

ST. PETER'S PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 2006

MON	MAR 6	7:00pm	MASSES
TUE	MAR 7	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
WED	MAR 8	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
THU	MAR 9	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
FRI	MAR 10	9:00am	INT OF DAN WAGNER FAMILY
SAT	MAR 11	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
		5:30pm	GEORGE SAVAGE
SUN	MAR 12	7:00am	EMILIA ENRICO
		8:15am	DANIEL KASPERSKY
		9:30am	KEN SPIELMAN
		11:00am	DOROTHY MAURO
		12:15pm	JOSEPH ZAMBRALIN
		5:45pm	PARISHIONERS

	GOAL	ACTUAL
*COLLECTION	\$14,700.00	\$12,449.00
*POOR BOX	\$ 925.00	402.50
*BUILDING FUND MO. Total		6,276.75
(Sappington Hall)		
*Catholic Relief Services Collection		\$ 2,659.00

MARCH 10, 11 & 12			
MASS	ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
MAR 10 7:00pm	A & A BISHOP - Stations of the Cross		
MAR 11 5:30pm	A & B RICE	NAU & LAWRENCE	DEA MIKE/H&K FORD/C&J MILLER
MAR 12 7:00am	DECKERT & DIGREGORIOY	KUTLIK & GRIBEN	A & M DIGREGORY/ZARICK
8:15am	C & Z RATCHFORD	MCDERMOTT & POSKA	M&P RATCHFORD/ROAN/SMITH/WEAVER
9:30am	MERKEL & STURM	PUGH & GILL	GRANT/GRUODIS/M JONES/D&D STURM
11:00am	L & T MOXLEY	SIMONS & WHITE	L JONES/MOXLEY/RUSSO/SCHABDACH
			SCHILLER
12:15pm	GETSINGER & SCHRUMPF	KLINE & GETSINGER	J & J MULVEY/SIMON
5:45pm	YOUTH	YOUTH	YOUTH

NEXT SUNDAY the **Special Collection** will be for Eastern Europe. Envelopes are in your church offering packets.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are each Friday morning after Mass and each Friday evening at 7:30.

LENTEN DINNERS are every Friday during Lent from 5 to 7pm. Many choices of home cooked foods will be served in the Parish Center. Join us this Friday.

THE GROUND BREAKING for our new Church will be on Friday, April 21st at 3pm. Mark your calendars. Cardinal Keeler and Bishop Malooly are planning to be here for this event.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL: Thank you for considering your faithful generosity to this year's Lenten Appeal. When we make a gift that causes us some meaningful self-sacrifice, then we give of ourselves from the heart. That kind of self-giving, especially to the less fortunate, blesses us great with a fulfilling sense of purpose and a deep spirit of contentment and joy. Isn't that priceless? A List for the distribution of Lenten Appeal Funds is in the bulletin.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

GEN 9: 8-15; 1 PT 3: 18-22; MK 1: 12-15

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

GN 22: 1-18; ROM 8: 31b-34; MK 9: 2-10

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK- Theresa Pirrone, Robert Flaherty, Glen Morrison, Mary Hunt, Edward Gilvey, Robert Harington,

Jason Bates, Joseph Pirrone, Peter & Paul Cuticchia, Marilyn Hall, Caitlin Crawford, Orlando Rea, Harry Blanchard, Krystyna Cichocki, Rita Custer, Danielle Poole, Joanne Boss, John Hillman, Paula Cooper, Sharon Gould, Steve Yost, Helen Loch, Bridget Boone, Anne Neher, Rose Yodzis, Paul Pieklo, Jacob Hess, Steve White, Larry Mauceri, Holly & Jack Jennings, Linda McGuire, Fred Moxley, Richard Hanna, Matthew Ford, Tom Weedon, Louis Webb, Kenny Jordan, Wilmer Seek, Carol Huberty, Kim Miller, Anna Maria Mutter, Chris Roby, Gina Caputo, Carly Ellis, Edna Spilman, Danielle E. Kline, Heather Miliham, Donna Jacobs, Dolores Sperlein, Sandy O'Donnell, Brandin Andrukitis, Anna Tomalis, Florence Bannister, Michael Seifert, Mary Souder, Jones Family, Charles Guarnieri, Justin Offutt, Craig Rice, Connor Rutledge, Eric Saindon, Jennifer Zeiner, Pat Wallace, Emily Candaffio, Karen & Jessica Connery, Patricia Huffer, John Martin, Diane Player, Ben Lanman, John Riley, Mike D'Auria, Dan Hodges, Eddie Vaughan, Robert Young

