

ST. PETER'S PARISH

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19TH, 2012

MASSES

MON	FEB 20	9:00 am	ROSE GRIMES			
TUE	FEB 21	8:00 am	BRUCE ROWE			
WED	FEB 22	8:00 am	PARISHIONERS			
		7:30 pm	DEACON MIKE MISULIA			
THU	FEB 23	8:00 am	COMMUNION SERVICE			
FRI	FEB 24	9:00 am	GEORGE EDWARD STEVENS			
SAT	FEB 25	8:00 am	GARY LEWIS SMITH			
		5:30 pm	NAOMI CHRISLER			
SUN	FEB 26	7:15 am	HARRY & CLARA LONGENECKER	COLLECTION	GOAL	COLLECTION & EFT FIG
		9:00 am	SANDY PARISE	\$ 833.34	\$ 434.70	\$ 235.75
		11:30 am	NICK RICCIO	CHURCH MORTGAGE MO (AS OF 2/12)	\$ 9076.00	\$ 1,710.00

***** FEBRUARY 25TH & 26TH *****

	<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>
FEB 22	9:00 am	GILL, SUPROCK & WROTEN	JACKSON & MOXLEY
	7:30 pm	G & P GAUDLIP & HEILAND	BOHRER & ROLFS
FEB 24	7:30 pm	GREGORY, N MOXLEY & PUGH - Stations of the Cross	
FEB 25	5:30 pm	BOGLEY, HALL & OESTERLE	LEVASSEUR & LAWRENCE
FEB 26	7:15 am	PARSONS & P & T RUBELING	SWEENEY & SYKES
	9:00 am	C, G & L MOCHI	CLEMONS & GILL
	11:30 am	J & S MOXLEY & WROTEN	YOUTH & YOUTH

NEXT WEEK the collection on Ash Wednesday is for Eastern Europe and the second collection next weekend is for Catholic Relief Services.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25, 2 Cor 1:18-22, Mk 2:1-12 (80)

ASH WEDNESDAY READINGS: Jl 2:12-18/2, Cor 5:20-6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Gn 9:8-15, 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mk 1:12-15 (23)

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will meet this Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel

WE PRAY IN HOPE that God's healing power may touch those who are sick, especially Joe Wirfs, Richard Ellis, Ellen Burns, Norman Avery, Joshua Wade, Marilyn Hall, Herb Worley, James C Brennan, Len Bainbridge, Rob Player, Ann Fowler, Sean Mulvey, Susan D Aud, Susan K Aud, Jean Harley, Carole Schaub, Donald DeRidder, Andrew Kearney, John Nau, Jess Gold, Debbie Lutman, Fr. Ray Harris, Karen Misorek, Andrew Lee, Alice Insehner, Donald Gordon, Richard Mills, Daniel Nisonger, Jerry Beller, David Foster, Cameron Foster, Sharon Baker, Regina Moran, Ken Hartsek, Vernetta Ackerman, Joan Seeze, Lewis Goode, Diane Andersen, Dale Stiffler, Marsha Lawn, Judy Churco, Ann Fowler, Lorraine 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 emailing or calling the Parish Office.

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

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Feb 22nd, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter (Ash Wednesday this year), is the 3rd anniversary of our new Adoration Chapel. All are invited to visit Our Lord, 9 am-7 pm this Lent and every day. Please call Linda (301-829-2888) or Diane (301-898-0833) for more info about adoration or if you would like to sub. We are especially in need of someone for 3 am early Monday morning.

100,000 ROSARIES: The Archdiocese of Baltimore, in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus of Maryland, the Archdiocese of DC & Wilmington, is soliciting pledges to have 100,000 rosaries prayed in the month of March, 2012 to eliminate abortion in our state and nation, and for the families of those children who have been aborted. There are some 37,000 children aborted in Maryland each year – more than 700 per week. This is a rate that is 50% higher than the national average. While direct action to eliminate this killing is necessary, it must be accompanied by prayer. Can you pray 4 to 5 rosaries (only one per week) over the course of a month? A pledge sheet will be available after all Masses this weekend. Also pledge online at www.bit.ly/mdrosarycampaign.

WE WELCOME: Isaiah Alexander May, Josephine Carlson Long and Olivia Renee Meyers, who were baptized last weekend, into the family of God.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow, February 20th, in observance of Presidents' Day.

