



# *Mater Dolorosa*

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 14, 2010**

Rev. John J. Large, Pastor

Rev. Cornelius Kilty, OSFS

In Residence ~ *Professor* ~ *North Catholic*

Rectory Office Hours: Monday to Friday

8:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Other Times by Appointment

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mater Dolorosa:

Saturday ~ 4:00 PM

Sunday ~ 11:15 AM

Wed.-Thurs. ~ 8:00 AM

Holy Day Vigil 7:00 PM

Holy Day Mass 9 AM

St. Joan of Arc:

Saturday ~ 5:15 PM

Sunday ~ 10:00 AM

Mon.-Tues. ~ 8:00 AM

No Vigil Mass

8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

#### Confessions

Saturday ~ 3:30 PM

Saturday ~ 4:45 PM

**BAPTISM:** Baptisms are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12:15 PM. Parent must be registered in the parish and have attended a Pre-Jordan Class held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Registration is made by calling the Rectory.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Eucharist is taken to the homebound on a regular basis. If a family member is in the hospital, please contact the Rectory.



## CARRY THE CROSS



A few years ago I was giving a retreat for parents who had a child die or a child who was killed. One of the parents gave me a paper that contained a sermon for a child who had suicided. The preacher's point was that we don't know the

depth of their pain or how long they carried the pain because it is subjective and relative. Each of us experiences and endures pain differently. He concluded by saying that we should respect the person for carrying the pain as long as they did.

I write this introduction because recently the newspapers have been filled with accounts of the double suicide on the Norwood Railroad tracks by two teenage girls; Vanessa Dorwort and Gina Gentile. It was suggested that Gina missed her boyfriend Jim Bradley who was hit and killed by a car a month earlier when he was riding a bicycle. Vanessa missed him, too.

Unfortunately, Gina and Vanessa's pain from missing Jim Bradley have become many other people's pain. The detective who had to pick up their two hundred or more body parts off the railroad tracks was traumatized. The engineer of the train had to be taken off duty. He was in training to become a full time engineer. The coroners had to go home to their families after trying to figure out which body part belonged to whom. The families of the girls are devastated. Interboro High School where they attended is in overwhelming grief. The new Superintendent was only in her fourth day of work Their parish and neighborhood are also affected by their pain.

Everyone has pain. The goal in life is to try to deal with our own pain without making it

everybody's else's pain. This is not meant to be a judgment on the two girls. However, Jesus does say take up your cross and follow me. He does not say "Make your cross everybody else's cross. Sometimes like Jesus we need others like Simon of Cyrene to help us carry our cross. However, it is still our cross and our job in life is not to make our crosses everybody else's.

I do not know the depth or how long Gina or Vanessa carried their pain, but I do know there were their families, their high school, their parish church, their neighbors and their friends who would have been more than glad to be the Simon of Cyrene and help them carry their pain until the pain had subsided. If you are in pain and want to suicide ask some Simon of Cyrene to help you carry your pain until it does not paralyze your thinking and feeling. Not only you will be glad but those who love you will.

## PARISH FINANCES FOR 2/28/10 – 3/6/10

### Income

Sunday Collection 2/28/10	\$ 1,240.00
Candles	\$ 225.00
Penny Drop	\$ 25.50
Second Collection	\$ 92.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,582.50</b>

### Expenses

Payroll/Taxes/Fees	\$ 3,634.75
Lotto Winners	\$ 600.00
Prop./Liab.Ins./Com/Disab. 3 of 4	\$ 5,430.86
Miscellaneous	\$ 34.41
Religious Education Materials	\$ 58.24
Holy Inn. Subsidy/March/April	\$ 505.20
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 10,263.46</b>

**St. Joan of Arc Invitations** ~ You are invited to a Gaudete Sunday fellowship immediately after the 5:15 PM Mass on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel. The menu is hot dogs and sauerkraut.

You are invited to a Holy Thursday Liturgy Planning on Monday evening, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the St. Joan of Arc Rectory.

