

ST. PETER'S PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 2009

		<u>MASSES</u>	
MON	MAR 2	7:00pm	COMMUNION SERVICE
TUE	MAR 3	8:00am	GEORGE VEGA
WED	MAR 4	8:00am	INT OF ED SADLER
THU	MAR 5	8:00am	INT OF CYNTHIA PFAFF
FRI	MAR 6	9:00am	PRO-LIFE INTENTION
SAT	MAR 7	8:00am	INT OF GRIMES FAMILY
		5:30pm	INT OF MARIANNE NASON
SUN	MAR 8	7:15am	COLLEEN DEAN
		9:00am	NELLIE & HUBERT DE BRUYN
		11:00am	JOSEPH NISONGER
		5:45pm	LILA CLEWELL

	GOAL	COLLECTION & EFT FIG.
*COLLECTION	\$17,060.00	\$ 13,464.40 2,069.00
*POOR BOX	\$ 721.00	\$ 183.00 208.00
*CHURCH MORTGAGE MO.	\$ 8,237.00	1,712.00
*CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	\$2,140.20	

		MARCH 6, 7 & 8		
	<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
MAR 6	7:30pm	BOLGER/HEILAND/NORRIS (Stations of the Cross)	DuBOYCE/ROLFS	KENNEDY/LEVASSEUR/E&K RUSSO
MAR 7	5:30pm	DECKERT/GREGORY/THOMAS		TERCERO/GAUDINO/STANLEY
MAR 8	7:15am	MERKEL/A&K RILEY	JACKSON/KUTLIK	KRCMA/McDERMOTT/VAUGHAN
	9:00am	STURM & WROTEN	KLINE/CLEMONS	SMITH/D&D STURM/WEAVER/D&S WILKS
	11:00am	GORDON & L MOXLEY	KINZE/BALLANTINE	WOODCOCK/D & S ZIK
	5:45pm	POLLAK/C&Z RATCHFORD	Youth:NORRIS/POLLAK	C&S GORDON/GRIMES/JONES/KOEHLER
				KYLE/MARLELY/McGUIRE/MOXLEY
				Youth: DeCARLO/FORD/JOE SLATTERY
				KEEN/DENNY

COMMUNION SERVICE on Monday, March 2nd at 7:00pm.
THERE WILL BE MASS on Wednesday and Thursday morning the 4th and 5th.

FRIDAY IS FIRST FRIDAY . Following the Novena will be Stations of the Cross. Also, there are Stations at 7:30pm on Friday.

ROSARY FOR LIFE: Next weekend March 7th (1st Saturday) 5:05pm, before the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. Join us as we pray for an end of abortion and that we might become a culture of life.

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH is the Parish Council Planning Day from 8:30am-2:00pm in the Birch Library.

PARISH BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 8TH after the 7:15 and 9:00am masses in Sappington Hall.

RECONCILIATION: On the Wednesday nights of Lent we will offer Reconciliation from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Reconciliation Room. This is an Archdiocesan effort to encourage confessions during Lent. All the parishes in the Archdiocese will be offering this opportunity during the same time period. Please see and save the flyer %the Light is on For you+in today's bulletin.

THE RICE BOWLS in today's bulletin are a way to teach your family the practice of giving alms. Funds will go to Catholic Relief Services. Please return the boxes the Sunday after Easter, April 19th.

THE NEW ADORATION CHAPEL is now open. Please enter and exit the door next to the chapel in the back of the church. There are 4 parking spaces there, 2 at the door and 2 along the driveway going up to the cemetery. Please do not block the road going to the cemetery.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
 GN 9: 8-15; 1 PT 3: 18-22; MK 1:12-15

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

GN 22: 1-18; ROM 8:31b-34; MK 9: 2-10

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: John Miller, husband of Carrie Miller; Ruth Glazier, Godmother of Barbara Countryman

THE LADIES CLUB meeting will be on Friday, March 6th at 10:00am. We will go to the Cracker Barrel for lunch.

LENTEN DINNERS will be on March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd in the Parish Center.

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 services you plan to sing. All rehearsals will be in the church.

REHEARSAL FOR:

Holy Thursday 4/9: Thurs., 3/19, 7:00pm; Tues., 3/31, 7:00pm; Sun., 4/5, 2:30pm

Good Friday 4/10: Thurs., 3/12, 7:00pm; Mon., 3/23, 7:30pm

Easter Vigil 4/11: Mon., 3/16, 7:30pm; Sun., 3/29, 1:00pm; Tues. 4/7, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday 4/12: Thurs., 3/26, 7:00pm

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR- We will be needing flowers on a regular basis to beautify our church. To enable us to do this we are offering opportunities to honor special occasions for the living and deceased for \$80. Please call Lucia Kline 301-865-5243 or Mary Burr 410-861-6206 if you have questions or want to schedule a weekend. **Also**, any donations that one would like to contribute to the Flower Fund will go to the weekly beautification of our Church. All donations are appreciated.

THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR A LAPTOP AND LCD PROJECTOR for use in both children's and youth ministry. If any parishioner has access to either and is willing to donate the item, please contact Anne Mason or Harry Ford as soon as possible 301-898-5111.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Hours are needed for 2pm alternate Thursday; 12 noon Fridays; and 11am first Saturdays of each month. We can always use more people to sub for both day and night hours. Please call Linda 301-829-2888 or Diane 301-898-0833 to take an hour or for more information.

Our New Chapel's visiting hours are 7am-7pm (but closed the hour of Daily Mass or Communion Services).

THANK YOU ALL for a beautiful procession last Sunday in the opening of our New Chapel.

PRO LIFE: Please keep the pro-life intention in your prayers, especially for the change of heart on the part of our president and elected officials and judges for the protection of all human life. This is a great spiritual battle and Bishop Robert Baker of Birmingham, Ala. has asked for prayer warriors+ for this cause. Also, those who can add fasting on Fridays in Lent to do so to intensify their prayer efforts.

BLOODMOBILE, Tuesday, March 24th, 2-8pm in Sappington Hall. Please call Linda 301-829-2888 to schedule. Thank you for all of your generosity in this great gift of life.

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will meet this Wednesday, March 4th, 7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER: Just a reminder that Electronic Funds Transfer, or EFT, is a dependable and easy way to give your weekly donations to St. Peter's. You can set up for once a month giving on the 1st or 15th of each month, or you can choose bi-monthly giving on the 1st and 15th of the month. EFT allows St. Peter's to be more accurate in budgeting monthly expenses. If you are interested in more information, please call Liz at 301-898-5111 ext. 11.

CROSSING GUARD VOLUNTEERS: We are still looking for 5 more crossing guard volunteers. They must be at least 21 years old. Call Phil Burr 443-604-0508 or Rick Gaudino 301-865-1457 if you can donate your time or have questions.

WHAT IS A PARISH NURSE? The Parish Nurse is a member of the congregation who has sought out special training to work with the whole person-body, mind and spirit. She wants to minister to her church family by helping them when they are ill and to help them learn how to stay well. If you have something that you need help with, call Marybeth Terrell at 301-845-6572.

THERE IS ROOM AT THE INN: Room has become available at Mary's House, a non-denominational Christian Pregnancy Support Home for women who are homeless or will soon become homeless as the result of their refusal to abort. If you know someone who meets this criteria, please have them call Ron or Bea at 301-845-1234. Or, if you notify us of the need, we will reach out to the young woman.

CELEBRATE WITH BIRTHRIGHT OF FREDERICK, INC., its 30th Anniversary at the **Annual Spring to Life Luncheon** on March 21st at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant. This includes lunch, a silent auction and fashion show. Tickets are \$30. Please call 301-663-0111 or pick up a registration flyer on the table in the foyer.

SOFTBALL: St. Peter's has a team in the Frederick County Church Softball League. Games are played on Sunday evenings from April 19 . August 23. Players in the league range from ages 15-65, both male and female. Anyone interested in participating this year should contact Ivan Palkovic 301-845-4675 or email palkovic@olgchs.org.

13-25 OCTOBER 2009 – Mediterranean Cruise – Our next parish cruise (with St. Katharine Drexel, Frederick) will provide memories for a lifetime! This roundtrip cruise from Rome visits Naples and Pompeii in Italy, Athens and Mykonos in Greece, Ephesus and Istanbul in Turkey, and Cairo and Alexandria in Egypt. Cruise prices range from \$1,905 to \$3,780 per person, depending on the stateroom chosen. Airfare prices are additional. This is your chance to see the Parthenon and the pyramids, but space is limited. Contact Diana Reuling at 301-663-0485 for more information or to reserve one of the remaining staterooms.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13290: Membership Drive today after all Masses. o Council social meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30pm in Sappington Hall. o Council parish breakfast next Sunday the 8th after the 7:15am and 9:00am Masses. o Council is in need of workers for the parish Bull Roast on the 14th. Please contact PGK Marty Nau if you can help, 301-620-0658. Tickets are on sale after Mass. o Ball Room Dance continues on Saturday the 7th at 7:30pm. All are welcome to participate. o **Become a Knight of Columbus, over 1.7 million men are Knight helping to perpetuate our Faith.** Visit us at st.peterskofc.home.att.net/ #WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE+

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK - Mary Unglesbee, Tom and Mary Ellen McKoy, Deacon Mike Misulia, Ed Sadler, Myrtle Carlin, Judy Churco, Lynelle Shaw, Janet Mulvey, Elizabeth Mason, Helen Bromley, Bill Wiskman, Marti Grimes, George Velez, Kathy King, Louis Santozzi, Brittany Dodd, Ann Fowler, Charles Payne, Krystyna Cichocki, Baby Hope, Baby Charlie, Joshua Wade, Gabby Cannella, Ed Noonan, Joseph Andreano, Nick & Nicole Derita, Eileen Kiley, Anne Neher, Rachael Miller, Suzanne Brodt, Dianne Rice
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.

