

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no. 12) - - -THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - - - MARCH 24, 2019
Rectory Office: 822-0818

MONDAY: CCD classes 6- 7:30 PM.

Saturday: Choir practice at 1 PM.

FOR PARISHIONERS INFORMATION: Last week's collection (family and loose: **1464.54**. Weekly target amount for basic expenses is **about \$2,200.00**. Thank you for the 64 families who used their envelopes and those who donated without envelopes.

BBO LUNCH REPORT: We cleared **\$658.00**. Thanks to those who donated, and worked so hard to make this event successful. Thank you also to all those who attended.

TODAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: Water has always been a symbol of life. No one can live without it.; human, animal or plant. Man can live longer without food. The Israelites were criticizing Moses in the desert because they were thirsty. This meant they were criticizing God through His representative, Moses. God gave them water from a rock. They did not die of thirst but might from their lack of trust in God. God also had given them Jacob's well which is still in use today. Jesus speaks of the "living water" which leads to Eternal Life. Thirsting for that water means thirsting for God, His mercy, His forgiveness, His way of living. The poor woman who met Jesus at the well had that thirst. This saving encounter led her to experience God's mercy. She brought many of her countrymen to Jesus. On Sundays we gather to encounter Jesus. We are to deepen our faith and change our lives so that we might bring others to Him.

DECEASED: A memorial Mass was held for Josephine Ewing, mother of Michelle and David, sister of Mary Portka at our church on Wednesday March 20th. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Catholic Charities: Growing up in a neighborhood riddled with gang activity, Jah-Keem was just 9 when he fell in with the wrong crowd. By age 10, he was working as a mule carrying drugs. Despite his mother's best effort, he continued down that troublesome path until his mother moved them to a new neighborhood. While he stayed out of trouble, Jah-Keem did find himself falling behind in school academically and it wasn't long before he dropped out. With no diploma and no job, Jah-Keem's cousin suggested Catholic Charities. Upon his arrival, he linked up with James from the agency's Workforce and Education Services to obtain his high school equivalency degree. "Coming to Catholic Charities was the best move I ever made," he said. "James told me he saw potential in me and nobody but my momma ever told me that before." Today, Jah-Keem has his diploma in hand and is working a full-time job. Will you help others like Jah-Keem find hope? Call 716-218-1400 or visit www.ccwny.org/donation

Christ the King Seminary Come & See Week: March 25-29. Discover the many ways a lay graduate degree can enhance your professional, personal and faith journey. Observe a class, meet with faculty and students and explore the campus. www.cks.edu/comeandsee or call (716) 655-7081.

"Music and Memories" –A Service to Remember Those We Love will be held on Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 pm at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore and again on Saturday, April 13 at 1 pm at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna. The service will feature songs that will inspire and uplift you as we remember those we have loved. Poems, Scripture, music and other pieces will be interspersed throughout the program, along with the reading of your loved one's name. Call by March 20 to have your loved one's name (limit 3 names) listed in the program book. For the service at Mount Olivet Cemetery call 716-873-6500; for the service at Holy Cross Cemetery call 716-823-1197. Open to the community; no charge. For more information, call Marianne Hubert, Director of Grief Support, at 716-873-6500

Ladies of Charity Annual Gift Card Raffle Will be held on **Saturday, April 13** at **Catholic Charities, 75 Caldwell, Lackawanna**. Doors open at **11 am**; first drawing at 12 pm. 30 or more gift cards to be awarded. Entry ticket includes two slices of pizza and a drink. Bring your friends, your own snacks, and your dollar bills to support Ladies of Charity and its ministries. For additional information or tickets, contact Ladies of Charity at 716-895-400

DANAS: 3 .NEDJELJA KROZ KORIZMU : Oduvijek je voda simbol života. Bez nje ne može ni jedno živo biće, bio to čovjek, životinja ili biljka. Čak i bez hrane može se neusporedivo duže izdržati nego bez vode. Izraelci se bune i mrmrljaju protiv Mojsija u pustinji jer su žedni. Time se ustvari bune i protiv Boga čiji je Mojsije predstavnik. Bog im daje vodu iz stijene. Ne će pomrijeti od žeđi, ali hoće od svoje nevjere, jer Bogu nisu vjerovali. A na Jakovljevu zdencu koji je tolike žeđne napojio (i koji još i danas postoji!) Isus govori o vodi živoj, vodi koja daje život vječni. Žeđati za tom vodom znači za Bogom, za njegovim milosrdem, za njegovim opraštanjem, za njegovim putom. Za svim je time žeđala ona nesretna i nesrećena žena koja je na zdencu susrela Isusa. Za nju je to bio spasonosan susret, a kad je doživjela Božje milosrđe, mnoge je svoje sugrađane privela Isusu. I mi se nedjeljama susrećemo s Isusom. Neka taj spasonosni susret bude poticaj da produbimo svoju vjeru, da mijenjamo svoj život nabolje, kako bismo i druge privodili Isusu.

Concert by Sujeet Desai, hosted by the Respect Life Ministry of **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish**, 3148 Abbott Rd., Orchard Park on **Thursday, March 28 from 7-8 pm**. Sujeet is a remarkable young musician born with down syndrome who plays seven musical instruments. To learn more about this talented young man, visit www.sujeet.com. For more information, contact Diana at 716-674-3825 or dianaskot@hotmail.com.

Important Film to See: UNPLANNED : a true pro-life story of Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood leader. Opens Friday **March 29th** at the **Regal Cinema** on Transit Rd.

Vocation Thought: At the sight of the burning bush Moses was responsive to God's call, while his followers were too self-righteous to hear it. God's call will only lead us to what is best for us. If God is calling you to a church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535

LECTORS THIS WEEKEND
5:00 p.m.: Gregory Schenck
10:00 a.m. : Zdenka Juric
11:30 a.m.: Jim Carr
LECTORS March 30 & 31 :
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10:00 a.m.: Zdenka Juric
11:30 a.m.: Jim Carr

LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE: All Catholics who have reached their **14th** birthday are bound to **abstain totally from meat** on **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday**.

FASTING: All Catholics between their **18th and 59th** birthday are bound to observe the **Law of Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. This practice involves limiting oneself to **a single full meal** and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

EASTER DUTY: After initiation into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are obligated to **receive Communion at least once a year**. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a **good reason** it is fulfilled **at another time during the year; this year between March 10(1st Sunday in Lent) and June 16 (Trinity Sunday)**.

RECONCILIATION: Catholics are bound by an obligation to confess serious sins **at least once a year.**(Canon 989)

CONFESSIONS: WEDNESDAYS during Lent: **6:30-7:30 PM**
EVERY SATURDAY during the year :**3-4 PM**.