

Mass Intentions for the week



SUNDAY - MARCH 16 - PALM SUNDAY

6:00p (SAT) - Amy Zlokas (Dave, Kate, Phil and Dan)
 8:00 -- Living Benefactors/SVdP (St. Vinc de Paul Soc)
 11:00 -- Josephine Terrick - Birth (Devey & Koehler Fam)

MONDAY - MARCH 17 - HOLY WEEK MONDAY

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - MARCH 18 - HOLY WEEK TUESDAY

6:45 -- Jean Howard (M/M Terrence Howard & Family)

WED. - MARCH 19 - HOLY WEEK WEDNESDAY

(11:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity and Stations of the Cross)
 7:00p -- PENANCE SERVICE

THURSDAY - MARCH 19 - HOLY THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. -- Morning Prayers
 7:00 p.m. -- Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes
 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. -- ADORATION IN CHURCH

FRIDAY - MARCH 21 - GOOD FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. -- Morning Prayers
 2:00 p.m. -- Stations of the Cross
 3:00 p.m. -- Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion
 8:00 p.m. -- Tenebrae Service

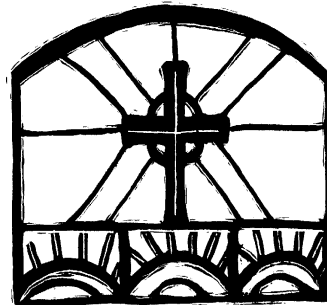
SATURDAY - MARCH 22 - EASTER VIGIL

8:00 a.m. -- Morning Prayers
 12:00 p.m. -- Blessing of Easter Food
 8:30 p.m. -- EASTER VIGIL LITURGY
 Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes

SUNDAY - MARCH 23 - EASTER SUNDAY

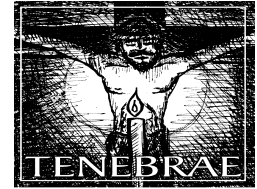
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**EPHESIANS IV — PRAYER & PRAISE
 ON MONDAYS AT 7:30 PM IN CHURCH
 EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOME**



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TENEBRAE

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EASTER VIGIL

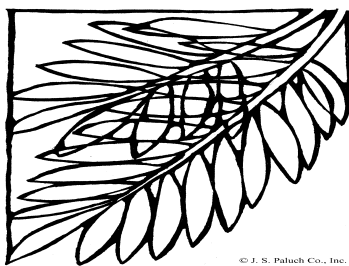
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

March 9, 2008

\$ 2,949.00	-- Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 451.00	-- Parish Share Program Contribution
PSP Assessment-2008.....	\$ 25,486.00
Amount Paid.....	\$ 3,588.00
Weekly Budget Expenses.....	\$ 4,390.00
Monthly School Subsidy.....	\$ 6,167.00
Equitable Gas Bill.....	\$ 2,759.00

—YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS PRAYERFULLY APPRECIATED—
 REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

*EASTER VACATION FOR THE ST. AGNES SCHOOL
 BEGINS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH AND CLASSES
 WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH.
 Our Calendar Party will be held on April 6th.*



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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Our Lenten journey of conversion today reaches the holy city of Jerusalem. We have traveled with the Lord into the desert of temptation, seen Him in transfigured glory, listened in on His conversation with the woman at the well, watched in amazement as He cured the man who had been born blind and called others to conversion, and were awestruck when He raised Lazarus from the dead. Now we travel with Him through the gates of the city in which He will be betrayed, arrested, tried, tortured, and suffer capital punishment.

Let today's readings reach into the depths of our minds and hearts. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us to accept the crosses that we encounter in life and to unite those crosses with the cross of Christ.

