

ST. PETER'S PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 2009

MASSES

MON	MAR 23	7:00pm	SYLVIA PRIETO
TUE	MAR 24	8:00am	INT OF BILLY FOSTER & BROS
WED	MAR 25	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
THU	MAR 26	8:00am	LUCETTA BARRETT
FRI	MAR 27	9:00am	CLIFF HALVERSON
SAT	MAR 28	8:00am	ED LLOYD
		5:30pm	PARISHIONERS
SUN	MAR 29	7:15am	INT OF MARY WEIGH
		9:00am	EILEEN SHINHOLT
		11:00am	INT OF KATHY ZETTS
		5:45pm	LUIS PIERCE

	GOAL	COLLECTION & EFT FIG.
*COLLECTION	\$17,060.00	\$ 15,229.00 2,069.00
*POOR BOX	\$ 721.00	\$ 341.05 208.00
*CHURCH MORTGAGE MO.	\$ 7,447.00	1,712.00
*CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION	\$1541.00	

MARCH 27, 28 & 29

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</u>
MAR 27 7:30pm	HUTCHINSON/STURM/WROTEN (Stations of the Cross)		
MAR 28 5:30pm	C & C & M MOCHI	GREGORY/LEVASSEUR	H&K FORD/MIDDLETON/E&K RUSSO/NOLAN TERCERO
MAR 29 7:15am	BOLGER & DECKERT	GRIBEN/SMELLER	McDERMOTT/MEUSE/VAUGHAN
9:00am	A & K RILEY	PUGH/KLINE	LAWN/NAPLES/POLLOCK/PUGH/ROAN D&M TERRELL/B&D WADE
11:00am	L&N DIGREGORY/MERKEL	GILL/SIMONS	A&M DIGREGORY/DIRNDORFER/GRIMES JONES/KOEHLER/KYLE/C&J MILLER
5:45pm	C & Z RATCHFORD/SHERRICK	youth:NORRIS/RATCHFORD	youth:DeCARLO/KEEN/J&K MUNLEY SCARFILE

NEXT WEEKEND the second collection will be for the Catholic Review.

CATHOLIC REVIEW: If you receive the Catholic Review, it would be a great help if you gave \$25 to defer our cost of sending it to you. This year St. Peter's will spend \$11,827.00 to send the Catholic Review to 440 parishioners who requested it. An envelope is in your packet or you can use a plain envelope and write Catholic Review and enclose you donation. If you don't get the Catholic Review but would like to receive it, please call the office and leave your name, address and phone number with receptionist. If you no longer wish to receive it, please let us know.

REMEMBER: There is **Confession the Wednesday nights of Lent from 7-8:30pm** in the Reconciliation Room off of the Daily Mass Chapel. **Also**, Saturday confessions are from 4:15 to 5:15pm (Please do not come after 5:15pm as I need to get ready for Mass).

AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

St. Joseph in Buckeystown – Tuesday, March 24th, 7:30pm
St. Katharine Drexel on Opossumtown Pike –

Monday, March 30th, 7:30pm

St. John, Frederick, Second St. – Tuesday, March 31, 7:30pm

St. Peter's, Libertytown – Thursday, April 2nd, 7:30pm

Make plans to get to Reconciliation before Holy Week.

TENEBRAE SERVICE: There will be a Tenebrae Service on Friday evening, April 3rd at 8:00pm. This is an Ancient Service commemorating Christ's Passion. **Mark your calendars now.**

TWO IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER: April 10th, Good Friday and the Divine Mercy nine day Novena begins. Sunday, April 19th, Divine Mercy Mass and Procession.

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

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

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.

ST. PETER'S LADIES CLUB meeting will be on April 3rd at 10:00am in Sullivan Hall. Bring your lunch. Drinks and dessert will be furnished.

ST PETER'S FOOD PANTRY will be giving out "Easter Dinners" to those in need. As in the past, we ask your support by donating \$25.00 for a dinner, payable to St. Peter's and dropped in the poor box. 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 are in the vestibule. Please return them in the collection basket by April 5th.

HANDMAIDS: Help keep our new church beautiful by cleaning once a month on Fridays and/or Saturdays. Please call Diane at 301-898-0833.

SINGERS: If you have signed up to participate in the choir for the **Tenebrae Service** to be held on Fri., April 3rd at 8:00pm, please note the **rehearsal** is on Sat., 3/28 at 10:00am, in the church. There will be a **LECTOR REHEARSAL** on Fri., 3/27 after the Stations of the Cross, approximately 8:00pm. Please contact Sherri in the office if you have any questions. Margaret Stack is the choir director for this service.

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.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Hours are needed for 6pm Tuesday 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.

