

ST. PETER'S PARISH NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 12TH, 2012

MASSES

MON	AUG 13	7:00 pm	FAMILY OF WALTER & ROBENA COMER
TUE	AUG 14	8:00 am	JUSTIN JACKSON
WED	AUG 15	8:00 am	MARGARET TARTAL
		7:30 pm	VERNETTA ACKERMAN
THU	AUG 16	8:00 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
FRI	AUG 17	9:00 am	CYNTHIA GETSINGER
SAT	AUG 18	8:00 am	JEAN JOHNSON
		5:30 pm	JESUS MANUEL DACOSTA
SUN	AUG 19	7:15 am	JIM & JANE CUOZZO
		9:00 am	FISHER FAMILY
		11:30 am	JOSEPH A PAPAY, SR

	GOAL	COLLECTION	& EFT FIG
COLLECTION	\$20,000.00	\$14,616.90	\$4,560.00
POOR BOX	\$ 833.34	\$ 297.80	\$ 235.75
MORTGAGE (AS OF 08/05)		\$ 5,758.00	\$1,710.00

AUGUST 15TH, 18TH & 19TH

	MASS	ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR
AUG 15	8:00 am	A & S SUPROCK & WROTEN	KLINE & THOMPSON
	7:30 pm	B & G & L MOCHI	OLIVER & BOHRER
AUG 18	5:30 pm	B & J & J WITT	OLIVER & LEVASSEUR
AUG 19	7:15 am	PARSONS, PUGH & SMELLER	DEAN & HEILAND
	9:00 am	CRIDER, GORDON & SEESE	GILL & HOFFMAN
	11:30 am	N MOXLEY & A & S SUPROCK	THOMPSON & MOXLEY

Wednesday

THIS THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary & is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8 am & 7:30 pm.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Kgs 19:4-8, Eph 4:30-5:2, Jn 6:41-51 (116)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Prv 9:1-6, Eph 5:15-20, Jn 6:51-58 (119)

NEXT WEEK the second collection will be for Catholic School Education.

WE PRAY IN HOPE that God's healing power may touch those who are sick, especially Joe Wirfs, Richard Ellis, Ellen Burns, Norman Avery, Joshua Wade, Marilyn Hall, Herb Worley, James C Brennan, Len Bainbridge, Rob Player, Sean Mulvey, Susan D Aud, Susan K Aud, John Nau, Jess Gold, Debbie Lutman, Regina Moran, Ken Hartsek, Lewis Goode, Diane Andersen, Dale Stiffler, Judy Churco, Ann Fowler, Lorraine Rommal, Audrey Palerino, James Wivell, Sharon Baker, Jonah Roberts, Matthew Tako, Jim Everhart, Bennie Stanley, Marybeth Weaver, Jocelyn Bronleven, Mark Johnson, Dennis Martin, Jay Richardson, Ann Jurkowski, Brian Everhart, Raymond Garrett, James Landsness, Myrtle Carlin

Names will be kept on the prayer list for 1 month from the time they are requested. At the end of that time, you may renew your prayer request by emailing or calling the Parish Office

***Anyone wishing to receive Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick please call the Parish Office.

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will not meet this Wednesday, August 15th at 7:30 pm due to the Feast of the Assumption.

WE WELCOME: Olivia Marie Gonzalez who was baptized this weekend, into the family of God

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Theresa Marilyn Macewicz, daughter of Laura Macewicz.

FLOWER MINISTRY: The flowers this weekend are in loving memory of Frank & Angela Carpenter, parents of Tess Kennedy, on their 67th wedding anniversary, from Phyllis Carpenter.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Summer is here-- what a good time to make a visit to our Eucharistic Jesus who tells us that he will refresh us. Visiting hours are 9 am-8 pm thru August. We have a need for a person at 3 am early Monday mornings--perhaps a good hour for a retiree or someone who leaves for work early in the am and also alternate 12 am (midnight) hour Friday night into Saturday. Please call Linda (301.829.2888) or Diane (301.304.0209) for more info.

CHORISTERS: It's that time again!! Time to sign up for *Choristers*. All children who are between 8 years old (3rd grade) through the 8th grade are invited to sing with the St. Peter's Choristers. This choir sings at several Sunday masses throughout the year, and at Christmas and Easter masses with the Hand Bell Choir. Children who like to sing are encouraged to participate. See the flyer in the Display Rack in the Narthex for more information and to sign up. Call Judy Smarsh, 301-845-2698 with any questions.