RITE OF ELECTION for all area RCIA candidates will be celebrated at our parish next Sunday, February 26th at 3 pm by Bishop Rozanski. All are welcome to attend with other Maryland families to welcome our candidates.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

February 19, 2012

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

George Brunner:
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ADULT MINISTRY

Carolyn Nolan: cnolan@stpeter-libertytown.org



FEBRUARY CLASSES:

February 26th. Reminder there is no Religious Education Sunday, February 19th (President's Week-end!)

SACRAMENTAL PREP 2011/2012

- First Eucharist Preparation Meetings & Workshops for Parent & Child!
March 3rd: Saturday Workshop Experience from 9AM-Noon. (For Parent & Child)
March 6th: Tuesday from 7:00-8:15PM . . . (For Parent & Child)
March 13th: Tuesday from 7:00-8:15PM . . . (For Parent & Child)

Parents will go over guidelines and procedure for First Communion.

All meetings are required per Archdiocese of Baltimore Sacramental Guidelines and both parent & child need to be present at the meeting.

Marriage Tip: Fighting Fair Tip: Keep it current. One couple has the rule of thumb that any issue older than the milk in the refrigerator is no longer game. Recurring arguments usually mean that there's something behind the presenting problem that irks the other.

Visit: www.foryourmarriage.org

Baptism Prep Classes - meets on Tuesday, Feb. 21st, from 7 - 9 pm in the lower level of the Parish Office Bldg. 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.)



YOUTH MINISTRY

Kenn DeMoll: kdemoll@stpeter-libertytown.org



NO LIFETEEN or EDGE, Sunday, February 19th!

CONFIRMATION: Reminder that our next Confirmation meeting is scheduled for *Monday, February 27th @ 7PM* in the Parish Center. Session #4: Freeze! (Moral Authority of the Church/God's Law)

APPALACHIA 2012: Looking for a few good adults with or without experience to chaperone our trip to Appalachia this summer. Contact Kenn for more information.

Evening Prayer (Vespers) - Fridays of Lent

Please join us in the Daily Mass Chapel at 6:45 p.m. in Lent for Evening Prayer

Fridays, March 2, 9 16, 23 & 30

Immediately following, we will go to into the Church to pray Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm.



Traditionally known as Vespers, Evening Prayer is a time of reflection, thanksgiving and praise offered by Catholics worldwide as a demonstration of unity and in celebration of the mystery of Christ.

We are urged to celebrate Evening Prayer communally in Church. Take this opportunity to pray Vespers with your fellow parishioners.

Members of St. Peter's who are Secular Discalced Carmelites will be on hand at 6:45 p.m. to assist, demonstrate and lead Evening Prayer.



2012 Family Lent Calendar

 = a day of fasting and abstinence from meat
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 After Mass today, explain the Gospel and the homily in terms your children can understand.	27 Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS, www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can help any of their ongoing projects.	28 Invent a new family prayer you can say together each day.	22 Take your family to an Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear the cross of ashes all day.	23 Tape a drawing of a vase on the fridge and label it, "Lent." Each day draw a flower in the vase and watch Lent blossom.	24 Share a meatless family meal. Discuss your Lenten offerings to be sure all are doable and sacrificial.	25 Choose a family Lenten offering, such as giving up desserts, attending daily Mass, or praying a family Rosary regularly.
4 Before Mass today, pick a saint represented in one of the statues in your church and find out more about him or her during Lent.	5 Collect stuffed animals or soft pillows in good condition and bring them to a local nursing home. Older folks love soft things to hug.	6 Ask each person to share a game, toy, or treat with someone else in your home.	7 Plan how each of you can show kindness or compassion to someone else tomorrow.	1 Before eating your family meal together, ask each person to say a spontaneous prayer.	2 Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets.	3 Turn off the television, unplug the computers, and take the phone off the hook for a half hour to play a family Rosary.
11 Light a candle in church today for someone who needs special help.	12 Ask each family member to write a letter to Jesus thanking him for his sacrifice on the Cross.	13 Make cookies and bring them to a nearby nursing home.	14 Encourage each family member to perform an examination of conscience.	8 Think of someone you don't like and say three nice things about him or her.	9 Figure out how much your family saved by not eating meat today, and put that money in the poor box at church.	10 At bedtime say, "Let's turn our hearts to God and think of him." Sit in silence together for a few minutes.
18 Laetare Sunday Have a special meal at home or a restaurant to celebrate the half-way point through Lent.	19 Pick a friend or neighbor and perform an anonymous good deed for him or her.	20 Encourage all family members to refrain from bickering today.	21 Say a short prayer before each cross or crucifix in your home.	15 Place a crucifix or picture of Jesus in a central place to keep the focus on him.	16 Whenever someone does a good deed, put a jelly bean in a jar. Share the jelly beans at Easter!	17 Ask each person to make a sacrificial offering, such as doing an extra chore without being asked.
25 After Mass, light a candle, and recite the Apostle's Creed as an affirmation of faith.	26 Pray for the victims of the earthquake still suffering in Haiti.	27 Send a card to someone who might need cheering today.	28 Give up a favorite toy or treat just for today.	22 Make up a box for a needy family or homeless shelter. Put canned goods, clothing, toiletries, and gently used toys in it.	23 Serve pretzels as a reminder that Catholics used to fast from milk, butter, eggs, cheese, cream, and meat.	24 Make simple crosses out of construction paper. Write on them, "He died for me," and post them around your home.
1 Have a Palm Sunday procession around the house and take turns playing Jesus.	2 Take a walk outside and look for signs of new life.	3 Forgive someone who hurt you today.	4 Get up 15 minutes earlier than usual today and pray as a family.	29 Visit someone who is sick and can't leave home.	30 Place any final donations in the box you set up. Make a family trip to deliver it to its destination.	7 Dress a doll in a white garment and talk about the Baptismal vows we renew each year.