PREGNANT, NEED HELP? Call the Gabriel Network, 1-800-ANGEL-OK or Birthright, 301-663-0111

SUFFERING POST-ABORTION SYNDROME? Call **Project Rachel** – 1-800-286-4224 or Birthright, 301-663-0111

PRO-LIFE ACTION: Upset about Pres. Obama's lifting of the ban on tax funds for overseas abortion and Embryo Stem Cell research? About the talk of lifting safeguards on the conscience clause protecting medical providers and hospitals? Call him and congress and let them know, also tell them you want to keep the Dickey-Wicker Amendment prohibiting tax dollars for embryo research and keep the Hyde Amendment which prohibits tax funds for abortion. White House comment line 202-456-1111, Congress switchboard 202-224-3121 – call MD Senators Barbara Mikulski and Ben Cardin. Dem. Whip Harry Reid and Rep. Minority Whip Mitch McConnell. MD Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Minority Leader John Boehner. Please keep all of this in your daily prayers.

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will meet this Wednesday, March 25TH, 7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

ANNUAL YARD SALE: We are gearing up for our Annual Yard Sale on **June 6th**. If you would like to donate yard sale items, please make sure that they are in CLEAN, WORKABLE order. You may drop your items off in the red shed out front of the Parish Office Building anytime of the day or week. Thank you in advance for your donations to this fundraiser. Please do not use the Yard Sale as an excuse to rid your home of junk. If it belongs in the trash, then please use the County Dump to throw unwanted or broken things away. It costs the parish time and money to dispose of trash, which will defeat the purpose of the fundraiser.

If you would like to donate furniture or larger items for the Auction in August please contact Laura 301-898-5111 ext. 13.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE: Priscilla and Cindy are going on pilgrimage to Medjugorje June 8-16, 2009. Anyone who would like to join them call Priscilla at the Parish Office.

WHAT IS A PARISH NURSE? The parish nurse is a **referral source**. When you are facing a hard situation and you are not sure what the options are, the parish nurse can help you find the answers. If you are facing hard choices about your aging parents, she can help you find what the best option may be because she knows the resources that are available.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13290: The council is proud to announce our 3rd quarter honorees – FAMILY OF THE MONTH: Jan.-Tim Horner; Feb.-Mark Rolfs; Mar.-Bill Baer.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: Jan.-Philip Bohrer; Feb.-Kevin Quinn; Mar.-Sydney Sichert. Thank you all for your support of our Council, Parish, Community and our Order. ...A First Degree will be held on Sunday, April 5th at 1:30 in our parish hall. Candidates to arrive by 1:00pm. Coat and Tie required. ...Fourth Degree meets this Thursday the 26th at St. Michael's, 7:30pm. Congratulations to our newest Sir Knight Bill Baer. ... There will be a 3rd degree held on Friday, April 24th at St. Ignatius council at 7:30pm. Candidates to arrive by 7:00pm. Please inform Grand Knight Jim Zik of your intentions to attend. 301-829-2872. ...Nominations are open for serving as a council officer. You can place your name or that of a fellow 3rd degree council member on the nomination list. Contact DGK Ed Kutlik. ...**New members are still being accepted for this fraternal year. Information packets are available at the parish pamphlet station in our church. ... 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, Brittany Dodd, Ann Fowler, 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, Melissa Eakle, Charles Payne, Andrew Illig, Bill Wiskman

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.sjrccs.org. For a private tour of the school call Jean Wright 301-695-9358.

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE – Tuesday, March 31st, 9-11am. Visit classrooms, view curriculum and meet teachers. Applications for 2009-10 school year will be accepted. The school is located at 8414 Opossumtown Pike.

ALZHEIMER'S ADVOCATES DAY: The Western MD Chapter of the Alzheimer's Assoc., Frederick, MD invites families/caregivers affected by Alzheimer's to join advocates nationwide on Wed., March 25 in Washington, DC to address issues on Alzheimer's disease. A Senate Hearing is scheduled at 10:30am and meetings with elected officials starting at 10am. The bus leaves Frederick 7am and returns approx 4pm. Possibly a lot of walking. Interested parties should contact Cathy Hanson 301-696-0315 or Kathy Siggins 301-829-2462. Space is limited and there is no cost for the bus. Thank you!

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE HURTING FROM ABORTION... mother, father, sister or friend? Help save a life! **Rachel's Vineyard-** Healing the trauma of abortion one weekend at a time. Retreat Date: **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 www.rachelsvineyard.org

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE – Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program the weekend of May 15-17, 2009, call 301-468-6764 or visit the web www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

SPRING RETREAT FOR LAITY May 29th-31st "Living Supernaturally In a Secular World" directed by Fr. Jack Lombardi. To be held at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD. To register or for more information call: Grotto Office: 301-447-5318 or email: grotto@msmary.edu.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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ADULT MINISTRY

Carolyn Nolan: cnolan@archbalt.org

Marriage Tip of the Week: Some decisions in marriage aren't self-evident. When you've weighed all your options and are still stumped, ask, What is the life-giving and generous thing to do? Prayer can help you to decide. Visit www.foryourmarriage.org

- **Baptism Prep Classes** - meets on Tuesday, April 21 or May 19 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 Saturday, March 21 at 7 pm at St. John's, Frederick. The topic is *Finding Unity in Diversity*.

