

ST. PETER'S PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 9, 2008

		<u>MASSES</u>		
MON	MAR 10 7:00pm	MIKE D'AURIA		
TUE	MAR 11 8:00am	JOHN ROCHE		
WED	MAR 12 8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE		
THU	MAR 13 8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE		
FRI	MAR 14 9:00am	RAY FANNING		
SAT	MAR 15 8:00am	BEA DENNING		
	5:30pm	BILL OLIVER		
SUN	MAR 16 7:00am	PARISHIONERS	*COLLECTION	GOAL COLLECTION & EFT FIG.
	8:15am	MARGARET EMERSON	*POOR BOX	\$ 15,480.00 \$ 15,648.95 \$2,002.20
	9:30am	VIRGINIA SWEITZER	*BUILDING FUND MO. Total	\$ 673.00 \$ 538.40 154.80
	11:00am	FRANCIS DIETZENBACH		\$ 4,611.00 290.40
	12:15pm	PAT STOCK		(Sappington Hall)
	5:45pm	SPECIAL INTENTION		

		<u>MARCH 14, 15 & 16</u>	
<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
	<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u>		
MAR 14	7:30pm		DEACON MIKE/KENNEDY/STANLEY
MAR 15	5:30pm	LEVASSEUR (N) & NAU	J & K HAYES/VAUGHAN
MAR 16	7:00am	GRIBEN (N) & LAWN	BURR/LAWN/ROAN/SMITH/WEAVER
	8:15am	POSKA (N) & MILLER	BISHOP/CONKO/GRANT/GRUODIS/SUPROCK
	9:30am	GILL (N) & THOMPSON	DOUDS/GRIMES/KOEHLER/MOXLEY/WHITE
	11:00am	KLINE (N) & BALLANTINE	J & E SADLER/SIMON
	12:15pm	KINZE (N) & GETSINGER	P RATCHFORD/FORD/BAER
	5:45pm	JESSICA NORRIS & FORD	

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I have some good news for you. The Sappington Mortgage for the renovations we did in that building has been retired. This is the money that has gone into the "Blue Envelopes" which you have faithfully contributed to over the years. There are several reasons it has taken so long to reach this goal: 1) The envelopes originally were also paying for the new roof on the old church which of course ended with the fire. 2) We added the Fr. Gene Room to the Parish Center with these funds. 3) We hired a construction supervisor to watch for our interests in the building of the new church. 4) Finally, we paid off Sappington Hall. These bills are now all paid, however, we have about \$28,000 of concrete work that has to be redone in front of the Parish Center and come September we will have to start paying the mortgage on the new Church. This could amount to around 4 million dollars so it will be a large monthly mortgage and I think it wise if we continue these envelopes to help cover some of that cost. So I urge you to continue your commitment to the "Blue Envelopes". It looks like they will be with us for some time.

My sincere gratitude for your generosity.
Msgr. John

OUR ORGAN DRIVE has so far brought in \$54,000 toward our \$75,000 goal. If you would like to help us reach our goal, please put your gift (checks payable to St. Peter's) in an envelope marked Organ Fund.

NEXT WEEKEND the second collection will be for Catholic School Education. Envelopes are in your packets.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES: There will be three Area Reconciliation Services this week, 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.

Individual Confession times at St. Peter's, Friday, March 14, 8:00-10:00 pm in Sappington Hall, Saturday, March 15th from 1:00-5:00 pm in the Fr. Gene Room, and Tuesday, March 18th 8:30-10:00 am in Sappington Hall. (There are no Confessions during the Triduum (Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Chrism Mass - Cathedral of Mary Our Queen (Baltimore) on Monday at 7:30 pm
 Holy Thursday – Lord's Supper 7:30 pm
 Good Friday – Lord's Passion 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm
 Holy Saturday – 8:00 pm Easter Vigil (no 5:30 pm Mass)
 (Blessing of Food at 1:00 pm)
 Easter – Linganore - 9:00 & 10:30am
 Easter -Parish Center -Regular Schedule but no 5:45pm Mass

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 envelopes that are in today's bulletin or in the vestibule. Please return them in the collection basket by March 16th

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

EZ 37: 12-14; ROM 8: 8-11; JN 11:1-45

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

IS 50: 4-7; PHIL 2: 6-11; MT 26: 14-27:66

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Msgr. Jim Cronin; Lester Davis Dean, father of Larry Dean

ST. PETER'S BLOOD DRIVE is this Tuesday, 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.

