

# ST. PETER'S PARISH

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### DECEMBER 16, 2007

			<u>MASSSES</u>			
MON	DEC 17	7:00pm	COMMUNION SERVICE			
TUE	DEC 18	8:00am	CLARA E LONGENECKER			
WED	DEC 19	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE			
THU	DEC 20	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE			
FRI	DEC 21	9:00am	FRANCIS DIETZENBACH			
SAT	DEC 22	8:00am	DORIS SAVAGE		GOAL	ACTUAL
		5:30pm	HOWARD McELROY	COLLECTION	\$15,480.00	\$16,998.22
SUN	DEC 23	7:00am	INT OF SABASTIAN GRABENSTEIN	POOR BOX	\$ 673.00	\$ 1,382.00
		8:15am	BETTY MARSOLIC	BUILDING FUND MO. Total	\$ 6,818.00	266.25
		9:30am	PARISHIONERS	(Sappington Hall)		
		11:00am	ROBERT YOUNG	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY \$2,301.00		
		12:15pm	JESSICA JACOBSON	RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS \$2,841.00		
		5:45pm	<u>NO YOUTH MASS</u>			
DECEMBER 22, 23, 24 & 25						
	<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>		
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CHRISTMAS EVE				V & J ABEL/POSKA		
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	5:00pm (PC)	SCHRUMPF & SUPROCK	COLEMAN & LEVASSEUR	BAER/BALLATINE/J&J MULVEY/SIMON		
	6:00pm(Linganor)	DuBOYCE & HUTCHINSON	KLINE	B/A BISHOP/KOEHLER/NAPLES/POOLE/ROAN		
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	8:00pm (PC)	C&Z RATCHFORD	KINZE & GETSINGER	MEUSE/ HELP-VOLUNTEER NEEDED		
	MIDNITE (PC)	J & S SLATTERY	PUGH & NAU	DEACON MIKE/MILLER/POTOTSCHNIK		
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#### NO YOUTH MASS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>.

**AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES** this week are Monday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at St. Joseph's, 5843 Manor Woods Road in Buckeystown.

Tuesday, 7:30pm, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at St. John's in Frederick  
**ADDITIONAL RECONCILIATION TIMES AT ST. PETER'S:**

Every Saturday from 4:00 to 5:15pm (I need to end at 5:15pm to prepare for Mass, please respect this.)  
 Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 10-11am and Sat., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1-5:15pm

**IF YOU WISH TO SEND FR. JIM GREAR a Christmas Card,** (he has had a lot of health problems this year) his address is: 121 Daily Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148-3327.

**WE HAVE SET SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008 AT 3:00PM AS THE DAY OF DEDICATION OF OUR NEW CHURCH. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

IS 35: 1-10; JAS 5: 7-10; MT 11: 2-11

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

IS 7: 10-14; ROM 1: 1-7; MT 1: 18-24

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:** Mary Gertsner, mother of Jane Gaudette

**THE FOLLOWING ARE WELCOMED INTO THE CHURCH THROUGH BAPTISM:** Brady Patrick Kiester, Caden Michael Kiester, August Adam Vileck, Ava Kidd Graminski, Samuel Thomas Heiland, Rachael Ann Stanley, Jack Robert Lauterbach, Andrew Austin Kurek and Brody Lawrence Hayden

#### LITURGICAL DRAWING FOR THIS YEAR, CYCLE A –

As family aid for Mass - order and payment by Monday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> (\$22 pictures only, \$25 printers binding. (Price based on 20 people ordering). Checks to St. Peter's, c/o Carolyn Nolan.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL** - Remember your loved ones and help us decorate the Parish Center and Sappington Hall for Christmas. Flower Memorial envelopes are in the foyer of the Parish Center for your convenience. Please return them by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**THRIFT SHOP** is now overloaded. Please hold your donations until January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank You!