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

2012 Special Lent Edition

Saint Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

George Brunner, Coordinator of Religious Education



Thoughtful Moments

Why Lent?

"If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing" (1 John 1:8-9).

Lent is the Church's gift to us to help us overcome the tendency to sin and to be "cleansed from every wrongdoing." It's our chance to perform community penance and personal acts of self-denial.

What to do with palms?

Some families twist palms around crucifixes or sacred pictures. Or, you can offer a palm to anyone you may have offended as a gesture of reconciliation.

The Family Poor Box

To make giving to the poor a family project, decorate a shoe box, cut a hole in the top and put it where everyone can see it. Ask each person to contribute to it every week. Then put the contents in your parish poor box on Sunday.

Lay the foundation

Don't hesitate to talk to your children about topics that may seem beyond their understanding. While they may not get the Holy Trinity or the Real Presence now, more will be revealed as they grow older. Others will remain mysteries for them as they do for us.

What are your children giving up for Lent?

This month Catholic children all over the country will ask each other, "What did you give up for Lent?" Giving something up — abstaining from a favorite food or activity — is a good way to observe the season of Lent.

But when this abstinence is too hard to maintain for the whole season, children get a dim view of Lent. Here are

some suggestions for helping youngsters sacrifice during Lent.

Encourage your child to give up something he really values — a favorite dessert or a cherished past-time. When he starts to miss it, tell him to think of it as giving Jesus a "thank you gift" for

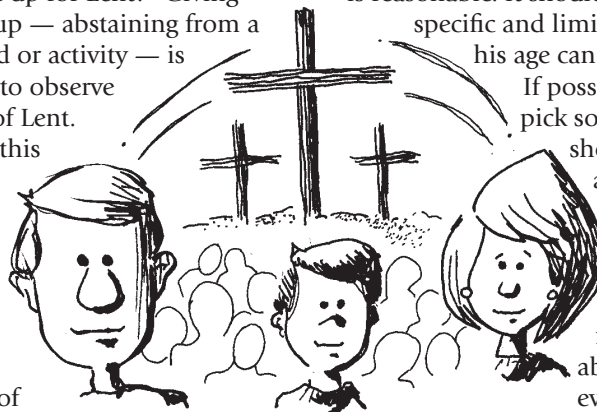
his sacrifice on the cross.

Make sure what your child gives up is reasonable. It should be something specific and limited so that a child his age can see it through.

If possible, help him pick something he shouldn't have anyway. Sweets, soft drinks, or too much television make healthy choices for Lenten abstinence. He may even decide he can

do without it after Lent is over.

Once you've helped him choose wisely, encourage him to give what was saved to God. For example, money not spent on sweets can go in the Rice Bowl or the Poor Box. It will send the message that there's more to Lent than just "giving something up."



