

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

JANUARY 24, 2010

In the synagogue, Jesus stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah ... and found the passage where it was written. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

The First Great Prophet

The eminent anthropologist Margaret Mead was once asked what she regarded as the earliest sign of civilization. Was it an ax-blade, an arrowhead, a fishhook or something more sophisticated, such as a musical instrument or a ceramic bowl? Her answer surprised her questioner. "A healed human femur." Not something made by a human, but something human; not an artifact, but a part of someone who once lived and walked this earth, who was hurt but healed. Doctor Mead explained that when the law of the survival of the fittest reigns, a broken leg means certain death - when you cannot make it on your own, you are doomed. But a healed leg bone is physical evidence that *someone cares*. Someone gathered food for that injured person until their leg was healed; someone cared for them until they could once again care for themselves. The first sign of civilization was compassion.

Whoever first set that bone and cared for that woman or man so the bone could heal was the first great prophet of compassion. Jesus begins his own public ministry of compassion by invoking the vision of the prophet Isaiah. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the depressed go free, to proclaim the Lord's favor." In the Father's Son, Isaiah's vision of a world transformed and reconciled in God's peace and justice is fulfilled in God's Christ. God re-creates us and our world in the light of grace and the spirit of compassion. In baptism, we take on the work of "fulfilling" Isaiah's vision of healing, justice and compassion in our own "civilizations."



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 24 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Vito Donofrio

Monday, January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul

5:15 PM Anna Klocek

Tuesday, January 26 - St. Timothy and St. Titus

8:00 AM For Those Who Died Because of War

Wednesday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici

5:15 PM All Souls

Thursday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00 AM Deceased Parishioner of St. Clement

Friday, January 29 - Weekday

5:15 PM Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Cleveland

Saturday, January 30 - Weekday

8:00 AM For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

5:15 PM John & Anna McGinness

Pray for the Deceased

Mary Trayte, wife of Herbert Trayte

William G. Smiley, father of Tari Rivera

We extend our deepest sympathy to Fathers Weigand and Klein, staff members, the parish family of St. James Church, and the family of Barbara Zubricky who died suddenly this past week. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time. Barb was the parish secretary at St. James Church.

From the Music Director

If anyone is interested in joining the 11:00 AM choir, please contact James Flood at (216) 224-8578.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 22: 3-16; Mk 16: 15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tim 1: 1-8; Mk 3: 31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7: 4-17 Mk 4: 1- 20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7: 18-19, 24-29; Mk 4: 21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11: 1-4, 5-10, 13-17; Mk 4: 26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12: 1-7, 10-17; Mk 4: 35-41

Sunday: Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12: 31 - 13: 13;
Lk 4: 21-30

Coffee & Donuts

Join us for coffee, donuts and conversation after the 9AM and 11AM Sunday Masses.

Thank You, Volunteers!

Thank you to the Decorating Committee and the following volunteers who helped take down the Christmas decorations that beautified our church this Christmas season: Carm Kelly, Frank Smith, Karen Hruska, Dorothy Abel, Lindsey Tehorik, Ann Staib, Jerome Hansinger, Ed Grauel, Steve Grauel, Tommy Grauel, Joanne Klocek, Richard Dutro, Joe Saccany, Kim Elder, Rachel Elder, Janet McMaster, Jeanne McMaster, Rosalie DeBlase, Sue Battiato, and Pat Fernberg.

Poor Clares' Prayer Line

Do you need prayer today? Are your loved ones, co-workers or neighbors in need of God's loving guidance? Call Poor Clares' Prayer line at 261-0783.

Come Visit Lakewood Catholic Academy

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 31st, and we cordially invite all parishioners to visit the school at one of our two Open House opportunities. The first is set for Sunday, January 31st from 11 AM - 2 pm. Come after Mass, tour the school, and meet current LCA parents over coffee and pastries. This date also represents the beginning of open registration for Fall 2010. The second Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd from 9 AM - 11 AM. Classes will be in session, our parent ambassadors will again be on hand to share their LCA experience, and registration packets will be available. For those unable to attend Open House, Director of Admissions, Paul Nickels, can provide individual tours of the school. Call 521-0559, ext. 3028 for more information.

Senior Clementines & Friends

All older adults are invited to join the Senior Clementines and Friends on Thursday, February 11th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM in St. Clement Church Hall. Our speaker this month will be Celia Dorsch, Coordinator of the Help to Other Youth Volunteer Program sponsored by the City of Lakewood. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and refreshments. If this will be your first meeting, call Mel Schneider at 226-1798.

Senior Clementines & Friends Need Your Help

Our group receives money once a month to pay for our speakers and entertainment from the coffee and doughnut sale. We are requesting volunteers to sign up to work one hour on the 3rd Sunday, otherwise we will lose this valuable revenue. We can work out a suitable schedule for volunteers. To sign up, or if you have any questions, please call Carol Speer at 228-0164.

2009 Contribution Statements

For those parishioners who have requested their 2009 contribution statements, you may pick them up at the rectory Monday thru Friday during regular office hours. They will also be available on Sunday morning from 10AM - 12:30 PM.

Finance Corner:

Collection for weekend of January 17 - \$ 8,002.17

Envelopes used - 192

Collection for Haitian Relief - \$2,306.25

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish. We thank you, also, for your generous donation for the people of Haiti. All donations will go to Catholic Relief Services.

Memorial Mass - Fr. Clem Metzger, S.J.

Fr. Clem Metzger, S.J., former Director of the Jesuit Retreat House, teacher at St. Ignatius and Walsh Jesuit High Schools, and popular homilist at local parishes, passed away peacefully on the evening of December 16, 2009. A Memorial Mass for Fr. Clem will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 6750 State Rd., (Parma) on Sunday, January 24th at 3 PM. All are invited to attend and honor the memory of this wonderful priest, teacher and spiritual director who has touched so many lives.

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Teresa Craighead, Alice Berton
Corbin Darroch, Amy Babis,
Susan Butler, Cecelia Brown



Catholic Charities - 2010

You should have received a letter from Bishop Lennon regarding your 2010 Catholic Charities Appeal. It is requested that you complete the form and mail it as soon as possible.

Volunteers Needed!

Members of the Liturgy Committee will be cleaning the pews of the church on Saturday, January 30th, starting at 9 AM. We need men, women, boys and girls to help share their time to make our church shine! Please bring a pail and cleaning cloths if you can help. We hope to see you on the 30th!

WorldWide Marriage Encounter

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." When we hear about ways to enrich our marriage, do we harden our heart so that we do not have to listen? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are February 12-14, April 18-18, 2010. Dates fill fast, early registration is recommended. For more information about the weekend, or to register, call Ken and Rose Breen at 440-899-9002, or check it out on the web at www.wwme.org.

Jesuit Retreat House – 2010 Programs

Pre-Cana Program: Preparation for Marriage,

12:45 PM - 8 PM, \$75/couple - Feb. 7, March 7,

April 11, May 2

Pre-Baptism Class: Receive certification from the Diocese, 7 - 8:15 PM, \$20 February 23

For further information, or to register call 440-884-9300.