**We will be closed** Monday, December. 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. **We will be open** Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, and Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

**PROGRAM FOR THE NEEDY** – It's getting to be that time of year. We are again offering **CHRISTMAS DINNERS** to those in need. You can help by giving \$25

(check or cash), dropping it in the Poor Box in an envelope marked "Christmas Dinners". Your donation will allow others to sit down at Christmas dinner and truly give thanks.

**COMPUTERS:** If you are buying a new computer for Christmas, or just have a good USEABLE computer collecting dust at home, we have a disposable solution for you. Donate your computer to St. Peter's to be completely wiped clean, formatted, refurbished and upgraded as needed. The refurbished computers will then be sold at a later date, with 100 percent of the proceeds donated to St. Peter's Building Fund, courtesy of MCPC Computers and Mike Galayda. If you would like to buy a brand new computer, MCPC Computers will donate a certain portion of your purchase to the Building Fund. For more information, contact Laura at 301-898-5111, ext. 13. Computers can be dropped off during business hours or call for additional drop off times.

**PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, December 19th, 7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE AND 3 DAY TOUR IN IRELAND INCLUDING OUR LADY OF KNOCK SHRINE** – June 18<sup>th</sup>-June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – cost is \$2,365, air fare, accommodations, breakfast, dinner and guide included. Call Priscilla if interested, 301-898-5111 x13. A February meeting will be held, watch the bulletin for a date.

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Please come pray in the Lord's Eucharistic Presence. Visiting hours are 7am-9pm. **We have openings for a 4am Saturday, and also a 12 noon on Saturday, or if you want to be a substitute.** Please consider a weekly or monthly hour. For more info contact Linda 301-829-2888 or Diane 301-898-0833.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE:** The Chapel will close around 3:30pm Christmas Eve, Monday, before 4pm Mass, to re-open after Midnight Mass. We will take volunteer sign-ups for Christmas afternoon – noon to 7pm – for those who need subs, on a Chapel sign-up. All are invited to visit 7am-7pm daily.

**BIRTHRIGHT GIVING TREE** is up this weekend in our Parish Center. Help Birthright help needy expectant moms and their newborns/babies **up to 6 months** (please note the change) throughout the year. Your gifts should be returned January 6<sup>th</sup>, the weekend after New Years, **unwrapped**. Thank You!

**LIFE MARCH BUS TO D.C.** will be Tuesday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> from St. Peter's. Sign-ups immediately after the holidays.

**BIRTHRIGHT OF FREDERICK** is looking for more volunteers so we can keep our offices open longer hours. Please call 301-663-0111 if you can help.

**SUFFERING POST-ABORTION SYNDROME?** Call Project Rachel – 1-800-286-4224.

**PREGNANT?** Don't know where to turn. Birthright of Frederick can help you find the help you need, call 301-663-0111.

**RETROUVILLE MARRIAGE PROGRAM:** **Has your MARRIAGE become cold or unloving?** Are you making

plans to move out, considering separation or even divorce? There is a Catholic Program called Retrouvaille designed to help hurting couples mend and heal their brokenness. All calls and inquiries are confidential. Our next weekend is February 8-10, 2008. For more information please call 410-647-0350 or 301-468-6764.

**MEALS FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS:** If you are in need or if you know of anyone in need of temporary help with meals because of childbirth, illness, accident, surgery or an unexpected tragedy please call Rose Grimes 301-831-7708. Also, please call if you'd like your name added to our list of volunteers who prepare the meals.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: ...2008 Council Dues notices will be handed out after all Masses the weekend of December 29/30, 2007 by Financial Secretary Jim Conko.** ...Council business meeting this Tuesday at 7:30m in Sappington Hall. ...Council members wishing to attend the Parish New Year's Eve Party, call Bob Droter for seats at a council table – 301-865-4565. ...for more council information, visit us at [st.peterskofc.home.att.net/](http://st.peterskofc.home.att.net/) ...Bulletin announcement editor, Bob Droter

