

April 3, 2011

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, April 10-

9:15 a.m.-Joe & Lydia Kostelnik & Patricia Steffek

Sunday, April 17(Palm Sunday)-

9:15 a.m.-Frank & Mary Matula

Good Friday Service-April 22 @ 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 24(Easter)-

9:15 a.m.-Patricia Steffek

Sunday, May 1-

9:15 a.m.-Ronnie Kanak



Stations of Cross on Fridays during Lent at 6:30 p.m.

Rosary Leaders:

April 10-Sandra Konvicka

April 17-Lucille Klekar

April 24-Dorothy Schneider

May 1-Janie Fikac

Lectors:

April 10-Dorothy Schneider

April 17-Maria Hermes

April 22-DeDe Dobbs

April 24-Daniel J. Matula

May 1-Anthony Matula

Cantors:

April 10-Pat Mladenka

April 17-Emily Schimcek

April 24-Ruth Rouse

May 1-Lucille Klekar

Extraordinary Ministers:

April 10-Leon & Nancy Etzler & Scott Sommerlatte

April 17-Billy & Bev Hrnecir & Janice Rother

April 24-Anthony & Joyce Bludau & Mary Urbish

May 1-Edward & Sandra Pustka & Vivian Mozisek

Offertory Gift Bearers:

April 10-Sharon Janak

April 17-M/M Timothy Janak & Family

April 24-M/M Roman Henke

May 1-M/M Sidney Jasek

Altar Servers:

April 10-Samuel & Simon Machicek, Joshua & Abigail
Bludau

April 17-Adam & Ryan Hermes, Erin Svetlik &
Kaitlyn Rother

April 22-Kasey Hairell, Michael Perdizak &
Luke Scherer

April 24-Eric Klekar, Jacob Janak, Ross & Clay Rother

May 1-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka & Alexius
Mizera

Church Ushers:

April 10-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek
& Richard Sommerlatte

April 17-Alois Bujnoch, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

April 24-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Charles
Grafe & Gilbert Urbish

May 1-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar
& Sidney Jasek

Church Cleaners:

April 9-Viola Konvicka, Vivian Mozisek, Joyce
Bludau & Rita Migl

April 16-Susan Janak, Lucille Bujnoch &
Betty Bujnoch

April 23-Bernice Schulte, Gerda Janak &
Marzeline Patek

April 30-Rosalie Tobola, Angeline Ulcak &
Glenda Tobola

Mass Attendance:

March 6—280 March 13—270

March 19—310 March 20—315

March 27—305

Our Gift to God:

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March 6-\$126.00		\$602.00
March 13-\$108.00		\$327.00
March 19-\$116.00		
March 20-\$150.45		\$449.00
March 27-\$200.00		\$541.00
Children's Collections:		\$57.88
Building Repair Fund:		\$760.00

From the Desk of Fr. John

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance, a season for reflection and taking stock of the patterns of sin in our lives. Lent is also a time of preparation. We journey in to the desert for forty days to face our temptations and prepare our hearts for a new way of being. Through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we ready ourselves to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.

We are now half way through Lent. Have we been preparing ourselves for Easter? If not, it is not too late to start.

Messages & Announcements

Special thanks to Doris Mixon for planting and maintaining the floral planters at church.

Silent Retreat & Day of Fasting, Saturday, April 16th @ 10a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Hallettsville. Bread & water are provided. Bring a bible & rosary. For more information, call Patty Mabry @ 293-1665 or 741-6013.

St. Michael Festival @ Veteran's Memorial Park, in Weimar, on Sunday, April 17th. Fried chicken & sausage dinner with serving beginning at 11 a.m. Auction, bingo, cake walk, country store, kiddy games, booths & music by the Czechaholics & Red Ravens (11 a.m.-9 p.m.), something for everyone's enjoyment.

