

ST. PETER'S PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 17, 2008

		MASSES	
MON	FEB 18	7:00pm	FRANCIS DIETZENBACH
TUE	FEB 19	8:00am	GARY BUTIER
WED	FEB 20	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
THU	FEB 21	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
FRI	FEB 22	9:00am	HECTOR HURTO
SAT	FEB 23	8:00am	FRED SCHAUB
		5:30pm	SLONA LEAVENWORTH
SUN	FEB 24	7:00am	INT OF BOB BURDETTE
		8:15am	JULIUS & JENNY RUBIS
		9:30am	JANET MORRIS
		11:00am	INT OF RYAN YOUNG
		12:15pm	PARISHIONERS
		5:45pm	INT OF MAUREEN MARLEY FAMILY

	GOAL	COLLECTION & EFT FIG.	
*COLLECTION	\$15,480.00	\$15,576.00	\$1,895.67
*POOR BOX	\$ 673.00	\$ 429.25	171.00
*BUILDING FUND MO. Total	\$ 6,416.45	266.25	

(Sappington Hall)

FEBRUARY 23 & 24			
	<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>
			<u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
FEB 22	7:30pm	PASSION PLAY BY YOUTH IN PARISH CENTER (TAKES PLACE OF STATIONS)	
FEB 23	5:30pm	C & M MOCHI	NAU
FEB 24	7:00am	HUTCHINSON & SMELLER	LAWN
	8:15am	A & K RILEY	GREGORY
	9:30am	BISHOP & STURM	MYLES & SPIELMAN
	11:00am	DIGREGORY & HEILAND	BALLANTINE & LILLY
	12:15pm	PALMER & SCHRUMPF	KINZE
	5:45pm	RATCHFORD	SLATTERY

NEXT WEEKEND the second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services. Envelopes are in your packets and in today's bulletin

PASSION PLAY: On Friday evening February 22nd some of our youth will present a Passion Play in place of the evening Stations. This will take place in the Parish Center at 7:30pm. Please note that the Ladies Club will be serving the Lenten Dinners in the Parish Center from 5-7pm. If you are not a regular at these dinners, but do plan to attend the dinner on the 22nd please call Anne Carlton at 301-668-8046 by Wednesday, February 20th so that the Ladies Club can prepare for the extra folks attending that evening.

LENTEN MITE BOXES should be returned the weekend after Easter, March 30th.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL: We ask that you prayerfully consider your sacrifice to this year's Appeal. So many people have been helped or supported through the ministries made possible by the generosity of parishioners in our Archdiocese. Please pray for the success of the Appeal.

THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE met recently and awarded the following organizations and special needs a total of \$10,000. Groups that have or will receive aid include Birthright of Frederick, the Libertytown Fire Dept., Mary's House, Mission of Mercy, The Homeless Shelter, Safe and Sane for Linganore and Walkersville High Schools, The Thelma Mood Fund, St. Joseph Youth Center (where our youth do outreach in Appalachia), the Hispanic Center, Haiti Outreach, and for several families in special need.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
GN 12: 1-4a; 2TM" 1-10; MT 17:1-9
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
EX 17, 3-7; ROM 5, 1-8; JN 4: 5-42

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Mary Bednarczyk, mother of Sandy Ballantine; Patricia Kolwalski, daughter of Pearl Gallagher

THE LITURGY COMMITTEE meets Monday, Feb. 15th at 7:30pm in the Parish Office Building.

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS: If you would like to participate in the Triduum services this year, the following is the rehearsal schedule: (Please contact Sherri to let her know for which service you plan to sing, 301-898-5111 ext. 16) –

Holy Thursday 3/20: Sat. 2/23, 1pm, Parish Center & Sat. 3/15, 10am, Parish Center

Good Friday 3/21: Sun. 3/9, 7pm, Slattery Home & Tues. 3/11, 7pm, Parish Center

Easter Vigil 3/22: Tues. 3/4, 7pm, Parish Center & Sat. 3/8, 10am, Parish Center & 3/18, 7pm, Parish Center

Easter Sunday 3/23: Thurs. 3/13, 8:15pm, Parish Center & Sun. 3/16, 3pm, Parish Center

