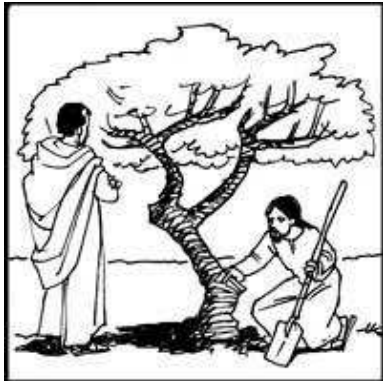


ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
MARCH 7, 2010
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



“Leave it, sir, this one year while I dig around it. If it bears fruit, well and good.”

Luke 13:9

Scripture readings for next week:

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

WALKING IN A NEW LIFE

Baptism: Matteo Antonio Ancona
Luke Patrick Kirby

Ministers to the Sick: If you or someone you know from our parish family is in the hospital or will be home bound for some time, please contact the church office. We have Ministers to the Sick who will bring Eucharist and share current news from our community.



Lenten Meals/Stations of the Cross

– The Men’s Club will provide Lenten Meals every Friday during the Lenten season. Dinner will be served from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. in Enrichment Center I, followed by Stations of the Cross in church at 7:00 p.m.

Rite of Enrollment for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This weekend during the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sun., Mar. 7th, we celebrate the First Scrutiny in our Purification and Enlightenment Phase wherein the Elect (those seeking Baptism) and the Candidates (those seeking full communion with the Catholic Faith), have reflected on the Gospel reading of the Samaritan Woman at the Well. They will be asking of themselves the question: “What is my soul thirsting for?” They are asking the Lord for Living Water to satisfy their thirst.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered Monday evenings during the Lenten season in the chapel 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. All are invited.



The Living Last Supper

will be performed on Fri., Mar. 26th, 7:00 p.m. Don’t miss this amazing event performed by members of our own parish family

♥ HIGH SCHOOL

Questions? Missed sign-up at the Youth Table? Call Caryl (407 699-5683 x 228) or e-mail caryld@st-stephen.com

S.A.L.T (Service & Leadership Training)

Will meet Wed., Mar. 10th, 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. All high school teens welcome.

☀ MIDDLE SCHOOL

Questions? Missed sign-up at the Youth Table? Call Julie (407 699-5683 x 227) or email juliea@st-stephen.com



Middle School St. Patty's Party – All middle school youth are invited to join us on Sun., Mar. 14th, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in Enrichment

Center I. There will be a contest for “**WHO IS THE GREENEST OF THEM ALL**” along with food and games!

Middle School Youth “Pay It Forward”

Project – Join us Sat., Mar. 27th, we will be going to the Harvest Time Food Bank in Sanford to help with sorting and packaging of food items for the Haiti Relief program. Please meet at the church back parking lot at 12:00 noon and we will return at 4:45 p.m. Stop by the Youth table to sign up.



Men's Club Fish Fry – Join us Fri., Mar. 26th, 4:30 – 6:45 p.m. in Enrichment Center I. Tickets are \$7 adult and \$4 child in advance and \$9 adult and \$5 child at the door. Following

dinner join us in church at 7:00 p.m. for the last performance of *The Living Last Supper*. All are welcome!

P.R.E.P. INFORMATION

Mar. 7th – 3yrs Old/Preschool/Kindergarten

Mar. 7th – Level I (High School)

Mar. 9th/10th – Primary Grades (1-4)

Mar. 14th – 3 yrs Old/Preschool/Kindergarten

Mar. 14th – Level II (High School)

VBS Is Setting Sail...Want to Help?

St. Stephen Vacation Bible School will be setting sail this year June 28th – July 2nd for a **High Seas Expedition, Exploring the Mighty Love of God!** The seas can get mighty rough when the winds begin to blow, but with a good crew, it's always smooth sailing.

We are looking to expand our “Crew” of Adult Leaders so ALL HANDS ON DECK! Join us Tues., Mar. 9th, 7:00 p.m. in the Resource Room for an informational meeting. We'll explain our “itinerary”, map out our “course”, and start planning our High Seas journey. Find your sea legs and join us to be a part of the Crew!

We invite all Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to celebrate Scout Sunday on Mar. 14th, at the 11:00 a.m. Eucharistic celebration. For more information contact Nancy (407) 696-2645.

Special diocesan collection next weekend for the Catholic Relief Services and the collection to aid the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Daylight Savings Time begins
next Sun., Mar. 14th

MASS INTENTIONS FOR - Monday, March 8 - Sunday, March 14, 2010

Mon.	7:00 AM	Marilyn V. Bradner	Sat.	8:30 AM	Evelyn Koch
Tues.	7:00 AM	Sick of the Parish		5:00 PM	Steven King
Wed.	7:00 AM	Idelle Langelotti	Sun.	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
Thurs.	7:00 AM	Marilyn V. Bradner		11:00 AM	Priscilla Koran
Fri.	7:00 AM	Marilyn V. Bradner			

LET US SERVE ONE ANOTHER THROUGH PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

Week 4: Organizations Serving the Unemployed, Homeless and Disabled, Suggestions: laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, bleach and towels.

Week 5: Organizations Serving Women and Children, Safehouse of Seminole County, B.E.T.A., J.M.J., Sanford Shelter, Suggestions: Diapers all sizes, baby wipes, twin size sheets, twin size blankets, snack items and shelf type microwave dinners.

Annual Celebration Of The Sacrament Of The Sick – This beautiful Sacrament of Healing and Compassion will be celebrated next Sat., Mar. 13th, at the 5PM Mass only. Who is invited? All who have serious or chronic conditions; physical, mental or emotional. All with serious disabilities. All who are preparing for surgery, and all who are advanced in age and in frail condition.

Many Faces Of God – Following the success of our series on *The Many Faces of God* we invite you to join us as we continue our reflection with a four part series presented by Fr. Patrick Quinn and Fr. Ben Berinti of San Pedro Center. Our series continues on Thursday evenings 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please set aside the time to join us for this important series.

St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance – Mark your calendars for Sat., Mar. 13th. Socialization will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a traditional St. Patrick's Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost \$20. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

St. Stephen Active Adult Adventurers – Join our group on Tues., Mar. 16th, for a trip to the Tampa Hard Rock Casino. Cost \$25, which includes motorcoach transportation, \$25 slot play and a \$5 meal allowance. For registration contact Vic (407) 327-4134 or Sue (407) 366-8139.

Women of Wisdom Sharing (WOWS) was formed as a Ministry to lovingly support women through their changing roles in life; Empty Nest Syndrome, Retirement, and Relationships with our Adult

children. The Prayer Service will be held Wed., Mar. 24th, 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Center. The program begins Apr. 1st, (Thursday mornings 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.) thru May 20th. For information/registration contact Emily (407) 365-4373 or Rita (321-305-3505).

Sign Language Volunteer Needed once a month for the 11am Mass. If you can help please contact the church office.

Thought for the day – The purpose of life is to live a life of purpose.