

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF SS. COSMAS & DAMIAN - SS. ADRIAN, ANTHONY & JOSEPH**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**THIS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

- 4:30 p.m. (*Anita*) Angela Marie Skarbek -- Velma Breiter
- 5:00 p.m. Frances Bofinger -- Lena & Eugene Molinaro
- 8:00 a.m. Rev. Bill Calabrese -- Nick & Barb Gresock
- 10:00 a.m. (*Adrian*) Richard Cappella --  
Sam & Sandra Bevak
- 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

**MONDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Paula Squashic -- Virgil Shaffer

**TUESDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Theresa Osikowicz -- Chris, Lynne, Christopher,  
Elizabeth and Abbey Stello
- 9:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Rachel Elizabeth Sarafite --  
Grandson, Bob

**WEDNESDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Jack Williams -- Tom & Karen Bugay
- 9:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Betty Ecelbarger -- Mary Molinari

**THURSDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Fr. Joseph Reschini -- Bob & Rose Day
- 9:00 a.m. (*Adrian*) Catherine Bosak -- Mary Ann Smith

**FRIDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Richard Havrilla -- Ken & Toie Neal
- 9:00 a.m. (*Anita*) Angeline Parise -- Clara & Joe Agnello

**SATURDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Harold Perry -- Connie Esposito
- 4:30 p.m. (*Adrian*) Katherine Smelko --  
Dennis & Mary Jane Clark
- 5:00 p.m. Michael & Mary Catanzarito --  
Daniel Mastrangelo

**SUNDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Paul B. Kendra -- Mr. & Mrs. Dale McQuown
- 10:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Rose Mondri -- Peter & Elaine Pape
- 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

*We invite family members for whom each weekend Mass is being offered to bring the gifts to the altar. Please make yourself known to the ushers 15 minutes before Mass.*

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SSCD, St. Adrian, St. Anthony & St. Joseph**

**Sunday, February 28**

**Monday, March 1**

- 6:00 p.m. -- Adult Basketball - Gym
- 7:00 p.m. -- K. of C. - Reschini Hall

**Tuesday, March 2**

- 6:00 p.m. -- Apostolate of Fatima Rosary - SSCD Church
- 7:00 p.m. -- SSCD Parish Council - Meeting Room

**Wednesday, March 3**

- 6:30 p.m. -- SSCD Choir Practice - Church

**Thursday, March 4**

**Friday, March 5 First Friday**

- 9:30 a.m. - 4pm -- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -  
SSCD Church
- 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. -- Fish Dinner - Wienker Hall
- 7:00 p.m. -- Stations of the Cross - SSCD Church

**Saturday, March 6**

- 8:30 a.m. -- Recitation of the Rosary - Church

**Sunday, March 7**

- 9:15 a.m. -- Religious Education Classes
- 9:15 a.m. -- Confirmation Classes

**SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL**

**Saturday, March 6 - Bob & Toni Henretta**



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***Schedules for March 6/7, 2010***

	<b>4:30 p.m. St. Adrian</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. SSCD</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. SSCD</b>	<b>10:00 St. Anthony</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. SSCD</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Jimmy Kachmar	Nicole DiPietro Samantha Juart	William Curtis Sam Curtis	<i>Adult Volunteers</i>	Pat Defelice Nathan Steffey
<b>Lector</b>	Jackie Bosak	Tony Fallara	James Overly	Tom Gigliotti	Ed McGinnis
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Dorothy Pisarcik Jo Ann Young	Rose Marie Cipolla Jane Cunningham Patricia Murdock John Quatroche Eileen Quatroche Jean Roberts Celine Tersine	Jeff Curtis Kim Curtis Carol Overly Mike Snyder Nancy Wise Tom Wise Rita Yenzi	Angela Gigliotti Tom Gigliotti	Jessie Anderson Mary Beth Bosak Rick Bosak Renee Doverspike Ange Giavedoni Jude Griffith Mary McHenry
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>Volunteers from those present</i>	Rose Marie Cipolla Jane Cunningham Flip Freas Terry Tersine	Mario Cardamone Paul Koza, Sr. Paul Koza, Jr. Stan Maciejewski	<i>Volunteers from those present</i>	Joe Guzzo Ange Giavedoni <i>Volunteer Volunteer</i>
<b>Organist/ Cantor</b>	Sandy Bevak Larry Bosak	Michael Busija Arlene Stewart	Toie Neal Mary Neal	Bill Farcus Debbie Barilar	Toie Neal Tammy Ransel

