



(L to R.) Gary Keagy, Richard Kuiawa, Bill Bravin, Paul Kowalski, Fr. J.D. Zatalava, Ray Kelly, Shawn Kelly, John Kasun Sr., John Kasun Jr., Steve Flanagan, (front row) Dr. Joe Clark, Mike O'Connor, Tim O'Connor, Chris Keagy, Rick Summers, Jim Riley left before the picture was taken and Dr. Ed Farabaugh arrived after it was taken.

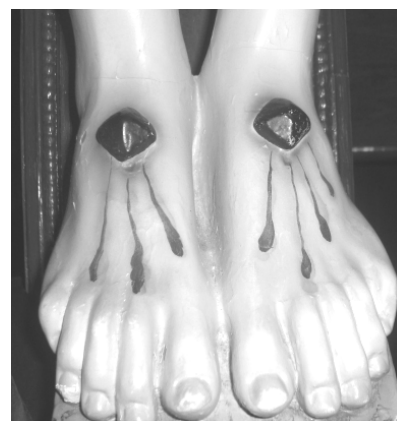
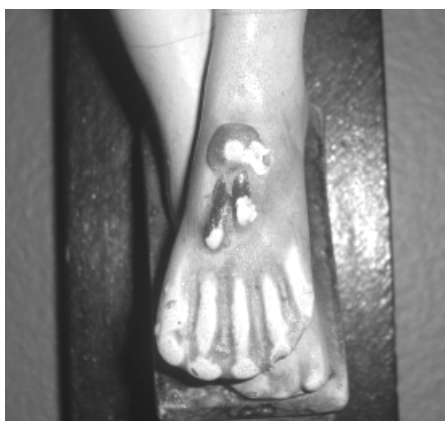
17 Volunteers show up to Reconfigure the Sanctuary Backdrop

With the relatively short notice of 36 hours these stalwarts contributed time, energy and expertise to cooperate in making ready the area behind the altar for the seasonally appropriate display of our life-size Crucifix or Risen Christ Mosaic. Some of the work required strong backs while some demanded a delicate touch. These fellows filled the bill on all counts.

So which is it?

Or as the historically minded might inquire, which was it?

The Crucifix hanging from the balcony railing over the center aisle has Jesus crossing his feet requiring only three nails to hang Him on the cross while the soon to be positioned in the Sanctuary life size portrayal of the Crucifixion clearly shows four nails, one in each hand and one in each foot. What gives? Is there a Church position on this?



Check the insert for the answer

Mon. 02/27 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
Feast Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass George Glashauser, *St. Mary's Conf. of St. Vincent de Paul*

Tues. 02/28 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
Feast Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Janet Pufka, *Tony Bruno*

Wed. 02/29 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
Feast Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Fr. Anthony J. Pollack, *Leo & Vicky Stanek*
 6:00 PM " Denise Keagy, *Ann Gates*

Thur. 03/01 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
Feast Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Donald Shuma, *Ann., Wife Lorraine*

Fri. 03/02 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
Feast Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Coy R. Smith, *Sr, b-day, Wife and Children*

Sat. 03/03 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
Feast Second Sunday of Lent
 4:30 PM Mass Living and Deceased members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Sun. 03/04 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
Feast Second Sunday of Lent
 10:00 AM Mass Rose Marie Martin, *M/M Stanley Krish and Family*

*Lord
 Jesus
 Christ
 Son
 Of
 God
 Have
 Mercy
 On
 Me
 A
 Sinner*

Happy Birthday:

2/27 Adaline Cassarly
 3/01 Alicia Carper
 3/02 Shawn Kelly
 Cassidy McKnight
 3/04 Merle Hirt
 Rebecca Marshman
 3/05 Mary Malligan

NOCTURNAL ADORATION
Friday, March 2
at
St. Mark's, 6th Ave & 4th St.,
8-11PM

MONEY MATTERS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 18-19, 2012)

200 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,243.54 of which \$ 120.54 accounted for visitor contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	205	# Used	95	# Unused	110
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The Mystery of Three or Four Nails Solved

In that the Church makes no doctrinal pronouncement of how many nails were used to crucify Jesus any more that it does concerning Jesus' sandal size, good Catholics can accept or posit any scientific theory or artistic representation they wish.

