

# St. Cletus Canticle

*March 23, 2008*

*Easter Sunday*

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## Mass Intentions for the Week of March 24 - March 30, 2008

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Frank Wojcik
Tuesday	8:00am	Dolores Slowiak
Wednesday	8:00am	Ann Orzel, Chester Stolarski
Thursday	8:00am	Sandy Fisher, John Fisher
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Erik Geyer
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Parish Priest's Intentions Ed Smithy, Kutta Family, Barbara Thompson, Ardel Mueller
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Purgatorial Society Ronald Durso Adeline Dalaney Ray Tobolski, Carolyn & Carrie Kopman, Barbara McQuaid, Dolores Slowiak Priests' of the Missionaries of St. Charles



### March 29/30

5:00pm - J. Ward, A. Sandoval, N. Maldonado  
 7:00am - P. Kelley, J. Heim, M. Thomas  
 8:00am - C. Usher, A. Kopicki, P. O'Malley  
 9:30am - A. Bartucci, H. Griffin, B. Kelly  
 11:00am - J. Krecek, K. Cernetig, M. Garvey

### Auxiliary Minister Schedule

<u>Saturday, March 29, 2008</u>		<u>9:30 am</u>		LR Wehrmeister, R
<u>5:00 pm</u>	LR Bamberger, J	SM Kovh, N	C1 Hullinger, S	
SM Micek, J	C1 Delaloye, J	B2 Horak, V	C2 Blecic, D	
B2 Richards, M	C2 Bozec, B	B3 Burke, K	C3 Tosheff, C	
B3 Bamberger, M A	C3 Chlapecka, R	B4 Dunkovich, A	C4 Koch, B	
B4 Boyer, K	C4 Micek, J	B5 Bolton, P	C5 Schump, C	
B5 Beales, N	C5 Beales, D	B6 Thuma, M	C6 Chaney, M	
B6 Andrews, D	C6 Reichl, M			
<u>Sunday, March 30, 2008</u>		<u>11:00 am</u>		LR Pisone, M L
<u>7:00 am</u>	LR McDonnell, M	SM McCaffray, P	C1 Maday, J	
SM Wouk, D		B2 Wiley, J	C2 Hoskins, C	
B2 Wouk, D		B3 DalPorto, K	C3 Maday, J	
B3 Swindall, V		B4 Ficaro, J	C4 McCaffray, P	
B4 Swindall, T		B5 Curnutt, R	C5 Herzog, T	
B5 Hinton, G		B6 Haggerty, F	C6 Augustyn, R	
B6 Mezan, M A				
<u>8:00 am</u>				
SM Karch, J	LR Hagen, J			
B2 Welch, J	C1 Kaleta, M			
B3 Saban, J	C2 Borsilli, H			
B4 Karch, T	C3 Kwak, T			
B5 Walsh, M J	C4 Karch, J			
B6 Zarembo, E	C5 Bliss, G			
	C6 Meade, M			



