

ST. PETER'S PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 24, 2008

		<u>MASSES</u>			
MON	FEB 25	7:00pm	FRANCIS X BURNS		
TUE	FEB 26	8:00am	SANDY PARISE		
WED	FEB 27	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE		
THU	FEB 28	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE		
FRI	FEB 29	9:00am	MIRIAM KENNEDY		
SAT	MAR 1	8:00am	HARRY SAVAGE		
		5:30pm	JACK FOSTER & BROTHERS	*COLLECTION	GOAL \$15,480.00 COLLECTION & EFT FIG. \$16,653.00 \$1,895.67
SUN	MAR 2	7:00am	ELANOR ARRIGO	*POOR BOX	\$ 673.00 \$ 478.30 171.00
		8:15am	BILL OLIVER	*BUILDING FUND MO. Total	\$ 6,858.45 266.25
		9:30am	SHELBY HAGY	(Sappington Hall)	
		11:00am	VIRGINIA SWEITZER	*CATHOLIC SCHOOL COLLECTION \$1,329.00	
		12:15pm	SPECIAL INTENTION		
		5:45pm	PARISHIONERS		

FEBRUARY 29, MARCH 1 & 2					
	<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	
	<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u>				
FEB 29	7:30pm	C & Z RATCHFORD			
MAR 1	5:30pm	A & S SUPROCK	NAU	DEACON MIKE/LEVASSEUR/SUPROCK	
MAR 2	7:00am		HAYES & SMELLER	SMELLER/VAUGHAN/ZARICK	
	8:15am	BOLGER & REITZ	POSKA	BURR/LAWN/ROAN/SMITH/WEAVER	
	9:30am	A & B RICE	CLEMONS & GAUDLIP	NAPLES/OHDE/PUGH/M & R TERRELL	
	11:00am	POLLAK & HEILAND	LILLY & WAGNER	DOUDS/GRIMES/JONES/MOXLEY/PALMISANO	
	12:15pm	DECKERT & GETSINGER	PALMER	MARLEY/J & E SADLER	
	5:45pm	SHERRICK & RUBELING	EMILY KEEN	FORD/JOEY SLATTERY/P RATCHFORD	

NEXT WEEKEND the second collection will be for Capital Repair. Envelopes are in your packets and in today's bulletin

NEXT WEEKEND we will be serving **COFFEE AND DONUTS** in Sapping Hall after all the Masses.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES: There will be four Area Reconciliation Services this Lent, Tuesday, March 4th at 7:30 at St. Katherine Drexel (in St. John Regional Catholic School Gymnasium); Tuesday, March 11th at St. John in Frederick; Wednesday, March 12th at St. Ignatius in Ijamsville; Thursday, March 13th at Holy Family in Middletown. Please try to attend one of these nights where there are many confessors and a short wait in line.

LANDSCAPERS: I know we have several people in the Parish who work in the Landscaping Business. As spring nears and we prepare to move into our new Church, the Planning Committee would like to meet with our Parishioner Landscapers to look at the possibilities for landscaping the new Church area. Please call Fr. John (301-898-5111) this week if you are interested in working on this project so we can set up a meeting.

THE ARCHBISHOP'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 for the less fortunate, blesses us greatly with a fulfilling sense of purpose and a deep spirit of contentment and joy. Isn't that priceless?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

EX 17, 3-7; ROM 5, 1-8; JN 4: 5-42

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 SM 16: 1b-13a; EPH 5: 8-14; JN 9: 1-41

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Tina DiNapoli, mother of Mary Ann Tully; Shelby Hagy, father of Jim Hagy;

Theresa Pirrone, mother of Angie Martin and John & Joe Pierrone; Fr. Wayne Funk, pastor of St. John's Church in Frederick; Cathy Adams

THE LADIES CLUB meeting will be on Friday, February 29th at 10:00am in the Birch Room. We will go to lunch at Buttersburg Inn after the meeting.

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, March 22 nd	Easter Egg Hunt-Sponsored by Knights
Friday, April 18 th	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!

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.

ANGEL'S PIZZA RESTAURANT, located on Rt. 26, between Libertytown and Mt. Pleasant, is offering 20% of any meal on the first Tuesday of each month, to St. Peter's Building Fund. Be sure to tell your waitress that you are a St. Peter's parishioner. March 3rd is the first Tuesday of this month.

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will meet this Wednesday, February 27th, 7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

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.

MCPc COMPUTERS is accepting your old computers to refurbish them to sell at a later date. They will be completely cleaned of all your personal information. MCPc computers is a Dell Registered Partner reseller. You can purchase any of your Dell computers that you have seen in Wal-Mart or internet. We also will give a free estimate on any repairs any Dell laptops or desktops. When you purchase your computer they all come with free delivery, and setup. MCPc computers also custom builds computer to your special needs. **A portion of the sale price will be donated to the St. Peter Building Fund in your name.** Please call Mike 301-629-8280 and we will come and pick up your computers.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Fourth Degree meets this Thursday at 7:30pm at St. Michael's, the meeting will feature the "Renewal of Obligations", dress is Black Tuxedo. ...The Seton Chapter of GKs meets this Tuesday at Our Lady of the Valley Council in Middletown, MD, 8:00pm. ...We will host an "Open House" and sponsor the parish coffee and donuts the weekend of March 1st and 2nd. Knights will be available for those interested in becoming a member. ...Please come out and share in the Lenten Meal sponsored by our Auxiliary, Lady Knights. ...Thanks to all that participated in our Fish Bake Lenten Meal and Valentine's Day Mass and Social. ...Attention First Degree Knights---There is a Second Degree on Thursday, March 6th at St. Ignatius at 8:00pm, Candidates at 7:30pm. ... For more council information visit us at st.peterskofc.home.att.net/

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK- Tom McKoy, Colleen Dean, Andrew Illig, Connor & Ciena Rutledge, James Christopher Wahl, Natalie Mills, Helen & Stan Pohlit, Timmy Kurak, Katherine Schultz, Jason Loch, Christina DiGregory, Gail Zigafoose, Mary Hunt, Al Rommal

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.