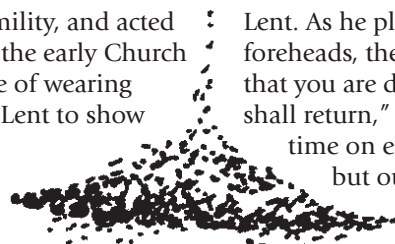
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics wear ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday?

To ancient Jews, wearing sackcloth and sitting in ashes showed repentance and humility, and acted as a penance. Thus, the early Church adopted the practice of wearing ashes at the start of Lent to show repentance, too.

The ashes on our foreheads are

an outward sign of our desire to repair our relationship with God during Lent. As he places the ashes on our foreheads, the priest says, "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return," to remind us that our time on earth will pass away but our life in Heaven lasts forever.



Help children have a fruitful Lent

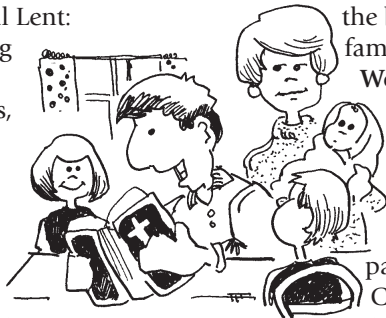
Like eating green vegetables, good Lenten practices aren't always pleasant to children but they always help us to grow up healthy. Try these ideas to help children have a fruitful Lent:

Penance. Even young children understand that if we make a mess, we need to clean it up and try not to do it again. That's the basic idea behind Lenten penance. When we disobey God, we need to apologize to him, fix things if we can and try not to do it again.

Prayer. Children with good prayer habits often become adults who pray. Refresh your family prayer habits and encourage children to start and end their day in prayer. Together pick a morning and evening offering and say it together during Lent.

Acts of kindness. Our sins affect others, so offering kindness to others is a good way to compensate. Some good Lenten acts for children include shoveling a neighbor's walk, doing an extra chore without being asked, or showing kindness to another child at school.

Sacrificial sharing. Help children sort through their toys and put the excess into a box, even toys they like but don't play with much. Take the box to a needy family or family shelter.



Works of Mercy Mobile.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy include instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving, and patiently forbearing. Corporal works of mercy include feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, sheltering the homeless, and burying the dead. Choose a set of Works of Mercy and draw or cut out pictures to illustrate each one. Attach them to a hanger with string and hang it up to remind you to do these good works during Lent.

A Lenten Wreath. Press seven purple candles and one yellow candle into a Styrofoam ring. Decorate it with silk flowers or fresh greens. Light a candle on Ash Wednesday and the rest of the week. The second Wednesday, light two, and so on. Light the yellow candle on Easter and celebrate our new life in Jesus!

Celebrate the traditions of Lent

Mardi Gras: Translated as "Fat Tuesday," Mardi Gras is a final celebration before Lent. It began as an attempt to use up rich foods forbidden during Lent and people feasted on such items as pancakes, sausages, and sweets. Have a Mardi Gras party and pancake supper with your family the night before Ash Wednesday.

Meatless Friday: Abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent is a sacrifice as penance for sin. It is also a sign of solidarity with the hungry all over the world. If your children are too young to abstain from meat

on Fridays (all over the age of 14 are required), suggest they abstain from something they enjoy like sweets or dessert.

Stations of the Cross: This is a way to reflect on the events of Jesus' journey to Calvary. Many churches display images before which families can pray while performing this devotion.

Confession: Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us remember God's unlimited mercy. Take your family to Confession so you can all know God's forgiveness and make a new start on Easter.

family FUN

Pretzels for Lent

Early Christians observed a strict fast during Lent, avoiding butter, cheese, eggs, meat, milk, or cream. So they created a bread shaped like a person's arms crossed in prayer (a popular prayer posture at the time) to remind them that Lent was a time of prayer and penance. Sprinkled with salt, this bread was eventually called "pretzels."



Recipe: Dissolve a package of dry yeast into 1 1/2 cups of warm water. Add one teaspoon of salt, and one teaspoon of sugar. Blend in two cups of whole wheat flour and two cups of enriched flour.

Knead the dough until smooth and cut into small pieces. Roll the pieces into ropes and twist into a pretzel shape. Place on a lightly greased cookie sheet, brush with a beaten egg and sprinkle with sea salt. Bake at 425° for 12-15 minutes.

Joyful Jelly Beans

Last year, I found a way to make Lent fun. I started with jelly beans – our favorite Easter candy – and separated them by color into baggies. Then I taped a bean of each color to an index card and wrote what it represented.