**PLEASE WELCOME THESE CHILDREN  
TO OUR PARISH FAMILY...**



*Ava Pearl Burton*

Daughter of Jeff & Melissa (May) Burton

*Patrick James Doppke*

Son of James & Erin (O'Neill) Doppke

*Phineas Andrew Loch*

Son of Michael & Lauren (Manz) Loch



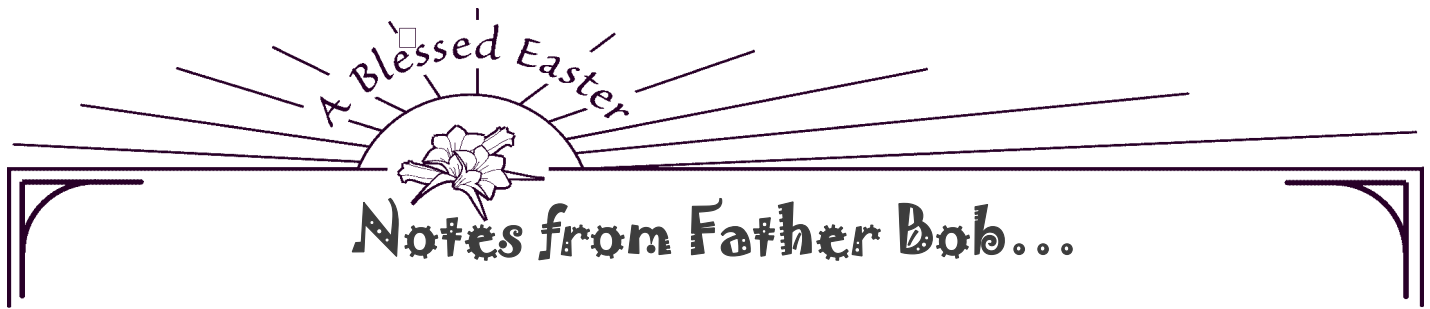
**Please pray for those who have died and their families:**

† *Helen Ryan*  
Mother of Maureen Polis

† *Emily Stechley*  
Mother of Dolores Blecic

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15  
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18  
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35  
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48  
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14  
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15  
 Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9;  
 Jn 20:19-31



**“HE IS RISEN!...HE IS TRULY RISEN!” ALLELUIA!!!**

*Mary of Magdala comes before dawn on the first day of the week to the tomb of Jesus. She had witnessed his suffering; she had been present at the cross when he breathed his last. Her life had been profoundly changed for the better by this man – the gospel tells us that Jesus had cast seven demons out of Mary. He had set her free and she had reason enough to love him. So she came to honor him, perhaps to prepare his body, perhaps simply because in her love she could not let go and just needed to be near her Lord.*

*When she saw that first sign of resurrection, the stone which had been rolled away, she did not understand. The two disciples she hurried to tell ran to the scene. The Beloved Disciple (John) was hesitant about entering the tomb. Peter, typically, went straight in, but though he saw further signs of the resurrection – the folded cloths – he too did not understand. It is only when John sees – really sees – that he makes that leap of faith and believes.*

*The first reading tells us that Jesus did not appear to everyone after his resurrection – only to those whom God had chosen; only to those who were his disciples, who could really see the signs; only, you might say, to those who truly love him. It is these people who had a real encounter with the Risen Lord – who “have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.” They were the ones who had their lives turned around by this man, to the point where Peter says that they are more than friends, more than fans, but ordered to be witnesses to the resurrection.*

*Why are we here today? Perhaps like Mary we simply want to express our love of Jesus, like the fans who visit their hero’s grave. John stood at the edge of the tomb, not daring to enter. Is that us? Are we reluctant to go any further with our faith, perhaps afraid of where it might lead? Perhaps we are like Peter – oblivious to the signs of God’s presence, to the signs of the resurrection in our own lives?*

*Eventually, John and Mary and Peter do move on from their grief and confusion. John “sees and believes.” Mary recognizes the Lord in the garden when he speaks her name. Peter moves from confusion and ignorance to fearless faith and witness. Where do we stand? As Christians we are not just distant admirers or grateful fans. Paul tells us: “we have been brought back to true life with Christ.” Through our baptism, we actually share his journey through death to new life. And so like Peter we seek to be witnesses, witnesses to what he has done for us. By faith, we acknowledge his resurrection, we continue to eat and drink with him, and we hope to share his glory. But if we are to be credible witnesses, we need to have that first hand encounter with the risen Lord – we need to see the signs of his presence in our lives, as John, Mary and Peter did. We can only bear witness to what we have personally experienced. If we love Christ – if we follow his way of love – then he will lead us to see and believe. He will enable us to become powerful witnesses to his resurrection – and to our own, to the glory which awaits all those who put their trust in him.*

*On behalf of Fathers Pat O’Neill, Charles Watkins, Charles Gallagher, and myself we wish you all a blessed and holy Easter filled with the love of our Risen Lord. May each of you grow in grace throughout this holy season. Rejoice and be glad for He has Risen! He has truly Risen!*

