

Faithful Followers,

The first two events reported in the Gospel involve tragic death, and Jesus makes absolute that unless we repent, we also will die. Then in the parable of the fig tree, Jesus reveals the patience of God with us, despite our slowness to repent.

Aspects of the readings contradict one another. On one hand, we are admonished: repent now or perish. On the other hand, God gives the fig tree one more chance. I find it interesting that the parable of the fig tree has no ending. We do not know what ultimately happened to the tree. The same is true of us and our spiritual journey. God has given us life and sent us into the world with a script to follow (Scripture) and a director to guide us (Jesus). How our individual stories are eventually lived out depends entirely on how we respond to what God has given us.

A merciful, patient, and tolerant God has spared us many times. Something to consider is that it is not God's mercy that runs out but our time. Repent now, not because God is losing patience, but because with each passing moment we are losing opportunity.

Deacon Tom



OUR SICK ESPECIALLY: Fr. Alex DiLella, Marianne Ernst, Joe Stecher, 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 Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent. **Fasting** is to be observed on 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.



OUR LORD INVITES YOU TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH HIM: Jesus said, "Could you not watch one hour with me" (MT.26:40). Is the Holy Spirit calling you? A partner is needed for the following hours: Thurs. 9-10am, call Ron Van Nest at 410-956-4627 and Fri. 9-10am, call Mary St. Denis at 410-451-2183. There are still daytime hours open on Saturday. Email Jack Horvath at Skh03Jeh@comcast.net.



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"
Lk 13:2-3

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/ Lk 13:1-9
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Mon.	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	For the repose of the souls of Gregory Gramling, Jr. & Thomas Jones
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Douglas Singleton
Thurs.	9:00 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Ray Grace
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	For the repose of the souls of John & Bernadette Barwick (Fr. Barr)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	For the intentions of our Parishioners (Fr. Matera)
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Ray Grace (Fr. Barr)
Sun.	11:00 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Curtis Elder (Fr. Barr)



CONGRATULATIONS TO: Jennifer Anna Budock, daughter of John and Anna, as she 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 10th-March 24th from 7pm-8:30pm.



The LORD, my God lights up my darkness.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sun.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Continues, Oratory RCIA First Scrutiny Mass 8am, Church 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 FYI 12pm-1pm, music rehearsal room Baptisms, 12:30pm, Church Children's Chorister's 4:15pm-5:15pm, Church Rel. Ed. Gr 6-8, 6:30-8pm, Classrooms 10-16 Rel Ed. Gr. 9, 6:30-8pm, Classrooms 17 & 18 GYM 7:30pm-9:30pm, Youth Center
Mon.	Adoration Continues, Oratory Rel. Ed. Stations of the Cross 4:30pm-5:45pm, Church Rel. Ed. Gr. 1-8 4:30pm-5:45pm, Classrooms 10-18 Book Club 7pm-9pm, Library Rosary Group 7:30pm-8:30pm, Chapel RCIA 7:30pm-9pm, Classrooms 10 & 11
Tues.	Adoration Continues, Oratory MOMS Group 9:30am-11:30am, Classroom 14 Babysitting 9:30am-11:30am, Nursery Tuesday Morning Cenacle Group 9:40am-11:30am, Chapel Adult Enrichment Meeting 11:30am-1:30pm, Library Healing Service with Fr. Stack & Fr. Barr 7pm-9pm, Church 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 "The Light on For You" 7pm-8:30pm, Church PM Scripture Study 7:30-9:00pm, Classroom 14
Thurs.	Adoration Continues, Oratory Cluster Meeting 6pm-8pm, Classroom 3 Confirmation Planning Session 6pm-8pm, Library CODA 6:30pm-7:30pm, Classroom 2 Thursday Night Cenacle Group 7pm-8:30pm, Classroom 14 "9:30am" Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-9pm, Church Youth Mass 8pm, Chapel Alcoholics Anonymous 8pm-9pm, Classrooms 4 & 5 ALANON 8:00pm-9:00pm, Classroom 6
Fri.	Adoration Continues, Oratory Soup & Bread Dinner 6:30-7:30pm, Social Hall Stations of the Cross 7:30pm-8:30pm, Church
Sat.	Adoration Continues, Oratory Alcoholics Anonymous 9am-12pm, Classrooms 4-6 St. Patrick's Day Dinner 6:30pm-10pm, Social Hall & Lobby

