

### The Prodigal "Father"

We hear proclaimed in the parable of Jesus this weekend, "While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." While the father's behavior is understandable in our time and in our culture, it was outlandish to even think that an elder would even stand up from his sitting position in a chair, if a younger person walked into his presence. It was absolutely unthinkable that a father would "run" to meet his son. Jesus wanted to say to those who hear his parable, "God's love for you is that outlandish and unthinkable."

### Easter Vigil

This year there are no adults to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. It will seem a bit odd, for Easter calls out for baptism. But we have two opportunities for this year's Easter Vigil: to hear all seven readings and to sing their psalms connected with them – and to focus clearly on our own baptism, to remember that we are baptized and to recommit ourselves to be among the baptized. At this year's vigil, instead of the priest or deacon going down the aisle to sprinkle water over you, all of you will be given a chance to approach the water, feel the water and bless yourselves with the water.

### Always and Everywhere Give Thanks

Give thanks for God's gift of communication by supporting the liberating work of St. Rita, which provides children with the specialized education they need to hear and be heard. Day and residential services at St. Rita School are assisted by your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

### New Words: A Deeper Meaning, but the Same Mass

Have you heard that all of us in English-speaking countries around the world will be making some adjustments in what we hear at Mass and what we say and sing at Mass? Our new bishop – and our "emeritus" one – have just uploaded an eight minute video on YouTube. Be among the first to watch it. Go to YouTube and search for "Introduction to the Third Edition of the Roman Missal." It has been viewed only 346 times, since it went online a month ago. Watch it before it reaches 500 views.

### As Jesus, with Priests, for the Parish

This coming week I will be praying for households #401-428, every day for the next seven days, from March 15-21, and I will take their names with me in my "heart pocket" when I go to the altar for Mass next Sunday, March 21: Laliberte, Lamprecht, Esterkamp, Jordan, Jump, Hardin, Kneipp, Huxell, Motz, Luebbers, O'Donnell, Mulligan, Mulvaney, Tych, Hickey, Bramble, Muthig, Nagel, Ohmer, Richards, Chamberlain, Nichols, Marshall, Clark, Anderson and "all the good people of our St. Andrew parish."

### 19.21%

Our percentage of participation in last year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, was 16.43%. I'm shooting for 19.21% this year. I'm helping. I did not participate last year. I have already sent my check for this year.

Father Rob Waller

## Mass Intention for the Week

### Monday, March 15

7:00 p.m. Special Intention for Sister Johanna

### Tuesday, March 16

7:30 a.m. Gino DiMario (Ted Ringwald)

### Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick

7:30 a.m. Devin Michael McGovern (Claire Oliver & Family and The Cincinnati Irish Cultural Society)

### Thursday, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem

7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

### Friday, March 19, St. Joseph

7:30 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Clark (Frank & Deborah Sullivan)

11:45 a.m. James Roberts (Trombley Family)

### Saturday, March 20

7:30 a.m. Diane Paul (Jennifer, Paul & Alan J. Van Hook)

5:15 p.m. Irene Ballachino (Carl Ballachino)

### Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Donna Mersch (Del & Ann Poe)

9:30 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

11:00 a.m. Charles Applegate, Birthday Remembrance (Family)

### SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Carl & Marie Stalzer & Willard & Frances Wisby

### SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Kenneth Heikkila (Shaw Family)

### Vocation Views

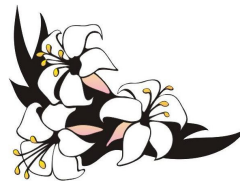
God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

## Please pray for

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** our parish, our shut-ins, our nursing home residents, our hospitalized parishioners and everyone who is ill. **Remember in your prayers** all of our deceased family members, especially Bill Keer who died February 26 and Bob McGuinness who died March 5. May they rest in the peace of our risen Lord.

