

ST. PETER'S PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2006

			<u>MASSES</u>
MON	MAR 27	7:00pm	LORRAINE SEXTON
TUE	MAR 28	8:00am	INT OF JEAN KERSCHNER
WED	MAR 29	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
THU	MAR 30	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
FRI	APR 31	9:00am	JEAN ZIGLAR
SAT	APR 1	8:00am	INT OF DIANE ROLFS
		5:30pm	JOSEPH HAYES
SUN	APR 2	7:00am	PARISHIONERS
		8:15am	CELINE GRIBEN
		9:30am	KEN SPIELMAN
		11:00am	INT OF CAROL SHAUB
		12:15pm	INT OF ED SADLER
		5:45pm	JOSH PICARELLA

	GOAL	ACTUAL
*COLLECTION	\$14,700.00	\$14,306.04
*POOR BOX	\$ 925.00	438.55
*BUILDING FUND MO. Total (Sappington Hall)		7,625.00
*CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION		\$ 1,380.20

MARCH 31, APRIL 1 & 2			
<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
MAR 31 7:00pm	A & K MONTGOMERY - Stations of the Cross	FORD & NAU	DEA MIKE/GAUDINO/HOEHL/KENNEDY
APR 1 5:30pm	DENNING & NORRIS		LEVASSEUR
APR 2 7:00am	M & P RUBELING	HAYES	OLIVER/STANLEY/SWEITZER
8:15am	BOLGER & RILEY	MILLER & GREGORY	M & T LAWN/POLLACK/ROAN/SMITH
9:30am	MERKEL & THOMPSON	SPIELMAN & GAUDLIP	GRANT/GRUODIS/NAPLES/M&R TERRELL
11:00am	C & L MOXLELY	WHITE & SPRAGUE	L JONES/MOXLEY/PALERINO/A&M WHITE
12:15pm	ADAMS & GETSINGER	PALMER & ROLFS	J&J MULVEY/SIMON
5:45pm	YOUTH	YOUTH	YOUTH

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Lent is a season of reconciliation. We are joining with the Parishes in the Region in offering Reconciliation opportunities. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of one of the following Regional Services. There will be 8 to 10 priests hearing confession at each of these times so one should not have a long wait. Holy Family, Middletown – Tues., March 28th 7:30pm
St. Timothy, Walkersville – Mon., April 3rd 7:30pm
St. John, Frederick – Tues., April 4th 7:30pm
In addition I will be having confession Thurs., April 6th from 7-9pm, Sat., April 8th from 12-5:15pm and Tues., April 11th from 8:30-10am and 6-9pm. Remember though I am one person, where as the Reconciliation Services will have 8-10 priests. The longer you wait, the longer the time!

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FR. PAUL IAIA will be held April 1st at 11:00am at St. Joseph's in Buckeystown. Any Singers who would like to participate in the service call Cindy Kindl 301-694-8248. Condolences may be sent to: Mr. Bill Iaia, 7 Butternut Lane, Kinsington, CT 06037.

NEXT SUNDAY the Special Collection will be for Capital Repair. Envelopes are in your church offering packets and in today's bulletin.

FOR THE NEXT 2 SUNDAYS, THE SCRUTINIES will be celebrated at the 11am Mass for those being Baptized at the Easter Vigil.

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

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

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL All of us share in the life of the Archdiocese. We are many people, but one Church. If you have not yet had a chance to make your pledge or gift to the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal we will have an in pew Lenten Appeal collection next weekend. Please give prayerful consideration to reach out and help provide the ministries and services by which our Archdiocese does the work of Christ in the community. If you have not had a chance Thank you!

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL: If you would like to make a contribution toward the Easter Flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please use the Easter Flower envelope that you have received and is also available in the vestibule. Please return them in the collection basket by April 10th.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

2 CHR 36: 14-23; EPH 2: 4-10; JN 3: 14-21

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

JER 31: 31-34; HEB 5: 7-9; JN 12: 20-33

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, Orlando Rea, Harry Blanchard, Krystyna Cichocki, Rita Custer,

Danielle Poole, Joanne Boss, Paula Cooper, Sharon Gould, Steve Yost, Bridget Boone, Anne Neher, Rose Yodzis, Paul Pieklo, Steve White, Larry Mauceri, Linda McGuire, Fred Moxley, Richard Hanna, Tom Weedon, Louis Webb, Kenny Jordan, Carol Huberty, Kim Miller, Chris Roby, Gina Caputo, Carly Ellis, Edna Spilman, Danielle E. Kline, Heather Milihram, 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, Ben Lanman, John Reilly, Mike D'Auria, Dan Hodges, Eddie Vaughan, Robert Young, Tom Caponiti, Kathryn Delaney, Eddie Vaughan, baby Mathis, William Schneehagen

THE LITURGY COMMITTEE meets Monday, March 27th at 7:30pm in the Parish Office Building.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE meets Thurs., March 30th at 7:30pm in the Parish Office Building.