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Joan Boss, mother of Mary Beth Smith

The Following Children Were Welcomed into the Church Through Baptism: Katrina Boumel, Brooke Renninger, Jameson Little, Camryn MacKay, Coleman Denny, Riley Gibbons, Sean Thompson, Katelyn Coleman, Nicholas Miller, Danielle Kline and Whitney Burgess

BLOODMOBILE -will be at Sappington Hall, Tues., March 14th, from 2-8pm. Call Linda at 301-829-2888 to schedule. We are thankful to all who so generously give. It would be special for Lent.

ST. PADDY'S DAY- Anyone interested in volunteering for The St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance on Friday, March 17th, please call Laura at the Parish Office. There will be some prep work on Thursday also if anyone is interested.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – Call for nominations: This past year has been an exciting time for our Parish, full of challenges and opportunities. Much work has been done but much remains. It's time again to call for nominations of parishioners to run for election to the Parish Council. The Council is charged with assisting Fr. John manage the present and direct the future of this wonderful Parish. Parish Council elections will be held on the third weekend in May. This is a three year commitment and there are three vacancies occurring that need to be filled. If you are a registered member of St. Peter's and at least 16 years old please give **Prayerful consideration** to this call for nominees. If you are interested in serving the Church in this way or know someone you feel is called to serve or you would like additional information please call Mike Horrigan at 410-549-1463 or email him at thehorrigans@adelphia.net.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE: September 14-22, 2006. Cost is \$2,097 which includes flight from Baltimore to European flight. Those who have signed up for the pilgrimage, please submit the balance of payment of \$1,597.00 by May 8th and make check payable to St. Peter's Church. Anyone interested in joining us, you still have time to sign up. Call Priscilla 301-898-5111 ext 12. A Medjugorje 1 hour film will be shown in the Birch Library, March 30th at 7pm. All are welcome.

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will meet this Wednesday, March 8th at 7:30pm for Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

TWO SPECIAL DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23rd, celebrated at the 12:15pm Mass with an outdoor procession: A day of special blessings promised by Our Lord to St. Faustina.

Mystical Rose Prayer Day, Saturday, May 6th. Begins with 9:00am Mass; with outdoor procession and May crowning to honor Mary, Our Spiritual Mother.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: There are issues that need our attention before the Maryland Legislature. Our Senators and Delegates need to know that we support Sen. Norman Stone's Cloning Ban and that we want "No Funds for research that destroys embryos". Our lawmakers are: Dist 4- Sen. David Brinkley, Delegates Joe Bartlett, Paul Stull, 4A; and Donald Ellicott 4B; Dist 3 – Sen. Alex Mooney; 3B District Delegates Galen Claggett, Pat Hogan, and Rich Weldon. They can be reached by calling the switchboard at 1-800-492-7122 and asking to be connected. For one call, you can ask one office to connect you to the other. Thanks!

(Prayers are continually needed for this MD state legislature until it closes in mid-April, with the moral issues of embryo stem cell research and same-sex marriage before it.)

Our Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (and 79 co-sponsors) are seeking action on H>R.1079 ("Holly's Law") which would suspend the use of abortion pill RU-486 pending a review of the FDA'S conduction on that drug's approval. You may call his local office (301-694-3030) and let him know of your support!

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION – month two –developing baby. A flyer is in today's bulletin.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Linda Pototschnik for making our Lenten Banner for the Foyer. It depicts various covenants God made with us which we read about this Lent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Council social meeting, Tuesday the 7th at 7:30pm, SH. We will celebrate our 3rd anniversary and growth from 74 to 130 members. ...Congratulations to our February honorees: Knight of the Month is Marty Nau and Family of the Month is Gary Rubeling. Both are recognized for their support of our parish, community and council events. ...Council March calendar includes our ADOPT A ROAD PROJECT on the 18th, our ten pin bowling social on the 19th, 4th degree exemplification on the 25th and the sponsorship of a parish Lenten Meal on the 31st. For more information visit us at st.peterskofc.home.att.net/ Charity Golf Tournament set for June 9th at Maple Run Golf Course, mark your calendars now, \$85.00 per player, same as last year. Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council. We are now accepting tee and event sponsorships from individuals and businesses. Tom Gruentzel, Chariman.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING? Can you carry a tune? Have you often seen the choir and thought "I could do that!" If so, music ministry wants you! The adult choir needs more voices. The commitment is: Rehearsal on Thursday nights and singing at the 9:30am Mass every Sunday. We also sing for most Holy Days, the Triduum and Easter. If you can't commit to a weekly schedule, please watch the bulletin for information on how you can participate in other areas of this fun and exciting ministry. Please contact Sherri Slattery in the Parish Office for more information.

