

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is a time of meditation and inner transfiguration. For your prayer time this week use this acrostic on the word "act." "A" stands for **assessment**. During Lent we reflect on how we give up things to represent our deeper desire for God. We make an assessment of what motivates us. Is it financial success, a desire to be popular, or the principle of helping others?

"C" stands for **conversion**. Our focus is how to turn away from "the lesser" in order to turn to "the better."

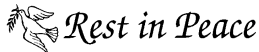
"T" stands for **transfiguration**. Lent is an invitation to experience conversion that leads to an inner transfiguration.

Let us remember that there are two types of compasses. One makes circles, the other points north. We pray for the ability not to go around in circles but to be pointed always toward the Kingdom of God. I hope this helps to focus your prayer time.

On **March 14th** **Bishop Denis Madden will celebrate our 11:00 a.m. liturgy.** After which our Fellowship Ministry will offer lite fare in our new social hall and the Bishop will give a presentation on "**Culture and the crisis of the shrinking Christian population in the Holy Land.**" Bishop Madden lived nine years in Jerusalem as the Associate Secretary General of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association before he became our auxiliary bishop in 2006.

I am sure you will find his talk very interesting.

Fr. Joe



Robert Waddell, father of Bob

Robert Woehlke, father of Cathy Whissel

Martha Dorweiler, mother of Mary Ann Gordon

John Noone, brother of Leonard



OUR SICK ESPECIALLY: Fr. Alex DiLella, Marianne Ernst, Joe Stecher, Daniel W. Collins, Carl King, [Diane Sparks](#), [Bonnie Zeller](#), [Matt Harbeson](#), [Jenna Heck](#), and for those on [the prayer network](#).

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent. **Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

Lk 9:35-36

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

Sunday	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/ Lk 13:1-9



Mon.	9:00 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Ed Fridrich
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Caroline R. Laurino
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Evelyn C. Reilly
Thurs.	9:00 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of William Kelly
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Richard Draper
Sat.	8:30 a.m.	For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	For the repose of the soul of William Piccirilli (Fr. Barr)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of John Pish (Fr. Barr)
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	For the intentions of our Parishioners (Fr. Barr)
Sun.	11:00 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Bill Milligan (Fr. Matera)



CONGRATULATIONS TO: Cannon Roan Crowley, son of Christopher and Ann Marie, as he is claimed by Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: Holy Family will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Wednesday evening during Lent (except Holy Week) from March 3rd-March 24th from 7pm-8:30pm.

The LORD, my God lights up my darkness.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Continues, Oratory Rel. Ed. Pre-K-5, 8:10am-9:20am & 9:40am-10:50am, Classrooms 10-18 Rel. Ed. Gr. 3, 9:40am-10:50am, Classroom 3 Baptisms, 12:30pm, Church Children's Chorister's 4:15pm-5:15pm, Church JAM 5pm-6:15pm, Youth Center FYI 5:30pm-6:30pm, Church Rel. Ed. Gr 9, 6:30-8pm, Classrooms 17 & 18 GYM 7:30pm-9:30pm, Youth Center
Mon.	Adoration Continues, Oratory Rel. Ed. Gr. 1-8 4:30pm-5:45pm, Classrooms 10-18 Rosary & Cenacle Holy Hour 7:30-8:30pm, Chapel RCIA 7:30pm-9pm, Classrooms 10 & 11 Cenacle Facilitator's Meeting 8:30pm-9pm, Chapel
Tues.	Adoration Continues, Oratory MOMS Group 9:30am-11:30am, Classroom 14 Tuesday Morning Cenacle Group 9:40am-11:30am, Chapel Men's Cenacle Group 7pm-9pm, Classroom 15 Bilingual Prayer Group 7:30pm-9pm, Chapel MOMS Group 7:30pm-9:30pm, Classroom 14 Alcoholics Anonymous 8pm-9pm, Classroom 2
Wed.	Adoration Continues, Oratory AM Scripture Study 9:45-11:15am, Classroom 2 First Eucharist Class 4:30pm-5:30pm & 6pm-7pm, Classrooms 10-14 "The Light on For You" 7pm-8:30pm, Church Men's Choir Rehearsal 7pm-8:30pm, Music Room Bilingual Core Group Meeting 7:30pm-8:30pm, Classroom 2 PM Scripture Study 7:30pm-9:00pm, Classroom 14
Thurs.	Adoration Continues, Oratory Pastoral Team Meeting 9:45am-11:30am, Pastor's Office CODA 6:30pm-7:30pm, Classroom 2 Thursday Night Cenacle Group 7pm-8:30pm, Classroom 14 "9:30am" Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-9pm, Church Alcoholics Anonymous 8pm-9pm, Classrooms 4 & 5 ALANON 8:00pm-9:00pm, Classroom 6
Fri.	Adoration Continues, Oratory Soup & Bread Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm, Social Hall Stations of the Cross 7:30pm-8:30pm, Church
Sat.	Adoration Continues, Oratory 1 st Saturday Rosary, Confessions & Mass 8am-9:30am, Chapel Midshipman Retreat 1pm-8pm, Classrooms 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 & Chapel Faith & Light Mass 5pm, Church

Mass Attendance
February 20th & 21st 1,393
Ash Wednesday 928



ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL is now underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien asking that you make a pledge. Our parish receives 25% of each dollar contributed up to our goal of \$79,300. Then, we collect 50% of the additional funds received. This year, we will commit our parish rebates to St. Patrick's in Western Maryland, our poor box collections, and to help pay our energy bills for the new wing. Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge. Thank you in advance for your support.