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK-** Theresa Pirrone, Robert Flaherty, Glen Morrison, Mary Hunt, Jason Bates, Marilyn Hall, Steve White, Harry Blanchard, Tom Weedon, Chris Roby, Denis Ellis, Sandy O'Donnell, Justin Offutt, Connor Rutledge, Marjorie Jones, Msgr. Art Valenzano, Fr. John Carter, Tom Arnold, Fr. Wayne Funk, Carla Carlson, Faith Frazier, Myrtle Carlin, Ruth Bellamy, Arlo Cummins, Rose France, Kayla Zeillinger, Steven Nagy, Lydia Cook, David Foster, Neil Petroski, Ruth Seilhamer, Rosita Berger, Joey Offutt, Mary Shaw, Ellen Michalski, Tom McKoy, Kathy King, Ann Fowler, Don Fowler, Jr., Bill Kiser, Rachel Dombroski, Renee White, Katie Frey, Shannon Obermeyer, Rob Compton, Jaime Statler, Heidi Burt, Lindsay Wilson, Baerbel Cooper, Regina Galie, Lisa Baird, Joani Gaiss, Julie Woods, Gemma Wease, Nancy Habicht, Linda Seifert, Rita Boyd, William Klipper, Gini Madine, Colleen Dean, Andrew Illig, Bill Oliver, Dick Puerzer, Cameron Perrus, Christina DiGregory, Kelly Carpenter, Charlotte Ratcliffe, Lisa Mintmier, Nelson McClure, Charles Crotty, Rich Pargo, Tina DeLuca, Charles Guarneri, Dorothy Delair, Linda Holmes, Ronald Best, Joanne Racheff, Dina Strauss, Yolanda Groves, John Howell, Benjamin Larrick, Jessica & Karen Connray, Ginny Bart, K. Lopresti

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH:** For the safety of the construction workers working on the church.

**ST. JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Applications for pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are being taken for the 2008-09 school year. Registrations forms are available at [www.sjrccs.org](http://www.sjrccs.org). For more information about admission/to arrange a tour of the school, contact Jean Wright 301-695-9358. The next **open house** is scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> 2008, 9am until 1pm.

**ST. TIMOTHY CATHOLIC CHURCH,** Walkersville, Organist, Bill Powell, and friends will be presenting "Sing We Now of Christmas" for a festive evening of Holiday Music on Tues., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A MONK, BROTHER, PRIEST, NUN OR SISTER?** Find out by attending an exciting free Live in Experience. No cost. Food and room are free. Hear the vocation talks and experience the adventure of a life dedicated to the service of God. Men: Dominican Fathers & Brothers, Washing DC, Feb. 8-10; or Gethsemani Abbey, Trappist KY Dec. 14-16<sup>th</sup>, & Jan 3-10<sup>th</sup>. Women: Little Sisters of the Poor, Baltimore, MD, Jan 4-6<sup>th</sup>; Little Ones of Jesus Crucified, Conyers, GA, Jan 18-20<sup>th</sup>. For more dates and information call 1-800-221-1807.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

