



March 2011

## The Preacher's Corner:

We are about to enter the season of Lent. Lent is a season of fasting, soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism and when the faithful rededicated themselves.

By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the day before Easter. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days, because Sundays are a Feast day and commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord. This year Lent begins on 9 March 2011.

We are currently in a season of soul-searching, a season for reflection and taking stock. The church survey committee concluded the preparation of a survey aimed to find a priest who will lead us to the future. Most of us have responded to it and for that I give you thanks. Your participation is essential for the future continuance of our congregation.

The Diocese is also in a season of soul-searching and reflection. The Search Committee is preparing to survey and visit all the congregations of the Diocese to developing a profile that will prepare us to select a Diocesan Bishop that will lead us to a better and brighter tomorrow. As soon as we have the day of the visit it will be announced.

I call to you, in this season of prayer and fasting, in this season of soul-searching and repentance, to seek the Lord's face, His wisdom, His guidance and His blessing on our endeavors to do His will for this congregation and the Diocese.

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#### Our Staff:

**Rector:** Rev. Vicente C. Santiago

**Organist:** Dolly Lopresti

**Bell Choir:** Annis Rogers

**Treasurer:** Larry Shaffer

**Secretary:** Joanne McKinley

**Sexton:** Nikki Forsythe

#### The Vestry:

Senior Warden: Pam Hysong

Junior Warden: Todd Wagner

#### 2011

Amy Whitlow

Larry Shaffer

Dolly Lopresti

Kitty Batrus

#### 2012

Greg Lilly

Todd Wagner

Lucie Whittle

Lorraine Zitnay

#### 2013

Richard Burkert

Cynthia Greig

Jack Herbein

Pam Hysong

*Please remember*

*St. Mark's Church in your will.*



## **LENTEN LUNCH MENU**

**11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Price \$7.00**

**March 16, 2011**

**Meatloaf, parsley potatoes, beverage, salad, and dessert**

**March 23, 2011**

**Lasagna, beverage, tossed salad, garlic bread, and dessert**

**March 30, 2011**

**Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, beverage, salad, and dessert**

**April 6, 2011**

**Ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, beverage, salad, and dessert**

**April 13, 2011**

**Chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, beverage, salad, and dessert**

**\*If you would like vegetarian lasagna, please let us know by March 16<sup>th</sup>. You can either call at 535-6797 or tell us on the 16<sup>th</sup>.**



## ASH WEDNESDAY

The Liturgy for Ash Wednesday will be offered on  
March 16th at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm

There will be no Pancake Dinner for Shrove Tuesday .

The “Farewell To Alleluia” will be held on Sunday, March 6th.



## Daffodil Sunday

Daffodil Sunday will be held on March 21st. We  
will be taking orders from

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Whitlow.

Order forms will be available next weekend.



### ***FUEL & SNOW REMOVAL***

Everyone is encouraged to donate a few dollars on the first Sunday of the month to help defray Heating Costs and Snow Removal.

The harsh winter along with increased fuel costs has placed a severe toll on our 2011 Budget.

### ***Rwandan Orphan***

All families of the church are encouraged to donate \$1.00 on the third Sunday of each month (March 20th) for our Rwandan orphan, Chantal. Please be sure to mark your donation separately for Chantal.

### ***Pastoral Care***

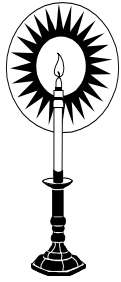
All families of the church are encouraged to donate one dollar on the fourth Sunday of each month (March 27th) for our Pastoral Care. Please be sure to mark your donation separately for Pastoral Care.

### ***FINANCE MEETING***

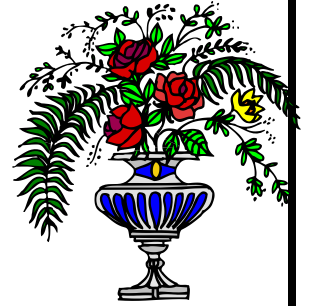
Tuesday March 16th  
5:00 pm

### ***VESTRY MEETING***

Sunday March 20th  
After the 10:00 am Service



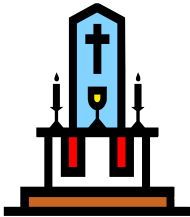
## **2011 Weekly Altar Flowers & Monthly Altar Candles**



Donation price is \$30 a Sunday for flowers and \$8 a month for candles. Please contact Joanne in the Parish Office or Doris Horner with your requests.