*Easter Blessings,  
Father Bob*



*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*

## SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2008

### EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

#### Let's make history

In a year when the air is filled with talk of historical firsts in the nation's presidential race, it is important to remember that when it comes to our faith, we all have the opportunity to carve a niche in salvation history by being the first to introduce the good news to a new generation or to a single soul starved for love or hungering for justice. In the end, though, what is really noteworthy is not being the first but giving witness no matter when we come on the scene. Each day provides us with a fresh opportunity to play a part in the Christian story. Easter is brimming with possibilities.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9*

*"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb."*

## MONDAY, MARCH 24

### MONDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

#### My body will be eternal?

When Mary Magdalene and the other Mary encountered an angel proclaiming the Resurrection over Jesus' tomb, the two responded with fear. We, too, can relate to their reaction in the midst of this fantastic narrative. But why should the two be terrified? After all, the angel reminded them, the Resurrection was exactly what Jesus had foretold. Still, who could imagine that it actually could occur? More than any of Jesus' miracles, his Resurrection needed to be seen before being believed. Indeed, the Resurrection, while a simple idea, appears to be one of the most unimaginable parts of the Christian faith. But think of how each Sunday we proclaim that our bodies will be resurrected just the same as Christ's, that this fantastic event will be ours.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15*

*"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.'"*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 25

### TUESDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER - Not so fast

Now that Easter is over, our inclination this week might be to start thinking about what's next on our agenda. Making plans to celebrate a family member's birthday perhaps, or planting those spring bulbs before it's too late. There certainly is a lot to do.

That is the temptation. This year, though, consider not giving in to the demands of the calendar so soon after Easter. Wait. Stay. Take a few moments today to read the Easter story one more time. It was, after all, the one who "stayed weeping by the tomb" after everyone else had left who first saw the risen Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18*

*"Mary told them, 'I have seen the Lord!'"*

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

### WEDNESDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER-Sing praises to the Octave

The Octave of Easter, in which we are immersed this week, is an eight-day celebration that takes place the week (and particularly the Sunday) following Easter Sunday. Each of the days in the Octave of Easter is celebrated with the rites of Easter Sunday, which is why Easter Week is sometimes referred to as the Week of Sundays. The tradition whereby feasts were assigned octaves developed in the early church and flourished in the Middle Ages. By the early 20th century, the liturgical calendar contained octaves of various types and ranks and had become

unwieldy. As part of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, all octaves except for Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost were done away with. Do something special each day this week to commemorate the Octave.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35*

*"When he was at table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened."*

## THURSDAY, MARCH 27

### THURSDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER-Get a grip—on the Bible

Getting your hands on the Bible was harder in Jesus' day than now. For one thing, not many people had one. The few precious scrolls around were held under lock and key. No complete collection of Hebrew scripture was to be had anywhere. And of course the New Testament hadn't even been written yet—those events were still being played out in real life! Nowadays the Bible is one of the easiest books to find, from the many versions available in megabookstores to many a hotel room nightstand. Today it's a lot easier to open our Bibles—and our minds—to scripture.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48*

*"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you. . . . Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures."*

## FRIDAY, MARCH 28

### FRIDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER-Catch the excitement

Despite knowing that he had hurt Jesus deeply and forsaken him in his hour of need, Peter does not cower in Jesus' presence. In fact, he is thrilled to hear that the risen Jesus has come to break bread with the disciples. Peter's joy at the coming of the Lord is a signature Christian trait. Peter truly believes he is forgiven and that nothing can keep him from the love of God, so he is not afraid. Yet many of us have not reached that level of faith. We are ashamed of our failings and try to run from God's gaze. It's time to acknowledge your sins and move on. Don't keep Jesus waiting.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14*

