

*from the*  
*Pastor's desk* 

**Parish Penance Service**

Monday, March 23, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Andrew

**Feast of the Annunciation**

Wednesday, March 25, All-Day  
Beit Jala and Milford

**Forgiveness and Healing**

As the season of Spring arrives, as the season of Lent meanders its way to its conclusion and as the season of Easter pulls us toward itself, you might find it helpful to remember God's mercy in the sacrament of forgiveness and healing that we call Penance or Reconciliation. We will gather on Monday evening in our church with members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

**Prayer and Candles**

Our partner church in Beit Jala (Bethlehem) is called Annunciation. On their feast day, March 25, I will send my greetings to the pastor – and will ask him to give your greetings to the people. At the 7:30 a.m. morning Mass we will pray for them. It is the least that we can do for them, grateful as we are for the candles that they light in the church of the Nativity in Bethlehem on Christmas for us.

**The Turn of a Century**

One of the St. Andrew rosary makers will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 31. Each week Betty Konrad is part of a group at SEM Haven that makes rosaries for the missions. She is quite good at it, we are told. Wouldn't it be something if she were to receive 100 birthday cards for her special day? Her address is 225 Cleveland Avenue, Milford, Ohio 45150.

**Noticed by the Historical Society**

The Milford Historical Society has given the parish a certificate in recognition of our restoring and preserving a set of late 19<sup>th</sup> century stained glass windows. The windows have been in the attic over the school since before anyone can remember otherwise. There is no certainty, but everything points to the fact that they were in the "old" St. Andrew that was down on Water Street. Thanks to interest and gifts from two parishioners the windows have been restored, are presently being encased with back lighting, and will soon be on the back wall of church near the side edges of the choir loft.

**Out of work? Between Jobs?**

Occasionally, people looking to hire a new employee send us notice that they are looking for someone with a particular set of skills. Please let me know if you are out of work, what kind of work you are looking for, and the best way to contact you. With the help of the fisherman, St. Andrew, we can help with some "net"-working.

Father Rob Waller

**Thank You to Our Sponsor of the Week**

Gary Ostendarp

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, March 23**

7:00 p.m. Penance Service

**Tuesday, March 24**

7:30 a.m. Eleanor Massarelli (Soellner Family)

**Wednesday, March 25, Annunciation of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. Special Birthday Intention for Katie Wellman

**Thursday, March 26**

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

**Friday, March 27**

7:30 a.m. Edith Webster (Deacon Tim & Marcy Schutte

11:45 a.m. Special Intention for Ulicny Family (Krempasky Family)

**Saturday, March 28**

7:30 a.m. Special Intention (Mary Wenstrup)

5:15 p.m. Antoinette Mehne (Herbert Wottlè)

**Sunday, March 29, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. Charlie Birkle, Birthday Remembrance (Allen & Marilyn Birkle)

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

11:00 a.m. John Kercsi, Birthday Remembrance (Cathy)

**SEM Villa**

10:00 a.m. Angie Nutley (Jane Koenig)

**SEM Terrace**

11:00 a.m. Millie Cooper (Betty Smith)

**Vocation Views**

God loves the world so much and blesses us with the gift of his son, Jesus. Receive and share this gift of love. (John 3:14-21)

**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, may they rest in the peace of our 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 Church Offering**

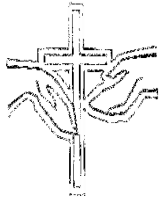
Help beautify our church by donating to the Easter Flower Fund, sponsored by the Ladies Sodality. Place your donation (suggested \$8.00) in a "Holiday Flower Offering" envelope located in the vestibule. Include the name of those to be remembered/any special intentions. Place your envelope in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office by Mon., April 6.



**Ladies Sodality thanks** all those who donate to the flower fund for Christmas and Easter. This past Christmas we purchased flowers for both the Church and Parish Center Masses. With leftover money after Christmas, we purchased five pre-lit Christmas trees and 10 palm plants used in the Parish Center when the church was being painted. Your generosity enables us to beautify our church not only seasonally, but throughout the year.

**New Ministry Schedules**

for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Altar Attendants are being created for May, June, July and August. If you are going to be away or not available during these months, please call the parish office before Tuesday, April 7. Thank You.



**Joint Lenten Penance Service**  
**Monday, March 23**  
**7:00 pm**  
**St. Andrew Parish**

***Bingo Workers: Team #4 for March 24***

Clark, Conners, C. Evans, Giebler, Hittle, Hughes, Kelly, Laliberte, Lindner, Ortiz, Strotman & Schwartz  
**Bingo Caller:** Keith Phillips

***Knights of Columbus Information Night***

will be Wednesday, March 25 in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center beginning at 7 pm. This presentation will inform you of who the Knights are, what they stand for and what they do for parishes, the Catholic Church and our community.



*Please join us!*  
The Bereavement Ministry invites parishioners to a special program given by Beth Bauer – Dealing with Grief issues on Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center. Beth is a speaker and consultant whose unique life experience makes her a presenter not to be missed!

***2008 Parish Directories***

will be available in the Parish Center after all Masses next weekend; Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29

***Ladies Sodality News***  
***March Meeting***

All ladies of the parish are invited to our March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center. We will begin at 6:30 pm with a short business meeting followed by a pizza social.

***Annual Flea Market - Plant Sale - Bake Sale*** is scheduled for Saturday, May 2. SPRING IS HERE!!!! Now is the time to clean out that attic, garage and basement; there must be something you don't need in one of these spots. Save those items for our Flea Market. Remember to begin dividing your plants. If you would like to sell your own treasurers, crafts or other goods, tables can be rented for \$20.00 each (we have 3 left), please call Janet Hartmann, 248-1844 if interested.