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS 2008

Fridays during Lent Lenten Dinners 5PM – 7PM
Saturday, February 16th "Wedding Reception Social" - Knights
Saturday, March 22nd Easter Egg Hunt-Sponsored by Knights
Friday, April 18th Volunteer Appreciation Party

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS for our Annual Yard Sale in June, and our Annual Auction in August. Donations MUST be in clean, useable condition. Please do not bog us down with trash! It costs your church money to dispose of junk, so PLEASE review your items, and decide if you really want to give them to the church. **WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING ANY T.V.'S.** Auction items should be of auction quality and value. Couches and upholstered chairs need to be approved by staff. Contact Laura or Janice at 301-898-5111, ext. 13 with any questions. Thank you in advance for your understanding and generosity!

PAUL SCHENCK "My Journey to the Hill", will be our **pro-life speaker at St. Peter's** on Friday, Feb. 22nd at 9:30am in Sappington Hall, immediately after Mass. . He is a Catholic convert and dynamic speaker. A free will offering will be collected. **Time Change: Stations of the Cross** will be at **8:30am** on Friday, Feb. 22nd only.

ST. PETER'S NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tues., March 11th, 2-8pm in Sappington Hall. Please consider giving the gift of life. If you are 17 years old or over, healthy, at least 110lbs. you can give. To schedule call Linda 301-829-2888.

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will meet this Wednesday, February 13th, 7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: As we thank Our Lord for His continual presence with us, we thank so many for helping us to honor Him with Perpetual Adoration, and we invite others to join us. We need to fill the 1:00pm on the second Sunday of the month. Also, if you would like to be a sub for us, please give Linda a call at 301-829-2888 or Diane at 301-898-0833. God Bless and Thank You!

ANNAPOLIS LIFE MARCH will be Thursday, March 13th from 6:30-8:30pm. We hope to have a bus to leave St. Peter's at 5:45pm and return by 10pm. Sign-ups for the bus will be after Masses. Price is \$10. Call Linda for information 301-829-2888.

OUR BLUES NIGHT FUNDRAISER was a huge success. Of course our appreciation goes out to our volunteers. Our cooks: Anne Carlton, Mary Rash, Doris Howell, Mary Lou Pairo, Rosalie Weller, Noni Roan, Phil Burr and other talents: Fran and Tom DeByl, Liz Hunter, Fran Myles, Kay Singer and all of St. Peter's youth who always add \$ to our evenings. A special thanks goes out to Brian Ponton and Moira Bogley who shared their considerable musical talents with us. Proceeds from this fundraiser were approximately \$5,700.00, with the proceeds going to the Building and Organ Funds.

PRO-LIFE LETTER REQUESTS: Thanks to all those who signed letters. We had 376 letters to Senator Brinkley, 139 to Delegate Elliott and 311 to Governor O'Malley. Thanks to all who helped out.

ST. PETER'S YOUTH GROUP wants to **THANK ALL** those who made our sub sale such a great success. We are especially grateful for Kris Eade for donating all 500 rolls!

KEVIN LAWRENCE would like to **THANK everyone** in the Parish for their support with his trip to Calcutta, India in May. The four thousand dollars that was raised will be used for travel and the remainder will be given to the Missionaries of Charity and Catholic Relief Services, to help their efforts in the city. Thank You!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: First Degree on Monday the 18th at Bishop McNamara Council in Frederick at 7:30pm, Candidates by 7pm. ...A special thanks to all that worked the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, our Lenten Meal last Friday, the Valentine's Day Social and the Council Bowling Social. ...Council Business Meeting this Tuesday at 7:30pm, SH. ...Special Olympics this Saturday, come and help with their basketball skills contests, 8:30am. Look for the e-mail prompts for directives. ...Council shirts and caps are still available, contact PGK Bob Droter. ...Sir Knights—plan on attending the Assembly meeting on the 28th and take part in our "Renewal of Obligations" ceremony; Dress is black tuxedo. ...Officer nominations are soon approaching, please let DGK Jim Zik know if you are interested. The Warden and Recorder offices

are available. ...For more council information visit us at st.peterskofc.home.att.net/ **INVITE A PARISHIONER TO BECOME A MEMBER.** We will be holding an open house the weekend of March 1st and 2nd.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK- Fr. Wayne Funk, Tom McKoy, Colleen Dean, Andrew Illig, Connor & Ciena Rutledge, James Christopher Wahl, Natalie Mills, Helen & Stan Pohlit, Timmy Kurak, Katherine Schultz, Jason Loch

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

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

ST. JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Applications for 2008-09 are currently being accepted for Pre-K - grade 8. Download forms at www.sjracs.org. Prospective students and their parents entering grades 5-8 in fall 2008 are invited to see what St. John's has to offer in all subject areas by meeting teachers and current students for School in Action Night, Wed., Mar. 12th, 7pm. For more info www.sjracs.org.

