

**THEME**

Through no merit of ours, God calls us to be his people. We can never take pride in the fact of God's call; rather we must always show our appreciation by our humility and our works of mercy. Let us never be complacent or condescending. Let us pray that we may live up to our high calling.

**8 MONDAY - SAINT JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS**

8:00 am †Mario Maurizi, Jr.  
12:05 pm Intentions of Norm Trudel

**9 TUESDAY - SAINT FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS**

8:00 am Birthday Intentions of James Avitabile  
12:05 pm †Robert Deneen

**10 WEDNESDAY**

8:00 am Baby Tyler Mukai  
12:05 pm †Steven (Sonny) Bono

**11 THURSDAY**

8:00 am †Joan Avitabile  
12:05 pm †Anne Quinlan

**12 FRIDAY**

8:00 am †Joan Lucia Avitabile  
12:05 pm †Rosemary Blischok

**13 SATURDAY**

8:00 am †George Hegh  
5:00 pm †Barbara Kapsa

**14 SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 am †Maye Novota  
10:30 am People of St. Isaac's  
12:00 pm †Harry J. Wulforst  
5:00 pm †Peggy Crosson

**Funeral Planning** - When a death occurs, please contact Father Harris directly to make arrangements for funeral liturgy.

**Understanding Islam** - Please call the Rectory and leave your name and telephone number if you'd like to learn more about Islam. **So far we have 12 interested parishioners, anymore?**

**Pastor's Corner**



On March 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated the feast of Saint Katharine Drexel, a genuine Philadelphia Saint. Holiness is as near as your back yard! The Drexel Shrine in Bensalem would be a great place to take the entire family if you're looking for a beat-the-winter blues outing.

In a few weeks we'll be celebrating Palm Sunday. I'm hoping all our Parish organizations will be represented in the Procession. It would be wonderful to have our 2009 Confirmation class and our 2010 First Penance - First Eucharist class and their families in the Procession as well.

All the snow we've had did a little damage to the Church roof, that's why some ceiling tiles need to be replaced when it's prudent to do so. The more generous our parishioners are in the weekly collections, the sooner needed repairs can be accomplished.

Please take advantage of all our Lenten devotions.

God love you,  
Father Harris



"May Lent be for every Christian a renewed experience of God's love given to us in Christ, a love that each day we, in turn, must 're-give' to our neighbor, especially to the one who suffers most and is in need. Only in this way will we be able to participate fully in the joy of Easter."

- Pope Benedict XVI

**Easter Flower Offering** - The people of St. Isaac's have responded generously both at Christmas and Easter toward the floral decorations of the Church and Chapel by memorializing family and friends. Included with your most recent envelope mailing is an envelope marked "Flower Offering." These envelopes can be completed and put into the regular Sunday collection. The deadline is **March, 17<sup>th</sup>**. Those being remembered will be posted.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ISAAC'S



**Parish Coffee** – there will be no Parish Coffee this weekend.

**We are in need of volunteers to host our Sunday morning Parish Coffees. If you are able to assist please call the Rectory Office at 610-687-3366.**

**Presentation of the Gifts** – It is an honor to present the gifts of Bread and Wine at the Celebration of the Eucharist. Presently our Ushers select individuals or families to participate. Everyone is invited to participate, and if you wish to present the gifts please make your presence known to our Ushers at least 10 minutes before Mass. If you have reserved a Sunday or a Holy Day Mass for a loved one or friend and would like to present the gifts at that Mass, please contact the Ushers 10 minutes before the Mass begins. The person who reserved the Mass would take precedence over others, but we ask that you give others an opportunity if you have reserved a number of Masses.

**Bookrack** – located at the Parish Hall entrance has wonderful selections of Lenten reading for children as well as adults. Don't miss these opportunities to learn more about your faith and grow in spirituality.