ST. JOHN'S REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL applications are being accepted for Pre-K through 8th grade for the 2009-10 school year. Download forms from our website www.sjrsc.org. For a private tour of the school call Jean Wright 301-695-9358. Prospective parents and students entering grades 5-8 in fall 2009 are invited to see what St. John's has to offer in all subject areas by meeting teachers and current students at **Middle School Action Night Wednesday, March 4th at 7pm.** **JOHN DENVER TRIBUTE CONCERT** tickets are still available - Sat., March 21st at 8pm at the Weinberg Center 301-600-2828 or www.weinbergcenter.org.

VISITATION ACADEMY: Open House is Tues., March 10th. A brief overview begins at 9am and followed by a guided tour. The academy is a private, independent Catholic School for girls from Pre-K3 to Grade 8, the average class size is 15 students. More information www.thevisitationacademy.org

CAMP ST. CHARLES – Boys and Girls Catholic Over-night Summer Camp . Open House . March 8th, April 19th and May 17th, 11am to 4pm. For more information and directions, www.campstcharles.com or call us at 301-934-8799.

"MARRIED COUPLES" RETREAT at Priestfield, WV on the weekends of March 6th, March 20th, March 27th, April 3rd, www.marriedcouplesretreat.com . For more information call Elaine at 410-252-5355.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE HURTING FROM ABORTION o mother, father, sister or friend? Help save a life! **Rachel's Vineyard-** Healing the trauma of abortion one weekend at a time. Retreat Dates: **March 6-8** and **May 1-3.** Costs: \$150-\$200 per person (scholarship assistance is available). For more information, visit www.project-rachel.net or call 1-800-286-4224. National Rachel's Vineyard hotline is 1-877-HOPE-4-ME or visit ww.rachelsvineyard.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

March 1, 2009

ADULT MINISTRY

Carolyn Nolan: cnolan@archbalt.org

Marriage Tip of the Week: Your love may have started as a cozy couple but as it grows, so does your responsibility to share love with others. Look for someone to feed, clothe or shelter today.

- **Baptism Prep Classes** - meets on Tuesday, March 17 or April 21 from 7 – 9 pm in the Fr. Gene Room in the upper hall of the Parish Center. 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.)
- **Annulments** – If you would like information on annulments, contact Carolyn at 301-898-5111 x 14.

ADULT CLASSES

- **10 GREAT DATES** – Do something really great for your marriage and make a date with your spouse! The next date is Friday, March 21 at 7 pm at St. John's, Frederick. The topic is *Finding Unity in Diversity*.
- **NEW STUDY – THE APOSTLES** – In this fascinating and inspirational journey with the chosen disciples of Jesus, Pope Benedict XVI demonstrates a profound, unbreakable continuity -- built upon the foundation of the Apostles and alive in the succession of the Apostles -- by which Christ is present today in His Church. Join us as we meet the Apostles, one at a time, and study their impact on our faith and our Church. This 12 week series begins March 4, from 7-9 pm in the Parish Center. Cost is \$17/person for the book and study guide. Call Carolyn to register, 301-898-5111.
- **SEVEN DEADLY SINS ~ SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES** Are you looking for something new to do during Lent to really make an impact on your spiritual life? Join us for this one evening DVD presentation by Fr. Robert Barron. He discusses each deadly sin and how it is related to Dante's *Purgatory*; gives practical advice for overcoming each sin and offers the corresponding virtue; and shows us a Marian example of how to live out the lively virtue. The presentation will be Weds., March 4, 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Center. **This is a must see program!**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Anne Mason: amason@archbalt.org

MARCH CALENDAR:

Monday : 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th AND

Tuesday: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Religious Education Safety Policy: Beginning Feb. 23 the lower level doors will be locked at the start of each session and reopen 5 minutes before dismissal...**if you come after the appointed start time** please use the FRONT doors of the parish center. (Doors can be opened from the inside.)

Sac Prep Information: First Eucharist

- Call Stacy 301-898-5111 Ext. 18 to reserve your date for First Communion. **Saturday May 9th is now full – all remaining children will need to celebrate on Saturday, May 16th – please call to confirm.**
- Parents call the REC office to register for Parent Preparation sessions on March 5 or 12 @7pm until 9pm...please plan to stay for the entire session.