Experience the excitement of the Preakness up close for FREE! Join us as we usher at this premier Maryland event, Sat., May 17th at Pimlico Racetrack. Ushering helps raise money for St. John Regional School. Transportation is provided and no experience is needed. Call Beth Molnar 301-620-1214 for more info. We hope you will join us in the fun!

ST. THOMAS MORE ACADEMY presents a benefit wine tasting & gift sales event on Sat., March 1st, 6-10pm, 3989 Buckeystown Pike (school gym), \$20 per person in advance, \$25 at the door, includes six wine samplings of both domestic and international wines, hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, gourmet desserts, music, door prizes and the opportunity to shop for gift items from over twenty vendors. For tickets call 301-874-9014.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL IN WESTMINSTER (Grades K-8) will be accepting registrations for new students for the 2008-09 school year the week of March 4 through March 7. Those registering should bring birth and baptismal certificates as well as the \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee.

ARCHBISHOP DISCERNMENT DINNER Archbishop O'Brien will once again host a discernment dinner at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Parish Rectory. The dinner is on Thursday, Feb. 21st, 6-8:30pm. All males considering the priesthood aged 17-50 are invited to this activity. For more info contact Andrew Veveiros at aveveiros@archbalt.org or 410-547-5302.

VOCATIONS IN PROGRESS DAY (VIP): Fr. Jerry Francik, the vocation director for the Archdiocese, will be leading a mini-pilgrimage on Mon., March 17th to Mount St. Mary's Seminary, St. Mary's Seminary, and the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. We are blest to have the two oldest seminaries in the country and Fr. Gerry leads male youth and young adults on tours of both institutions. Following the tours of both seminaries participants will visit the Cathedral and have preferred seating at the Chrim Mass celebrated by Archbishop O'Brien. Lunch, dinner, and transportation provided. If you need a note to be excused from school, please contact Andrew Veveiros at 410-547-5302 or aveveiros@archbalt.org. If you are interested in the adventure contact Andrew Veveiros as well.

FOR CHILDREN EXPERIENCING LOSS: Courage Kids is a peer support group for children, (three & four years old and Kindergarten through 8th grade) guided by trained adult facilitators who have experienced loss – death of a loved one, separation/divorce of parents, difficult family transition. The program is at St. Joseph Catholic Community, 915 Liberty Rd., Eldersburg for six Thursday evenings, 7-8pm, March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10 & 17. For more information call Jackie Antkowiak at 443-920-9107.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
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ADULT MINISTRY

- **BAPTISM PREP CLASSES** - For parents meets on Tuesday, February 19th or Tuesday, March 25th 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). **Reminder that no Baptisms are celebrated during Lent.**
- **FOR YOUR MARRIAGE** - Because the Catholic Church cares about your marriage, we'll help you with skills, information, daily tips, resources, inspiration, and a little humor along the way. Whether you are dating, engaged, newly married, or a mature couple, we are FOR YOUR MARRIAGE! Visit the website sponsored by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops at: <http://www.foryourmarriage.org/>
- **NEW HORIZONS** – Will meet on Thursday, February 21st – election of officers will take place. Please consider filling one of the vacant positions in order to keep our group active. Entertainment provided by the Gold Tones.
- **ANNULMENTS** –If you would like information on annulments, contact Carolyn at 301-898-5111 x 14.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:**
 - ✚ **February Sessions:**
 - Feb 10 & 24 (Pre-School – Grade 2)
 - Feb 11 & 25 (Grades 3-5)
 - **We need shoeboxes for Monday evening classes – please leave under the table in the lower level of the parish center.**
 - ✚ **Catechist Information:**
 - **Planning Night** – February 18th 6:45PM – 8:30PM
 - **MSM Formation** – March 8th @ 9AM – Mt. St. Mary's University. Turn registration & money in to Stacy no later than Monday, Feb 18th @ planning night. Cost will be \$15 per person.
- **SACRAMENTAL PREP**
 - ✚ **Babysitting will be available on February 23, & April 12th for the retreats & March 4 & 11 @ the parent meetings. Please call & register 301-898-5111 ext. 17.**
 - ✚ **RECONCILIATION INFORMATION:**
 - ✚ **Family Day** – Next Saturday, February 23rd from 9am – 12Noon. Don't forget to bring your projects with you.
 - ✚ **Service** – February 26th @ 7PM.