Collection Report
Month of February
Regular Collection

Total \$49,835
Budget \$53,250

Loose Collection

Total \$8,088
Budget \$7,150

Building Fund

Total \$21,484
Budget \$23,000

Poor Box \$2,382

Budget \$7,000

Latin America \$443

Eastern Europe 3,959

Thank you for your generosity

Mass Attendance

February 27th & 28th 1,406



SPECIAL COLLECTION for **The Catholic Relief Services** will be next weekend. Envelopes are included in your packages and are also available on the tables in the Narthex. Please support the giving of hope!



Join us for Soup!

Come to the Soup & Bread Supper

Sponsored by

PM Scripture Study

Friday, March 12th, 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 22nd @ 7pm-Our Lady of the Fields

March 22nd @ 7pm-Holy Trinity

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.



Spring AHEAD: Daylight Savings is next weekend. Don't forget to set your clocks so you'll make it to Mass on time Sunday.



Holy Communion

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on Jesus' presence with us in the Eucharist. Through our sharing the one bread and one cup we are made one with Jesus and one with his Body, the Church. How are we as a parish living as peacemakers to show that Jesus is with us?



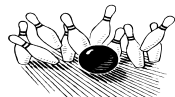
Please Drop in!

SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION: Due to the cancellation of our Open Houses we welcome all prospective families to visit the school for a tour. Contact the school office to schedule your tour at 410-519-2285. Applications are available online at www.schooloftheincarnation.org.



G.Y.M (God's Youth Ministry, grades 9 – 12) will meet this week at 7:30pm in the youth center to hear from Chris Seith, a seminarian from St. John's in New York. He will talk about the discernment process, especially how it relates to high school students.

Youth Mass will be held this Thursday at 8pm in the Chapel. The event is geared to all middle and high school students; however, their families are encouraged to come as well.



J.A.M. (Jesus and Me, grades 6 – 8)

Bowling Night! We are scheduled to go to Crofton Bowl from 10pm – 12:30am on March 19th. The cost is \$20 and all middle school students are welcome to attend. We always need chaperones so please contact Ben if you want to be involved with this event (youthministry@hfccmail.org).

Youth Pilgrimage (grades 9 – 12) This event is a march through the city of Baltimore on March 27th by teens in the Archdiocese. It is designed to be a powerful witness to the world that Holy Week is about to begin. It is an amazing experience and all high school students should think about going. It is an all day event and the cost is under \$20.



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.](#)



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.

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. Contact Teresa Fritz for more information at teresafritz@aol.com.

CENACLE CONSECRATION MASS will be celebrated on Saturday, March 20th at 10am in the Chapel. This is a beautiful beginning or a renewal of a promise to Our Blessed Mother to live as her children and to always seek her Son Jesus. Immediately following the Mass there will be a reception in the upper gallery in the Church. All are welcome. Contact Teresa Fritz for more information at teresafritz@aol.com.

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. (Shuttle service will be available for those who cannot make the walk, including the elderly, those with special needs and families with small children). For more details, go to www.marylandmarchforlife.org and see the insert in last weekend's bulletin.

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 who are choosing abortion. Powerful and effective. For more information on how to participate this Lent, contact Chris Hintz, Respect Life Coordinator, chris20744@verizon.net.

"END OF LIFE ISSUES & WHAT CAN BE WRONG WITH ADVANCE DIRECTIVES": Rita Marker, a lawyer and Founder/Executive Director of the International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide since 1987, and Fr. McLean Cummings (former associate pastor at St. John's) will be giving talks about some of the critical legal and moral aspects of end of life issues on **Tuesday, March 16th, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Severna Park from 7pm–9pm.** Issues which will be covered include whether your Living Will/Advance Directives puts you at risk, what is Health Care Reform "End of Life" Counseling, and discussion of Feeding Tubes/Hydration. **Catholic doctors, nurses, and social workers are strongly encouraged to attend.**