The assumption of the use of a two-beamed cross does not determine the number of nails used in the crucifixion and some theories suggest 3 nails while others suggest 4 nails. Throughout history larger numbers of nails have been hypothesized, at times as high as 14 nails. These variations are also present in the artistic depictions of the crucifixion. In the Western Church, **before the Renaissance** (the period roughly from the 14th to the 17th century) **usually 4 nails** would be depicted, with the feet side by side. **After the Renaissance most depictions use 3 nails**, with one foot placed on the other. Nails are almost always depicted in art, although Romans sometimes just tied the victims to the cross.

Franciscans, which Order was founded around 1209 (before the Renaissance,) usually use four nails in their art work and symbolic representation. A famous piece of evidence of this fact is the beautiful Cross of St. Domino which is the large Romanesque rood cross that St. Francis of Assisi was praying before when he received the commission from the Lord to rebuild the Church. The original cross hangs in the Basilica of Saint Clare (Basilica di Santa Chiara) in Assisi, Italy.

Jesuits, which Society was founded around 1534 (right in the middle of the Renaissance.) usually use the three nails in their art work and symbolic representation. A good example of this is the Jesuit Coat of Arms which includes three nails appearing in a sun burst right under the Cross with the imprint HIS on it.

Our Lady of Fatima's Crucifix which comes from St. Peter and Paul's and now stands in the Sanctuary is a replica of a pre-Renaissance (13th Century) original masterpiece sculpted in the tradition carried on by the Franciscan community.

Neither the three or four nail representation of Christ's crucifixion is more preferred by the Church. Either is legitimate. Catholics can use either or both in their prayers and meditations.

All that being said, the Pastor's preferred depiction is the four nail presentation, only because with his understanding (admittedly limited) of anatomy it makes more sense to nail the two feet separately. With the issue settled in his mind he can proceed with his prayer or meditation without the distraction of needless and pretentious academic speculation. As the founder of the Jesuits, Ignatius of Loyola, would say ... if Jesus wants us to know, the Church he founded will tell us.

Lenten Stones or Mosaic Memories or Both

Most of the pieces of the Mosaic having be given or promised to artists and art teachers, someone suggested that it might be meaningful for some parishioners, whose affection for the mosaic remains, to have a piece or two to do with whatever people do with mementoes. This suggestion corresponds with some reading the pastor has been doing concerning some parishes who are blessing nondescript stones for Lent and encouraging the folk to take them and keep them in the pocket they use most. Every time they stick their hand in the pocket they will be reminded that it is Lent and they are expected to do something special.

Not a bad idea! Let's do it! Let's use the remaining pieces from the mosaic as our stones for Lent. The pastor will bless some at the end of each Mass this weekend.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH

12:00PM - 1:30PM

THE CASINO AT LAKEMONT PARK
3601 LAKEMONT PARK BLVD. ALTOONA

AMBASSADOR OF PURPOSE HONOREES



Dr. Zane Gates, M.D.

Dr. Zane Gates is being honored for his extensive humanitarian service. Dr. Gates' clinic, Partnering for Health, provides free healthcare to those in need. Last year, Dr. Gates also worked with state lawmakers to create a bill that would provide \$50 million to support clinics like his across Pennsylvania. The Gloria Gates Memorial

Foundation he created helps children living in low-income housing by encouraging improved school performance, building self-esteem and developing moral character through after-school programs.



