



Pastor's Corner

March 7, 2010

3rd Sunday of Lent

The Third Sunday of Lent begins the series of “scrutinies” for our catechumens. It is important to remember that this is not a question of US scrutinizing THEM to see whether or not they ought to be baptized. It is rather the Church asking the catechumens to look deeply into themselves to see how they are progressing in their Christian formation. I would hope that all of us can see the appropriateness of such an exercise during Lent: taking a good and honest look into ourselves to evaluate where we are at this point on our journey with and to the Lord.

A week from this Monday on the 15th of March, our annual Lenten communal penance service will take place at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 7:00 p.m. There will be about 10 confessors available, so it should provide a very conducive opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance before Easter. This is all the more useful when an individual takes the time to look into him- or herself in the same manner the Catechumens are asked to do. A good and thorough Confession can be an extremely therapeutic exercise in learning from the past, becoming wiser in facing the future because of it, and finally leaving behind all that needs to be left behind so that we can look to the future with hope. The coming opportunity is a wonderful one. Don't pass it up!

I would also like to encourage all men in the Parish to consider being a part of the “Answer the Call,” a great event sponsored by the Catholic Men's Conference of Northeast Ohio. I will take place on Saturday, March 20, at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron. There is a more extensive note on the cover of this bulletin, and you may also contact Bob Hager at 216-695-6926 for further information.

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