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 thehorrigan@adelphia.net.

THE NURSERY is losing a number of volunteers to baby-sit your children during the 9:30am Mass while you worship during Mass. If you can volunteer once a month, please call Laura at 301-898-5111x13. The nursery can not operate without your help. Thank you!

ST. PETER'S is planning a NEW PARISH DIRECTORY. We are looking for volunteers to sign up parish families for portrait appointments. Sign up will be before and after all Masses during April (except Easter weekend). If you would like to volunteer, please call Mary O'Connor at 301-865-3029.

AUCTION ITEMS are needed for our August 26th Annual Auction. Antiques, cars, boats, jewelry, china and all major items make this event profitable. All furniture has to be approved by Laura or Janice before any drop off. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE FILM being shown in the Birch Library, March 30th at 7pm. All are welcome.

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.

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will meet this Wednesday, March 29th at 7:30pm for Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Can you spend one hour? We are in immediate need of someone able to take a weekly Saturday noon Adoration hour (12-1pm) and an alternate adorer for (2am-3am) early Saturday. Please call Linda 301-829-2888 or Diane 301-898-0833 if you can take this hour. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: We welcome our two new members, Patrick Tramma and Corey Queen. ...The next First Degree is April 3rd at council 1622 in Frederick. ...Thanks to those that helped with the parish St. Patrick's Day fund raiser and to those that attended our council bowling social last Sunday. ...We welcome the new council in our district, St. Katharine Drexel, instituted last Saturday. ...Seton Chapter meeting on the 28th at 8pm....our charity corporation is hosting the Lenten meal on the 31st, call Tony Nagle if you can help, 301-829-0396. ... Nomination needed for Deputy Grand Knight for 2006-07, call Bob Droter 301-865-4565. ...MD Rt. 75 is a lot cleaner, we did our Adopt-A-Road duty on Saturday, thanks to those who served. ...GOLF TOURNAMENT, JUNE 9TH, \$85, MAPLE RUN. ...Visit us at our website st.peterskofc.home.att.net/

SINGERS NEEDED for the Triduum see flyer in the bulletin and also the Urgent Pro-Life Action Alert.

THE ST. PATRICK DAY dinner and dance profited approx. \$4,000.00 to the new church fund. **Thank you** to all who participated in the preparation of the event and to all who joined us that evening.

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 1062 will be selling 3 cu.ft. bags of mulch this year. Cost is \$3.75/bag for 10 or more with free delivery or \$4.00 per single bag. Mulch will be available this weekend. 3/25-26. Contact Grant Deckert at 301-788-4281 for ordering.

GOLFERS: Please join us for the 9th Annual Msgr. Echle Golf Tournament to benefit St. John Reg. Cath. School. Fri., May 5th at Maryland National. Visit www.sjrsc.org to download a registration form, questions call Pat Crowley 240-431-3283 or Alberto Aquilar 240-344-0132..

MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY positions available, Pastoral Associate and part-time Music Director for Campus Ministry. Additional information available at www.msmary.edu

IS YOUR MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE? If your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are separated or thinking about separation or divorce, we believe that Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program designed to help hurting couples mend and heal their brokenness. Our next weekend is May 12-14. All calls and inquires are confidential. For more information please call 410-647-0350 or 301-468-6764.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
MARCH 19, 2006

ADULT MINISTRY

- **BAPTISM PREP CLASSES:** For parents meets April 5 or May 10 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).

- **NEW HORIZON'S SENIORS GROUP** – Join us for the following event:
APRIL 20 – DAY OF REFLECTION with Fr. Jerry; 9:30 am in Sullivan Hall. We will begin with mass at 9:30 followed by a continental breakfast. Topic for the day is ***Praying with the Spiritual Masters.*** Cost of the retreat is \$15 which includes the breakfast and boxed lunch. Following lunch, Fr. Jerry will be available for reconciliation. **Any adult is welcomed to join us for this retreat!!** **RSVPs are required for luncheon selections. Call Kathy at 301-898-9982 or Margaret 410-635-8301.**

- **“DO YOU HEAR ME NOW?”** – A couple’s communication skill program based on Christian truth and sound research presented by John Ream of Effective Fathers Ministries; May 19 & 20 at St. Katherine Drexel, Frederick. Cost is \$75/couple; child care provided. Contact St. Katherine Drexel for registration information, 301-360-9581.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

- **MARCH DATES:**
Sunday: 26th
Monday: 27th

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2006-2007 YEAR WILL BE MAILED IN LATE MAY.**

- **HOME RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Your ***Unit 1 & 2 reviews are past due*** – Unit 3 should be completed by the end of March!
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** “Son Treasure Island” is scheduled for June 26th – June 30th. Mark your calendars!