The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



This brief document is a summary of the United States bishops' reflection *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. It complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states. A large-print version of this document is available free at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.



Our nation faces political challenges that demand urgent moral choices. We are a nation at war, with all of its human costs; a country often divided by race and ethnicity; a nation of immigrants struggling with immigration. We are an affluent society where too many live in poverty; part of a global community confronting terrorism and facing urgent threats to our environment; a culture built on families, where some now question the value of marriage and family life. We pride ourselves on supporting human rights, but we fail even to protect the fundamental right to life, especially for unborn children.

We bishops seek to help Catholics form their consciences in accordance with the truth, so they can make sound moral choices in addressing these challenges. We do not tell Catholics how to vote. The responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. Faith helps us see more clearly the truth about human life and dignity that we also understand through human reason. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34). According to Pope Benedict XVI, "charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as 'social charity'" (Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29).

The United States Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to participate and speak out without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning our central moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to the political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good.

How Does the Church Help Catholics to Address Political and Social Questions?

A Well-Formed Conscience

The Church equips its members to address political questions by helping them develop well-formed consciences. "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby

the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act. . . . [Every person] is obliged to follow faithfully what he [or she] knows to be just and right" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). We Catholics have a lifelong obligation to form our consciences in accord with human reason, enlightened by the teaching of Christ as it comes to us through the Church.

The Virtue of Prudence

The Church also encourages Catholics to develop the virtue of prudence, which enables us "to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1806). Prudence shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act. Prudence must be accompanied by courage which calls us to act. As Catholics seek to advance the common good, we must carefully discern which public policies are morally sound. A good end does not justify an immoral means. At times Catholics may choose different ways to respond to social problems, but we cannot differ on our obligation to protect human life and dignity and help build through moral means a more just and peaceful world.

Doing Good and Avoiding Evil

There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. These intrinsically evil acts must always be rejected and never supported. A preeminent example is the intentional taking of human life through abortion. It is always morally wrong to destroy innocent human beings. A legal system that allows the right to life to be violated on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed.

Similarly, direct threats to the dignity of human life such as euthanasia, human cloning, and destructive research on human embryos are also intrinsically evil and must be opposed. Other assaults on human life and dignity, such as genocide, torture, racism, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. Disrespect for any human life diminishes respect for all human life.

As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support.¹

Opposition to intrinsically evil acts also prompts us to recognize our positive duty to contribute to the common good and act in solidarity with those in need. Both opposing evil *and* doing good are essential. As Pope John Paul II said, "the fact that only the negative commandments oblige always and under all circumstances does not mean that in the moral life prohibitions are more important than the obligation to do good indicated by the positive commandment" (Encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, no. 52). The basic right to life implies and is linked to other human rights to the goods that every person needs to live and thrive—including food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work. The use of the death penalty, hunger, lack of health care or housing, human trafficking, the human and moral costs of war, and unjust immigration policies are some of the serious moral issues that challenge our consciences and require us to act.

Making Moral Choices

Difficult political decisions require the exercise of a well-formed conscience aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection. “Those who formulate law therefore have an obligation in conscience to work toward correcting morally defective laws, lest they be guilty of cooperating in evil and in sinning against the common good” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB], *Catholics in Political Life*).

When morally flawed laws already exist, prudential judgment is needed to determine how to do what is possible to restore justice—even if partially or gradually—without ever abandoning a moral commitment to full protection for all human life from conception to natural death (see Pope John Paul II, Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 73).

Prudential judgment is also needed to determine the best way to promote the common good in areas such as housing, health care, and immigration. When Church leaders make judgments about how to apply Catholic teaching to specific policies, this may not carry the same binding authority as universal moral principles but cannot be dismissed as one political opinion among others. These moral applications should inform the consciences and guide the actions of Catholics.

What Does the Church Say About Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square?—Seven Key Themes

A consistent ethic of life should guide all Catholic engagement in political life. This Catholic ethic neither treats all issues as morally equivalent nor reduces Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates’ positions on issues and should consider candidates’ integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens “to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest” (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following themes of Catholic social teaching provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.²

The Right to Life and the Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred. Direct attacks on innocent human beings are never morally acceptable. Within our society, life is under direct attack from abortion, euthanasia, human cloning, and destruction of human embryos for research. These intrinsic evils must always be opposed. This teaching also compels us as Catholics to oppose genocide, torture, unjust war, and the use of the death penalty, as well as to pursue peace and help overcome poverty, racism, and other conditions that demean human life.

