

Readings for the Weekend, March 18th & 19th
Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7

The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty, and there was no water on the desert, so Moses stuck a rock with his staff, and water flowed out for the people to drink.

Second Reading: Romans 5:2-2, 5-8

“The love of God has been poured out into our hearts.” And that love is immeasurable; “While we were still sinners Christ died for us.”

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well. She offered him water from the well, and he, in turn, offered her the living water of eternal life. As a result, she and many others came to know that Jesus is the Savior.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Marvin Barnes, Baby Ethan Bean, Michael Blake, Tim Brasher, Carol Briton, Joshua Burks, Julie Bussey, Rhonda Ciovacco, Ellie B. Clark, Darlene Cruce, Harold Dill, Lawrence Dill, Faye Nell Erwin, Mary Fadlevich, Liddie Fowler, Charles Franklin, Joe Gagliano, Noah Galloway, Paul Grefsheim, (Rev.) Albert Gunn, Brenda Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Haynes, Rachel Helms, Guy Hicks, Wanda Hight, Betty Sue Horton, Sheri Irvin, Betty Jay, Paul Johnson, Frank Jones, Joann Jordan, Mary Jo Langford, Jim Lee, Kenny Lee, Eleanor Littlefield, B.J. Long, Don Maddox, Laura Maddox, Julio Martinez, Marie McNutt, Buddy Meadows, David Meadows, Louise Meadows, Jo Melton, Mary Milko, Rose Marie Mitchell, Rick Nogosky, Taugh Payne, Gina Perkins, Charlene Plunkett, Glenda Powers, Brittney Pugh, Pete Ragusa, Vita Russo, Anita Salchert, Kim Sloan, Baby Jack Smith, Betty Spence, Mildred Stack, Wendy Stiles, Catherine Sullivan, Mildred Tidwell, Linda Towers, Mike Vines, Lena Vizzinia, Katie VonHagel, Renae Warren, Lillian White, Cheri Wolfe, Shelby Grace Wood, Gatham Wyatt and Nisa Zanaty. Please keep these, all the sick and their caregivers in your prayers. If you know of anyone who should be added to or removed from this list please contact the church office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: especially our families, friends and loved ones who are currently in active military service: Michael Miller. Please keep all of our brave men and women in your prayers. If you know of anyone who should be added to or removed from this list please contact Pegi in the Church office.

THANKS TO ALL who so generously give of their time and talents to help with the meals served after funerals. If you have brought food to the church in the past few months please check the counter in the kitchen to see if any of the dishes belong to you. Some have been there for quite a while and we would like to get them to their owners as soon as possible.

OUR SINCERE THANKS to everyone for all the prayers during her illness and all who helped and participated in the Funeral Mass and the luncheon for Annie Patchen. Your support has been a great help to us during our time of sorrow. May God bless you all for your kindness. *Betty Carroll*

WE WOULD LIKE TO express our sincere gratitude to the people of St. Patrick: to Father Bean, Sister Maura and the Legion of Mary for their many visits, to all those who helped to make the funeral a beautiful event, to the musicians and to all the parishioners who prepared the great snacks after the wake service and the delicious lunch after the funeral. Sincerely, *The Rosemary Evans Dempsey family.*

CHAIR DRIVE: If you would like to purchase a chair for the St. Joseph hall please contact the office. If you have pledged to purchase a chair please make payment to St. Patrick and turn in to the office. These payments may be put in the collection basket in an envelope marked chair purchase.

COUNCIL MEETINGS: The next Parish Council meeting will be held Monday, March 13th at 6:00pm. The next Finance Council meeting will be held Thursday March 16th at 6:30.

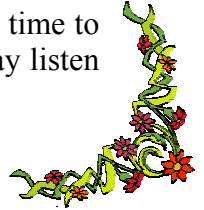


PASTOR'S CORNER

LENTEN STATIONS: Stations will be on Wednesdays after the 6pm Mass and Fridays after the 8am Mass. Making Stations of the Cross a part of your Lenten Journey will enrich your Easter Celebration.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES will be offered after Mass on Saturday and Sunday during Lent.