Vacation Bible School: Come climb to new heights as we "Experience and Discover God Everywhere-EDGE" the week of June 22-26 from 9am until 12noon! A week of fun with Scripture stories, crafts, games, songs, skits, snacks and friends! Watch for registration after Easter in the bulletin or online!

- Ages 4 through Grade 6 in sessions...Grades 7-12 as Junior Leaders...Adult Leaders needed! Call: Anne or Stacy @301-898-5111 Ext.17or18
- STAND /WOTC – Reminder to all volunteers, both teens and adults must be STAND compliant. See Stacy for information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Reminder!! This Rite is for children **ages 5 through 5th grade.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Harry Ford: hford@archbalt.org

SPY

- **SPY's Friday Night** at Sappington Hall is Friday, Mar. 13th from 7-10PM
- **High School Chastity Rally** is Sunday, March 1st at 7:15PM in St. Peter's Church. This is required for all Confirmation candidates. Permission slips are required and parents are welcome.

JR SPY

- **Jr. SPY Retreat** is March 27-29 at Summit Lake. Cost will be \$60.00. Drivers and adult chaperones (STAND trained) are needed. Flyer to be handed out next week in Jr. SPY.

CONFIRMATION

- Small Groups will meet again March 4th from 7:00 – 8:30PM. The Thursday Group will meet March 5th from 7-8:30PM in the basement of the Parish Center. Remember to bring your books & Bible!

STAND/WOTC Information

- Any volunteers between the ages of 14 and 17 must be WOTC trained.
- Any volunteers 18 & over having substantial contact with children must be STAND trained.

Call Stacy for further information @ 301-898-5111 ext. 18

RCIA Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

This weekend at the 9 o'clock Mass the RCIA *catechumens* (those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) will celebrate the Rite of Sending as our community prepares to *send them* to be recognized by Bishop Madden at the *Rite of Election* as they seek entry into the Catholic Church.

As a part of this rite, the *catechumens* will enroll their names in the *Book of the Elect*. This rite closes the period of the catechumenate, the lengthy period of formation of the catechumens' minds and hearts. This next period of their formation coincides with Lent and is called the period of *Enlightenment and Purification*. The Church encourages them to follow Christ with greater generosity.

Before the *Rite of Election* is celebrated, the *catechumens* are expected to have undergone a conversion in mind and in action and to have developed a sufficient acquaintance with Christian teaching as well as a spirit of faith and charity.

The testimony of the godparents and catechists speak to the readiness of the *catechumens* to advance toward the Easter sacraments. The *catechumens* also reaffirm their intention and the Church judges their state of readiness, thus the Church makes its "*election*" and chooses to admit the catechumens to the next major rite, the Sacraments of Initiation. The Church's *election* is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts.

The *Rite of Election* is the focal point of the Church's concern for the *catechumens*. Admission to *election* belongs to the bishop who is the presiding celebrant for the *Rite of Election*. After their *election*, the *catechumens* are now called the "*Elect*." They should be surrounded by the prayers of the entire community as they continue their encounter with Christ.

We also have "*candidates*" who were baptized in other Christian traditions and are preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. They, too, will meet with the bishop as he calls them to continuing conversion and full reception into the Catholic Church.

The Rite of Election will be celebrated today, March 1, 3 pm at St. Ann, Hagerstown and is open to the public. Please consider joining us for this prayerful time in the lives of the catechumens, candidates, and our Church community.

MEET OUR RCIA CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES

I am a catechumen in the RCIA class and my name is Charles "Chuck" Orbin. I am 47 years old, married and have two children. I live in Mt. Airy and am a carpenter for the Montgomery County School System. I decided to become a Catholic because my wife has been a Catholic all her life. My daughter, who is 12 years old, is also Catholic. My sister-in-law is a nun in the Catholic Church. Up until September 2008, I did not belong to any denomination.

Recently, there have been several things in my life that have drawn me to God. The RCIA classes have brought my life into focus with my relationship to God. I thank God for my family's prayers because I believe they have really saved me.

(By the way, Chuck is journeying toward the Easter sacraments and is accompanied by his father, Clem, who is seeking full reception into the Church. You will meet Clem next week!)

Hi, I am Brian Miller, a candidate in the RCIA classes preparing to celebrate Confirmation and Eucharist.

I am a Maryland native currently living in New Market with my wife and two young sons. I work as building engineer in a commercial office building in Washington D.C. My official journey into the Catholic faith began this past September with joining RCIA, however, I feel that I have been guided to the Church through God and my family, for the past several years. I appreciate all the support I have received so far and am happy to be a part of St. Peter's Parish.

Photos of the catechumens and candidates are located in the baptistery in the Church. Please stop by to put a name with the faces you have been seeing throughout the year. They are encouraged by your prayerful support and welcoming spirit!

***Ora Pro Nobis –
Pray for Us!***