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

Rights and Responsibilities

Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible. Each of us has a right to religious freedom, which enables us to live and act in accord with our God-given dignity, as well as a right to access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

While the common good embraces all, those who are in greatest need deserve preferential concern. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor and marginalized.

Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, opportunities for legal status for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity.

Solidarity

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

Caring for God’s Creation

Care for the earth is a duty of our Catholic faith. We all are called to be careful stewards of God’s creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future.

Conclusion

In light of Catholic teaching, as bishops we vigorously repeat our call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the defense of life, the needs of the weak, and the pursuit of the common good. This kind of political participation reflects the social teaching of our Church and the best traditions of our nation.

Notes

- 1 For more on the moral challenge of voting, see *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, nos. 34-39. Visit www.faitfulcitizenship.org.
- 2 These themes are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005). For more information on these seven themes, see www.faitfulcitizenship.org. For information on how we bishops of the United States have applied Catholic social teaching to policy issues, see www.faitfulcitizenship.org.

For a wide range of educational and other resources to help share Faithful Citizenship, go to www.faitfulcitizenship.org.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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Religious Education Registration now open for 2012-2013!

Form can be found in today's bulletin or register & pay on-line (EFT) at www.stpeter-libertytown.org
If you have any questions regarding the registration process, contact REC Secretary Stacy Johnston @ sjohnston@stpeter-libertytown.org or at 301-898-5111 ext. 18.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Wow! St. Peter's Libertytown is blessed with a whole new patch of wonderful little children, eager to grow in our shared Catholic faith! Thus, the parish is in need of catechists for the 2012-2013 children's faith formation classes. The following opportunity is available for YOU:

CATECHETICAL FAITH FORMATION: Weekly on Sundays, 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (*Just think of all the graces you can accumulate in only one little hour!*) Pre-K—1st, 2nd –3rd Grade; 4th and 5th Grade. This is a Lectionary-based program (meaning they focus on that Sunday's readings) and come with course outlines and suggested activities from *Pflaum Publishing*.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Kenn DeMoll

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A change to the Youth Ministry time for 2012-2013. We will going back to Sunday evenings from 6-8PM!

Fall Youth Ministry Kick-off: "Begin the Quest" We are going back in time to medieval Libertytown Sunday, September 23rd @ 6PM. We will be eating turkey legs & jousting! More info to come!

iPAD DONATIONS: Youth Ministry is looking to involve you in an exciting endeavor we are under taking! We are striving to use the latest technology to boldly evangelize to our youth to help them fall in love with the sacraments. You can be involved in this effort by donating an iPad your household is no longer using (such as the 1st generation or iPad 2). Our hope is that we could have 6 iPads by the start of the youth ministry year.

ADULT MINISTRY

Carolyn Nolan (cnolan@stpeter-libertytown.org)

Marriage Tip "The Seven Year Itch" is a movie but not a myth. Marriages can suffer from routine and ruts. Can you identify a rut that you've slipped into in your marriage? (Always have the same kind of date or say the same words of endearment...) Change it up.



Visit: www.foryourmarriage.org

Baptism Prep Classes - meets on Tuesday, August 21st, 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.)

RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – the process by which adults are formed in the Catholic way of life – will begin weekly instructional classes on **August 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church**. RCIA prepares the participant for the sacraments of Baptism (if needed), Confirmation and Eucharist. We look forward to answering any questions you may have about becoming Catholic. Contact Carolyn at 301-898-5111 x 14 for more information.

Bible Study – We begin our fall study with *Psalms – The School of Prayer* – a 10 week DVD study. Our communication with God is enhanced by a deeper understanding of the book of Psalms and of the individual psalms that reside in each of our hearts. See the flier in today's bulletin for registration formation.

ST JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Applications for Pre-K – 8th Grade now being accepted for the 2012-13 school year. Download forms at www.sjrccs.org...**Join US For Walk-in-Wed!** Join us every Wed from 9-11 am. Prospective parents are invited to visit & tour the Pre-K through 8th grade classrooms. Tuition discounts apply for parishioners. Contact Karen O'Boyle at koboyle@sjrccs.org or call 301-662-6722 for additional info...**15th Annual Monsignor Echel Memorial Golf Tournament** - Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on the fun just 5 weeks after the 2012 school year begins. Mon, Oct 1st, 2012, PB Dye Golf Course, Ijamsville, Maryland. Find registration online at www.sjrccs.org.