THE VISITATION ACADEMY is now accepting enrollment in all grades for the school year beginning this fall 2008. Visitation Academy is an all girls Catholic School from PreK3 to 8th grade located in Frederick. For registration info or to schedule a tour call 301-662-2814 or email sschmehl@thevisitationacademy.org.

ST. JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Applications for 2008-09 are currently being accepted for Pre-K - grade 8. Download forms at www.sjrccs.org. The Financial Aid

Information Night is Tues., March 4 at 7pm. 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 information www.sjrccs.org or call 301-695-9358.

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.

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL is accepting applications for Pre-K - 8th grade with other services including before and after school care, bus transportation and extra-curricular and family activities for fall '08. Contact us for a tour 301-447-3165 or visit the web www.mothersetonschool.org. Financial is available.

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.

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 Chrism 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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS HURTING FROM AN ABORTION? There is hope! Rachel's Vineyard Ministries & Project Rachel of Baltimore invite you to attend a healing weekend Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. The confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting inside due to abortion trauma. All communication is strictly confidential. Retreats in Maryland are March 14-16, May 30- June 1, Sept. 12-14, contact Denise & Deacon Frank at 410-354-6900 or email projectrachel@archbalt.org or www.project-rachel.net

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: Join Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien on a pilgrimage to Rome as he receives the pallium (a collar-like vestment conferred on a new metropolitan archbishop that signifies his communion with the Holy Father, successor of St. Peter and shepherd of the universal Church) from Pope Benedict XVI during a special Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. The pilgrimage is scheduled for June 25 - July 3, 2008. Call for more info 1-800-908-2378/www.archbalt.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
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ADULT MINISTRY

- **BAPTISM PREP CLASSES** - For parents meets on Tuesday, Tuesday, March 25th or April 15th 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** - Visit the website sponsored by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops at: <http://www.foryourmarriage.org/>
Marriage Tip of the Week: As we celebrate the heroism of past presidents, call to mind a heroic deed of your spouse. When did he or she sacrifice self for you?
- **ANNULMENTS** –If you would like information on annulments, contact Carolyn at 301-898-5111 x 14.

✳ **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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:**
 - ✚ **February Sessions:**
 - Feb 24 (Pre-School – Grade 2)
 - Feb 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:**
 - **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 April 12th for the retreat & March 4 & 11 @ the parent meetings. Please call & register 301-898-5111 ext. 17.**
 - ✳ **RECONCILIATION INFORMATION:**
 - ✚ **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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

URGENT CONFIRMATION NOTICE! Due to the anticipated conflict between Maryland State Spring tryouts and the March 1st Confirmation Program, we have moved the March 1st program to Sat. April 5th, 10AM-5PM. parent session will run from 10-Noon in Sappington, followed by a simple shared meal. Please call Harry in the REC with any questions.

- **ALL YOUTH MINISTRY MEETS TONIGHT!**
- **SPY COFFEE HOUSE meeting is tonight.** Bring a friend! Remember-"Sunday Night Live" skit & song ideas need to be turned in to Harry before the meeting.
- **PARENTS:** Save time & gas – feel free to stay in the Birch Library during Youth Ministry.
- **CONFIRMATION – Sponsor Forms:** Please remember to turn your sponsor forms into to the office by April 4th. Don't forget about choosing your Confirmation name.
- **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

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.



Scrutinies

by Paul Turner

Tell people they will face a scrutiny before they can join your community, and they will probably say, "Thanks, but no thanks." Boldly, our church expects not one but three scrutinies of catechumens before their baptism at Easter.

Scrutinies are rites of self-searching and repentance. When people from another spiritual background seek baptism in the Catholic church, they do so by stages. First we accept them into the order of catechumens. Then as they complete their catechetical formation we enroll them among the "elect," or those chosen for baptism. This rite of election generally coincides with the beginning of Lent. Three times during Lent the church prays the scrutinies, during the third, fourth & fifth Sundays of Lent, to encourage a spirit of repentance among those who seek a worthy celebration of baptism.

Although scrutinies have returned fairly recently to Catholic parishes, they originated early in church history. St. Ambrose and St. Augustine celebrated them in the fourth and fifth century to mark the spiritual progress of the catechumens. The moral preparation of catechumens included prayers of exorcism to drive out the spirit of evil which kept them from embracing Christ as their light. In the scrutinies the church discerned if those exorcisms had achieved their effect. Catechumens entered the church, stood barefoot on goatskin and renounced evil influences all night. Those unworthy of baptism had to wait another year for Easter to roll around again.

Today's scrutinies seem less intense. They still include an exorcism, in which the priest or deacon prays that the spirit of evil may be replaced by the spirit of good. Their purpose is not so much to examine the candidates' mental readiness but their spiritual readiness. Scrutinies offer the catechumens the support they need to approach the waters of baptism worthily.

For those who are already baptized, the scrutinies invite us to embrace the same spirit of self-searching and repentance. At Easter we renew our baptismal promises as we see the catechumens baptized. So during Lent we renew our repentance as we see the catechumens scrutinized. The scrutinies remind us of the seriousness of our Christian life and inspire us to turn from evil and pursue good. They enliven our recommitment to Christ at Easter.