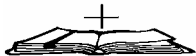


Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 24 - Lenten Weekday / Vigil -5th Sunday

9:00 AM Joseph Walsh & Family
6:00 PM Joseph B. & Florence Weiland

Sunday, March 25 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Saint Wendelin Parish
10:00 AM Bill Hesidenz

Monday, March 26 - Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 AM Charles J. Rodgers Family

Tuesday, March 27– Lenten Weekday

6:00 PM Betty Heitzer

Wednesday, March 28 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Alfred Neigh

Thursday, March 29 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Living & Deceased of Paul & Alberta Geibel Family

Friday, March 30 - Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Faithful Departed Souls

Saturday, March 31 - Lenten Weekday / Vigil - Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Special Intentions
6:00 PM Bernard J. Gallagher, Sr.

Sunday, April 1 – Palm Sunday

7:30 AM Carl C. Hesidenz
10:00 AM Saint Wendelin Parish



HAPPY LENT!?!?!

Sorrow, remorse, guilt,
repentance, confess,
reconciliation, forgiveness, penance.

One might think this is a reflection on the process of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? While this order wasn't planned, it's panned out that way. Truly these words reflect the season we celebrate. But to say we "celebrate" in the midst of such sorrow and guilt seems awkward, for to celebrate brings joyful thoughts and a possible celebration, doesn't it? This is where change must come in because this season calls us to a new sense of self, of awareness and new life. Oftentimes we reflect so much on Jesus' suffering and our need to die to self that we fail to see that our sharing in this can bring about growth. This season, as gloomy as it seems should be one then too of rejoicing! Three weeks ago on the Second Sunday of Lent when we heard of Our Lord's transfiguration on the mount, a local catholic college passed out photocopied postcards before mass. The picture on the front of the card showed a high, snow-capped mountain with the words printed across the top "Wish you were here!" For all of us Jesus' transfiguration is His alone, and while it was meant to help strengthen the apostles for Our Lord's impending death, it also calls each of us to focus on our own ability to follow the Lord, to brush aside our own desires joyfully and to celebrate the transfigured life we've been given. The gloom and the guilt of this season should really reflect the opportunity we have and our willingness to share in the resurrected new life of Christ by living out our baptism call. The opportunity we have every day to celebrate new life in ourselves should be freely accepted and even longed for. Let's ask ourselves...am I having a **Happy Lent** filled with change and new birth? Where are you then in your walk with Christ? At the top or the bottom of the hill?

"Wish you were here!"

God Bless You!

Rev. Kev



Sanctuary Candles Burn For:

Immaculate Mary Jay Stephenson
Sacred Heart Jay Stephenson
St. Joseph..... Special Intention
St. Wendelin..... Jay Stephenson

Pray for ...

Please keep in your prayers all those in need of our prayers at this time including:

Josephine Hesidenz, Vera (Sis) Geibel, Ed Welter, Neal Arnold, Sally Coyle, Colleen Collins, Ed Murray, Michelle Gould, Debbie Hudson, Lawrence Osche, Bob Mitch, Jesse Kretzer, Alice Waltman, Bernadette Geibel, Leo & Helen Rodgers Sr, Doug Krisely, Norma McCorry, Maxine Bauldoff, Lois Arnold, John Neudorfer, Jay Stephenson, John Stewart, Ed Neff, Jake Ribald, Jim Dillaman, Anna Marie McKivigan, Patty Carben, Mary O'Donnell, Debra Wick, Ken & Charlotte Ross, Barry Porter, Elizabeth Ozella, Joanne Steighner, Marie Kaufman, Cody Fend, Mary Reed, Olivia Smith, Eugene Bergbigler, Sr., J. Manculich, Barb Campbell, Debbie Selfridge, Fr. Lou Pascazi, Nadine Ball, Gary Osche, Ron Kabel, Mary Weiland, Sarah Lucas, Doris Rasch, George Bauldoff, Claire Hilderbrand, Brian Roush, Diane McDonald, Mike Smith, Kim Sutton Pete Green, and Jacob Scheidt.

If you or anyone for whom you have requested prayers have had improved health and you feel it is no longer necessary to keep them on the prayer list, please let us know.

Please pray for the men and women who are serving in the military, especially those from our parish.