- **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 28th – for any parent that missed the meeting on the 21st.
- † **Eucharist Family Day** – is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd from 9AM – 1PM. **This is a preparation requirement.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **YOUTH MINISTRY MEETS TONIGHT!**

- **CONFIRMATION:**
 - † Small groups meet this Wednesday, March 22nd from 7:00 – 8:30PM.
 - † Saint names & Sponsor names are due now. Please call Stacy @ 301-898-5111 ext. 18 if you have not already turned these in.

- **APPALACHIA DATES:** July 16th – 21st – Mark you calendars!

- **IT’S TIME TO BOOK FOR STEUBENVILLE :** June 23rd – June 26th Initial deposit of \$45 is due by April 2nd with balance of \$45 due at SPY on April 30th.

LENTEN PRAYER: STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND THE ROSARY

Archbishop Raymond Burke – Archdiocese of St. Louis

Stations of the Cross

The Stations or Way of the Cross is a fundamental Lenten prayer. Through the praying of the Stations, we accompany our Lord along the way of His cruel Passion and Death. As we meditate briefly at each of the stops or stations along the way to Calvary, we ponder what it meant for our Lord Jesus to take our human flesh, to suffer and to die for love of us. The Stations of the Cross open up for us, in a most concrete manner, the immensity of God's love for us. It is helpful to recall that this venerable Lenten prayer has its origin in the pilgrimage of Christians to Jerusalem, in order to walk, in prayer, the very way by which our Lord won our salvation. Since many Christians are unable to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the Church developed the Way of the Cross over the centuries, so that all Christians can mystically make pilgrimage to the places of our Lord's Suffering and Dying.

Praying the Stations means identifying ourselves with Christ in His Suffering and Dying. As we stop to pray at each station, we see the reflection of our own life in Christ. The Way of the Cross is our way of life, our way to eternal life. In a particular way, this most venerated prayer of the Church helps us to understand and embrace the mystery of suffering in our lives, as our Lord Jesus embraced the mystery of His Passion and Death. Meditating on the individual station, we pray that we may follow Christ by pouring out our lives in selfless love of God and of our neighbor.

I urge you to take part in the public praying of the Way of the Cross in your parish during Lent. A plenary indulgence is granted to those who participate in this public devotion, under the usual conditions. Also, when possible, make a visit to your parish church to walk the Way of the Cross with our Lord, using one of the many excellent booklets for praying the Stations or simply speaking to our Lord in your words. When you are unable to pray the Stations in church, it is also possible to pray them at home, using the images of the stations in your book of prayers.

The Holy Rosary

The Rosary is another fundamental from of Lenten prayer. When we pray the Rosary, we go to the side of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Blessed Mother, to contemplate with her the mysteries of our salvation. The repeated praying of the *Hail Mary* focuses our attention on the great mystery of the Redemptive Incarnation, that is the sending of God the Son in our human flesh to suffer and die for our salvation, to which all of the mysteries point and in which they all find their fulfillment.

When we pray through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, she always leads us to her Divine Son, to a more perfect knowledge of Him and to a more faithful love and service of Him. When we pray the Rosary, we are like the wine stewards at the Wedding Feast of Cana, who go to the Mother of Jesus to seek help in their need. She, in response, sends us to Jesus with the confident instruction: "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). In our Lenten praying of the Rosary, we, with Mary, go to Jesus and He tells us: "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me" (Lk 9:23).

The praying of the Rosary prepares us to participate in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, for it opens our minds and hearts in wonder before the mystery of Christ's life poured out for us in the Holy Mass. The devotion of the Rosary disposes us to "active participation" in the Holy Mass. At the same time, the Rosary helps us to bring forth faithfully the fruit of our communion with our Lord throughout the minutes and hours of our daily living. Meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, we return throughout the day to the great mystery of our life in Christ, thanks to His Death on Calvary, which He unfailingly makes present for us in the offering of the Holy Mass: "This is My Body which will be given up for you... This is the cup of My Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven" (*Roman Missal*).

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