### Serving in the Armed Forces

Let us offer our prayer and our care now, and work to bring all military personnel of all nations back to their families safe and sound and whole. If your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew or any family member is serving in the military, please call the parish office.



### Easter Flower Offering

Help beautify our church by donating to the Easter Flower Fund, sponsored by the Ladies Sodality. Place your donation (suggested \$8.00) in a "Holiday Flower Offering" envelope located in the vestibule. Include the name of those to be remembered/any special intentions. Place your envelope in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office by Monday, March 29

*The season of Lent is upon us. Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, encourages us to place our hope in the Lord as we prepare for Easter.*



### Joint Lenten Penance Service

Monday, March 29

7:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

**Bulletin Announcements** need to be in writing to the Parish

Office by noon on Monday or e-mail: [standy@cinci.rr.com](mailto:standy@cinci.rr.com)

**March Baptism Program**

TODAY, March 14 at 12:30 pm in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center. This program is required for parents of children who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Andrew. Both parents are encouraged to attend, along with the Godparents. Many come before their child is born. Next session: May 16.

**SASEAS Alumni**

Meeting will be Monday, March 15 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office Building.

**Seniors March Luncheon**

Tuesday, March 16 at noon at Pinebrook Retirement on Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Road. Need transportation? Please call Metchy Hance, 831-5383 or Bernadine Mulligan, 831-7278.

**Bingo Parent Workers (Team #3) for March 16**

Berns, Eckelman, A. Evans, Farlow, Gleim, Holbert, Potter, Randolph, Steffen, Wenstrup & Woodard  
Bingo Caller: Terri Morrison

**Bible Studies**

“Open Our Hearts” - Wednesday, 10:00 am in Meeting Room of Parish Center

“The Bible in Plain English” - Thursday, 1:30 pm in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center

**St. Andrew Parish Healing Touch Ministry**

invites all parishioners, family or friends to a prayerful healing experience of body, mind and/or spirit on Saturday, March 20 in the church basement. The sessions are held at 9:30 a.m., 10:10 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Those who have attended said they definitely would recommend it to others.



**Announcing VBS 2010!**

Exciting plans are being made for this year's Vacation Bible School- **Rainforest!** VBS is scheduled from June 21- June 25. We are seeking committed volunteers **NOW** to make this the **BEST** VBS ever.

We are anticipating high enrollment due to the early ending of school this year in May. To accommodate we need many volunteers. Please come to one of our kick off meetings **THIS** Thursday, March 18 in the Seton Rectory basement. 12:30 pm for daytime meeting or 7:00 pm to attend the evening meeting. Come, see the overview video and be a part of the **FUN!** RSVP: Carrie Birkle, 831-6488 or Kathy Bitzer, 831-3353.

**Friday Night Fish Fry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

in the school cafeteria from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. March 26<sup>th</sup> will be the last Fish Fry of the season and it will be Family Night. A family of 2 adults and any children under 18 years of age can eat for \$22.00.

**Ladies Sodality News March Meeting**

All ladies of the parish are invited to our Monday, March 22 meeting to be held in the Church Hall. We will begin at 6:30 pm with a business meeting followed by a pizza social.

**Annual Flea Market - Plant Sale - Bake Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, May 1. Treasures from your spring cleaning may be just the thing someone else is looking for. Remember to begin dividing your plantings. If you would like to sell your own treasurers, crafts or other goods, tables can be rented for \$20 each. Please call Janet Hartmann, 248-1844 if interested.

The following student was inadvertently left off the McNicholas honor roll that was published in last week's bulletin.

**Congratulations to Claire Redington** who achieved Second Honors the second quarter of the current school year



**Attention All Men of St. Andrew**

The Holy Name Society is trying to get a weekly golf league started. Are you a golfer? Want more information on golf, please contact any of the following Holy Name members: Doug Williamson, 575-0771 email [wdwllmsn@aol.com](mailto:wdwllmsn@aol.com); Phil Groeber, 831-0901 email [peg000@aol.com](mailto:peg000@aol.com); Fred Riehle, 831-5220; Ed Fischer, 677-0909 [email\\_ejfischer@fuse.net](mailto:email_ejfischer@fuse.net); Keith Phillips, 831-9037 or R.J. Vilardo, 831-4389.