Second Sunday of Lent We are encouraged to listen to Jesus, the Beloved Son of God. Take time to listen in prayer. What do you hear Jesus saying to you? (Mark 9: 2-10) Let us pray that we may listen and respond generously to God's call. (Vocation View sponsored by the Serra Club)



FAITH FORMATION

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet Sunday at 9:00am in the Family Life Center. Topic: Book of Genesis.

KNIGHTLY NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10567 CELEBRATES 15TH ANNIVERSARY - Congratulations to Knights of Columbus Council 10567 as it celebrates its 15th anniversary as a Council on Friday, March 17. Sixty-two men are listed on the official charter for the Council that was sanctioned by the Supreme Council on March 17, 1991. **Louis N. Muro**, now deceased, served as **Charter Grand Knight**, and **John T. Majerik** served as the Council's **First Grand Knight**. The following are the 62 charter members of Council 10567: Benny Bakane, Charles Blanchard, Dale Blanchard, Richard Brasfield, Charles Brooks, Donald Byrd, Earl Canoles, Bryant Collins, Louis Colombo, James Crandall, Wilmer De Rouen, Jerry Frazier, Joe G. Giambrone, Joseph J. Giambrone, Phillip Giambrone, Vince Giambrone, Norman Gugliotta, Lee Gunnin, James Havlik, Michael Hobe, John Hramec, Phillip LaSusa, Joe Locascio, Denis Mackinaw, John Majerik, Tom Marks, Stephen McArdle, Mike Montabana, Tony Montabana, Edward Moody, Steven Moody, Eugene Moulin, Alex Muro, Louis J. Muro, Louis N. Muro, Ronnie Muro, Rev. Raymond Murrin, Paul O'Connor, Richard O'Neill, William O'Neill, Charles Perricotti, Charles Perryman, James Poole, Joseph Puccio, William Rollo, Pasco Rosato, Leo Russo, Don Schatzer, Frank Slovensky, Louis Slovensky, Harold Smith, John Sokira, Steve Sokira, Louis Sullivan, Ramon Tancinco, Ramon A. Tancinco, Phillip Troha, Alvin B. Von Hagel, John Wallace, Phillip Whatley, Daniel Whitaker and Floyd White.

CHOIR NOTES **MONDAY, MARCH 13TH**; Rehearsal for All voices 6:30 – 7:30 pm – Prepare Holy Week Music (only 3 practices remaining) Next week on the 20th will be for Alto & Bass voices to work on parts.



ABSOLUTE PRESENCE: The Band will set up and rehearse on Sunday, March 19th following the 10a.m. Mass (11:30am until 1pm) This rehearsal is to prepare for the Sunday Mass on March 26th. The Band will also rehearse on Sunday, March 26th following Mass while the equipment is still set up to prepare for Easter Sunday Mass. Please mark your calendar.

HEALING MASS

A HEALING MASS with Anointing of the Sick will be held on Thursday March 30th at 11:00am. If anyone would like to help organize the transportation of our Homebound Parishioners to this Mass please contact the church office.

Youth Group Scoop

SPIRIT SUNDAY! for Grades 9-12 is next Sunday, March 19, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. There's no doubt we'll continue with the Revolution Series and we'll have spaghetti for dinner!! Bring a friend and your appetite!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Zachary Brooklere and his Our Lady of Sorrows (Coach High) basketball team for earning the Sportsmanship Trophy at the 2006 Shamrock Classic here at St. Patrick February 24-28. Zach's team made it to Round 2 of the tournament and returned on Championship Night to receive the Sportsmanship Trophy! We also congratulate Holy Family on going undefeated to win the tournament. Prince of Peace (Coach Hawley) placed third and OLS (Coach Bouton) were runners-up.