*"When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea."*

## SATURDAY, MARCH 29

### SATURDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER-Good news too good to be true?

It's almost the end of Easter week, and the news is getting around: Christ is risen! But when some of the first disciples got the word, they were a little, well, skeptical. In Mark's gospel Mary Magdalene delivers the message and is not believed. Then two others come back with the same story and are dismissed. Why all the negative responses? The answer lies in another story, when Jesus appears to the eleven and chews them out for the usual reason: lack of faith. Often we look for gospel truth only from approved sources and refuse the good news when it comes from an unexpected messenger.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15*

*"But when the disciples heard that Jesus was alive and had been seen by Mary Magdalene, they would not believe it."*

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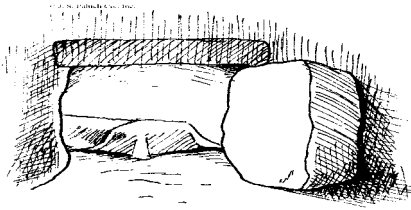


### ***Easter Prayer***

God our Father, who raised your Son from the dead, help us to understand, we beg you, that we will conquer our own death and rise with Jesus today when we live with you in brotherly love.

We ask you this grace through Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and rose for our lives.

—From Biblical Prayers by Fr. Lucien Deiss



**HE IS RISEN**

**MARCH 23, 2008**

**EASTER SUNDAY — THE RESURRECTION**

He is risen! He is no longer dead! We have heard the Easter news so many times that it is hard to appreciate how shocking it is. On this Easter morning we hear the story from John 20:1-9. Imagine for a moment that you are with Mary Magdalene when she goes to where Jesus' body had been laid and sees that the stone has been moved. Imagine the confusion she felt—and what Peter and the beloved disciple felt when they ran to the tomb and see only the burial cloths. Joy and understanding would slowly overtake them as they realized he had risen from the dead. This is the crowning truth of our faith—the reason we are Christians. The Resurrection can only be understood in the light of our relationship with Jesus Christ. It is a custom to wear new clothes today just as the newly baptized wear their white Easter robes. Put a white cloth and your best decorations and candles on the table for your Easter feast as a reminder of this newness, this glory. Easter eggs are a customary reminder of the Resurrection, representing the tomb from which Christ came forth.

Easter remains with us the entire year. Each Sunday, the Church teaches, is a “mini-Easter” as we recall Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. Keep that thought in your heart as you celebrate Sunday Mass through the year. It is Easter now and it is Easter then.

### **First Week of Easter**

**We are redeemed**

**Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky.  
Heaven thunders forth its victor cry;  
The glad earth shouts its triumph high,  
And groaning hell makes wild reply**

**While he the King of glorious might  
Treads down death's strength in death's  
despite,**

**And trampling hell by victor's right  
Brings forth his sleeping saints to light.**

**Hell's pains are loosed and tears are fled;  
Captivity is captive led;  
The angel, crowned with light, has said,  
“The Lord is risen from the dead!”**

**We pray thee, King with glory decked,  
In this our paschal joy, protect  
From all that death would fain affect  
Thy ransomed flock, thine own elect.  
-Latin Hymn, Fifth century**



Please remember our sick in your prayers:  
Roy Laurence, Bernie Kelly, Mary Barnish,  
Elaine Bianco, Freda Guide, Leslie Imholt,  
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*Jesus said: "In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion."*

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**Invites you to receive the extraordinary graces of Jesus' Mercy**

**Divine Mercy Sunday.**  
**(March 30, 2008)**

**1:30 P.M.**

**CONFESSION (5 PRIESTS);  
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT;**

**3:00 P.M.**

**BLESSING AND VENERATION OF THE  
IMAGE OF THE DIVINE MERCY  
DIVINE MERCY EXPLAINED**

**DIVINE MERCY STATIONS OF THE CROSS;  
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

**BLESSING WITH THE RELIC OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA  
KOWALSKA  
BENEDICTION**

**PROCESSION AND ENTHRONEMENT OF THE  
IMAGE OF THE DIVINE MERCY IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL**