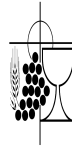
**Parish Recital** - Do you have musical talent (vocal or instrumental)? Come join our Parish Recital on **Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Call Mary Ellen Harris at 484-716-9370.

**The Jolly Jogues** - (Seniors Group) next meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**, in our Parish Hall. Coffee and social begin 10:00 AM. Presentation will begin at 10:30 AM with our topic: Low Vision Evaluation Therapy What Low Vision patients must know about how their vision should be measured. Learn how to avoid the Low Vision "sales people" and get the correct magnification device that fits your low vision prescription. Work with a Low Vision doctor and low vision therapist to make sure you are able to function with your vision devices. Our guest speaker is Bo Smith, Dr. Astorino's Assistant and Low Vision Technician. If you are experiencing low vision or have a family member or friend, please join us.

**Women's Lenten Reflection** - will be held **Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm in the Parish Hall. A light dinner will be served and there will be two guest speakers Fr. Jason Wallace and Christine O'Brien. Cost \$10.00.

**Building Awesome Marriages** - St. Isaac's Parish presents a program "Why Does He/She Do That?" It will look at how personalities influence what we do in a relationship. The program will be held on **Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall. For more info call Eileen or Mark Watson at 610-687-1621 or to prearrange for childcare.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



"The active life to be productive must have contemplation. When it (contemplation) gets to a certain height it overflows to active life and gets help and strength from the heart of God. This is the way the saints produced so much fruit, and we're all called to be saints." (St. Katharine Drexel) During this holy season it is good to spend at least one hour weekly in response to Our Lord's request before His Passion; "Could you not watch one hour with me?"

**Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish:** Roberta Adams, Todd Cooper, Catherine DiBartolo, Sal DiMaiuta, Mary Fogliano, Alyssa Goodman, Bud Gosnell, Eileen Heller, Francis Higgins, Sarah Ix, Ron Jennings, Bette Leonard, Annette McCauley, Alice Meyer, Helen Montague, Agnes Sweeney, and Daniel R. Young.

**In case of illness call the Pastor directly rather than leave a message at Parish Services.**

*We know our prayers are heard and answered. Please call the Rectory when the individual's health improves or they have returned home from service duty so they can be removed from the list.*

**Also the members of our Military:**  
Ranger Sgt. Grant Shanon, USA  
PFC Hunter McCutcheon, Iraq  
Cpt. Brian Sykes, USA, Iraq  
Cpt. Michael Rubeling, USAF  
Corporal Ryan Burke, USMC  
Spec. Bruno Sicilia, USA, Iraq  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Adam Bouvier, South Korea  
Cpt. Katherine L. DePaul JA, USA  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ben Dutka, USA  
Master Sgt. Ross Brady, Afghanistan  
Capt. Susan Marchiano DO, USAF  
Lance Corp. Brendan Burke, USMC  
Cpl. Benjamin Wall, Afghanistan



**CRAFT FAIR** - We are having a Craft Fair on **April 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We are looking for crafters and vendors to offer goods and items for sale. There will be a \$30 charge for the table space. We are also setting up a raffle table and request an item from each participant. This table will be on display all day so please include your business card for advertisement, as this is a great exposure for your business. Each vendor will be provided with a table, and 2 chairs. All proceeds will benefit Youth Ministry. For more info call Gina Corridoni at 484-686-2285 or at [ginaanal1991@yahoo.com](mailto:ginaanal1991@yahoo.com).

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Recap of weekly operations ended February 27<sup>th</sup>

Beginning cash balance	4,480
Collection Sunday, Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	10,441
Expenses paid	(12,643)
Rainy Day Fund	( 522)
Ending cash balance	\$ <u>1,756</u>

**Share First, Spend Second** – The desire to share with others flows from a Christian commitment. The key to financial discipline is to get our sharing with others and our spending on ourselves into the right order of priority. If we spend first, we won't have much left to share. If we share first, we'll manage to live on the rest...