MANY THANKS to all who worked at the 2006 Shamrock Classic. Whether you worked in the concession stand, the admission table, the scorer's table, or in any other capacity, you contributed to the success of the tournament, helping our wonderful parish shine to others across the diocese. Comments poured in all weekend, and after the tournament, about how well-run the tournament was, and is because of all of us working together that the event was a success. To adults and youth alike, thank you for Making A Difference!

CONGRATULATIONS to our Men's Basketball team on defeating St. Aloysius 88-87 in double overtime on Tuesday, February 28. Josh Wharton had a career-high 35 points and Ronnie Muro set a perfect screen to lead to the game-winning shot by Timmy Handley. The Men are now in third place and play their final regular season game this Monday, March 13, against Our Lady of the Valley. Please come cheer on the Irishmen! The game is at 7:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Feast of saint Patrick WE WILL CELEBRATE the feast of St. Patrick with Mass and our Annual St. Patrick Covered Dish this Friday, March 17th. We have been granted a dispensation and can have meat at the dinner. This dispensation is for this meal only and does not extend to the homes. Abstinence must be observed at all other meals on that day. We will begin our Patronal Celebration with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 6pm. Please sign up in the Narthex indicating that you will be with us, how many will be attending and which dish(s) you will bring.



ON THE WEB. DID YOU KNOW that you can get a "heads-up" about when you are scheduled as an extraordinary minister, server, gift bearer and more? This information is posted each month by our own **Catherine Barrett**. Catherine not only puts together that schedule for our parish but she is also a contributor to the Web site by posting the information dynamically on the **Ministry Schedule** (which is located under **Church Information** from the home page). So whether you're at work or out of town or home and can't find your monthly schedule, you can simply check the website and find out if you are scheduled as a minister for an upcoming Mass. These assignments are normally found under the **Current Events** section as the week-end nears.

OTHER NEWS

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers who put on sackcloth and ashes and worked diligently all day to spruce up our church, family life center, garden and grounds; you made our annual Lenten Day of Service a great success!!! The "Jewel" has been cut, trimmed, polished and shined and looks beautiful!!! Fit for our King!!! Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary for their generous contributions. This helped defray the cost of our lunch, electrical supplies, wood and stain for the benches that were replaced. Also thanks to all the people who donated cleaning supplies or materials and the flowers, trees and rocks in the garden. As our "Coach", Father Gray Bean said, "Spring training is tough, but it's worth the effort to reach our goal." God's blessings to all of you, *Phillip Troha*

SERRA Club of Birmingham On Tuesday, March 14, from 6:30 p. m. to 7:30 p. m., the Serra Club will meet as a group, at Our Lady of Sorrows in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, to pray for Vocations. The Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, at Our Lady of Sorrows, beginning with a 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by fellowship, a meal and a program. The Guest Speaker will be Dr. Bill Collins, a member of St. Paul's parish, a frequent speaker in the adult education program at the Cathedral and a professor at Samford University. Guests are welcome to attend any of these activities. **The SERRA Club**, Catholic Lay Ministers fostering and promoting vocations through prayer, awareness, affirmation and support. For more information on membership, activities and attending a function, please contact Phil Slovensky at St. Patricks or Lita Hess, V-P for Membership (991-5301). www.serraus.org

THE MARCH PRO-LIFE MASS, MARCH AND ROSARY VIGIL will be held Saturday, March 18th beginning with Mass at 8 a.m. at St. Stephen the Martyr on Southside. The Mass will be followed by a procession to the abortion clinic on Southside. All 20 decades of the Rosary will be prayed with the intention being an end to abortion.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND our St. Joseph Day luncheon Saturday March 18th 2006. Father Bean will begin with Mass at 10:00 am. Bingo will follow around 11:00. There will be a \$3.00 charge for 10 games of bingo. Please bring a covered dish. No meat please. Fish, drink and dessert will be provided. There will be bingo prizes, door prizes and other prizes. Make plans to attend. To RSVP or if you have any questions call the Church Office.