December 16, 2007

### ADULT MINISTRY

- **BAPTISM PREP CLASSES** - For parents meets January 15<sup>th</sup> or February 19<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 PM in the Birch Library. You need only one godparent and this person must be Catholic; to have celebrated Confirmation; is at least 16 years of age, and is practicing the faith (attending mass each week and celebrating the sacraments).
- **ANNULMENTS** –If you would like information on annulments, contact Carolyn at 301-898-5111 x 14.
- **ADVENTURE IN EXODUS** – see the flier in today's bulletin for the next bible study series beginning in January 2008.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:**
  - ✠ **December Sessions:**
    - Dec 16 (Pre-School – Grade 2)
    - Dec 17 (Grades 3-5)
    - Last class for this year is December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - Continue to check your child's folder for Family Advent Ideas!
  - **Grade 4 Christmas Activity on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> in PC.**  
**Parents are welcome to use the downstairs classrooms while you wait.**
- **FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM**
  - ✠ Next introductory parent meeting will be held Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM in Sullivan Hall. Come learn how our parish will implement this program.
  - ✱ **PRESCHOOL PROGRAM:** If you have a young child (age 3 ½ -4) we have a religious education program just for them – "I Am Special". Call Anne for further details.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- ✱ Check the main page of our web-site [www.stpeter-libertytown.org](http://www.stpeter-libertytown.org)
- ✱ If Frederick County Public Schools are closed...we **do not** have sessions for children, parents, or Adult Ed.
- ✱ If FCPS close early...we **do not** have sessions for children, parents, or Adult Ed.
- ✱ **Saturday & Sunday Programs** ...tune into WTTR and WFRE – decisions will be made early in the morning **for Pre-school through Grade 5 & by 2PM for Grades 6-12.**
- ✱ Announcements will also be on radio stations...WTTR and WFRE after 3PM Monday through Friday.
- ✱ Weekend Mass will take place as usual unless otherwise noted.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

- **ALL YOUTH MINISTRY MEETS TONIGHT!**
- **SPY TEENS** – Please remember to bring in your donations of toiletries for St. Peter's Food Bank. Donations are due at the Youth Ministry Christmas Party on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY:**  
All youth ministry is invited to share in an evening of fun, food, games & music to celebrate the Christmas Season on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM in the Parish Center.
- **ATTENTION ADULTS:** Save gas & time by staying in either the Birch Library to mingle with other adults, or enjoy quiet time in the meeting room in the lower level of the Parish Office Building.
- **CONFIRMATION UPDATES:** Please place the following dates on your calendar:
  - ✠ January 19<sup>th</sup> from 10AM – 5:00PM.  
Parents please attend from 10AM – 2PM.
  - ✠ March 1<sup>st</sup> from 10AM – 5:00PM.
  - ✠ Weekend retreat is February 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - ✠ Confirmation Practice – Wednesday, April 30 or Thursday, May 1 @ 7pm.
  - ✠ Confirmation – Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00**All these retreats are mandatory.**
  - ✠ Please note: Dates for small group meetings are: January 23, January 30, February 20, March 5, March 12, April 2 and April 16.

***A letter containing information about the Confirmation program has been mailed to all youth who should be in the Confirmation program. If you have not received this information please call the Religious Education Office to check on the status of your registration.***

- **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS** please submit your Driving Record consent form as quickly as possible. We especially need drivers for the Confirmation Retreat
- **New Peer Minister's Training** - Jan. 9th "Worthy of the Call Video" This is the STAND training for teens and is required to be seen by teens acting as peer ministers. 7-8:30 PM, basement parish center
- **Peer Ministers Refresher Course:** All peer ministers helping in Confirmation small groups and retreats need to attend. Jan 16th from 6PM-9PM. Pizza will be served.



# **Adventures in Exodus: Called to Freedom by Dr. Tim Gray**



The Exodus can be viewed as the defining moment in Israel's history, for it was then that God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt and to a life of freedom as His people. *Adventures in Exodus: Called to Freedom* looks through the lens of Christ and the Church to show that more than just seeking to free His people physically from the domination of Pharaoh, God desired to free His people from the far more sinister tyranny of sin so they could live the authentic freedom that belongs to children of God.

Come and travel with us on this 10-week Exodus journey!

**Monday Classes: 9-11 a.m. January 7 – March 31**  
**Wednesday Classes: 7-9 p.m. January 9 – April 2**

**Cost: \$28 for study guide**

**We will celebrate a Seder Supper on Friday, March 14!!  
There will be no classes during Holy Week.**

**Get your sandals and your walking staff ready!**

        **REGISTRATION**       

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Circle Class: Mon or Wed**

**Make checks payable to: St. Peter's Church and mail to:  
Carolyn Nolan, P.O. Box 278, Libertytown, MD 21762**