

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, " This sickness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives – our gifts as well as our sufferings – can, if surrendered to Christ, glorify God and lead to blessings for ourselves and others.



- MONDAY Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
 TUESDAY Ez 47:1-9; Jn 5:1-16
 WEDNESDAY Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
 THURSDAY Is 7:10-14,8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 FRIDAY Wis 2:1a,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
 SATURDAY Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
 SUNDAY Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>



Lenten Schedule March

- 28 Fifth Sunday in Lent**
RCIA Third Scrutiny 8am Mass
29 St. Michael's Parish Reconciliation Service 7pm
 Church
31 Reconciliation Service St. Mary's (Freeport) 7p.m.
APRIL
2 Mass 8:30a.m. Sacrament of the Sick
Fish Fry 5:00p.m.

HOLY WEEK

- 4 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**
5 Reconciliation Service St. Anthony's (Danbury) 7p.m.
6 Tuesday of Holy Week
Mass 8:30a.m. No 5:30p.m. Mass No Confessions
7 Wednesday of Holy Week Mass 8:30a.m.
8 Mass of the Lord's Supper – Holy Thursday 7:00p.m.
9 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Veneration of the Cross 3:p.m.
Stations of the Cross 7:00p.m.
10 Holy Saturday
Blessing of Easter Food 11:00a.m.
Easter Vigil 7:30p.m.
(NO Confessions - NO Mass at 5:30p.m.)

The LORD has done
GREAT THINGS
 for us:
 we are filled with **JOY!**

MARCH 30 THROUGH APRIL 4

MASS INTENTIONS

- TUESDAY 5:30P.M.** †Mary Pfeiffer
WEDNESDAY 8:30A.M. †Concepcion Arredondo
THURSDAY 5:30P.M. †Santiago Castillo
FRIDAY 8:30A.M. †Adella Listak/ Nancy & Ed Windler 59th Anniversary
SATURDAY 5:30P.M. †Stanley Kornowicz
SUNDAY 8:00A.M. †Wanda Hanks
9:30A.M. †Felix Centeno/ Cecelia Peterson
11:00A.M. †Elenora Mach



Ed Ahlrich, Nick Alfano, Weldon Bailey, Bennie Paul Bono, Don Brawley, John Buettner, David Butler, Jennifer Cary, Maria Castillo, Larry Cavaness, Sister Mary Charitas, James Christie, Ruth Cleaver, Dorothy D'Augusta, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, Terry Ditges, Lenora Duval, Marcella Ezell, Linda Felsing, Clark Flournoy, Marcia Flournoy, Emily Garcia, Craig Garrison, Muriel Gates, Kathy Goolsby, Barbara Grant, Arthur Haas, Brandon Habis, Dorothy Harnden, Lorraine Hayes, Wanda Henry, **Vickie Kaatz**, Angeline Klekar, David Kubala, Jerry LaCoume, Mary LaCoume, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Tristan Cade Lawson, Mary McClintock, Irene McGaughey, Karen Moran, Jean Newport, Adrian Nye, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Pat Prebys, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Joe Reyes, Jr., Vince Rowan, Mary Rogers, Billie Stricklin, Pat Van Dragt, "Vinnie", Amelia Volz, Allen Williams, Patricia Williams.

(**Bold** denotes new on prayer list this week)

The Compassionate Friends, Inc. will meet Sunday, March 28 at 2:00p.m. at 321 Linden Lane. Please bring a picture or memento of your child to share with the group.

Grandparents & siblings always welcome!

On Holy Thursday there will be a basket in the Narthex (back of the church) to receive your Lenten offerings.

We are again offering the opportunity to donate toward the Easter Flowers for the church and hall. Please call the office before April 2.

YOUTH MINISTRY

March Calendar

28 Class 6:30pm

April Calendar

4 Class 6:30pm

Tm Teacher/Peer Leader Mtg 5:00pm

Jr. Tm Teacher/Spirit Teacher Mtg 6pm Wolters Rm

11 Easter – NO Class

18 Class 6:30pm

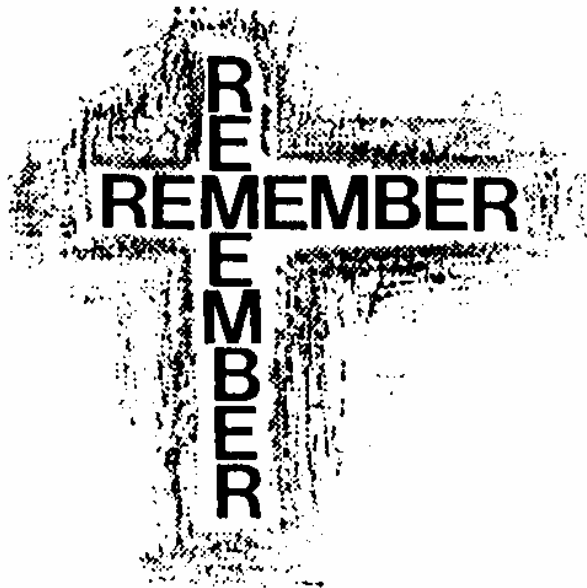
25 LAST CLASS – Praise/Worship w/ “The Rock” from TX A&M



Attention Graduating 2004 Seniors: Scholarship application forms have been sent out from the Youth Ministry Office, Women’s Club, Knights of Columbus, and Catholic Daughters. If you are a graduating senior and have not received these, please contact the Youth Office. **Please note deadlines on each application!** Please mark your calendar for **May 16th for the Graduation Mass and Luncheon.** More details will be sent out within the next few weeks.

In times of terror and war, of global insecurity and economic uncertainty, of disrespect for human life and human dignity, we need to return to basic moral principles. Politics...should be about fundamental moral choices. How do we protect human life and dignity? How do we fairly share the blessings and burdens of the challenges we face? What kind of nation do we want to be? What kind of world do we want to shape?

USCCB Administrative Committee,
Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to
Political Responsibility, pp, 1-2



Altar Cloths

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The altar used for Mass is covered with a cloth. At home and in restaurants, we often cover our tables, especially for a banquet or meal of some importance. Similarly, the altar is covered because of “the banquet in which the Body and Blood of the Lord are offered” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* 304).

But the altar is covered for another reason: “out of reverence for the celebration of the memorial of the Lord.” We dignify the altar where we will solemnly remember the mystery of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

When a new altar is dedicated for a church, it is sprinkled with holy water, smeared with chrism, incensed, and then covered with a cloth. Many of these symbols also appear in the baptismal liturgy, suggesting that the altar is covered in a garment just as the faithful are, as a sign of eternal life.

There are no rules governing the material to be used. The size, shape, and decoration of the cloth are to be “in keeping with the altar’s design”.

At least one white cloth must be used. In the United States, cloths of other colors may also adorn the altar, but the topmost must be white. It may cover the top only; it need not dangle over the other cloths.

After the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, the altar cloths are completely removed. The Good Friday liturgy begins with a bare altar. One or more cloths are placed on the altar just before the communion rite. But they are removed again immediately after the Good Friday service, and the altar stands bare until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

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