NEW PLAN – MARCH FOR LIFE IN ANNAPOLIS: a bus will be leaving from **Joann Fabric parking lot**, Rt. 40/15, Frederick MD at 4:00pm then making a second pick up at the **Park and Ride** off Route 70 on Rt. 32 North at 5:00pm Cost is

\$10 – students are free. Reservations required. Contact Kathy 443-920-9133 or reidk@saintjoseph.cc

PRO-LIFE EVENT – St. Peter's will have a Pro-Life speaker, Tom Strobhar, on Friday, March 14th at 9:30 am, immediately following the 9 am Mass in Sappington Hall. (**Stations will take place at 8:30 am**) His interesting talk will be *Unmasking the Unholy Alliance -How corporate America supports abortion and pornography*. It will show how Planned Parenthood benefits from business contributions. We are all invited. A free-will offering will be taken for Defend Life.

PRO-LIFE ACTION – THE PREGNANT WOMEN'S SUPPORT ACT – will help more than 1,500 MD women in crisis pregnancies who want to keep their babies. It is a proven, award-winning program from PA, sponsored by Real Alternatives, Inc. which empowers women with the much-needed support of providers and services through her pregnancy, her baby's birth and first 12 months. You may wish to let 4A Delegates Paul Stull (ex. 3288) and Joe Bartlett (ex. 3680) at 1-800-492-7122 know that you support this Bill.

MUSIC MINISTERS: IMPORTANT INFORMATION – DEDICATION MASS: We are now forming the choir that will sing for the New Church Dedication Mass to be held at 3:00pm on Sunday, Sept. 7th. If you have not already done so, *you must contact Sherri in the office or at 410-635-2496 if you would like to sing in the choir for the dedication Mass*. Rehearsals will be held primarily in August. Schedule to be determined at a later date.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL gives our parish a chance to shine within the faith family. Many people's lives are impacted by the appeal ministries. Please make your pledge today. If you have already done so, thank you!!

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!

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will meet this Wednesday, March 12th, 7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

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 on Dell laptops or desktops. When you purchase your computer they all come with free delivery, and setup. MCPc computers also custom builds computers 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 301-639-8280 and we will come and pick up your computers.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Council Officers to meet on Tuesday the 11th at 7:30pm, TS office. ...Our Council will sponsor the final Parish Lenten Meal on the 14th. It will feature our best Fish Bake menu. ...Attention Fourth Degree Candidates – There will be a "Meet the Candidates" Luncheon at our home base, St. Michael's of Poplar Springs, at 1:30pm for Knights and their Ladies on Sunday, March 16th. ...There will be a 1st degree at St. Ignatius on Monday the 17th at 7:30pm, candidates at 7:00pm. ...For membership information visit our mini kiosk in the Parish Center Foyer for reading material and applications. ...Our council can be found at st.peterskofc.home.att.net/ Bob Droter, K of C Bulletin Editor 301-865-4565.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK- Tom McKoy, Colleen Dean, Andrew Illig, Connor & Ciena Rutledge, Natalie Mills, Helen & Stan Pohlit, Timmy Kurak, Katherine Schultz, Jason Loch, Christina DiGregory, Gail Zigafoose, Mary Hunt, Jamme Ray, Michele Gray, Donald Fischer; Kathy Martin; Tim Stillwater
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. The first testing date for students entering grades 1-8 is scheduled for Wed, March 19th. Applications & fees must be received prior to this date.

SJRCS 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sat, May 24th at Utica District Park. See sjrcs.org for more info.

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL is accepting applications for Pre-K – 8th grades 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.

FRIENDS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION scholarship applications for 2008-09 are now available to students who are enrolled/accepted in a Frederick County Catholic School and meet the scholarship eligibility requirements. Information and applications may be obtained directly from the school's office. For more information, please call 301-846-7804. Applications must be received by March 31st, 2008.

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 and the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Following both tours, 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.