You are invited to buy Irish Potatoes. They are on sale after all the Masses. The profits go to the CCD Program.

**Mater Dolorosa Casino Trip** ~ Sunday, April 11, 2010. Depart Paul & Ruan Sts. at 12 Noon. Depart at 7:30 PM. Cost is \$30.00 due by April 4, 2010. No Refunds. Call Cindy at 215-535-2740 to reserve your seat.

**Mater Dolorosa Pasta Supper** ~ Sunday, March 21, 2010 from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM following the 11:15 AM Mass. \$8.00 per person. Includes Pasta, Meatballs/Sausage, Salad, Rolls/Butter, Desserts, Coffee/Tea/Beverage. Wine available to purchase. Take outs available! Call the Rectory at 215-535-4036 for tickets. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

**Ecumenical Holy Week Activities** ~ Good Friday - 9:30 AM - Stations of the Cross - We will gather at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 4400 Frankford Ave. and then process around the neighborhood. You do not have to walk the entire route. Easter Sunday - Resurrection Run - 7:00 AM, people will gather at Campbell AME Church, 1657 Kinsey St. The route is 3 miles. You can walk or run it. It will conclude at Presbyterian Church of Frankford (Pink Church) at Unity & Ruan Sts. Pastor John Sweet is preparing a wonderful warm breakfast for everyone who participates.

**Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**  
~ This collection will be taken up next weekend.

**Nursing/Health Ministry** ~ Anyone interested in learning more about Diocesan Nursing/Health Ministry, go to St. Leo Convent, Tulip & Unruh Ave. On Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

**Mass Book for 2011** will open on Monday, March 15, 2010.

**People Attending**

March 6/7, 2010	99
Envelopes Mailed	351
Envelopes Used	
March 6/7, 2010	126

**Thank You for Coming and Giving!**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Sat., March 13: (Vigil Fourth Sunday of Lent)  
4 pm Michael Pantano (M/M Angelo Ciocca)  
Sun., March 14: (Fourth Sunday of Lent)  
11:15 am Filomena Citino (Citino Family)  
Mon., March 15: (Lenten Weekday)  
8 am Mass at St. Joan of Arc  
Tues., March 16: (Lenten Weekday)  
8 am Mass at St. Joan of Arc  
Wed., March 17: (St. Patrick, Bishop)  
8 am Jean F. Saboja (M/M Francis Fedele)  
Thurs., March 18: (Lenten Weekday)  
8 am Joseph Gripper (Jim & Kim Depiera)  
Friday, March 19: (St. Joseph, Husband of BVM)  
NO MASS  
Sat., March 20: (Vigil Fifth Sunday of Lent)  
4 pm Angela Smyth (David, Mary, Felicia, Bob)  
Sun., March 21: (Fifth Sunday of Lent)  
11:15 am Rose Cancelliere (Marie & Harry Tini)

**Lotto Winners** ~ Church, Sunny Meehan, B. Zielinski, Crich, Harry C., Theresa Kealey, Horan Family, Chick Cataldo, Harry C., Peter Garcia, Lila Fleetwood, Harry C., Tony Rachuba, Jacqueline Turner, Easton, Peg Duda, Regina Mallon, Harry C., Tony Rachuba, Harry C., Margaret Gall, Charles Flemming, Angela Altomari, Barbara Donahue, Harry Citrino, Ron Murray.

**† INTENTIONS FOR OUR VOTIVE CANDLES †**

Sacred Heart: Steve Scherneck (M/M David Damm)  
Bl. Mother: Rose Cancelliere (Marie & Harry Tini)  
St. Joseph: Honor St. Joseph (Walter DiLeo)  
St. Anthony: Alfred Renzi, Sr. (Daughter Anna Dillio)

**Remember Our Sick!**

John Bandish, Frank Cancelliere, Nicholas DiNicolo, Josephine DiRaddo, Mary DiSantis, Joan Gain, Helen Mauro, Maria Petrella, Frank Salerno, Elizabeth Sellman, Patricia Sellman.

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