- **DEATH PENALTY** - Do you know the position of the Catholic Church on the death penalty? On March 28th, immediately after the 5:30 p.m. liturgy, parishioner Vicki Schieber will be speaking briefly about her personal story and her work with US Conference of Catholic Bishops, the findings of the MD Commission on Capital Punishment and the Church's position on the death penalty. Please come and listen to her moving story. The short meeting will be held in the parish center.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Anne Mason: amason@archbalt.org

MARCH CALENDAR:

Monday : 23rd, 30th AND

Tuesday: 24th, 31st

Religious Education Registration 2009-2010 - Coming after Easter! Classes will remain on Monday and Tuesday evening for Preschool through Grade 5...volunteers will be needed to keep our parish program growing...think about joining our parish team of dynamic catechists! Call: Anne for details.

First Eucharist

- First Eucharist Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th – *Check in time is 8:45AM.*

- ✠ First Communion May 9th @ 10:30AM – *Practice will be Friday, May 8th @ 7PM in the church.*

- ✠ First Communion May 16th @ 10:30AM – *Practice will be Friday, May 15th @ 7PM in the church.*

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Harry Ford: hford@archbalt.org

SPY:

- SPY meets tonight in the Church after the 5:45 Mass. Please do not go to Sappington Hall.
- 30 Hour Fast Lock-in and trip to Baltimore Pilgrimage is planned for April 3-4 in the basement of the Parish Center. Final Details will be available at SPY on March 29th.

JR SPY

- **Jr. SPY Retreat** is March 27-29 at Summit Lake. Don't miss this great opportunity for your teen to grow in faith while having fun at the same time. Cost will be \$60.00. Drivers and adult chaperones (STAND trained) are needed. Permission slips & money due by Friday, March 20th.

CONFIRMATION

- All Small Groups meet at St Peters in the Parish Center. This Wednesday, March 25th from 6:30 – 9:30 to participate in the Seder Supper. **Attendance is Mandatory!**

The Ambry

An ambry is the cabinet where holy oils are stored. Every church has one, though many people don't know what it's called. Our ambry is located in the wall behind the baptismal font.

We keep three oils there the oil for anointing the sick, the oil for anointing catechumens and chrism for baptism, confirmation, priesthood and the consecration of altars and walls. The bishop blesses these oils in large containers at the chrism Mass celebrated every year on Monday of Holy Week. Then they are poured into smaller vessels and brought to all the parishes of the diocese. The ambry should be replenished with fresh oil every year. The old oil may be burned.

The shape and size of ambries varies quite a bit. The church gives very few specific instructions about its appearance. After the chrism Mass, the bishop is to instruct the presbyters in the sacristy about the "reverent use and safe custody of the holy oils." After a priest anoints the sick, he is instructed to return the extra oil to a place "where it is reverently kept." According to canon law, pastors should carefully keep all the oils "in a fitting manner."

More and more, Catholic parishes are building beautiful ambries and placing them where they can be seen. We have a great respect for the sacraments in which we use these holy oils. By keeping them in dignified vessels and displaying them in a handsome, well-lit case, the faithful can better regard their significance.

Canon law also permits a priest to carry the oil of the sick with him in case of necessity. Most priests carry a small container in the glove compartment of their car.



The Easter Candle

The first sound of the Easter season is the crackling of new fire. Even before the presider greets the people, the Easter flame burns to warm the hearts of believers and to fascinate our eyes which long to behold the glory of God.

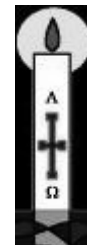
The Easter candle that leads the procession into the church at the Easter Vigil becomes a dominant symbol for the season. Tall, bright, decorative, stately, it creates the first light for the faithful and dispels the darkness which belies our sins. The Easter candle first announces the news of the resurrection, followed by the Glory to God, the Alleluia, the Gospel, the homily, and, of course, the Eucharist. All join to make the same proclamation. Christ is risen!