**Join us
for Soup!**

Come to the Soup & Bread Supper
Sponsored by
Separated, Divorced, & Widowed Group
Friday, March 5th, 6:30pm
In the Social Hall
Before Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm
Donations will be accepted



THE PARISHES IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY are offering the following Penance Services during Lent:

- March 1st @ 7pm-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- March 22nd @ 7pm-Our Lady of the Fields
- March 22nd @ 7pm-Holy Trinity

OUR LORD INVITES YOU TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH HIM: "Could you not watch one hour with Me" (MT: 26.40). In our adoration, we enter into a personal relationship with God. There are still a few hours open on Saturday, 11am to Noon; 3-4pm and 5-6pm. If you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you to one hour each week at adoration, please call Jack & Sandy Horvath at 410-721-6862 to sign up.

IMPORTANT!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please notify the parish office if you stopped using your envelopes and have enrolled in Faith Direct, a service which automatically debits your contributions from a personal account. **This will deter the church from paying unnecessary costs!** Thank you for your attention to this matter.

YEARLY GIVING STATEMENTS are now available by calling the parish office. **Have your envelope number available.** Allow ten days for the Pastor's signature and mail delivery. Thank you.

GROCERY CERTIFICATES: We **need volunteers** to "man" our table Saturday nights or Sundays. Please contact Robert Carobrese at 410-798-4747. Thank you for your support!



FIRST COMMUNION: This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on what Jesus celebrated at the Last Supper. The Eucharistic Prayer is the Church's great prayer of thanksgiving. At the Eucharist through the power of the Holy Spirit we join with the living Christ to give praise and glory to the Father. How are we as a parish gathering to remember and celebrate Jesus?

YEAR OF THE PRIEST is being celebrated by the circulation of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima to inspire intercession to the Blessed Mother for an increase of vocations. For details, contact Michelle Tangrea at mdtangrea@verizon.net.

CENACLE HOLY HOUR will be held in the Chapel on Monday, March 1st beginning with the rosary at 7:30pm. Please join us for this beautiful hour of prayer and meditation.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS will be on March 6th in the Chapel starting with Confession and recitation of the rosary at 8am followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. Jude Okoye of Our Lady of Sorrows. Please join this peaceful time of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

CELEBRATE LENT AT HOLY FAMILY with the Stations of the Cross through the Heart of Mary followed by a Healing Service with Fr. Barr and Fr. Stack on Tuesday, March 9th in the main Church. Stations begin at 7pm, Adoration and Healing will follow. Don't miss this opportunity to grow this Lent! Contact Teresa Fritz for more information at teresafritz@aol.com.


THE BILINGUAL PRAYER GROUP will be offering a workshop highlighting the signs and symbols representing each part of the Liturgical Year. The meaning behind the color of the priest's vestments as well as other signs and symbols of each segment of the liturgical calendar will be discussed. For more information contact Rose King at 410-798-4153 or by email at kinbralia@att.net.

BOOK CLUB MINISTRY: Please join us on Monday, March 8th at 7pm in the Library for fellowship and discussion of "*The Girl in the Green Sweater:*" A Life in Holocaust's Shadow, by Krystyna Chiger and Daniel Paisner. For more information, contact Betty Ryon at 240-375-6344 or eryon0037@aol.com.


MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE: SAVE THE DATE MARCH 8th (Monday). Join Marylanders from throughout the state at our annual Maryland March for Life. Prayer service at St. Mary's starting at 5:15pm, then march to State House and Rally. After the march please attend the celebration at St. Mary's. See the bulletin insert.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Be a witness for life. Join your fellow parishioners in praying at home or praying at the West St. Planned Parenthood for mothers in crisis pregnancies and for an overwhelming choice of life. Powerful and effective. For more information on how to participate this Lent, contact Chris Hintz, Respect Life Coordinator, chris20744@verizon.net.

PLEASE JOIN US : Members of the Faith & Light Community will be active participants during the 5pm Mass on Saturday, March 6th in the Church. Fellowship and light refreshments will follow the Mass in the Gallery. See the flyer in the bulletin for more information.



YOUTH MINISTRY



Just to let you know

NEWS FROM BEN: If you do not receive e-mails about our youth ministry and have a child between 6th and 12th grade, please contact Ben at youthministry@hfccmail.org to receive updates about what's going on with the young people in the parish.

PANCAKE DINNER: The youth group sponsored a Parish Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday. A big "Thank You" to **SHOPPERS** for donating all of the food we needed to serve over two hundred parishioners! Thanks to their generosity, the youth group will benefit greatly this year.

J.A.M. (Jesus And Me, grades 6 - 8) will meet this week from 5pm-6:15pm. Middle schoolers are welcome to come and hang out, eat and discuss topics which are important to them.

G.Y.M (God's Youth Ministry, grades 9 - 12) will meet this Sunday from 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Come hang out with a great group of people to eat food, laugh a lot, and talk about issues relevant to the lives of teens.

HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY

ST PATRICK'S FAMILY DINNER is Saturday, March 13th at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Enjoy traditional Irish food from Killarney House, lots of activities for the kids and plenty of fun plus entertainment by the Hunt School of Irish Dance. Children's meal will be provided by Holy Family and the cost is \$5 per child ages 6-12, 5 and under free. Adult cost is \$25 per person, \$50 per couple and \$60 family. Soft drinks and dessert are included. Bring your own beer and wine. Sign up after all Masses this weekend through March 7th.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL EMPTY BOWLS 2010 FUNDRAISER: Two day event: **Empty Bowls Golden Ladle Reception** on Friday, March 19th from 7pm-10pm and **Empty Bowls Souper Supper** on Saturday, March 20th from 3pm-7pm both at the College of Notre Dame, Doyle Hall, 4701 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD. Advanced ticket purchase is recommended as these events are expected to be a sell out! For tickets visit www.vincentsbaltimore.org and click on the events link.