THE FIRE AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH: The events of June 3, 2004, for many will be firmly etched in our minds as we heard the news that the church was burning or we witnessed the flames engulfing the steeple. Perhaps you were there on the campus of St. Peter's to witness the fire. Maybe you were at work and saw the internet news clips from the local news coverage. Have you thought about telling your story? What do you remember and what would you like to share with other parishioners of the church?

We are undertaking a project to capture the thoughts and stories of the day of the fire. Ten seconds or ten minutes, your recollection is wanted. We will have several methods by which you can contribute Video, Audio, Written, and Photography. Selected items will be compiled and made available to parishioners on DVD. The hope would be for all contributions to be archived and stored as part of the archives of the church.

If you would be interested in sharing your recollections of the day, please contact Doug or Terri Jackson @ 301-829-0518 or by email to FireStories@stpeter-libertytown.org.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

ST. PETER'S PARISH CENTER
FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH 2006
7-11PM

All you can eat- Full Menu

- *Delicious & Tender Roast Beef*
- *Fabulous Corned Beef & Cabbage*
- *Baked Potato BAR and Clam Chowder*
- *Green Beans and Vegetable Platters*
- *Dessert Cakes*
- *GREEN & Regular Beer, Wines and Soft Drinks*
(w/ Pretzel's, Chip's 'n' Dip)

CASH BAR FOR: IRISH COFFEE- \$4.00

"WILD IRISH ROSE" COCKTAIL-\$4.00

JAMESON-\$2.50/shot

Enjoy the Live Sounds
of
THE "tnj" BAND

(Easy Listening & Soft Rock)

*Advance Tickets: \$30 each- Or \$40 at the door! On sale
after Masses on 2/26/06, 3/05/06 & 3/12/06*

For Ticket Sales Call

Parish Office @ 301-898-5111

Adults (21 & Over) Please!

Reserved Tables MUST be for 10-

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Come Early to Sit With Your Friends

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

March 5, 2006

ADULT MINISTRY

- **BAPTISM PREP CLASSES:** For parents meets March 8 or April 5 from 7 – 9 PM in the Birch Library. Remember that you need only one godparent and this person must be Catholic. The godparent is to have celebrated Confirmation, is at least 16 years of age, and is practicing the faith (attending mass each week and celebrating the sacraments).
- **SINGLE AGAIN OF CENTRAL MD** meeting for March 18 has been cancelled. Next meeting will be Friday, April 21, 7:30 pm at St. Timothy Church.
- **NEW HORIZON'S SENIORS GROUP** – Join us on March 16 for a St. Patrick's Day buffet luncheon at the Carriage House Inn, Emmitsburg. Cost of buffet is \$14/person which includes gourmet sandwiches, dessert, drinks, tax and gratuity. RSVP to Kathy at 301-898-9982 or Margaret 410-635-8301.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **MARCH DATES:**
Sunday: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Monday: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY FOR ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**
 - ✱ If Frederick County Public Schools are closed . . . we **do not have** sessions for children / parents.
 - ✱ If Frederick County Public Schools close early we **do not have** sessions for children/parents.
 - ✱ **Saturday & Sunday Programs for Preschool thru Grade 5**... tune into WTTR and WFRE – decisions will be made early in the morning.
 - ✱ Announcements will also be on radio stations ... WFRE and WTRR after 3PM Monday through Friday.
 - ✱ Weekend Mass will take place as usual unless otherwise directed.
- **HOME RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Your **Unit 1 & 2 reviews are past due** – Unit 3 should be completed by the end of March!
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** A reminder that for the safety of our children, only those in Kindergarten through Grade 5 may participate in CLW.