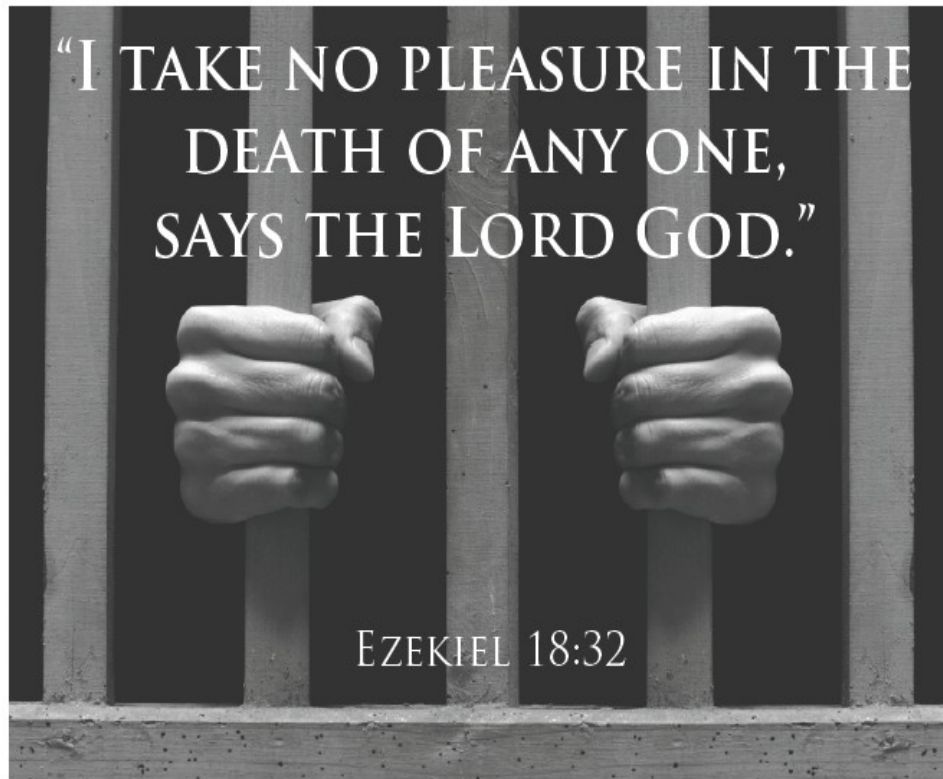
So big is this message that it takes fifty days to celebrate. That Easter candle burns in our churches every day during those seven weeks, proclaiming: Christ is risen, and we too may rise!

The Easter candle appears in our liturgy on two other very significant occasions: baptisms and funerals.

Whenever infants are baptized, we light the Easter candle. The resurrection of Christ foreshadows our own resurrection. Baptism incorporates us into the body of Christ and gives us a share in his resurrection. Whenever the baptismal waters are poured, the Easter candle burns bright. Parents and godparents light a baptismal candle from the Easter candle. They accept the responsibility of keeping the flame of faith alive in the heart of the newly baptized. Parents carry this candle home, where it may shine on baptismal anniversaries to symbolize the first news of the risen Christ.

We also light the Easter candle at funerals. In the midst of our grief, we call upon the symbols which enliven our faith. Several images of baptism reappear at the funeral: the sprinkling with holy water, the placing of a white pall (like a white garment) over the casket and the lighting of the Easter candle. Christ rose from the dead so that we too might pass from death to life. Every death reminds us of Easter. And every Easter gives us hope that death is not the end, but the passage from darkness to eternal light.





The Maryland Commission on Capital Punishment – a blue ribbon panel of victims’ families, faith leaders, legislators, law enforcement officials, and others – voted recently to recommend the repeal of the death penalty in our state. Learn more below and then contact your state lawmakers in support of repeal.

- ❖ “If non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people’s safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity with the dignity of the human person.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2267)
- ❖ “The dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Modern society has the means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform.” (*Pope John Paul II, 1999 visit to the U.S.*)
- ❖ “When Christ Himself was executed, He prayed for His enemies: ‘Father, forgive them.’ Our elected officials have an opportunity this year to hear Christ’s words and to affirm life – all human life, by ending the practice of capital punishment.” (*Baltimore Archbishop Edwin F. O’Brien*)
- ❖ Maryland has a punishment that is both just and sufficient to protect the public’s safety: life without the possibility of parole sentences.
- ❖ The Commission found that a “real possibility” exists that an innocent person could be executed. The first person sentenced to death to be exonerated by DNA, Kirk Bloodsworth, was on Maryland’s death row.
- ❖ The Commission also found that death penalty cases are more difficult on murder victims’ families than life without the possibility of parole cases. Nearly 50 Maryland residents who lost a loved one to murder signed a letter to the Commission endorsing repeal.
- ❖ In a year in which Maryland faces a \$1.9 billion shortfall, the Commission found that a death penalty case is nearly three times more expensive to prosecute than a life without the possibility of parole case.

St. Peter’s parishioner, Vicki Schieber, will be speaking briefly about her personal story and her work with US Conference of Catholic Bishops, the findings of the MD Commission on Capital Punishment and the Church’s position on the death penalty. Join us on March 28th, immediately after the 5:30 p.m. liturgy in the Parish Center to hear Vicki’s moving story.