### **We have openings for the following:**

3/13 (1), 3/20 (1), 4/3((2), 4/10(1), 5/15(1), 5/22(1), 5/29(2), 6/5 (1),  
6/12(1), 6/19(2),6/26(2), 7/3(1), 7/17(1), 7/24(1), 7/31(2), 8/7(1), 8/14(1),  
8/28(1), 9/11 (1), 9/18(1), 9/25(2), 10/9(1), 10/16(2),10/23(2), 10/30(2),  
11/13(1), 12/4(2). 12/11(1), 12/18(2).



## **ALTAR GUILD NEWS**

I will be away during the month of March, and once again, Amy Whitlow will graciously step in to take care of the Altar Guild during my absence.

Bill and I will be back in time for Holy Week.

I can count on all of you to help Amy in my absence.

*Thank you for all you do!*  
*Doris Horner*

**Remember Today In Your Prayers:**

Kevin Boyden, Deneen Brant, John Fry, Jolene Watt, Joan Berresford, and Bill Eidenire.

**Family and Friends Serving Our Country:**

Jason Medsger, Clint Cable, Bill Pulliam, Justin Erdley, Chad McLaren, Michael Custer, Jeff Bright, Dan Kell, Valerie Hantke, Ryan Bracken, and Gary Hogman.

**Please Continue To Remember In Your Personal Prayers:** Richard Burkert, Dorothy Veale, Marvin Ripple, Eugene Davis, Lois Bender, Liz & Don Hysong, Joy Brehm, Cindy Leap, Jack & Carroll Green, Angie & Jack Herbein, Ed & Marjorie Ajay, Gloria Coulson, Betty McGrath, Jack Lorence, Louis Hoffer, Eugene Davis, Jim Hargreaves, Sue Kelly, Ethel Arthur, Hassell & Polly Sledd, Maggie Lesosky, Stanley Gimza, Vivian Marple, Bernice Ketterer, Bill Berresford, Phyllis Miller, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladden, Catherine Woods, Joy Howard, Dave Maxwell, Linda Russell, Barb Gatto, Msgr. Orbanek, Jeff Gates, Chris Marlowe, Ted Thiele, Barbara Mileto, Hal Trevenen, Connie Derzack, Carole Caroff, Tim Whitford, Bob Armstrong, Mary Beth Rauch, Natalie Neff, Keith Barkley, Kelly Plowchin, Bridget Shero, Florence Gunnlaugson, and Peter Keitsock, Carol Vindish, Jeff Nelson.



***SPECIAL THANKS***

***A very special "thank you" to Brett Stahl and his Family for taking time from their busy schedule at Standard Solutions to help with the Pew Candles.***

***Brett and his family donated their time and labor to install the Pew Brackets to hold the beautiful Pew Candles.***

***The beauty of the pew candles illuminating the church on Christmas Eve was both breath taking and serene.***

***God Bless You+***



*Happy March Anniversary!*

*Elizabeth & Don Hysong  
March 26, 1951*

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY!



NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
<i>Allison Kelly</i>	4	<i>Lauren Burkert Lazzari</i>	17
<i>Jack &amp; Cooper Lorence</i>	11	<i>St. Patrick</i>	17
<i>Ian Mulligan</i>	11	<i>Andrew Mulligan</i>	23
<i>Katherine Williamson</i>	12	<i>Mason Anthony Naugle</i>	25
<i>Blanche Brant</i>	13	<i>Don Bender</i>	26
<i>Trevor Buchan</i>	16	<i>Doris Horner</i>	28
<i>Gregory Schillinger</i>	16		

## **LENTEN LUNCHESES**

**Are in full swing**

**March 16th**

**March 23rd**

**March 30th**

**April 6th**

**April 13th**

**We could sure use your help!**

**We need volunteers for the following**

**Servers**

**Coffee Makers**

**Clean up**

**Greeters**

**We need volunteers for the following**

**Baking cakes,  
making salads  
jello**

**If everyone pitches in one Wednesday, it will make a big difference!**

**New faces are always welcome**



## St. Mark's Breakfast Club

Don't forget, join us at our Breakfast Club on March 6th at 8:30 am.

So what is breakfast club? A small breakfast with a speaker, usually someone involved in Christian Ministry in one way or another.

What does it cost? Nothing, It is free, but donations are always accepted to cover the food.

And a donation may be taken to help support the speakers ministry.

Why 8:30? So those from early service can join us as well as those involved in Choir.

Our guest speaker for March is our own, Julie Follansbee.

## Soup & Study

Most Wednesdays at the home of John & Annis Rogers

6 – 8 pm

Join us for an evening of delicious homemade soup or other light fare and lively discussion in our home. We usually read one chapter each week and meet to talk about what we've read. We take turns providing a simple meal.

Contact Annis Rogers 539 – 2295

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