ST THOMAS MORE ACADEMY: Is it time to for your child to change schools? Consider St. Thomas More Academy, a Catholic elementary and middle school serving PreK3 - 8th grade. STMA is NOW accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year. Interested and prospective families are invited to an OPEN HOUSE at our NEW Middletown location Monday, August 20th from 11 am-2 pm & 5 pm-8 pm Please contact us at info@stmamd.org or 301-874-9014 for more info. View our website www.stmamd.org or visit us on Facebook.

THE VISITATION ACADEMY: the only all-girls PreK3 – 8th grade Catholic school in Frederick County is now accepting applications for all grades for the 2012-2013 academic year. For more info, visit our web site at www.thevisitationacademy.org.

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL: 'Take-a-Tour' Tuesday- July 24-August 21: 9 am to 1 pm. Mother Seton School (MSS) will be open every Tues for visitors to come & 'take-a-tour' of the school & get more info about our educational program. MSS is a Pre-K through Grade 8 Christ-centered school located at 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD. Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is open. Transfers & students of all faiths are welcome! Tour dates: August 7, 14, & 21 or call to schedule a personal visit. 301-447-3161 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org

INTERESTED IN HOMESCHOOLING? Come and see what our ARCH group (Association of Roman Catholic Homeschoolers) is all about at our first meeting of the new school year, on Tuesday, August 21 at 7 pm in the parish center. Meet other homeschooling moms and find out about this year's activities. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Sept. 5 - Nov. 14

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. OR 7 – 9 p.m. (Parish Center)

Cost: \$25 per study guide

PSALMS

The School of Prayer

- Discover a rich school of prayer for all life's circumstances.
- Experience the transforming power of the responsorial psalms in the Mass.
- Learn how to visualize the psalms in order to empower their meditation.
- Study the many ways the Psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus.
- See how the Psalms can empower your prayer to become an honest and personal dialogue with God.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Class Selection: Mornings / 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Evenings / 7 – 9 p.m.

Make checks payable to: St. Peter Church

Mail registration to: Carolyn Nolan, P. O. Box 278, Libertytown, MD 21762

C'MON DOWN TO ST. PETER'S WATERIN' HOLE FOR...

“COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT”

ALL AGES WELCOME!



**Saturday, September 8th
7pm - 11pm**

TICKETS ARE \$12 AND INCLUDE;

**Music & Country Line Dancing
Games including “Cornhole” and “Pool”
St. Peter’s Saloon & Beer Garden
Country Western Photos & Much More...**

**Serving Barbeque, Baked Beans w/ Bacon
Corn Bread, Green Beans, Cole Slaw & Salad**

**Tickets will be on sale after masses and in the Parish Office starting August 4th
All proceeds to benefit St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church
For more info contact our parish office at 301-898-5111 ext.16**

OPENINGS FOR YOUTH BELL CHOIR: Margaret Stack, director of Youth Hand Bells, has 3 openings for ringers in the Hand Bell Choir. Interested participants should be in 5th grade or older and will rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:15 pm until 5:30 pm. The first rehearsal will be Wed., Sept. 19th. Please contact Margaret Stack at 301-865-1349 to sign up for this beautiful ministry.

SINGERS & INSTRUMENTALISTS NEEDED: How would you like to sing/play once a month at the Saturday evening Mass? A group is being formed, headed by Bernadette Hanson to do just that. Bernadette would like to hold rehearsals following Saturday evening Masses (from 6:30 until 8:00 pm). The age level is 14 & up. The "Praise Choir" will rehearse approximately 3 times before the scheduled Mass time for the group. Bernadette will send a schedule once the group is formed. Until then, the first rehearsal will be on Sat., Sept. 8th at 6:30 pm in the church. The group will sing a variety of music from Praise & Worship to Traditional in order to enhance the Liturgy. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Bernadette by email at bzmhanson@verizon.net or by phone at 301-865-3371.

***Please keep in mind: If you are 14 – 17 years old, you will have to complete the "Worthy of the Call" training before joining (if you haven't already done so) & if you are 18 or older, you must be STAND trained or willing to become STAND trained if you aren't already.