- **CENTRAL MARYLAND FORMATION DAY:** Don't miss an exciting day of learning and inspiration. On March 11, the scenic campus of Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg is host to "Life is Christ", the 8th annual Central Maryland Formation Day. Rediscover the message of St. Paul with noted scholar Rev. Ronald Witherup during our Liturgy of the Eucharist and Keynote. Explore Catholic spirituality, doctrine and practical tools for your life through 23 exciting workshop sessions. Great music and prayer, food for your mind, continental breakfast and a buffet lunch complete the day. Registration forms may be obtained in the Religious Education Office.
- **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:**
 - † **Reconciliation** – If you missed the Reconciliation Service – you will need to call Stacy @ 301-898-5111 ext. 18 & give her the date, location & priest once it has been completed. All children must have completed Reconciliation prior to his/her First Communion.
 - † **First Communion Dates** - Don't forget to call to reserve your celebration date!
– **Saturday, May 13th is no longer available – absolutely no exceptions!**
 - † **Eucharist Preparation** – Parent sessions are coming in March! **First Time parents:** March 7th or 14th **AND** March 28th. **Repeat Parents:** March 21st.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **YOUTH MINISTRY MEETS TONIGHT!**
- **8th -12th Grade will meet @ St. Katherine Drexel from 7-9PM to see JASON EVERT.** He is the nations leading chastity speaker
- **JR SPY (7TH GRADE) IS INVITED TO SPEND THE EVENING WITH JC'S GANG.**
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY FOR YOUTH MINISTRY:** - Please listen to 103.1 & 99.9 for closings.

The Joy of Fasting

With the season of Lent upon us, last week's Gospel discusses the issue of fasting. Jesus is questioned about why His disciples do not practice fasting as compared to the disciples of John the Baptist and the Pharisees.

In His reply, our Lord uses nuptial imagery to explain why His disciples do not fast. The use of nuptial or marriage imagery would have been very familiar to the Jesus' hearers.

Throughout the Old Testament, Israel is often likened to the bride of God, who continually calls the Jews to greater fidelity. When the Jews sinned, the prophets often likened Israel to an unfaithful wife. This theme continues in the New Testament. For example, in the Book of Revelation, St. John describes heaven as the great wedding feast of the Lamb. Utilizing this metaphor of the wedding banquet, Jesus likens Himself to the bridegroom. His disciples, who represent the Church, are likened to the wedding guests. Herein lies the reason behind why His disciples do not fast: It is because the great bridegroom, Jesus Himself, is among them. Christ's presence among His disciples is reason for celebration — not fasting.

The Incarnation has ushered in a new era in salvation history. Like a new wineskin, Jesus ushers in a new chapter in man's relationship with God. Christianity is not Judaism-deluxe. Rather, it is an entirely new dispensation with the God-man, Jesus the Lord, at its very center. Rather than focus on the external practice of fasting, Jesus challenges those questioning Him to consider the interior disposition of joy found in the disciples who have discovered Him.

The Church presents us with the penitential season of Lent to rededicate ourselves to the spiritual value of the three traditional disciplines or works of Lent: prayer, fasting (or penance) and almsgiving (or deeds of mercy).

In regards to fasting, there is an ancient and revered tradition in the Church, which was reaffirmed at the Second Vatican Council, of performing acts of penance every Friday — not just on Fridays during Lent. For some, it may mean abstaining from meat every Friday, but these penances can be substituted for pious works or extra prayers. Nevertheless, every Friday should be a day of penance for all Catholics. Of course, Fridays in Lent have a different character — these are Fridays when meat may not be eaten. This type of mortification reminds us of our mortality and frees us for spiritual growth. Self-denial strengthens us to overcome the temptation towards selfishness which always lurks in the human heart. Freed from selfishness, we can more readily reach out to those in need through deeds of mercy or almsgiving.

Through fasting, we deny ourselves legitimate goods. We do not fast because sensible pleasures are to be avoided *per se*. Instead, we fast because when the senses are satiated, we tend to become indifferent towards spiritual goods and the value of sacrifice. Thus, all fasting should lead us to the joy in having discovered our Lord, the great bridegroom Who beckons each of us, who constitute the Church, His bride, into more perfect communion with Him.

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