

Lent

March 9, 2008
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Readings

Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45 or 1:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Do we dare face the pain of Christ? Do we dare believe something is going to be accomplished by pain—his or ours?

Today's readings couldn't focus more around a single life-and-death point. Ezekiel is told to prophesy to a people who have given up. Their hope is gone. They are sent a prophet who announces that the Lord will open up graves and bring up the dead.

Let us be very careful here, because familiarity with this theme can dull the message. If a people have lost hope, if they feel cut off from God, what should you tell them? If new life is something that cannot be delivered, it is the most treacherous thing possible to raise their hopes.

Saint Paul's audience is pushed to the limit. These Christian Romans have been challenged to stake their lives, their inner spirit, any human sort of peace they could hope for, to follow a Lord different from the lord those around them follow. They are asked to reject the empire's lord, Caesar, to follow Christ. That could get them killed. Paul promises they can expect what Jesus got—death and resurrection. The Spirit of him who raised Jesus is in *them*.

When called to help Lazarus, Jesus seems to delay, to show up late. In Judea, he himself is walking into danger. At the tomb, Jesus asks others to do a lot. Show me where he is. Move that stone. Do you want to see God's hand now? Then Jesus screams, *Lazarus, come out!* And Lazarus does. Others are told to unbind him. With all the activity, all the directions to others, Jesus does one thing no one else can do. He calls Lazarus to life. And Lazarus lives again.

Jesus is greatly disturbed at Lazarus' tomb. He and we face something deep and serious.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you (Romans 8:11).

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SCHOOL NEWS

St. Timothy School proudly presents, "An Evening with the Arts" on Tuesday, March 11th. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the 8th grade Silent Art Auction of ceramic items and 4th grade Birdhouses Raffle. The 8th grade production of "Cinderella" will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium, followed by the 6th and 7th graders' musical performances of, "A Better You, A Better Me." Also, art work from each student will be displayed in the lower hallway during this evening. The Silent Auction will end 20 minutes after the performances. Everyone is invited!

St. Timothy School is planning a Career Day for the 5th-8th grade students on Friday, April 18th, from 12:30-2:50 p.m. We would like to invite members of the St. Timothy community to help make this event a success. If you are currently employed or retired and would be willing to share your career with our students, we would greatly appreciate it. For more information, please stop in the School Office or you can contact the school at 457-0362 or via e-mail at ljordan@cducation.org.

DRY CLEANING FUND RAISER:

The Dry Cleaning Station, located at 1045 Bethel Road, has agreed to donate 5% of all St. Timothy dry cleaning sales back to St. Timothy School. The only requirement is that St. Timothy parents and parishioners need to mention when they drop off their dry cleaning that they are from St. Timothy Parish. The donations from now until May will be applied towards our 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Please consider dropping off your dry cleaning at the Dry Cleaning Station to help support St. Timothy School and our 8th grade class.



CAFETERIA WORKERS

Mon., 3/10	Connor, Jeffrey, Steller, Connors
Tues., 3/11	Competti, Fabro, Novak, Parker
Wed., 3/12	Ruppersburg, Sanese, Weber
Thurs., 3/13	Colbert, Frissora, Kirkpatrick, Weaver
Fri., 3/14	Benjamin, L Francescon, Padgett

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL LIFE



DON'T FORGET TO FILL YOUR BABY BOTTLES!

How does Pregnancy Decision Health Center use your spare change? They provide free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, physician consultations, info about fetal development and pregnancy, maternity clothes and baby items and a 24-hour hotline. Thank you for helping PDHC defend life. Turn-in day for the bottles is March 15/16.



Bible Study Group

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us for Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9:00 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

CRISIS PREGNANCY Hotline

Call (614) 444-4411.

Birthright Crisis Hotline

Call 1-800-550-4900.

AROUND TOWN

LIFE SAVING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Suicide Prevention Hotline.

If you are a good listener, and are willing to learn, we can train you to help suicidal individuals find the hope to go on. Our free training begins on March 26th. The six-month commitment is for six hours per week on the crisis line, from June through November. For more information, call Mary at 299-6600, ext. 2073.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 10

9:00 a.m. Bill Wonn

Tuesday, March 11

9:00 a.m. Betty Little

Wednesday, March 12

9:00 a.m. Florence Egli

Thursday, March 13

9:00 a.m. Mary Ann Whitacre (Anniv.)

