

And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." - Jn 2:16-17



Collection for 03/12/06: \$2,554.54
 Collection for same week last year: \$2,743.22
 Thank you for your generosity!

Bingo on Thursday, March 9, 2006: \$332.75

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Next week we will have the opportunity to make our pledge to the Cardinal's Annual Appeal. We will make our pledges during the Mass next weekend. Please take time this week to reflect on your pledge. And remember a pledge to make a donation over 4 or 6 months will benefit both the Archdiocese as well as the Parish Community of St. Cecilia. May the Lord enlighten you for your reflection and decision during this week.

Baptisms. The next baptisms will be after Easter. The conference for parents and godparents will take place on April 1; baptism on April 22.

Heart – Health- Aerobic – Fitness Program: The next talk will be Sunday, March 26, after the 9:45 a.m. Mass. The topic: "Overview: Medicare Part D". Facilitators: Ms. Iris Bermudez – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and Ms Gema Diaz, EPIC. This program is provided by the Community Health Alliance of Harlem and Northern Manhattan, Inc and the American Diabetes Association Project Power/Diabetes Education.



Youth Group Meeting: The next meeting of the teen youth group (ages 13-17) will be Friday, March 24, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the Rectory. Come! Enjoy!

Food Sale for Teen-Youth Group: was a great success - \$597.00. Thanks to all who supported the group!

Food Sale for R.C.I.A. Retreat: this Sunday, March 19, after all the Masses. Come and Enjoy!

The R.C.I.A. **scrutinies**, which are celebrated on these 3 Sundays of Lent, and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. The scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.



Emergency Phone Number for after hours:
 After 7:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday, and after 4 p.m. Sundays, any emergency calls should go to the following number: **1-646-584-1312.**

Readings for the Week of March 19, 2006

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25; Scrutinies (Cycle A): Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
 Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/ Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/ Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/ Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
 Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21; Scrutinies (Cycle A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Lent 2006



Fridays of Lent are penitential days. Our custom is to abstain from meat. What else do we need to abstain from?

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday evenings at

7:00 p.m. in English. Wednesdays at 11:40 a.m., before 12:10 p.m. Mass in Spanish. All are invited!

The Cross. Pick a paper from the cross in the Church to have a Lenten practice for this week.

R.C.I.A. The names of the adults and teens who will receive Easter Sacraments are on the banners in the Church. Look at them and remember them in your Lenten prayer.

R.C.I.A. for next year: Adults, 18 years of age and older, who want to receive Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist (Communion) next year can register with Fr. Blas or with Sister Gina. The classes will begin in April.

Remember that to be a godparent of Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation, one must have received all 3 sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion.

Points for Reflection and Discussion for Week 3 of Lent:

Do you know someone who is completely trustworthy? What qualities make them so? Are you completely trustworthy?

Why do you trust God?

Do you believe the Ten Commandments are valid laws in today's world? Why or why not?

Do the U.S. bishops support any particular legislation to repair our broken immigration system?

On July 19, 2005, Bishop Gerald R. Barnes, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, announced support for the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005 (S. 1033, H.R. 2330), introduced by Senator John McCain (R-Az.) and Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) in the U.S. Senate (co-sponsors) and Representatives Jim Kolbe (R-Az.), Jeff Flake (R-Az.), and Luis Gutierrez (co-sponsors) in the House of Representatives. This legislative proposal includes many of the elements outlined by the U.S. bishops, including an earned legalization program, a temporary worker program with worker protections, and reductions in backlogs for family-based visa categories.