**Mike Piazza Headlines Men's Spirituality Conference** - Area native **Mike Piazza**, 12-time MLB All-Star, will be a keynote speaker for the Archdiocese's 2010 Conference set for **March 13<sup>th</sup>**, at Archbishop Ryan High School in Northeast Philadelphia. **Mark your calendars!** In addition, Evangelist **Jesse Romero**, a former deputy sheriff, will speak (Hispanic sessions also). Join men of all ages for a day of Lenten faith sharing. "Be Reconciled to the Lord" is the 2010 Conference theme. Cardinal Justin Rigali will celebrate the closing Mass at 4:00 pm. For additional information or to register call 215-587-5639 or visit [www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org).



**Jolly Jogues Book Club** - The next meeting will be **March 16<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:00 am in the Rectory Meeting Room. We will be discussing the book "Called Out to Darkness" by Anne Rice.

**Year of the Priest** - Celebrate the "Year of the Priest" at a "Concert of Sacred Music" featuring the Archdiocesan All Catholic Secondary Chorus, the Keystone Boychoir, and the "Philadelphia Priest Singers" - a group of our Archdiocesan priests singing sacred music from our heritage. One-time performance will be held on **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30 pm in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Limited tickets are available call 215-587-3519. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Archdiocesan Priests Retirement Fund.

**Parish Trip** – Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD **Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Boarding bus 8:30 AM – return home approximately 6:30 PM. Total cost \$55 includes motor coach, refreshments, lunch and bus drivers gratuity. Make check payable at to St. Isaac Jogues no later than **March 12<sup>th</sup>**. Flyers are available at Church entrances.



**Marriage Encounter** - The next couples experience will be **April 23-25**. For more info call 1-800-456-8330.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Adult Ed, CCD, Way of Christ**



**Way of Christ** – Anyone who would like to become a Catholic or would like to complete instruction to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, call the Office of Religious Education at 610-687-2481, ext. 4.



**Registration** for **September 2011** continues at the preschool. If you are interested in a *Catholic Preschool* for your three-or-four-year old child, please call 610-687-2481 and make an appointment to come and see our school.

YOUTH MINISTRY

**Attention All Youth and Families!** - All are invited to attend St. Isaac's "Bowling Night Out!" Bring the whole family and friends out for a great evening of bowling on the **2nd and 4th Sundays of March** at the Devon Bowling Lanes. The cost is \$15.00 a person for as many games as you can play for 2 hours. The fee includes games time, shoe rentals, pizza and beverages. Each lane can be reserved for a team of six members. Come out to support our Youth Group and also receive a gift card of \$10.00 to be used at Devon Lanes any night during the week! To reserve a lane with a team please contact Joe Aquilante in the Youth Ministry Office at 610-687-2481 ext. 5 or at [SIJYOUTH@gmail.com](mailto:SIJYOUTH@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**Youth Nights** - will continue on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month after the 5PM Youth Mass until 8 PM.

**NOTE:** Please take note that our Mass Schedule includes a weekly Youth Mass, every Sunday evening at 5:00 pm. Any youth interested in helping with the Youth Mass to lector, serve or with Music Ministry, please contact the Youth Ministry Office at 610-687-2481, ext. 5.



**Tickets for Sale!** - The Youth Ministry Office has Season Tickets for the Philadelphia Wings (Lacrosse Team) games. This is a fund-raiser for the Youth Ministry Office in purchasing a drum set.

The tickets will go on a first come first serve basis. There are 4 tickets available for every game. The Section is 102 (great seats!) and the cost is \$35.00 per ticket. If you have any questions, please call the Youth Ministry Office at 610-687-2481 x 5 or check the Youth Ministry website.

**Items for the Bulletin should be submitted in writing by Friday Noon of the week before, to the Editor, Carol Friel, the Parish Secretary, email [carol@stisaac.org](mailto:carol@stisaac.org), for approval by the Pastor.**

