Monday, February 25
Lenten Weekday
**Mass 7:30am** Joe Mayoras (Carl & Mary Sloan)

Tuesday, February 26
Lenten Weekday
**Mass 7:30am** Paul Falconio (Family)

Wednesday, February 27
Lenten Weekday
**Mass 7:30am** Tony Pasierb (Ron & Anne Lisick)

Thursday, February 28
Lenten Weekday
**Mass 7:30am** Biava, Frymier Families (Family)

Friday, March 1
Lenten Weekday
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If you always wanted to be in the choir but didn’t think you could sing, we have an opportunity that just might interest you. We would like to have a handchime bell choir. We will need 12 interested parties to start. This is open to anyone high school age and older. Call the parish office to sign up.

**Eucharistic Ministers for 3/2 & 3/3**
Saturday..............4:30pm......Lambert
Sunday.....................8:00am......Shadden
Sunday.....................10:30am......Rivers

**Lectors for the month of March**
Saturday..............4:30pm......McGee
Sunday.....................8:00........Shadden
Sunday.....................10:30am......Hughes

**Mass Servers:**
Saturday 3/2 4:30pm  Scott, Richards
Sunday 3/3 8:00am  E Toole, Aguilar
Sunday 3/3 10:30am  Maxwell, Amos
**Fr. George Rutler writes:** In the long run, this would be far more disastrous to our civilization than looming fiscal chaos, the international belligerence provoked by foreign perception of our domestic lassitude.

Since so many voters rejected sound warnings, at least a beacon of honesty now shines on the Catholic Church in the U.S. The 70 million or so Catholics were a Potemkin Village, and the number of faithfully practicing Catholics are a small portion of that number. On November 6, the Protestant vote went for Romney over Obama 57%/42%, while the Catholic vote went for Obama over Romney 50%/48%. Those who hoped that immigrants would bolster the Church must consider the 71% of Latinos who voted for Obama, and increase of 4% since 2008. Actually, everyone has suffered from the neglect of catechesis in the past forty years. Catholic universities and Religious orders were allowed to become engines of dissent. In one of our nation’s most respected seminaries, after a debate before the last election on the role on conscience in voting, only 19 out of 52 of our future priests supported Romney. Long before he became pope, Benedict prophesied, “The church will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning.” As Lehmann’s lions begin to roar, the nominal Catholics will skip out of the arena. Roman Catholicism has become for baptized pagans a neurolgic kind of Cute Catholicism, with leprechauns, mariachi bands and Santa Claus instead of confession, prayer and fidelity to doctrine. But behind each leprechaun St. Patrick stares, and behind every mariachi band Our Lady of Guadalupe weeps, and behind every Santa Claus Christ himself judges.

Catholics could have saved the best in America and they can only blame themselves and their promotion of an entitlement culture for the collapse of the temple and its moral distress: re-definition of marriage, family breakdown, politically correct speech, contempt for chastity, a record low birth rate, and destruction of infants. As William Butler Yeats wrote in “The Second Coming,” quite likely in reaction to the Russian Revolution of 1917:

*Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;*  
*Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,*  
*The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere*  
*The ceremony of innocence is drowned;*  
*The best lack all conviction, while the worst*  
*Are full of passionate intensity.*

We are not a Christian nation now. In 1783, Washington spoke of “our blessed Religion” and on D-Day Roosevelt prayed for “our nation, our religion, and our civilization.” This would not be allowed in our secularized culture. Shepherds of the faithful cannot charm into reason the forces that now preside over our nation. We can dance to Caesar’s intolerable music but he will call the tune. We can feast with Caesar but he will soon feast on us. We can laugh with Caesar but he will soon laugh at us. *Risus abundant in ore stultorum.* There is abundant laughter in the mouth of the foolish.

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**NURSE’S CORNER**

**A Thank You from Santas Anonymous:**

**Dear Santas Anonymous Supporter,**

Santas Anonymous would like to thank you for your support for the Santas Anonymous 2012 Christmas project. This could not have been a success without the efforts of our community and others. Santas Anonymous was able to fulfill the needs of 75 families consisting of 160 children by providing coats, hats, gloves, toys, books, family treats and other assorted items. Again, thank you for your involvement in helping to brighten the smiles on the faces of the underprivileged children in the Westville School District for the Christmas Holidays. Darlene & Debbie

As of now, our Food bank is well supplied. Thank you! If there is anyone in our parish that might need assistance with nourishing food, do not hesitate or feel reluctant to call Cindy at the parish office. All interactions are kept confidential. We are dedicated to help the needy.

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**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

**March 14:** Holy Family  **March 21:** St. Paul’s  **March 19:** St. Mary’s  
**All times are 7:00pm**

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**Pre-registration is now underway for the 2013-2014 school year at Schlarman Academy.** For registration materials for preschool through 6th grade please contact the South Campus at 442-3880 and for grades 7-12 please contact the North Campus at 442-2725. Financial aid and scholarships are available. For further information on these opportunities, please contact the Schlarman Academy Development Office at 442-1184.

Students are always welcome to spend the day shadowing at either campus so they can experience what Schlarman Academy has to offer! We invite you to visit our campuses and classrooms to see how we develop the whole child, according to our mission in spirit, mind, and body. Choose Schlarman Academy for your child’s future!

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Last year we partnered with the other parishes in the vicariate and were able to obtain a reduced subscription cost of $29.95 for a year subscription to the Magnificat. We have that same opportunity this year. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 267-3334 no later than February 25th to sign up.

Thank you to those who contributed to Fr. Augustine’s Mission for Pakistan. We will be sending his home diocese a check in the amount of $1,195.25. If you would like to contribute, please write a check to St. Mary’s with a notation for the Mission.

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