Veteran's Appreciation Day, April 10, K.C. Hall, Hallettsville. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. Program and memorial service begin at 11:00 a.m. Catered meal served at 12:00 noon. Entertainment in the afternoon. All veterans, military men and women (currently serving or retired), widows, widowers, and their families are invited. There is no charge. For information, call 798-4524, 772-5788, 573-3849 or 578-0768.

Please pray for the blessing of rain!

Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society

In Memory of Rudolph J. Petru

Delores Bujnoch.....\$ 10.00

Memorials to St. Mary's Church

In Memory of Alfonse Rabel

Lillian (Carl) Haas.....\$ 15.00

In Memory of Jerome Bujnoch

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rouse Sr.....\$10.00

Jennifer E. Grahmann.....\$10.00

Roman & Miranda Henke.....\$10.00

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Grubert.....\$10.00

Carolyn & Richard Roos.....\$20.00

Harvey & Elsie Goedrich.....\$10.00

Memorials to St. Mary's Cemetery

In Memory of Mary Bujnoch

Jeanette Cobb.....\$15.00

In Memory of Jerome Bujnoch

Brian & Christine Haas & Family.....\$10.00

Franklin & Henrietta Filip.....\$10.00

Mike & Carol Bozka & Family.....\$20.00

Lawrence & Dolores Grahmann.....\$10.00

David & Kathy Bujnoch.....\$10.00

Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society

In Memory of Raymond Fojt

Anthony & Joyce Bludau.....\$20.00

In Memory of Herman Sciba

Laurence & Carol Bludau.....\$15.00

Viola M. Konvicka.....\$10.00

In Memory of Mary Bujnoch

Daniel J. Matula.....\$15.00

A.R. Kelnar.....\$15.00

Lucille Bujnoch.....\$ 5.00

Alan & Janice Rother.....\$ 5.00

Sharon Janak.....\$10.00

Marvin & Leona Hrcek.....\$10.00

Gilbert & Evelyn Mozisek.....\$10.00

Angela Hermes.....\$ 5.00

In Memory of Jerome Bujnoch

Victor & Katherine Kahanek.....\$15.00

Daniel & Monica Matula.....\$20.00

Franklin & Vivian Mozisek.....\$10.00

Alan & Janice Rother.....\$10.00

A.R. Kelnar & Brian Kelnar.....\$15.00

Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society

In Memory of Jerome Bujnoch

Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch.....	\$10.00
Stanley & Betty Bujnoch.....	\$10.00
Raymond & Helen Janak.....	\$10.00
Anton & Emma Bujnoch.....	\$10.00
August & Lucille Ulcak.....	\$10.00
Angela Hermes.....	\$ 5.00
Gilbert & Evelyn Mozisek.....	\$10.00
Al & Cindy Svetlik & Family.....	\$10.00
Viola Konvicka.....	\$10.00
Robert & Florence Sciba.....	\$ 5.00

Financial Report for February 2011

Income

Sunday Collections.....	\$2,705.75
Children's Collections.....	77.35
Hall Rental.....	<u>750.00</u>
Total Income for February.....	\$3,533.10

Expenses

Utilities.....	\$1,681.02
Health Insurance.....	849.50
Church Expenses.....	145.00
Hall Expenses.....	329.41
Priest Pension Plan.....	435.00
Salaries.....	675.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	<u>80.25</u>
Total Expenses for February.....	\$4,195.18

Balance from January.....	\$8,523.50
Income from February.....	<u>+3,533.10</u>
	\$12,056.60
Less February Expenses.....	<u>- 4,195.18</u>
Operating Balance.....	\$7,861.42

God...allotted the times of [human] existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for Him and find Him – though indeed He is not far from each one of us. For "In Him we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:24,26-28a

Making (Not Finding) Time for Lent

People of all ages struggle to find time to spend in prayer, sacrifice, and service during Lent as well as during the rest of the year, and that is exactly the problem. Trying to find time in our busy lives can be like trying to find a needle in a haystack. So perhaps it is time to consider that we may never find time for Lent until we make time for Lent. To begin the transformation from finders to makers, take a moment to consider these possibilities:

*Outside of the things that you have to do, like going to work or school, caring for children, sleeping and eating, make a comprehensive list of all the things in your life that you currently make time for. If necessary, mentally go through your week day by day and list everything that you have scheduled.