Brian J. Neff
 Brian Stephenson
 Derrick Baptiste

Garrett Dietrich
 Douglass Swigart
 Jeremy Welter



Collection for March 17/18	
Offertory	\$3366.00
C.C. Human Development.....	\$406.00
NEEDED EACH WEEK	\$3,500.00

NEEDING SOME ASSISTANCE WITH YARD WORK?

The Knights of Columbus and parish volunteers would like to help! Please call Ron Hartzel at 724-282-1656 or Gary Geibel at 724-285-4437.



The choir is looking for additional singers for the pre-Easter and Easter services. As we practice for Holy Week and Easter, we need interested singers to join us on **Thursday, March 29** at 7:30 to practice. See you there !



SAY CHEESE.... PLEASE

Please take the time to come and have your family portrait taken. Receive a FREE 8 x 10 color portrait and a Complimentary Parish Directory when you sign up and have your pictures taken for our parish directory. Any Questions call 724-287-0820

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Today, March 25 - 12:00 to 6:00 Eucharist Adoration
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Monday, March 26 - 7:00 Youth sign up for World Youth Day
- Tuesday, March 27 - Parish Council Meeting
- Wednesday, March 28 - 5:30 pm Meager Meal
- 50/50 Drawing
- Friday, March 30 - 2:00 & 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Palm Sunday, April 1 - 8:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross
- Monday, April 2 - 7:00 pm Penance Service

CHINESE AUCTION BASKETS

We are starting to get some donations & Baskets ideas. Our goal is to have 50 baskets this year. Valued at \$50.00 - \$100.00 each. We even have a bicycle donated. Do you have any ideas from your group or extended family? Call Joyce Geibel 724-285-1350.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

- TODAY - RON KABEL BENEFIT DINNER Spaghetti Dinner, 12:45 to 6:00 pm at Saint Luke's Lutheran School, 330 Hannahstown Road, Cabot, PA. Suggested Donation \$5.00. Questions Call 724-283-8850. Directions: off RT. 356 turn at Stan's Lawn and Garden.
- ST. JOSEPH, North Oakland - Last Spring Card Party begins at 1:30 PM on Sunday, March 25. Donation of \$3.00 includes lunch.

LENTEN FISH FRIES Every Friday through Lent.
 St. Mary, Herman - serving 4-7 PM
 St. Fidelis, Meridian - serving 4-7 PM



ST. FIDELIS, Meridian - Support Group for those experiencing separation or divorce: Every Tuesday evening starting Mar. 13 through May 1. Registration call 724-482-2690 ext. 2. Fee \$15 includes book.



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ST. WENDELIN SCHOOL NEWS

The students will participate in the Stations of the Cross at 2:00 PM on Fridays during Lent. Please join us.

50/50 Drawing on March 28th.
 Thank you for your continued support.

REGISTRATION

Do you know someone who is looking for an alternative to public schools? Have them give us a call. Registration for Kindergarten through 8th grade for the 2007-2008 school year is now underway. For more information call the school at 724-285-4986 between 9 - 2 PM.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for 3 and 4 year olds is now being accepted for 2007-2008 school year. Call the school at 724-285-4986 for a registration form and a diocesan grant application or for more information about the program. Class size is limited.

ST. WENDELIN PTG GOOD FRIDAY FISH DINNER

11 AM to 6 PM - Serving Baked or Pan-fried fish, a variety of side-dishes, dessert and beverage.

The "Colored Fish" and donation envelope on the bulletin board were made by grades K, 1 and 2. Stop by and pick your favorite catch, place your monetary donation in the envelope and return by March 28th.



HOSANNA '07

Grades 8 - 12 come together 12:30 - 9:00 pm, April 1, at A.J. Palumbo Center. Concert, Speaker, Liturgy, Dinner, Dance, \$20.00. Call 412-456-3140 for further information. Call parish office to register.

WORLD YOUTH DAY - AUSTRALIA - JULY 15 - 20, 2008

Informational Meeting in Youth room of convent, March 26 at 7:00 pm for any interested kids and/or their parents regarding the trip to Australia for World Youth Day 2008. It will be a brief meeting to answer questions and get a count as to how many will be going. Any questions call Carol Mitch at 724-282-2268.