## From The Desk of Msgr. Riccardo

Dear Parishioners,

In all three liturgical cycles we have the strange story of the Transfiguration on the second Sunday of Lent. What does it mean? The second reading is a kind of echo of this gospel reading, and perhaps it gives us a key to open up its meaning for us. The Lord, St Paul writes, "will *transfigure* these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body." The Transfiguration, then – whatever we discover it to mean – is not only about Jesus but about us. It is to make some discernible difference to us today.

There was the everyday Jesus who was well known to his friends; and then there was the moment when they scarcely recognized him, so transformed – transfigured – was he. Divinity shone through him, revealing depths that they had never imagined. Can this happen only to Jesus? When the little girl was asked what a saint was, she replied (thinking of the stained glass windows in the church), "A person who lets the light through." Lovely – but is it only an image? Can it also be a reality? Could you and I let the light through? We are probably far too aware of our wretchedness to think thoughts like that. But it is just these "wretched bodies of ours" that are the material of transfiguration, according to St Paul.

Johann Tauler, a Christian mystic, (1300-1361) wrote the following: "God fires the spirit with a spark from the divine abyss. By the strength of this supernatural help, the soul, enlightened and purified, is drawn out of itself into a unique and ineffable state of pure intent toward God. ...This complete turning of the soul toward God is beyond all understanding and feeling; it is a thing of wonder and defies imagination. In this state the soul, purified and enlightened, sinks into the divine darkness, into a tranquil silence and inconceivable union. It is absorbed in God, and now all equality and inequality disappear. In this abyss the soul loses itself, and knows nothing of God or of itself, of likeness to Him or of difference from Him, or of anything whatsoever. It is immersed in the unity of God and has lost all sense of distinctions."

Sadly, this aspect of the Christian faith is not as familiar to many as it could be. We have learned to settle for less. Most people believe that the best things are not for them. But we are all called to deep enlightenment and union with God. Does this mean that we are to be somehow unreal and up-in-the-

air? Hardly. Tauler and the people of his time had to be intensely practical. But his words live for centuries beyond the time he uttered them, because he was in touch with the living heart of our Faith. It is he, and the likes of him, who will lead us to the heart of God.

God Bless!  
Msgr. J. Riccardo



### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Leatrice Rowan, mother of Sue Salsgiver of SSCD Parish, who died last week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. May her soul rest in peace.

### **CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL, 2010**

The 2010 Catholic Services appeal is off to a good start, but we need all of you to contribute. If you have not yet made a pledge to the CSA, we invite you to do so today. Remember that any amount raised above our goal will stay in our parishes. Thank you for being a part of the Catholic Services Appeal.

### **SSCD SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Applications for Tuition Assistance using the STAR Foundation are now available for any family, Catholic or non-Catholic, who intends to send a child/children to SSCD for PreK - 8 for the 2010/2011 school year. Applications are available in the school office or they can be downloaded by using the links section on our website ([www.sscdchurch.com](http://www.sscdchurch.com)) click on *Diocese of Erie* then *2010/11 Tuition Assistance Form*, then click on *2010/11 tuition application*. Paperwork for **STAR** must be completed and mailed directly to Erie no later than March 31, 2010.

Assistance will also be available from the **Children's Scholarship Fund of PA**. Applications will be available on-line in March. Financial guidelines are generous for both scholarship programs.

**The Bridge Educational Foundation Scholarship** is available for **Preschool** only for the 2010/11 school year.

**FIRST FRIDAY** Friday of this week, March 5th, is the first Friday of the month. The priests will be taking Holy Communion to the sick in their homes. If you need a priest to visit you at home, please call the rectory office by Wednesday, 938-6540.