*Next, make a list of the things that you don't regularly schedule but that you spend time doing, like talking on the phone, surfing the Internet, playing golf, watching television, or reading.

If our lives are as busy as we say they are, then making time for Lent requires that we take time from somewhere else and use it for prayer, service, and repentance. We must be willing to sacrifice that most valuable of our human assets – time. Now look at the lists you made and answer this simple question: What are the things you would be willing to give up to spend more time with and for God during Lent? Liguori – Family Prayer Traditions for Lent

Daily Lenten Prayer – Today Lord I choose life, I choose Your love and the challenge to live it and share it, I choose hope, even in moments of darkness, I choose faith, accepting You as Lord and God, I choose to let go of some part of my burdens, day by day handing them over to You, I choose to take hold of Your strength and power ever more deeply in my life. May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, challenge and growth. May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with You and rising to Your new life, day by day. Amen.

Our Father..... Hail Mary..... Glory Be.....

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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Happy hope

Newspapers, television, even events in our own lives can reduce or eliminate hope. It's

important to remember to stay in touch with hope.

"Happy is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God" (Psalm 146:5). Staying in touch with hope is staying in touch with the God who promises a brighter future.

Necessary choice

Being a follower of Christ sometimes means standing apart from friends and neighbors when we would rather blend in. When the Israelites wanted to blend in with their neighbors and followers of Baal, Elijah said, "How long will you straddle the issue? If the Lord is God, follow him; if Baal, follow him" (1 Kings 18:21). The Israelites chose God. We must do the same.

"He said to them, 'Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here'" (Mark 16:6).



The perfect love waits for you

It is said that in order to attract the perfect love, we have to become the perfect lover. In fact, Easter proves that God is the perfect love. All we have to do to claim this perfect love is to become better lovers ourselves.

Be alone together.

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8).

Two people in love need to be alone together so love can grow. Make time to be alone with God every day.

Meet for frequent dinner dates. Can you get enough of your beloved by just having dinner together on Sundays? Try to make Mass more than once a week.

Reread his love letter. *"I will never*

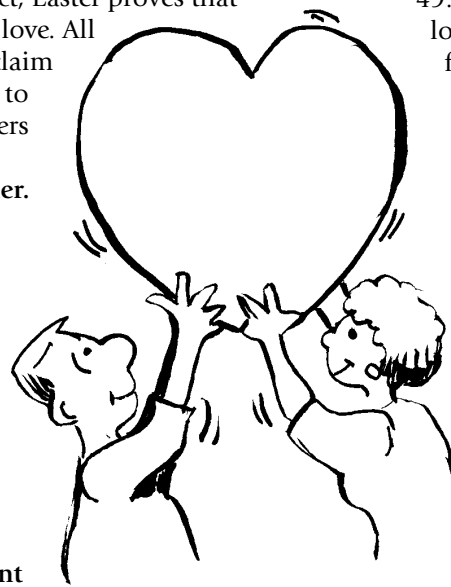
forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name" (Isaiah

49:15-16). Re-reading love letters rekindles feelings of warmth between lovers. The Bible is the longest, most passionate love letter there is. Read it to find out how God really feels about you.

Prove your love.

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal

myself to him" (John 14:21). Following his Commandments is the surest way we can show God how very much we want to be with him forever.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe in the Devil?

Jesus spoke of the Devil, calling him a murderer, a liar, and the father of lies (John 8:44). In fact, the Devil was once the angel Lucifer.