***St. Andrew Rosary Make Turns***  
**100**



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***THE SONG OF MARK***

by Marty Haugen will be presented by the music ministry of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, on the weekend of Palm Sunday, April 4 and 5. Our multi-generational choir will sing about Jesus' adult life; His gathering of disciples, His miracles, His death and resurrection. There will be three performances: **7 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 3:30 or 7 pm on the 5<sup>th</sup>**. Donations of non-perishable food items for our St. Vincent de Paul pantry or monetary donations for the music ministry may be given at the door.



***Friday Night Fish Fry***

***at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton***

all Fridays of Lent, 5:00 – 7:30 pm. Fish, shrimp, salmon or cheese pizza served with potatoes, rolls, mac'n cheese & more.

***Catholic Ministries Appeal***

Archbishop Pilarczyk sends his thanks to everyone from St. Andrew who pledged to the 2009 Catholic Ministries Appeal during Catholic Ministries Appeal Weekend. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. You can pick up a pledge information packet with pledge forms in the vestibule. For more information please visit [www.CatholicAppeal.inf](http://www.CatholicAppeal.inf) or call 421-3131. Thank you!

***Scripts Program***

Thank you for your continued support of the Scripts Gift Card Program. If you are looking for an Easter gift, gift cards can be purchased for retailers such as Land End, Macy's, Dillards and Kohls. You can even purchase Kohl's gift cards to pay your monthly bill! We also have cards for many local restaurants. How do you order? **PLEASE DROP YOUR ORDER IN THE COLLECTION BASKET THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 28 & 29.** Mark your envelope to the attention of "Scripts Order" Orders will be available for pick up after all masses the following weekend, April 4 & 5. Because of Easter we are placing orders one week earlier. Gift cards are always available for purchase in the Parish Office. Questions, call Carolyn Wuerfel, 248-9336 or Cheryl Dahling, 722-2539.

***Put your old books to good use***

Bring your unwanted books to the St Andrew Parish Library, and place them on the desk by the computer. Books that are appropriate for our library will be sorted out for processing into our library system. Remaining books will be offered for sale at the Ladies Sodality Flea Market on May 2. Books left over from the Flea Market will be taken to the Half Price Books Store. Proceeds will benefit the library.

***PARISH SUPPORT - March 15, 2009***

Sunday Envelope Collection (388 used).....\$12,305.00  
Sunday Loose Collection.....\$578.98  
Dimes Collection.....\$2.20.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU for supporting our paper recycling efforts.** Not only are we making "free" money, we are saving valuable landfill space. Thanks for continuing to recycle your newspapers, magazines, junk mail, and paper. If you have not started recycling yet, our bins are green and yellow on the east side of the school.

**SAVE THIS DATE – Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> is St. Andrew's Earth Day.** We need volunteers to help clean up the cemetery and parish grounds – weeding and cleaning the flower beds. We will be working 2 sessions: 9 am to 12 noon and 12 noon to 3 pm – lunch might be provided by Holy Name Society. You can work one hour, one session, or both. Garbage bags will be provided, but please bring your gardening tools. Inclement weather cancels this event. If you can assist us, please contact Shirley in the Parish Office.

**St. Andrew Cemetery**, located on South Milford Road, is a beautiful cemetery for members of St. Andrew Parish and their families. There are over 200 graves available. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

***SALT SHAKER***

The US is greatly in need of more humane immigration laws. Even locally, families are being torn apart by a broken system. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Catholic Social Teaching states that every human person has the right to be in a family and there to grow and thrive. The Ohio Region of Justice for Immigrants, a national organization, will meet at Kings Island, Mar. 26-28 to address

educating Catholics, advocacy, and other immigration concerns.  
For more info go to [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org).

*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)

*THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH*

*Monday, March 23*

6:30 pm Friends of St. Francis Meeting Room,  
Parish Center  
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Parish Office,  
Room #1  
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's #6  
Andrew's House  
**7:00 pm Joint Lenten Penance Service**  
**Church**

*Tuesday, March 24*

SASEAS School Early Dismissal  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
Parish Office  
3:00 pm Way of the Cross at SEM Villa  
7:00 pm BINGO (Team #4) Parish  
Center  
7:00 pm Choir Practice Church

*Wednesday, March 25*

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,  
Parish Center  
3:30 pm SMILE Youth Group to visit the Soup Kitchen  
7:00 pm K of C Information Meeting Meeting Room,  
Parish Center

*Thursday, March 26*

12:00 noon – Religious Education Cluster Meeting MR,  
Parish Center  
7:00 pm Choir Practice Church  
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Parish Office,  
Room #1  
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's Team #6  
Andrew's House  
7:30 pm Bereavement Ministry – Grief Issues Presentation

*Friday, March 27*

**7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction**  
SMILE Youth Lock-In at Countryside Y

*Saturday, March 28*

8:00 am Christ Renews His Parish/SAM  
Parish Office  
Pictorial Directories Available after All Weekend Masses in  
Parish Center

*Sunday, March 29*

8:00 am – 12:30 pm – SMILE Sponsored Pancake Breakfast  
9:30 & 11:00 am PREP Classes  
11:00 am R.C.I.A. Meeting Room, Parish  
Center

**JOINT LENTEN PENANCE  
SERVICE**  
**Monday, March 23**  
**7:00 pm**