



Congratulations to our parish seminarian Brandon Kleckner! This past Monday night, Brandon was installed in the Ministry of Lector at St. Vincent Seminary by Bishop Joseph

Ademec of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. This is one of the first formal rites given to a future priest. According to the teachings of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, *“The lector is instituted to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture, with the exception of the gospel reading. He may also announce the intentions for the General Intercessions and, in the absence of the psalmist, sing or read the psalm between the readings. In the celebration of the Eucharist, the lector has specific duties which he alone ought to perform, even though ordained ministers may be present. In the absence of an instituted lector, other lay people may be designated to proclaim the readings from the Sacred Scriptures. Such designated lectors must be truly qualified and carefully prepared for this office, so that the faithful will develop a warm and lively love for Sacred Scripture from listening to the reading from the sacred texts.* Brandon is a First Theologian at St. Vincent, is on track to be ordained a priest in about 3 more years. His next installed rite will be the Ministry of Acolyte next year. After that, he should be ordained to the transitional diaconate after his 3<sup>rd</sup> year, and ordination to the presbyterate when his studies are complete after his 4<sup>th</sup> year. We look forward to having Brandon with us during Holy Week. Please keep him in your prayers. If you wish to send him a card, you may do so at: *St. Vincent Seminary, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA. 15650.*

We have just passed “dead center” of Lent. In less than 4 weeks will be the glorious celebration of Easter. Please continue to keep our catechumens and candidates close to your prayers: Brian Alexander & John Blose, who will be receive Baptism, and the other Sacraments of Initiation; as well as T.J. Robinson (Eucharist & Confirmation); and, Kelly Reynolds and Michael Horomanski (Confirmation). This is a very exciting time for them, as they prepare to join us fully in our commitment as Catholic people, empowered to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are in the process of preparing families to re-sign their contracts for the Catholic Education Grant Program. If you remember, and for those families that are new to the parish, we created the CEGT when we closed Sacred Heart School two years ago. We wanted to continue the mission of the founders of the parish in 1894, which was to provide a Catholic education to the children of the parish. Sacred Heart School was created a year later, in 1895, and continued that mission until 2007. Since then, we have provided \$1,500 per child (\$2,000 for two, \$2,500 for 3, etc.) to any Catholic grade school they wish to attend; as well as \$2,000 per student for Cathedral Prep, Mercyhurst Prep, and Villa Maria Academy. However, to receive monies, that family ... *parents AND students* ... must attend Mass EVERY WEEK, sell tickets on the Mustang, sell Big Give-Away tickets, and work the dinners. If you are interested in participating, just go to our website ([www.sacredhearterie.org](http://www.sacredhearterie.org)), and click on the link for “Catholic Education Grant Program”, and you can view the entire contract. You do have to be a parishioner for one full year before you can access this program, though. If you have any questions, just call me at anytime.

Have a great week! Plan to come to the Easter Vigil!  
Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

|                        | Mar. 15, 2009       | Mar. 16, 2008 |
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| Repairs & Improvements | \$130.00            | \$215.00      |
| Easter Flowers         | \$0.00              | \$926.00      |
| Sacrificial Giving     | <b>\$6,125.73</b>   | \$8,281.86    |
| Amount Needed          | <b>\$7,250.00</b>   |               |
| Over/(Short)           | <b>(\$1,124.27)</b> |               |

(\*includes loose money). Last week, out of 680 families of the parish, 320 envelopes (47%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$19.15**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. *Thanks for your sacrifice.*

ATTENTION LADIES OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY

**Notice:** Because of Holy Week, we will assemble on Wednesday, April 1st (no fooling) for our spring tureen dinner at 6:00PM in the audi. (The board will meet at 5:30).



A delightful buffet (prepared by us) will feature many flavorful and yummy dishes from your own recipe boxes.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE!

Last names starting with A to K are asked to bring a hot dish, such as beans, German potato salad, mac & cheese, rigatoni, etc. Whatever your specialty is, we’d love to try it.

Names starting with L to Z are asked to bring a cold dish, such as relishes, cheese, fruit, deviled eggs etc. Surprise us!

Remember your donation to the food pantry (**canned soup**).

The word is out . . . the dates for the **Rummage Sale** are **June 11th, 12th, and 13th**. Please remember us when you do your spring cleaning and save those paper grocery bags for this annual event.

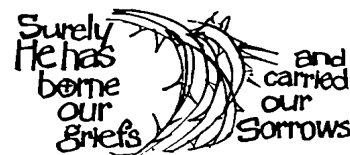
OPERATION RICE BOWL

Fourth Week of Lent - Nicodemus and Jesus



In today’s Gospel, the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus reminds us during Lent that as we seek to put our spiritual lives in order, we cannot accomplish this task on our own. God has done for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We are reminded that we have been made able to see the kingdom of God; we have been given the gift of eternal life through the waters of Baptism.