Kristen Himes

Kristen Himes, a sophomore at Duquesne University, is being honored for her efforts to provide foster children with a sense of love and belonging through her organization "Bag of Dreams" which she founded in 2006 while in High School. Kristen engages high school art students to decorate

jumbo pillow cases, then fills each with a homemade fleece blanket, journal, stuffed animal, hygiene kit, and other items. Kristen has provided bags to over 1,200 children in Blair and Centre Counties.

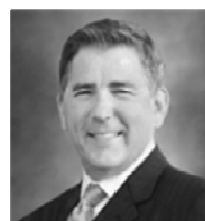
Join us for a truly inspirational afternoon with these two Champions For Children as they share their passion for helping the abused children of Pennsylvania.



Jimmy Wayne - Hit Country Recording Artist

Jimmy Wayne has had several **country hits** including "Do You Believe Me Now." But it's his own experience as an abused child and his efforts to raise awareness of the plight of older foster teens aging out of the system and living on the streets that connects him to the heart of Arrow

Jimmy survived a turbulent, abusive childhood. He was shuttled through a series of foster homes. He was a homeless teen, living by his wits on the street and close to hopeless until a North Carolina couple took him in and gave him a family. Jimmy remembers the feeling of being without a family, without a home.



Mark Tennant - Founder/CEO, Arrow Child & Family Ministries

Removed from the physical and emotional abuse of his mother's live-in boyfriend, Mark was placed into foster care at the age of 11. After two failed placements, he came to live in a Christian foster home in nearby Bedford, Pennsylvania where he experienced unconditional love and discovered God's purpose for his life. Mark founded Arrow Child & Family Ministries in 1992 to give other children rescued from abuse the same opportunities he had been given. Today, Mark's ministry serves over 1,200 abused and neglected children each year.

TABLE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

AMBASSADOR \$10,000

*(Only one Ambassador Level is available)
Two reserved tables for eight (16 total) with priority seating
Two Seats at head table with Jimmy Wayne
VIP reception for 16 with Jimmy Wayne
Recognition in the luncheon program*

PURPOSE \$5,000

*One reserved table for 8 with prominent seating
VIP reception for 8 with Jimmy Wayne
Recognition in the luncheon program*

LEGACY \$2,500

*One reserved table for 8 with prominent seating
VIP reception for 4 with Jimmy Wayne
Recognition in the luncheon program*

HOPE \$1,000

*One reserved table for 8
Recognition in the luncheon program*

FRIEND \$75

Individual Ticket

Our parishioner Kelly Keagy is a Family Specialist at ARROW CHILD & FAMILY MINISTRIES in Altoona, PA

Keeping in Touch

WITH THE ENDS

THE DAYS OF LENT

Lent is a forty day penitential season that helps Christians prepare for the greatest feast of the liturgical calendar, Easter. It is a time of prayer, fasting, sacrifice, almsgiving and good works.

When a Catholic becomes a teenager it is helpful to review the regulations regarding fast and abstinence during Lent. Abstinence refers to the practice of not eating meat on particular days during Lent. The days of abstinence include Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday. This applies to all Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday and are healthy. Fast days mean one full meal and no snacking in between meals for all Catholics who have reached their 18th birthday.

The only two days during Lent that are still considered fast days are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. There is no longer an obligation to fast on the weekdays during Lent, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended. Acts encouraged on a voluntary basis during Lent are participation in daily Mass, spiritual reading and study, Lenten devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for Easter. The forty days of Lent remind us of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert praying and being tempted by the devil.

Ash Wednesday is the day that Catholics and many other Christian denominations begin the penitential season of Lent. During a simple ceremony in Church on Ash Wednesday ashes are placed on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of penance and conversion.

Ashes

The ashes used for the Ash Wednesday service come from burning the blessed palm distributed the previous year on Palm Sunday. It goes full circle, from a green palm plant to return as burnt ash. It is a reminder of the path of all earthly creation. The dust of the earth is a part of all. From dust we came and so shall we return.



Something to Think About

If someone says something unkind or untruthful about me, I must live so that no one will believe it.

The greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others.

No matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.