- ✚ **ENROLLMENT CELEBRATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION:** Saturday, March 1st @ Sunday, March 2nd at all masses (except 5:45PM). Join us at mass for a family blessing and signing of the enrollment book as the children bin to prepare for First Communion.
- ✚ **FIRST EUCHARIST INFORMATION:**
 - ✚ St. Peter's Catholic Community will celebrate First Eucharist on May 10th & 17th. Call Stacy (301-898-5111 ext. 18) to reserve your dates.
 - ✚ **Parent Meetings:**
 - **First Time Parents** – March 4th or March 6th and March 11th.
 - **Repeat Parents** – March 13th
 - ✚ **All sessions begin and 7PM and end at 9PM – the sessions are geared for adults.**
 - ✚ **Family Day:** April 12 from 9AM – 12Noon.
- **VOCATION PRAYER CARD CONTEST:** Any 5th grader interested in participating in the contest should contact the office. All entries are due March 1st by the 5:30 mass. (Religious Ed students are all participating – check your child's folder for details.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **There will be no 5:45PM or SPY – JC's Gang & Jr Spy will meet as usual!**
- **PARENTS:** Save time & gas – feel free to stay in the Birch Library during Youth Ministry.
- **CONFIRMATION – Small Groups:** Will meet this Wednesday, February 20th from 7:00 – 8:30PM. Please bring all materials.
- **SPY FRESHMAN & SOPHMORES:** Interested in developing your leadership skills? Ask about attending Cornerstone on April 4th & 5th. Cost is \$50.
- **30 Hour Famine & Lock-in** is March 14-15, details to follow.
- **SPY COFFEE HOUSE**-meeting is Sunday, Feb 24th. Bring a friend! Remember-"Sunday Night Live" skit & song ideas need to be turned in to Harry before the meeting.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- ✚ Check the main page of our web-site 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.

A Family Prayer Service for Lent

Take Up Your Cross

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

These words of Jesus from Matthew’s Gospel set the course for Lent. Catholics, young and old, are called to take up their crosses and deny themselves on each and every day of Lent—to spend more time in prayer, to deny themselves some of their favorite things to eat or to do, and to complete more acts of kindness and generosity.

Share ideas to make this the most meaningful Lent your family has ever had. Talk about:

- praying the stations of the cross and the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary
- doing without some favorite foods or activities
- sharing time or possessions with those who need help

After the discussion, ask each member of your family to write out a personal Lenten plan and put in into an envelope labeled with his or her name.

On a table, place a candle, a crucifix (a cross with the figure of Jesus) or a plain cross, and a Bible open to Matthew 16:24-35. Arrange the envelopes with the Lenten plans around the crucifix or cross. Choose someone with a clear voice to read the Scripture passage and to lead the prayer. Then gather your family around the prayer table and begin.

Leader: A reading of the Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. (*Leader reads Matthew 16:24-25 from the Bible.*)

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us pray. Jesus, you might have lived out your life peacefully in Nazareth, doing carpentry, enjoying your own home, having a family. Instead you denied yourself – gave up the comfort and security of home and family life to travel the dusty roads of Palestine, spreading the good news of God’s love. And it cost you your life. You suffered and died on the cross out of love for us.

All: Lord Jesus, we can do no less than to deny ourselves for love of you.

Leader: Jesus, we ask your blessing on our Lenten plans. Help us to be faithful in carrying out our plans.

All: Lord Jesus, bless us.

Leader: By his cross, he has redeemed the world. As a sign of your willingness to take up your cross, come forward one at a time and touch the cross of Jesus. Pick up your envelope and post your list in a spot where you will see it every day.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us as we take up our own crosses and go forward into Lent. Amen.

A Service of