolodzieski
<u>9:30 am Lector</u>	Diane Urbielewicz
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	Charles Ilsley Tony Provenzano John Todaro
<u>11:00 am Lector</u>	Krzysztof Bar
<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	Mark Litwinko



**Holy Family Academy**  
**March Open House**

Holy Family Academy is holding evening Open Houses every Monday night in March from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Principal Judith Clayton will be available to give tours, answer questions and provide registration material about the school and the enhanced Preschool and Kindergarten programs for September. Welcome Wednesday Tours are also available from 9:00 - 2:00 throughout the school year. Call for an appointment (732) 356-1151.

**Fostering Awareness**  
**for People with Special Needs**

A Symposium will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway to foster awareness for people with special needs on Saturday, March 13 from 9 am to 3 pm. Parents, teachers, catechist, advocates, care givers and those with special needs are invited to attend. The fee is \$10 which includes lunch and 2 workshops. The day will close with the keynote by Tony Melendez, world famous musician, and a prayer led by Bishop Bootkoski.

For more information: [www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org) or call Pat at 732-562-1990 ext 1310. The Symposium is sponsored by the diocesan Offices for Catechesis and Respect for Life.



*Diocese of Metuchen Council of Catholic Women  
Lenten Spiritual Retreat  
Guardian Angels Church  
Market St., Edison  
Guest Speaker: Mary Morell-The Catholic Spirit  
"Moving Forward with Faith and Joy"  
Saturday, March 13, 2010  
9:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Celebration of the Eucharist after Registration  
No lunch provided - Please bring a bag lunch  
Coffee, tea, cold drinks and dessert will be served  
Cost : \$7.00  
Registration Forms are located on the back wall  
of the upstairs vestibule*

### **Immaculata High School Entrance Exam**

On Thursday, March 25 Immaculata High School, located at 240 Mountain Avenue in Somerville, will administer the Diocese of Metuchen HSPT Entrance Exam to all current 8th graders interested in applying for September 2010 admission. The exam will begin at 8:00 am. Please contact Matt Piccuto, Admissions Director, at 908-722-0200 x218 for an application and registration information. Students MUST be registered prior to the exam.

***Retreats at Xavier Center, located in Convent Station. Please call 973-290-5100 to register.***

### **Lent: A Season For Troubled Times**

Date: Saturday, March 13--Time: 9:30 am-3:00 pm

Fee: \$45; Deposit: \$15

The Season of Lent provide a a rich variety of purposes, practices and images that can help us not just to survive the difficult times in our lives, but to transcend them and let them transform us into a new creation.

### **Desert Day**

Date: Tuesday, March 16-- Time 9:30am - 3:30 pm

Spend some quiet time in a peaceful atmosphere to "get out of the fast lane and sit back in your soul"-- a short presentation at 10 am, materials provided for reflection. Lunch provided.

Fee: \$25; Deposit \$10 -Advance registration required

The Consul General of the Republic of Poland  
in New York is sponsoring  
Polish American Bridge  
Art Contest 2010  
by the Nowodworski Foundation

All students ages 10 to 17 living within the United States can participate in the "Polish-American Bridge" Art Contest 2010. Only 1 original artwork, not published before, can be submitted for the contest.

The artwork (either painting or collage) shall present an image or design expressing an idea of a "bridge" connecting the United States and Poland. It is open to the imagination of the student as to translate the meaning of the word "bridge" to an idea and how it is represented in art form.

The contest rules and entry forms are located in the front and back vestibules.

The deadline to submit artwork is March 10, 2010.

### 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal Telephone Campaign

In an effort to secure the funding which is critical to sustaining our pastoral, educational and charitable ministries, the Diocese of Metuchen is embarking on a telephone campaign for the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Calls will be made from March 1 through March 25 (excluding Sundays) to those who have not yet made a gift to the 2009 appeal. Please note that callers will not ask for your credit card information. Callers have been instructed to honor the National Do Not Call list even though, as a religious institution, we are exempt. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Very Reverend Sylvester J. Cronin, Executive Director, Stewardship & Development by phone at 732-562-2431 or by e-mail [scronin@diometuchen.org](mailto:scronin@diometuchen.org).

**Catholic Campus Ministry at Rutgers  
(The Catholic Center)**

is requesting the donation of a van that is in good working order.

It will be used to transport students to events, retreats, Sunday or holyday Masses, etc.

If you can help us, please contact Colleen at 732-545-6663 X 12. Thank You!

Complete Trust in God

Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God to whom you belong will in His love enable you to profit by them. He has guided you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to His dear hand, and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in His arms.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same Eternal Father who takes care of you today will take care of you tomorrow, and every day of your life. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unflinching strength to bear it.

Be at peace then, and put aside all useless thoughts, all vain dreads and all anxious imaginations. Amen.

- St. Francis de Sales

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Thanks to our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education Class for making the wonderful religious posters that have been hanging in the front vestibule. We also thank their instructor, Mrs Marie Matuskiewicz for allowing her class to express their feelings about their creator.



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A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.



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First Penance will take place on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 10:30 am for those children preparing to receive First Communion at St. Mary's on May 1, 2010.



A Healthy Lenten Penance

Our fasting during Lent should be combined with our daily living. Some people choose to do "tacked-on penances." Rather than looking at their daily life to find sacrifices that will have meaning, they opt for penances that are extraneous to their lives. A man might be a workaholic, but gives up chocolate for Lent. Wouldn't it be more fitting for him to "fast" from work and spend more time with his family?

Healthy penance flows from our relationships, responsibilities and religious convictions. Some examples of this type of penance are: to drive more compassionately, to be kinder to store clerks, to be honest in our dealings, to slow down, to extend forgiveness, to do a favor for a neighbor. To count our blessings.