As we continue our journey of Operation Rice Bowl let us remember in **prayer** that we are called to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us. Through protecting the environment in which we live, we respect the goodness of nature, a gift God has given. May our **fasting** keep us mindful of those who have no clean water to grow crops or to nourish their families. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services’ water projects that bring clean water to communities.



† † † Masses  
For The Week

Lenten  Schedule

**Monday, March 23rd - St. Toribio de Mogrovejo**  
8:30 - Communion Service  
**Tuesday, March 24th**  
8:30 - Communion Service  
**Wednesday, March 25th - Annunciation of the Lord**  
8:30 - Communion Service  
**Thursday, March 26th**  
8:30 - Pauline Leone - Family  
**Friday, March 27th**  
8:30 - Michael Carson - Family  
7 PM - **Stations of the Cross and Benediction** in church.  
**Saturday, March 28th**  
4:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church  
**Sunday, March 29th - The Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
9:30 - Cas Klemen - Mary and Family  
11:30 - Thomas VanVolkenberg - Big Giveaway Committee

**Priest Schedule for March 28th and 29th**  
**Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch**  
**Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM - Fr. Detisch**

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of the Deceased Members of the †**Faraglia** and †**Giammario Families** by the Family.

The Bread and Wine are given in memory of †**Tom Brown** by Edie and the family.

**Scripture Readings for Next Week**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Hebrews 5: 7-9 John 12:20-33  
Ezekiel 37: 12-14 Romans 8: 8-11 John 11: 1-45

**SACRED HEART'S CONFIRMATION CLASS**

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| <p><b>CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL</b><br/>Diocesan Goal: \$45,166<br/>Parish Goal: \$90,000<br/><b>Pledged to Date: \$103,165</b><br/>227% of Diocesan Goal<br/>114% of Parish Goal<br/><b>283 contributors = 38%* of Parish</b><br/>*Last weeks figures were incorrect</p> |
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**"KNOCKING OUT HOMELESSNESS"**

Concerned about the plight of the poor and homeless, the Sacred Heart Confirmation class has embarked upon a project to help "knock out homelessness" by holding a food, toiletry and gently worn clothing drive.



Parishioners are asked to bring in food, toiletries and clean, gently worn clothing. Items may be dropped off during March in boxes placed in the vestibule. Please see the enclosed insert in the bulletin for a list of items that are needed.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Monday - Boy Scout Meeting** at 6:00PM in the audi.  
**Monday Night Scripture Group** at 7:00PM in the sacristy.  
**Tuesday** - The **Rosary** will be prayed at 2:00PM in church.  
**Friday** - Church Cleaning **Team #10** (Kim and Jim Malone's team) is scheduled for Friday, March 27th.  
**Stations of the Cross and Benediction** at 7:00PM in church.

**BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS**

Congratulations to these most recent **Big Giveaway winners**: 8805 - Jerry Space, 1538 - Deborah Leone and Dolores Brunk, 1604 - Carl Klan, 4409 - Mike and Carol Hilbrich, 7001 - Cheryl and Dan Heise, 5984 - Terri Kern, 7536 - Tom and Linda Mish, and 3966 - Dave Senz.

Well, after only two turn-ins, we have received returns for 233 tickets. While that number may seem small, since there are only a week and a half until the April 1st kick-off for the new Big Giveaway year, it is encouraging since turn-ins last year at this time were somewhat less. Furthermore, many Sellers make no turn-ins until the Tuesday before, and again, the Tuesday after April 1st.

We have had a few volunteers as new Sellers, a very encouraging sign. However, still more, especially young volunteers would be much appreciated. We also have had a number of Sellers requesting additional tickets, another very encouraging sign.

Since the deadline for the Bulletin is ahead of the turn-in of March 17th, we are unable to report how well the turn-in went with regard to the entertainment promised in last week's bulletin. Whether it increased the number of turn-ins or caused them to dwindle to nothing, we cannot say.....report next week.

The next Big Giveaway turn-in will be on Tuesday, March 24th, from 7:00 to 8:00PM, in the Auditorium.

**ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!** We have many awesome things coming up this summer! Here is a list of some of the events:



- A 5 on 5 basketball tournament at Saint Andrew's Parish Center with winners playing the Running Revs (a team of Priests from around our diocese who compete with high school teams!)
- On May 2nd we will be going on our bi-annual Steubenville trip and also making a stop @ Grove City Outlets!
- Car washes @ Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart!
- Our 24 hour lock-in @ Saints Andrew's Parish Center!
- A series of talks on Theology of the Body for teens!
- On August 9th we will be joining 30,000 Catholic youth in Cleveland to participate in the all day long festival with bands, skate parks, and much more!
- In September we will be going to Cedar Point to see TobyMac, Skillet, and Family Force Five!

Get involved with our youth ministry program if you would like to participate in any of these youth events! Please feel free to e-mail me any questions or concerns at catholicconnection@gmail.com. Peace. Jesse

Please remember in your prayers our departed:  
†**Arietto Fronzaglia**, brother of Alda Locke and Simone Fronzaglia.