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, or difficult family transitions. 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

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: Did you hate when your parents made you say "I'm sorry" when you were a kid? No one's making you say it now, but in marriage there are plenty of times to practice.
- **New Horizons** – Join us March 20th for good food & fun @ our St Patrick's lunch at the Shamrock Restaurant above Thurmont. It will be an open menu with individual checks.
- **ANNULMENTS** –If you would like information on annulments, contact Carolyn at 301-898-5111 x 14.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:**
 - † **March Sessions:**
 - March **9, 16** (Pre-School – Grade 2)
 - March **10, 17** (Grades 3-5)
- **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.**

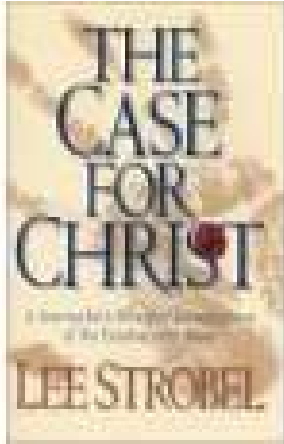
- * **FIRST EUCHARIST INFORMATION:**
 - † St. Peter's Catholic Community will celebrate First Eucharist on May 10th & 17th. Call Stacy (301-898-5111 ext. 18) to reserve your dates. **Saturday, May 10th is now full.**
 - † **Parent Meetings:**
 - *First Time Parents* March 11th.
 - *Repeat Parents* – March 13th
 - † **All sessions begin and 7PM and end at 9PM – the sessions are geared for adults.**
 - † **Family Day:** April 12 from 9AM – 12Noon.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **ALL YOUTH MINISTRY MEETS TONIGHT!**
- **PARENTS:** Save time & gas – feel free to stay in the Birch Library during Youth Ministry.
- **CONFIRMATION –**
All Small Groups will meet @ St. Peter's this Wednesday from 6:30 – 9:30PM.
Sponsor Forms/Confirmation Name: Please remember to turn your sponsor forms into to the office by April 4th. Don't forget about choosing your Confirmation name – please tell your small group leader no later than April 4th.
- **STEUBENVILLE IS JUNE 20TH – 22ND / APPALACHIA IS JULY 13TH – 18TH.** Details & cost for both to follow.
SPY Teens are reminded of the Lenten Challenge for each teen to donate one weeks worth of CDs or iPod downloads to help Maggie Alspaugh & Kevin Lawrence in their missionary work. Money will be collected at SPY on Sunday night March 9th and 16th.

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.



The *New York Times* ran an article in January entitled, “Jesus ‘Tomb’ Controversy Reopened.” It appears as if someone has found what is believed to be the burial tomb of Jesus’ family...again.

As Christians, we know they are not going to find the bones of Jesus buried anywhere. The question remains: Can you provide incontrovertible evidence proving Christianity’s claim? Do you have family members who may have stopped practicing their Christian faith or perhaps do not believe in Christ?

You are invited to join us in the study of ***The Case for Christ***. The author, Lee Strobel, was an atheist, an attorney and the legal affairs editor of the *Chicago Tribune*. His wife became a Christian and he then launched an all-out investigation into the facts surround the case for Christianity. Lee posed questions to experts in the fields of history, archeology, ancient literature, and the Scriptures and challenged them with the objections he had as a skeptic.

Here are some of the topics we will be investigating:

- Can the biographies of Jesus be trusted and do they stand up to scrutiny? Have they been reliably preserved for us?
- What does history and archeology say about Jesus?
- Was Jesus really convinced that he was the Son of God or was he just crazy?
- Did Jesus fulfill the attributes of God? Did he match the identity of the Messiah?
- Was Jesus’ death a sham and his resurrection a hoax?
- Was his body really absent from the tomb? Was he seen alive after his death?
- Are there any supporting facts that point to the resurrection?

You be the jury. After studying and investigating this book and researching the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the evidence is overwhelming for the ***Case for Christ!!***



Register me for *the Case for Christ* class!!

Select One: Mondays, 9:15 -11:15 a.m. (April 7, – May 27, 2008)
 Wednesdays 7 - 9 p.m. (April 9 – May 28, 2008)

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

**Class Fee: \$10/person Make checks payable to: St. Peter’s Church
Mail to: Carolyn Nolan, P.O. Box 278, Libertytown, MD 21762**

If you have any questions, contact Carolyn at 301-898-5111 x 14 or via E-Mail at nolanck@hotmail.com.