Red meant sacrifice. Green was good deeds. Yellow was acts of kindness. Blue was stewardship (doing chores, turning out lights, etc.). Purple meant asking for forgiveness and pink meant offering it. White stood for God's grace which isn't earned.

Every time we performed a "jelly bean act," we put the colored bean into a jar with our name on it.

On Easter, I added white jelly beans to fill the jars to the top to show the gift of God's grace where we are lacking. On Easter, we were so proud of our full jars, nobody wanted to eat the jelly beans.

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Shrove Tuesday

February 21st. 2012

Bring Your Friends and Family

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Carry Out Available



All You Can Eat Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Pancakes- (Regular and Chocolate Chip), Red Potatoes, Beverages, Fixings Table

Cost: \$25.00 Maximum for Families !

Adults - \$7.00 Children 15 yrs. & under - \$4.00 5 yrs. & under Free



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St. Peter's Lenten Series

7 Deadly Sins/7 Lively Virtues

By Fr. Robert Barron (creator of the *Catholicism* series)

“Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.” Romans 5:20

Join us for this 4 week Retreat-on-DVD presentation concerning the seven Deadly Sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship to God and to one another. After viewing Fr. Barron's talk on DVD, we will break into small groups for discussions on reflection questions provided in the workbook.

That's not all! Fr. Barron presents the Seven Lively virtues that offer healing to our sin-sick souls and set us on the right path to salvation. This series is a message of hope to all those who seek to know Christ and to accomplish his will. This is a perfect way to spiritually prepare for Lent as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Class options: Wed mornings, 9:30 am -11:30 am March 7 – 28 OR Wed evenings, 7 pm – 9 pm March 7 – 28
Cost: \$14/workbook (couples/family members may share workbooks)**

To Register, see link on the main page of Parish Website: www.stpeter-libertytown.org

St. Patrick's Day Gala



Saturday, March 17th @ 7 pm - 11 pm
\$25 a person/ \$200 for a table. 21+ only.

A bull roast fare with an "Irish flavor"!

Menu: Pit roast beef, red potatoes, green salad, green beans, corn, corn beef & cabbage, desserts, Beer and Wine Bar (2 tickets included and cash bar after dinner)

50/50 and a dine in/out basket raffle. Music by "Pet Rock."

To buy tickets: Buy tickets after all Masses or from Bob Droter: 301-865-4565



Parish Mission

Sun. Feb 26th - Wed. Feb. 29th @ 7 pm in St. Peter's Church



led by Fr. Brian Nolan, chaplain
@ Mount St. Mary's University

Come and join St. Peter's Catholic Church for a time of faith, reflection, encouragement and challenge to live out the Christian call of faithfulness and holiness.

"Follow Me..."

Living as a Believer, a Disciple and Witness of the Lord

WOULD YOU LIKE to attend the parish mission on Feb 26th -29th but do not have a ride or cannot drive at night? We have a great solution for you! Someone from our parish will pick you up and take you home each evening. If you would like to arrange for transportation **OR** if you would like to be added to our list of "drivers", please call Sandy Gordon at (301) 865-0355.

TENEBRAE SERVICE: This year on Good Friday evening (April 6th at 8:00 pm), we will be presenting the Tenebrae Service. Through word and music, this service dramatizes the suffering, death, and burial of Jesus Christ. Margaret Stack is leading the Tenebrae. Please make plans to attend, as it promises to be a moving, passionate, and spiritual service.

TRIDUUM SINGERS NEEDED: Please consider singing for Holy Thursday & Easter Vigil. There will be 3 rehearsals for each & they will not conflict with Tenebrae practices. Contact Sherri at 301-898-5111, ext. 11 or sslattery@stpeter-libertytown.org to sign up. The Lord wants us to give back His gifts, and what a perfect way to do just that – in sung praise of His name.

MEALS MINISTRY: If you are in need or if you know anyone in need of temporary help with meals because of childbirth, illness, accident, surgery, etc., call Rose Grimes at 301-829-0901. Please also call if you would like your name added to our list of volunteers.

