

✠ Welcome to St. Mary's of Dorrance ✠
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Finances for February 21/22, 2009
Loose \$ 192.00 White Offering \$ 2339.00
Total: \$ 2531.00
Envelopes used: 188/538
Last Year: \$ 2285.00
Thank you.

Mass Schedule

Monday, 3-2-09
8:00 A.M. Veronica Krawchak, requested by
Estate of Anne Krawchak

Tuesday, 3-3-09
8:00 A.M. Helen Balliet, requested by
Helen Kubasek

Wednesday, 3-4-09
8:00 A.M. Joseph O'Hara, requested by
Friends

Thursday, 3-5-09
8:00 A.M. Anna Lukashewski, requested by
Margaret Lukashewski

Friday, 3-6-09
8:00 A.M. Jonathan Zawilski, requested by
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Hankey & Family

7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 3-7-09
5:00 P.M. Herman & Helen Ceaser, requested
by Michael and Rose Kutzmonich

Sunday, 3-8-09
8:30 A.M. Anne Krawchak, requested by
Ray & Susan Miller

10:30 A.M. Parishioners

Today's second collection is for the
Operations & Maintenance Costs

★ Military Prayer List ★

Jonathan Cupina	Michael Rokitko
John Folmar	Anthony Rodgers
Matthew Erwine	Kirk Lehman

✠ Parish Sick List ✠

Due to the length of our Sick List, we will be alternating names each week.

Loretta Albanese	Michael Columbo
William Baker	James Concannon
Carissa Baker	Lea Cooper
Frances Berk	Karen Corn
Ron Black	Helen Cortez
Richard Briggs	Abby Cresci
Luke Charton	Henry Davenport

✠ Lector Schedule ✠

Saturday, 3-7-09 5:00 P.M. Norb Dotzel, Jr.
Patricia Heller

Sunday, 3-8-09 8:30 A.M. William Magnotta
Maureen Baab

10:30 P.M. Michele Clark
Bonnie Sapak

✠ Altar Servers ✠

Saturday, 3-7-09 5:00 P.M. Gabrielle Konopczyk
Ryan Konopczyk

Sunday, 3-8-09 8:30 A.M. Curt Yenchik
Cole Rosner

10:30 A.M. Alyson Klush
Sarah Klush

The First Sunday of Lent

Did you know? St. Paul established the Church at Corinth around the year 51, but only stayed a short time to ensure things were up and running, before he departed on more missionary journeys. His two letters to the Corinthians reveal to us that the community there was a mixture of the poor and wealthy, slaves and freemen, Gentile and Jewish believers.

CCD Fund Raising

We are pleased to offer Gertrude Hawk Chocolates as part of our fund-raising program. This fund raiser will help pay for the children's CCD books and other related expenses. Sale begins Sunday, February 8, 2009. Order form (top copy) and money are due on or before Sunday, March 8, 2009. Orders may be dropped in the collection basket or give to any CCD teacher. Make check payable to Our Lady Help of Christians Church. Estimated order pick up date is the weekend of March 29, 2009. Any questions, please call the rectory at 868-5855. Thank you for supporting the children of our parish and the CCD program.

St. Theresa's Guild

The next meeting for the St. Theresa's Guild will be on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 p. m. in the rectory meeting room. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Stations of the Cross

Our parish will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 P.M. in the church.

Altar & Rosary Society

Communion Sunday for the month of March will be on Sunday, March 15, at 8:30 A.M. Mass. The next meeting for Altar and Rosary is Monday, March 16, at 7:00 P.M. in the rectory meeting room.

Youth Group

The Youth Group was busy this week planning their Spring activities. The group will sponsor an egg hunt for parish children on Saturday, April 4, at 2:00 P.M. All children in the Fifth grade and younger are invited to attend.

On Sunday, March 22, (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.) the group invites all Families to "Movie Night." The feature presentation is "Wall-E." Hot dogs and popcorn will be served. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. Proceeds will be used for the egg hunt.

If you have colored plastic eggs you do not use, we would be happy to take them off your hands. Drop them in the Easter basket in church. An RSVP to both activities is appreciated but not mandatory. (Mrs. Mendofik - 868-3955)

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 8, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. All confirmed youth including this year's candidates are welcome. Congratulations to John Sidonis and Robert Hess our air hockey champions.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

"Pick of the Week"

The Mass Explained - Inspiring speaker Fr. Larry Richards present exciting and powerful insights into the history, spirituality, and biblical foundations of the liturgy of the Eucharist. He opens the door for us to enter more profoundly into this most perfect prayer and unite our offering with that of the priest. This will change the way you experience this most sacred of all mysteries, the source and summit of our lives. If you have any questions regarding this or the program, please call Diane Petry at 868-8511 or at vstar98@epix.net

The Altar and Rosary Society is offering fresh hand made decorated palm crosses with bow to be used for cemetery or home decoration. The size is 28" high and 15" wide. The price is \$10.00 each. To order, please use the form below:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Amount: _____

Any questions, please call Betty Ambrose at 868-3852. Pick up will be March 20th in the meeting room.

Called to Holiness and Mission in the Diocese of Scranton

CTV will offer An interview the members of the Reid Group (30 min) on Sunday, March 1 at 5:30 P.M., Monday, March 2, at 2:00 P.M. and Thursday, March 5, at 9:00 P.M.

Ladies of Charity - Wyoming Valley invites you to make a very personal investment of yourself to those in need. Join the ladies of Charity and actively assist in making this a better world. More than likely you are presently active in works of charity! The rewards are great and you are not committed to attend many meetings. We hold a "mini retreat" in the fall, in order to renew and enrich our faith and a day or enrollment/annual meeting in the spring. We celebrate Mass at both events. There is a place for everyone! We would be delighted to welcome you in our association. Please contact us at 474-5192 for further information. Our next meeting is Saturday, April 4 in the King's College Chapel at 10:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

"God said to Noah and his sons with him: 'See, I am now establishing My covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you ... I will establish My covenant with you ... This is the sign that I am giving for all ... I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant ... Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead you to God.'"

In sports they speak of a game plan. The military uses tactics and the business world strategies. In the scriptures today we begin the season of Lent discovering God's plan, and the steps He would take to restore us to life with the Father. In Genesis God offered a pact, an agreement which is described in the Bible as a covenant.

Several elements are involved. God takes the initiative, we respond. He proposes the terms assuring us He will be our God and we His people. He makes the stipulations, the requirements to be met to receive the promised reward. He then ratifies the pact with a seal like that of a notary or government document, in the blood of an animal.

St. Peter describes how the covenant was realized through the person of Jesus Christ. At liturgy we refer to "the blood of the new and everlasting covenant." This is how God carried out His plan in Christ Jesus so that He might lead us to God.

As we being this period of prayer, make Lent 2009 truly special. Our tactics are simple: prayer, sacrifice and good works. As we make a serious effort to live this time of spiritual renewal, be aware that we live as people of the covenant, that He is our God and we are His people. Seek to grow spiritually as you make your way through the desert, to the mountain of Tabor and Calvary, leading us once again to God.

Lent is a season of opportunity for us all. Take as your mantra this week the psalm verse: Your ways O Lord, make known to me.