**SMILE YOUTH NEWS**

**Family BINGO - THANK YOU** - Thank you to all of those who came out to support our Mission Trip Team for Family BINGO! We had just under 150 people come to play and it worked out to be a great fundraiser! Thank you again for your support.

**SEM Villa Game Night** - All 7th-12th grade students are welcome to join the Youth Group at its monthly game night at SEM Villa this Thursday, March 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Call the Youth Office, 831-8318 to sign up or for more information.

**7th and 8th Grade Lock-in** will take place at the Countryside YMCA on Saturday March 20 from 7:30 pm-midnight and the cost is \$10. Because of the conflict with the SASEAS Grand Event, SMILE has arranged for one bus to help with transportation with no added cost to you. Space is limited and is on a first come first served basis. You must sign up to ride the bus or provide your own transportation. If you have any questions, call Catherine at 831-8318. The deadline to register is Wednesday March 17. Chaperones are still needed

**SMILE Product Study** - The Youth Group is in need of at least 75 women ages 18-55 to participate in a product study on March 24 between 3:30-6:30. This will be a fundraiser for our Mission Trip. If you are available to help this will take between 20-30 minutes of your time. Please call the Youth Office to sign up for a time slot. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Senior Citizens Luncheon** is on Sunday March 21 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in the Cafeteria at noon. Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 17. Call Catherine at 831-8318 or email her at [smile@cinci.rr.com](mailto:smile@cinci.rr.com).

**Catholic Ministries Appeal**

“The gifts we have, we are given to share.” Success in the eyes of God is not about the quantity or quality of our material goods. Instead, it's about how we use those goods; do they move us closer to God, or are they an obstacle? God calls us to share what we have to help others. By providing support for many different ministries of the Church, the CMA offers everyone a chance to exercise Christian stewardship. Please consider how you will participate in the Catholic Ministries Appeal this year. Thank you to everyone who has pledged thus far!

**Sharing God's Gifts - March 7, 2010**

We need an average of \$14,250 per week in our Sunday Collection	
Sunday Envelope Collection (404).....	\$12,595.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$678.42
Dimes Collection.....	\$5.50

**Thanks for the memorials we have received  
In memory of Diane Paul from**

Gary & Joan Kinler  
Shirley Soellner  
Frances Pavey  
Dennis & Lois Edwards

**PREP & SASEAS School - Operation Rice Bowl**

The story of the Prodigal Son helps us refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we have received. As we begin the second half of our journey with

Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving.

***THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH***

***Monday, March 15***

7:00 pm Neighbors to Neighbors Church Hall  
7:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Room,  
Parish Center

***Tuesday, March 16***

**Seniors luncheon at Pinebrook Retirement**

**Facility**

7:00 pm BINGO (Team #3)  
Parish Center

***Wednesday, March 17***

10:00 am Bible Study Meeting Room,  
Parish Center

***Thursday, March 18***

1:30 pm Bible Study Meeting Room, Parish Center

***Friday, March 19***

7:00 pm Way of the Cross Church

***Saturday, March 20***

9:30 am Healing Touch Ministry Sessions  
Church Hall  
6:30 pm SASEAS School PTO Grand Event Parish  
Center

***Sunday, March 21***

***12:00 noon – Seniors Luncheon at St. Elizabeth***

***Ann Seton***

9:30 am & 11:00 am PREP Classes



**St. Rita School for the Deaf**  
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*Thank you for your contributions to the "Catholic Ministries Appeal"*

*Father Rob Waller*

**Thank You to the Sponsor of the Week  
Craver-Riggs Funeral Home**