Confessions for the First Friday will be on Thursday at 8:30am.

Lent...

**LENTEN REGULATIONS** All Catholics, 14 years of age and over, are bound by the law of abstinence (no meat or food made of meat products) on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. The laws of fast bind all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 58 inclusive. All Catholics in this age group are permitted one full meal and two smaller meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** During Lent the Stations are being prayed each Friday at 7pm at SSCD Church.

**FISH DINNERS** Lenten Fish Dinners are being served at SSCD on the first six Fridays of Lent from 4 - 7pm in Wienker Hall. Cost of the adult meal is \$8 and includes your choice of baked fish, beer batter fish, salmon cakes or the entrée of the week and three sides of your choice. The meal also includes rolls, beverage and dessert. Cost of the kids meal is \$4 and includes choice of fish or macaroni & cheese, choice of two sides, roll, beverage and dessert. Eat in or take out. For take-out call 939-SSCD (939-7723).

**RICE BOWL** As part of our Lenten observance, we are participating in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, Operation Rice Bowl. Since 1975 ORB has inspired Catholics in the United States to pray, fast, learn and give as we increase our understanding of our global community. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Adoration will be held on Friday beginning after the 9am Mass until 4pm. Our special intention for this month is that we will be renewed this Lenten season and come to Easter strengthened in our resolve to be faithful disciples of Christ.



**125TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS**

Stop in the office for your copy of the 125th Anniversary Cookbook. The books are now complete and contain over 350 time-tested family favorite recipes and will be a great addition to your cookbook collection. It has received great reviews! The cost is just \$15. The books will also be available at the Lenten Fish Dinners.

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you would like to add a name to the Prayer Chain, please call Pat Rougeux, 938-4464 or Anna Smochek, 427-2456. If you are unable to reach them, you can call the office, 938-6540, Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm.

**YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS** End-of-year contribution statements will be sent upon request. If you need a statement of your annual contributions, call the office at 938-6540 or e-mail to [sscdofc@comcast.net](mailto:sscdofc@comcast.net).

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** Jesus was led by the Spirit into "the wilderness." What is the wilderness to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Are there uncharted areas in your marriage or family you avoid? Lent is not about making up our own plan, but letting God work out His plan in us.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** Married and engaged couples: Would you like to gain a better understanding of yourself as a man, woman and couple? Learn about your gift of fertility and true love. Attend a Natural Family Planning series and realize your full potential. For more information, call Judy at 371-5852 for classes starting Thursday, March 11th, from 7 - 9pm in DuBois.

**SSCD SANCTUARY CLEANERS FOR THIS WEEK** Gloria Lester, Betty Gigliotti, Rose Ranieri, Ange Pride.



**NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE**

On March 16th, the World Apostolate of Fatima is bringing the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue to Ss. Cosmas & Damian. Public veneration will be held from 12:00 Noon - 8pm. This beautiful image of Our Lady of Fatima was blessed by Pope Paul VI and given to our country by the Bishop of Fatima to carry the important message of Fatima to the United States. It is a message, Pope John Paul II said, that is more important today than ever.

At 1:00pm, William Sockey, the statue custodian, will give a twenty minute presentation to the school children followed by recitation of the Rosary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

At 6:30pm, Mr. Sockey will again present the Fatima message. Following this presentation will be recitation of the Rosary and Benediction followed by light refreshments in Wienker Hall.

All are invited and encouraged to come see this beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima and learn Our Lady's message.

**CHURCH CLEANERS FOR THE MONTH OF March:**

- St. Adrian - Mickey Mesoraco, Laura Mesoraco, Jodi Kachmar
- St. Anthony - Annette Cochran, Grace Martino, Joy Juliette
- St. Joseph - No Cleaners

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE REDEMPTORIST FATHERS**

The special collection on Ash Wednesday for the Redemptorist Fathers amounted to \$1,555.39. Father Murray, the Redemptorist Priest who conducted our Parish Mission, is very grateful for your generous response.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Weekly Food Donation Sunday, March 7 - Pork & Beans.** Thank you for your generous support.