WE NEED MEN! The Adult Choir is looking for a few (or more!) good men to sing in the choir. We meet beginning mid-Sept. about every other Thurs. evening from 7:15 – 9:00pm in the church. We sing every other 9:00am Mass (some 11:30 Masses) on Sundays. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Sherri Slattery at sslattery@stpeter-libertytown.org as soon as possible. *"Sing joyfully to God, all the earth; make melody, rejoice and sing."* – ps. 98

OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROSARY CRUSADE: We warmly invite you to join us in heartfelt prayer & beautiful sacred music at our monthly Rosary Crusade, Sat., August 18, 2012, from 10:30-11:30 am, at the Gazebo in Baker Park, right off West 2nd Street, near the Band Shell in Frederick, MD. Bring your family, lawn chairs & invite others to pray with us! Questions: call Pat Oliver at 301-845-8253.

FREDERICK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE: Please join us for our monthly FCRTL meeting Thursday, August 16th – 7 pm @ Roy Rogers, 1990 Riverside Way, Frederick MD 21701 (near intersection of Liberty Rd and Monocacy Blvd). Info call John Miller 301-473-4056.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: In the Gospel, we find that for Jesus, the cost is the cross. The love that Jesus reveals through the cross is self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak, and confident in the power of God. During the hot summer months, many of the elderly— especially those who are sick—are not able to find relief from the heat. Please help the Society bring them respite and hope by donating alms in the poor boxes. 301-662-4676

SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS: Are you a pampered chef consultant, Avon representative or similar small business owner? Kenn deMoll would like to talk to you about a business opportunity to help your business while benefiting the parish. Contact him for more information at 301-898-5111 or kdemoll@stpeter-libertytown.org

MARY'S HOUSE needs someone to help drive moms & babies to doctor appointments. If you can help, please call Bea at 301-845-4545.

STORE CERTIFICATES: Congratulations to Lois Keller-Poole, the July gift card drawing winner! Lois has donated half of her winnings to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry appreciates your generous gift...**Gift card profit** for the month of July was \$447.02. Thank you for supporting the program.

MOVING?? HOUSEHOLD CHANGES?? Please advise the Parish Office if you are moving & will no longer be a parishioner or of any changes in your family's address, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. Contact us at 301-898-5111 with your updates. Thank you.

US POVERTY IS APPROACHING RECORD LEVELS.

Families with children are the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population in the United States. What is life like for those families? How does it feel to be poor in the America? Beginning on Thursday, August 30th, at 7 pm in the Parish Center basement, we will begin a program call Just Neighbors. This program helps us to walk in the shoes of our neighbors trapped in poverty and find ways to help them. For further information call Harry Ford 301-845-4301 or e-mail hmford1010@gmail.com. Cost will be a donation to the social ministry funds.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13290: Meetings - Officers / Chairmen on the 14th, 7:30 pm, POB...**Programs -** plan to help out at the parish auction, Saturday the 15th. Do not forget to send in your Car Raffle ticket stubs with your check...**Membership-** Please make an effort to ask a fellow Catholic Man to become a member of our Order. Who are the Knights of Columbus? Men Perpetuating Our Faith Through Participation in Council, Community and Parish Events. Charity - Helping the needy; Unity - Supporting our Church, our Pope, Bishops and Priests and the Ideals of our Faith; Fraternity - Supporting each-other & our families through our benefit programs & practicing our Faith together. Our Councils are around the world. - in America, Europe, Central America, Canada, Pacific Island Nations, Poland, on Military bases, in Colleges, some with council homes, many attached to parishes. Take a look at our Order, you will be amazed at what we do, how much money is donated & the Hours of volunteering by men and their families...*Over the past decade, the K of C donated \$1.406 billion to Charity and provided more than 653 million hours of volunteer service. This is why one of our slogans is "WE ARE CHARITY FIRST" Become a Knight !!!!*

PARISH NURSE NOTES: Diabetes Prevention, pt.2 If you're overweight, diabetes prevention may hinge on weight loss. Every pound you lose can improve your health. And you may be surprised by how much. In one study, overweight adults reduced their diabetes risk by 16 percent for every kilogram (2.2 pounds) of weight lost. Also, those who lost a modest amount of weight — at least 5 to 10 percent of initial body weight — and exercised regularly reduced the risk of developing diabetes by almost 60 percent over three years. (Mayo clinic.com) Start small, think about 2 lbs, then 5 – you just reduced your risk over 30%!

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE: will be at Libertytown Fire Hall Tues. Aug. 21, from 3-8 pm. If you are healthy, at least 17 and 110 lbs, you may give blood. Please call Jackie (301-829-0344) to schedule. Thanks for your generosity!