***The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
will NOT be celebrated during  
the afternoon service.***

**All are Welcome!**



**REJOICE AND BE GLAD**

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today's responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

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|------------|---|
| Sunday:    | Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord |
| Monday:    | Monday in the Octave of Easter          |
| Tuesday:   | Tuesday in the Octave of Easter         |
| Wednesday: | Wednesday in the Octave of Easter       |
| Thursday:  | Thursday in the Octave of Easter        |
| Friday:    | Friday in the Octave of Easter          |
| Saturday:  | Saturday in the Octave of Easter        |

**FOOD PANTRY**

On behalf of our Food Pantry clients and volunteers, Easter blessings to you and your families! We deeply appreciate your ongoing generosity, as we provide groceries and hope to struggling families in our community.

African Well Fund: Many thanks for participating so generously in our Lenten almsgiving. We will publish final results as soon as that information is available.

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns

**STEWARDSHIP**

*A good steward is a manager or caretaker of the many gifts bestowed upon us by God. These gifts are given to us generously and wisely, we in turn must use them to build the kingdom of God. God desires that we freely choose to use our gifts this way and that our motives be love, thankfulness and justice.*

In reflecting upon Jesus' life we are granted numerous examples of stewardship. We see in Jesus his total emptying of self. We see a man listening for and heeding God's call, a man who sacrificed his life for a greater good. Jesus asks us to give him our lives, to love as he loved, to share freely and generously and from the heart as did the poor widow who gave little, yet gave everything.

Please help us in developing our 2008-09 budget by returning your commitment card in the Sunday collection basket, by mail, or drop it off at the rectory. If you have misplaced your card please ask an usher for one or contact the rectory. Thank you for supporting the work our parish does in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Weekly Giving Summary**

Last Weekend	\$ 30,325
A Year Ago	27,220
This Fiscal Year (thru 3/16/08)	\$1,030,079
Last Fiscal Year (thru 3/17/07)	983,474

As always, we sincerely thank all who generously give of their treasure, as well as those who give of their time and talent, to support the work our parish does in the name of Jesus Christ.

*Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection not in words alone...but in every leaf in springtime.*  
 -Martin Luther



**BIBLE SCHOOL**

Nothing but Happy Trails is in store for all of the buckaroos that join us for our week long *Avalanche Ranch Bible School*. The cost is \$25 for a week of bible activities, fun, snacks, videos, songs and crafts. You will not want to miss this Big Adventure. So round up your friends and sign up for the Ranch, that is *Avalanche Ranch*. Registration forms are available on line or in the Religious Education Office. The fun begins at 9:00am on June 23.

*Pat Kahl*

Director of Religious Education

**White Boards go Interactive!**

New interactive whiteboards from Smart Technologies were installed for classroom use to encourage students to become active participants in the learning process through various forms of multimedia, special software, and interactive learning strategies. In today's fast paced world, the Smart Boards are able to reach all learning styles. Additionally, we used one of the new boards for the first time in church at the parish convocation to tally votes electronically proving this technology has endless possibilities! Thank you to the Athletic Association and FSA for helping to raise the funds necessary to implement such an exciting new technology!

*Chris Wagner*

Director of Technology

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**Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm**

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**MASSES**

**Saturday Evening: 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,  
11:00am, 6:00pm (Spanish)**

**Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 8:00am**

**Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm**

**Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am**

**BAPTISMS**

**1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (352-6209)**

**WEDDINGS**

**Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.**

**HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS**

**Please contact the Ministry of Care office (215-5407).**

**CONFESSIONS**

**Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45pm.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION**

**1st Monday of the Month immediately following the 8:00am Mass with Benediction at 6:45pm.**

**Adoración Nocturna continues until 8:00pm with song and prayer.**

**BULLETIN ARTICLES**

The deadline for Canticle article submission is 5:00pm Friday, **one full week** prior to Sunday's publication. Articles may be submitted electronically to **canticle@stcletusparish.com**.



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