

# St. Mary Parish

## Lent 2007

In this holy season, help us to turn our minds and hearts back to you. Lead us into sincere repentance and renew our lives with your grace. Help us to remember that we are sinners, but even more, help us to remember your loving mercy.

May the crosses of ashes that mark our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to your Son. May our worship and prayer and penitence this day be sustained throughout these forty days of Lent. Bring us refreshed and renewed to the celebration of Christ's Resurrection at Easter. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

### Lenten Regulations on Fast and Abstinence

**Abstinence** from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.  
**Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

### Schedule for Ash Wednesday, February 21

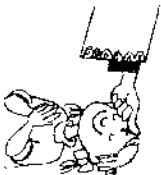
Mass with distribution of ashes

8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church  
 12:05 p.m. at St. Mary Church

7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church

Prayer Service with distribution of ashes

5:50 p.m. at St. Mary Church



## WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION **TRANSFORMATION AT THE WELL**

Presented by Dominican Sisters:

Srs. Noreen Malone and Maxine Shonk

**Saturday, February 24, 2007**

The morning will begin with 9:00 am Mass, followed by the program in Moira Hall. A light lunch will be served. Call 382-2118 by Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> to register. Bring a friend.

## Life Teen Rosary Night

Wednesdays During Lent

7:00 pm – 8:15 pm

Starts House – 1235 Arbor Lane

February 21, 28, March 7, 21, 28, April 4

*Light Snack Served! All teens invited!*



## Operation Rice Bowl

We invite you to participate in **Operation Rice Bowl**, a Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Proceeds will help the less fortunate in our diocese and around the world. **Rice Bowls** and calendars are available in the back of church. The money you save from fasting and sacrifice may be brought in Holy Thursday. (Carried up during Offertory.)

**Every penny is like a piece of rice.**

**It will soon fill a bowl!**



**Sold after Masses on February 17/18**

*Lenten Reflection Booklets* - Cost : \$1.00

*Lenten Reflection Journals* - Cost : \$2.50

(New theme each year)

## Stations of the Cross

Beginning February 23

Fridays during Lent at 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

## Fish Dinners

Serving begins at 5:30 p.m.

(Carryout Available)

Fridays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

in Moira Hall



## PARISH MISSION

**LUKE LIVE!!!**

March 12, 13, 14 at 7:00 p.m.

**Luke Live** is a dramatic exploration through the Gospel that will appeal to all who want to deepen their encounter with the Scriptures. This is a Bible-based mission/retreat with stories about Jesus shared from the heart with hymns, songs and preaching. Father James Diluzio, a Paulist priest from New York, will lead the Mission.

### Schedule for the Mission

Father Diluzio will inaugurate the mission by preaching at the weekend Masses – **March 10 and 11**  
 Monday, March 12 – Mass at 8:30 a.m. with preaching  
 March 12 – Evening Session I at 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, March 13 – \*9:00 am **Luke Live** followed by 11:00 a.m. Mass  
 March 13 – Evening Session II at 7:00 p.m.  
 Wed., March 14 – School Mass at 8:30 a.m.

with preaching

March 14 – Evening Session III at 7:00 p.m.

\* This is offered especially for those unable to attend the evening sessions

## Parish Penance Service

With opportunity for individual confessions.

(Visiting priests will assist)

Sunday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.