CATHOLIC CURRICULUM FAIR and Homeschool Conference March 24 & 25 at St. Louis Catholic Church in Memphis. For info contact, thebonds@highstream.net or www.blessedsacramenthomeschool.org to download brochure/registration form.

BLESSED TRINITY SHRINE RETREAT is offering "**Journey of a Celtic Heart**" with Carmel Boyle, singer/songwriter from Ireland on March 17-19. Retreat fee is \$125.00.. They are also offering a silent **Holy Week Retreat**, April 10-16, 2006. The fee for this retreat is \$330.00. Applications are in the Church office

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH will hold its Annual Spaghetti Dinner this Sunday, March 12th from 11:30am to 2:00 pm. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. There will also be a raffle with cash prizes.

RENTAL NEEDED Julie Papineau and her husband have just relocated to our area and obtain information about St. Patrick from their home Parish in Florida. They are looking to rent a 1st floor duplex in our area. If you have or know someone who has a vacant rental duplex please contact her at 428-0107 ext. 7160. She is military disabled, they have no children but they do have a house cat.



SPRINGFEST 2006



SPRINGFEST AD PROGRAM Once again we will have our Bulletin Ad Supplement as part of Springfest 2006. Would your business like to advertise in our church bulletin and support Springfest? Ads run for six weeks beginning in April and are available for a \$100 donation. For \$150, a booth sponsorship is included on Springfest Sunday and you get 2 free dinners as well. And once again our Gold Level sponsorship is available for \$200. If you need more information or you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor, contact the church office. Thanks to all our past sponsors for your support over the years.

SPRINGFEST MEETINGS: We have scheduled the rest of the meetings for Springfest. Please make a note of this on your calendar. Should anything change we will let you know. March 12th, after Mass; April 2nd, after Mass; April 23rd, after Mass. Thank you for support and cooperation.

SPRINGFEST 2006 RAFFLE TICKETS SELL SELL SELLS SPRINGFEST (Sunday, May 7) is 56 days from today, March 12. **The 10 PLUS CLUB** has 3 new members: Phil Slovensky, Leonard & Patti Watson, and Mike & Wanda Montabano, who sold 10 or more books of tickets before/by March 17 and they will receive **ONE FREE** Book of Tickets. 10 PLUS members joining after March 17 thru April 30 will receive 2 Saint Patrick coffee mugs. Friday, March 17, the day of the St. Patrick's Dinner and the drawing for the 50/50 winners, is only 5 days from today. **The 20 PLUS CLUB** has its second new members, Clay & Pat Reece, who will receive One Free Parking Pass for the day of SPRINGFEST **AND** their name will be entered into a separate drawing for a **WEEKEND At The BEACH !!** There is still plenty of time for you, too, to sell 20 or more Books of Tickets before/by April 30. So, **SELL, SELL, SELL** and become a winner. Remember, Tickets can be sold as One Book of 12 for \$10.00, 6 Tickets for \$5.00, or Single Tickets for \$1.00 each. Please turn in your money and ticket stubs to **Gaeton Conte**, Raffle Ticket Chairperson, at Weekend Masses or when you see him during the week, or to one of his volunteer helpers on the weekend. If you drop them into the collection basket at Mass, we will retrieve them on Monday. Father Bean: Did you sell any more books of tickets this week?

WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE YARD SALE ITEMS for Bargain Basement! We are very low on the usual amount of donations and would be very grateful if you would look around your house, basement, etc. and donate unwanted items to SPRINGFEST. We cannot take clothing, shoes, or items in need of repair. Thanks for doing a little bit of Spring cleaning and bringing those items you no longer use to Church. Any questions, call the church office.

SHAMROCK SALES: If anyone has arts or crafts to donate for Springfest 2006 we would greatly appreciate any contribution. We will return any unsold items provided your name and contact information are on the item(s). For more information call the church office.

CALLING ALL COOKS! If you can and would like to help with the preparation of food for Springfest please contact Bobbie Smith, Sandy VonHagel or the church office.