Revelation 12:3-9 tells of a great battle in which Lucifer, who opposed the will of God,

was defeated by the archangel Michael. Lucifer and his angel-followers were cast from Heaven and became known as devils or demons. The majority of the angels supported St. Michael, stayed in Heaven and remained angels.



What will you keep beyond Easter?

A benefit of Lent is that helps us to look at our lives, jettison what is bad, and keep what is good beyond the celebration of Easter. What will you keep beyond Easter?

Fasting? Skipping a meal and spending the time in prayer is a great way to prepare for an important decision or a critical task we are about to take on. It's a way of saying, "God's will be done."

Doing more with less? The simplicity of Lent reminds us of how much we have and how little



we really need. Keep going through the closets and bookshelves of your life and give away what you don't absolutely need.

Thinking of others? American Catholics have more than any Catholics in the world today. When we feel hunger or can't buy everything we want, we can think of our brothers and sisters around the world who are hungry or needy all the time. Being Catholic unites us to the one Body of Christ no matter where we are.

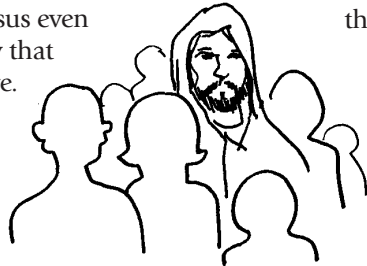
from Scripture

Luke 24:13-35, Jesus hides in plain sight

Jesus was so close to Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus, he could have tripped them. Yet neither man recognized him. Jesus even gave clues to his identity that he quoted from Scripture.

The men were too caught up in the pain and disappointment of the crucifixion. Only when he broke bread with them did they see Jesus for who he was. Then he was gone from their sight.

Both Cleopas and his friend had formed such clear ideas of what they wanted Jesus to be that they failed to see



him for who he was. They expected a warrior king and almost missed the universal savior. Aren't we like that, too? Don't we have such expectations of what we want God to be that we miss who he really is?

Christ's presence in our lives isn't revealed so much by the song of angels as the whisper of a prayer. Taking the time to be alone with God, to read Scripture, and seek him in the people around us will help us uncover Christ's presence everywhere.

Q & A Is it a sin to be angry?

Anger in itself isn't a sin, but if we're not careful, anger can lead to sin.



Actions that we take when we are angry can be sinful. We can act in anger to be hurtful, violent, or impulsive, for example. In fact, it can be hard to know the right action to take when we are angry.

"Know this, my dear brothers: everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath, for the wrath of a man does not accomplish the righteousness of God" (James 1:19-21).

There are very few Gospel accounts of Jesus getting angry. More often than not, he thought before he spoke and kept his cool. On one occasion, however, Jesus got angry when he saw people misusing the temple in Jerusalem for buying and selling instead of for worship. In that case, Jesus became angry because of the disrespect shown to his Father and to his Father's house. His anger did not prevent him from taking proper action to "accomplish the righteousness of God."

Feasts & Celebrations

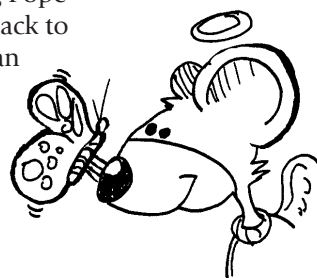
April 21 – St. Anselm (1109). A native of Italy, St. Anselm became a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of Canterbury, England. He was exiled for rebuffing the king's interference in Church matters.

April 25 - St. Mark (1st century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter's perspective. Mark accompanied Sts. Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.

April 24 – Easter. The feasts of feasts

when we commemorate Christ's Resurrection from the dead.

April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena (1380). A mystic from a young age, St. Catherine had regular conversations with Jesus. At sixteen years old, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and served the poor. Although uneducated, she dictated many books on the Catholic faith. She is credited with coaxing Pope Gregory XI back to Rome from an easy life in France. This month we celebrate the Holy Eucharist.



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