**RADA CUTLERY** SSCD Rosary Altar Society is selling RADA Cutlery. You can stop in the office to look at a catalog or contact Laura Jesse, 939-4228.

**MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA** Mom, want a special day out with your daughter? A Mother/Daughter Tea, for ten to twelve year old girls and their mothers, will be held on Sunday, March 21st from 12:00 Noon - 2:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church, 129 Graham Avenue in Brookville. Plan to attend this special event to learn about God's plan for love and His gifts of sexuality, chastity and fertility.

Registration is required. Call Penny at 648-0839. Cost is just \$15/family. (Early bird \$12) Invitations/registration forms are available in the school office or call 1-800-374-3723 ext 259.

<b>WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS 2/21/10</b>				
SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%				
	St. Adrian	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	SS.C.D.
Envelopes Sent	79	98	62	584
Envelopes Used	33	38	24	265
Adult	\$551.00	\$559.00	\$542.00	\$5,255.15
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Children	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Loose	<u>\$53.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$24.00</u>	\$636.18
Monthly				<u>\$691.00</u>
Total	<b>\$604.00</b>	<b>\$560.00</b>	<b>\$566.00</b>	<b>\$6,637.33</b>
Weekly Goal:	\$711.00	\$950.00	\$650.00	\$7,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$107.00)	(\$390.00)	(\$84.00)	(\$362.67)
Accumulated (+/-) Goal Since 7/1/09	\$5,643.50 (under goal)	\$6,784.70 (under goal)	\$1,744.05 Over goal	\$8,888.62 (under goal)

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES** If you would like to purchase religious articles call Pat Rougeux, at 938-4464. There is a nice selection of religious items in the cabinet in the back of SSCD Church.

**125 Years....125 Stories**

By: Father Pino

*As part of our year-long anniversary celebration, in each bulletin there will be some facts and historical curiosities about our parish and the people who have shaped our heritage for the past 125 years. If you have any stories or remembrances, please contact Jean in the parish office or Fr. Justin. So let's count down to # 1!*

**#65** This past Monday, David Renne, our parish seminarian, was installed as a Lector at St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe - an important step in his road to the priesthood. Seminaries are vital in the formation of priests. Here is where our priests attended seminary - where they learned how to serve God's people: University of Meunster, Germany (Msgr. Wienker); St. Vincent, Latrobe (Msgr. Link and Msgr. Riccardo); St. Bonaventure, Olean NY (Msgr. Turner and Fr. Miller); North American College, Rome (Msgr. Wehrle); Pontifical Josephinum, Worthington, OH (Fr. Wiley); St. Mary's Baltimore (Msgr. Reszkowski and Fr. Bauer); and Theological College, Washington DC (Msgr. Book). Please pray for seminarians and vocations!


<b>Readings for the Week of February 28</b>	
Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12,17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10,16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28/Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a,13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12/Lk 13:1-9

**125th Anniversary Capital Campaign**

Target Goal: 400,500.00  
Stretch Goal: 445,500.00

Pledged Amount..... \$499,686.00  
Pledge Payments..... \$464,268.05  
Unpaid Pledges..... \$35,417.95

Unpledged Donations..... \$30,400.82



All money pledged will stay at SSCD and be used for renovations to the church as we prepare for our 125th Anniversary.

<b>Catholic Services Appeal 2009</b>				
	St. Adrian	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	SS.C.D
Assessment	\$4,686.00	\$7,456.00	\$6,045.00	\$30,390.00
Pledged Amt.	\$1,465.00	\$2,470.00	\$5,360.00	\$22,740.00
Paid on Pledge	<u>\$1,465.00</u>	<u>\$2,465.00</u>	<u>\$5,360.00</u>	<u>\$22,467.00</u>
Unpaid Pledges	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$273.00
Unpledged Donations	\$4,472.50	\$4,821.00	\$2,632.00	\$4,027.75
Collected to Date	\$5,937.50	\$7,286.00	\$7,992.00	\$26,494.75