Friday, March 14

9:00 a.m. France Myers

Saturday, March 15

5:00 p.m. Robert Price

Sunday, March 16

8:00 a.m. St. Timothy Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Leo McCann

12:00 p.m. Arthur Thompson

VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH

Altar Care	Anita Canary and Helen Honeck
Linens	Lucy Hickey
Collection Counters	Alice Colbert and Linda Carnevale

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 16

MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Saturday	Virginia Leidheiser, Carl Connor, Mary K. Rainey	Mike Cianflona, Garrett Lind, Tom Cianflona
8:00 a.m. Sunday	Jack & Laurie Jenny, Kitty Quinn	Remy Powell, Spencer Powell
10:00 a.m. Sunday	Tony & Annette Kanakkanatt, Pam Grady, Diane Hobson, Dawn Ellis	Stevyn Spees, Bryce Spees, Charles Cooper
12:00 p.m. Sunday	Rick & Colleen Ziemba, Frank Furno	Joe Neary, Jackie Hobson, Megan Neary

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 10 K of C Meeting – MPR Home & School Meeting – Library	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 11 Bible Study Group – MPR School – <i>Cinderella</i> Performance and Art Show – Parish Center and Cafeteria	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 12 Lenten Penance Service – Church Folk Group Rehearsal – Music Room Choir Rehearsal – Music Room	7:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 13 Ladies Euchre – Cafeteria RCIA – MPR	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 14 Stations of the Cross – Church	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 16 Ladies Prayer Group – MPR	7:00 p.m.

Last week's collection was \$16,396.00.

Please pick up from the coatroom anything, such as dishes, pans, high chair, booster seats, that was brought to the spaghetti dinner.

St. Vincent de Paul

Bathroom Towels – St. Timothy's St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting new and gently-used bath towels and washcloths during Lent for the SVDP Distribution Center, located at 578 E. Main Street. Please place contributions in boxes marked SVDP located in the coatroom.

From the Pastor's Desk

There is no pleasant way to impart unpleasant news. With some regret, Bishop Campbell recently accepted my resignation as pastor of St. Timothy Parish, effective in mid-July. My resigning implies no criticism of the parish – how could it? If I thought I should be pastor anywhere, I could not imagine a warmer, more supportive parish to shepherd. For many months, though, I have been conscious of not fulfilling my responsibilities as pastor adequately. At first I thought that maybe I was just not energetic enough to cope well with so active a parish. I finally realized that, however much I may enjoy being a priest, pastoring is beyond me. I am profoundly grateful for all the help everyone has given me here and I am sincerely sorry for the disappointment this news will cause some of you. The silver lining is that there will be a long line of applicants for the parish and your new pastor will be a champion.

This Wednesday, March 12th, at 7:00 p.m., the parish will celebrate its Lenten penance service. Several visiting priests will assist us in receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. Please plan to participate in the parish Lenten service this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP

The following upcoming Youth Ministry Events will take place in the Lower Level of the St. Andrew Bryce Eck Activity Center (3880 Reed Road):
Sunday, March 9, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 30, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The following will take place in the Multipurpose Room:
Tuesday, March 18, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 1, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.



Diocesan Walking Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 21: All high school youth and their families are invited to come to this powerful event beginning at 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral with a prayer service led by Bishop Campbell, followed by a four-mile walk around downtown Columbus as we reflect on the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord. The St. Andrew and St. Timothy Youth Group will be leading the reflection for Station 13.

Save the Dates:

July 13-17, Helping Hands in Portsmouth Work Camp (HIP Camp): Sponsored by St. Mary of the Annunciation Church and St. Mary's Youth Group in Portsmouth, OH, this work camp helps to improve the lives of those who live in Scioto County through various projects such as building wheelchair ramps, painting and landscaping. Beside service to the community, the camp will also provide prayer, recreation and fellowship to allow young people to grow in faith. HIP Camp is open to students entering 9th-12th grade for the 2008-2009 school year.

Wednesday, June 25, Youth Group Outing to Cedar Point.

If you are interested in coming to any of the above events or have a questions about youth ministry, please contact Chris Valentine in the Parish Office or e-mail him at youthsttim@rrohio.com.



ST. TIMOTHY EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop on over to the egg hunt on Saturday, March 22nd, at 10:00 a.m., on the Green. Open to all parishioners from age 0 through 5th grade. Bring a basket and sharp eyes. Rain, snow or shine!!



Grand Victoria Casino Trip

The Vintage Club is sponsoring a trip to the Grand Victoria Casino on Tuesday, April 22nd. The bus loads at St. Timothy at 7:30 a.m. and departs from the casino at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Please send remittance to: Joe Brembeck, 4467 McCullough Lane, Hilliard, OH 43026. Phone Joe at 876-0007 for more information. **Special Important notice: This trip is open to everyone regardless of age!**