HEALING PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY: Whether it is spiritual, physical or emotional, we all have times we need to ask the Lord to bring us to wholeness. We have a trained and dedicated prayer team available to help. Please call Rose Grimes at 301-829-0901

STORE CERTIFICATES: Congratulations to Harry Ford, the January gift card drawing winner. Remember for every \$50 of gift cards purchased, you receive a drawing ticket to win \$50 in gift cards. You could be the winner next month! Don't forget to stop by the gift card table to get your gift cards after Mass...**Gift card profit** for the month of January was \$897.55. Thanks for supporting the program.

THANK YOU TO ALL who donate to the Poor Box or donate/shop at the Thrift Shop! The Social Concerns Committee met in January and, through your continued generosity, was able to distribute funds to the following charities: Birthright; Villa Maria; Child Advocacy-Frederick; Frederick Community Action Agency; Frederick Prison Ministry; Frederick Rescue Mission; Gabriel Project; Haiti Mission; Heartly House; Hispanic Center-Frederick; Hope Alive; Hospice of Frederick; Libertytown Fire Dept; Mary's House; Mission of Mercy; Religious Coalition-shelter; Safe & Sane-Linganore High & Walkersville High; Special Olympics; Camp GLOW; ARC of Frederick; Thelma Mood Fund; Way Station; Bereavement-St. Peter's; Just Neighbors Program. Please keep your donations to the Thrift Shop coming. We are in need of clothing, especially children's & infants. We are also accepting clean linens, housewares, books, toys & small appliances. Please no furniture, mattresses, TV's or computers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...your sins are forgiven." Indeed forgiving is a divine act of mercy. When we forgive others we are acting in and by God's power. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and forgiveness into our hearts and into our lives. Financial donations in the poor boxes and volunteers are needed (301-662-4676).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13290: Thank you to those who helped make the Valentine's Social a huge success. Also many thanks to our attendees that braved the cold weather to share in this event...**This week** - Shrove Tuesday Dinner on Feb 21st, 5 to 7 pm...4th degree meets on the 23rd 7:30 at St. Michael's...No business meeting this week... Please see flyers concerning the **Shrove Tuesday and St. Patrick's Day events.**

PARISH NURSE NOTES: The Parish Nurse Program/Health Ministry of St. Peter's would like to invite you to wholeness! Plan now to sign up for "Get My People GOING!" – a program that invites you to select three areas of your life you would like to change for a healthier lifestyle, based on the Exodus story. This program is for all ages, and people of all health conditions. We will be signing you up and passing out program materials after Mass on (Feb. 25 and 26). Or you can register email to Marybeth Terrell at mhb9507@verizon.net. Any questions, give Marybeth a call: 301-845-6572. Come, join us on the journey!

PARISH CENSUS PHONE-A-THON: We have begun to conduct our Parish Census by phone. Someone will be calling to verify all of the information we have listed on you and your family. It will be a quick call. We thank you in advance for your understanding & cooperation.

SAVE THE DATE: Maryland Catholic Women's Conference (previously Illuminate) - October 12-13, 2012 - Mt. St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD. More information to follow!"

ST JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Applications for Pre-K – 8th Grade now Being Accepted for the 2011-12 School Year...**Walk-in Wednesdays!** Join us every Wednesday from 9-11 am. Prospective parents are invited to visit St. John's and tour the Pre-K through 8th grade classrooms. Come & see firsthand why our National Blue Ribbon & S.T.E.M, Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math school offers the best education in the area. Tuition discounts apply for parishioners. Contact Karen O'Boyle at koboyl@sjrccs.org or call 301-662-6722 for additional information or visit www.sjrccs.org.

ST THOMAS MORE ACADEMY: an independent school rooted in the Catholic faith and located in Buckeystown, MD is excited to announce a reduction in tuition starting the 2012-2013 school year. STMA hopes that a tuition reduction will make it easier for parents to provide their children a classical liberal arts curriculum in a safe and spiritual environment. Please call 301-874-9014 for more details and a one on one consultation.

THE VISITATION ACADEMY: the only all-girls PreK3 – 8th grade Catholic school in Frederick County, is now accepting applications for all grades for the 2012-2013 academic year. Please join us for an **Open House on Sunday, March 4th** from 1 – 3 pm. To RSVP for our Open House, please contact Carol Guaccero at cguaccero@thevisitationacademy.org or call (301)662-2814. For more information, visit our web site at www.thevisitationacademy.org.

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL: **Mother Seton School Open House on Wed, Feb 29th at 10 am to 1 pm & 7 to 8 pm.** 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD. Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is now open! Time not convenient? Call to schedule a personal visit and receive school info 301-447-3161 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org