Month of April is Scouting for Food Month

Bishop David Zubik is serving as Honorary Chairman for the 2008 Scouting for Food Campaign. This wonderful project began in 1987 with *Pittsburgh Council, Boy Scouting of American*, in partnership with the *United Way*, and recognizes the need to supplement the County food banks. We will help by collecting non-perishable goods for the Campaign on the weekends during the month of April. **Your canned goods can be brought to the church and placed in boxes which will be located and available in the vestibule.**

PALM**Holy Week Highlights — Please Take Note**

PALM SUNDAY - The blessed palms you received today are a Sacramental and are a reminder that we are **followers of Jesus Christ**. Place the palm in a prominent place at home, like behind a crucifix, as a year-long reminder. And as we participated in **reading the Passion** today, may it be a week-long and a year-long **reminder** of what our **Divine Lord had to suffer for our sins**.

WEDNESDAY PENANCE SERVICE - The *Penance Service* will begin at **7:00 p.m.** **Father Richard Jones** will be the presider with a **number of priests** being available for **individual confessions**. —An opportunity to fulfill your Easter obligation of penance.

HOLY THURSDAY - There is a **Mass of Chrism** at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Cathedral** in Oakland to which all Catholics are invited. It is a beautiful experience. **Priests** of the Diocese join the **Bishop in renewing their priestly commitment**. The **Holy Oils** (Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick, and Chrism) which are used in the various Sacraments, are **blessed by the Bishop and brought back to the parishes**. The Sacred Oils will be carried in procession for the 7:00 p.m. evening Mass.

Here in our parish, **MORNING PRAYERS** will be at **8:00 a.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday**. We will offer the **evening Mass of the Lord on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** The **Washing of Feet** will take place immediately after the homily. The **collection** taken up at this Mass will become **part of our Rice Bowl offering** for the **needy and hungry**. After Mass there is an opportunity for **adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 p.m.** — Or you can join a parish group who will make a **Seven-Church Bus Pilgrimage**. Please **sign up** for either of these on the **posters** in the **church vestibule**, or call **Irene Slezak** to sign up for the **Bus Pilgrimage** at **412-461-6388**.



GOOD FRIDAY - There will be **Stations of the Cross** at **2:00 p.m.** with a homily—then an opportunity for **private meditation**. At **3:00 p.m.**, we will conduct our **Good Friday Liturgy**, which includes reading the **Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion**. At the **Liturgy, the collection will be for the Holy Land**. At **8:00 p.m.**, there will be a **TENEBRAE SERVICE** FOR ALL WHO CAN COME. —and remember, this is a day of **FAST and ABSTINENCE**. (*The Fish Fry does continue on this day.*)



HOLY SATURDAY - Today there is the custom of **blessing Easter Food**, which will take place at **12:00 noon**. The **Easter Vigil Liturgy**, which **must begin in darkness**, will begin this year at **8:30 p.m.** — it includes the **blessing of a new fire** as well as the **Easter Candle, special Readings**, and concludes with the **Mass of the Resurrection**. We will all **renew our Baptismal Promises** at this mass and at all the Easter Masses.

EASTER SUNDAY - Though there are two envelopes for this day—**regular Sunday and Easter Sunday**—there will be **only two collections for March 23rd**. Your **understanding and stewardship support** are needed and in particular, we ask that your **Easter gift for the Parish** be a sign of your love for the Church. As always, I am **prayerfully grateful** for your **generous and vigilant stewardship**. *May the Lord reward the cheerful giver!*



FISH FRY at Holy Trinity Social Hall, **12:00 noon-6:00 p.m.** *Good Friday is the last day.*

BAKED GOODS SCHEDULE - GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21st: W-X-Y-Z

If your last name begins with these letters, please bring your baked goods to Holy Trinity Social Hall before noon.

Anniversary of Parish Founding

It was on **March 19th, 1867**, that a Mission of St. Peter's Parish in McKeesport was canonically established as a **Parish** by Bishop Michael Domenic, Bishop of Pittsburgh, and placed under the **patronage of Saint Agnes**. So on March 19th, we as a parish, will be **140 years old**. For all these years the Catholic Faith has been passed on, and continues to be passed on from parents to children. And while we are long in years, we are ever young at heart. May the Lord continue to bless and guide our Faith Community.

—And so we wish all parishioners a **Happy 140th Anniversary!**