

# Lent, 2012, Holy Family Church, “Remembering Our Faith”



Dear Brothers and Sisters, On Ash Wednesday (Feb, 22) we begin Lent. During Lent, to prepare for EASTER, we spend forty days taking extra time to pray, fast and give to the poor.

Let us REMEMBER OUR FAITH this Lent!! Fr. Andy and staff.

Please remember, on Ash Wednesday / the first weekend of Lent:

1. To pick up a Lenten Book for Adults with reflections,
2. To pick up a Lenten Book for children,
3. To pick up a wooden “coin” with the image above on one side, and the following prayer on the other side: “I CARRY A CROSS IN MY POCKET REMINDING ME THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE LORD OF MY LIFE IF ONLY I’LL LET HIM BE.”

## Official Guidelines for Abstaining and Fasting during Lent:

**Abstinence:** Catholics age 14 and older abstain from eating meat on Ash Wed. and all Fridays.

**Fasting:** On Ash Wed. and Good Friday adult Catholics (18-59) fast, limiting food to one full meal with minimal food at the other two meal times.

## SPECIAL MASSES AND LITURGICAL EVENTS --

- **Ash Wednesday:** Feb. 22
  1. 9am mass with ashes
  2. 12 noon prayer service with ashes
  3. 5:30pm mass with ashes. Special message for children at this mass.
  4. 7:30pm Mass with ashes
- **Palm Sunday Weekend:** Mar. 31-Apr. 1
  1. 7:30am Mass,
  2. 9:15am Mass in the church & 9:15am mass in Unity Hall
  3. 11am mass in the church & 11am mass in Unity Hall
- **Holy Thursday:** Apr. 5, Mass at 7:30pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11pm in Unity Hall. All Eucharistic ministers and altar servers are invited to come to the narthex at 7:10pm to get into formation to participate in the opening and closing processions of the mass. All are invited to ring bells during “The Gloria.”
- **Good Friday:** Apr. 6,
  1. Celebration of the Lord’s Passion and Veneration of the Cross at 2pm.
  2. Ecumenical Service with other local churches AT HOLY FAMILY, 7:30pm.
- **Holy Saturday:** Apr. 7,
  1. Easter Egg Hunt, 10am
  2. Bless Easter Baskets at 12noon (in the church)
  3. Easter Vigil, 8pm Mass, those who are joining the Catholic Church through the RCIA programs of the parish do so at this mass. All are invited to ring bells during “The Gloria” and “The Alleluia.” Afterwards, you are invited to a reception in Unity Hall.

4. *Please remember: No 3:30pm confessions or 5pm mass on this Saturday.*

- **Easter Sunday:** Apr. 8, All are invited to ring bells during “The Gloria” and “The Alleluia.”
  1. 7:30am Mass,
  2. 9:15am Mass in the church & 9:15am mass in Unity Hall
  3. 11am mass in the church & 11am mass in Unity Hall
- **Stations of the Cross and Simple Supper:** You can join us on Fridays -- Feb. 24, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 -- for a meal at 6:30pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in the church.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):** All Saturdays from 3:30 – 4:45p.
  - Wed., Feb. 29, PARISH PENANCE SERVICE with many priests. 7pm
  - Wed., Mar. 7, one priest (Fr. Andy), 7pm
  - Wed., Mar. 14, one priest (Fr. Andy), 7pm
  - Wed., Mar. 21, one priest (Fr. Andy), 7pm
  - Wed., Mar. 28, one priest (Fr. Andy), 7pm
  - Wed., Apr. 4, two priests (Fr. Andy and Fr. Matera), 7pmFr. Andy will also hear confessions IN THE CHURCH Mar. 28 & Apr. 4 at 9:45am

### THE LITTLE WAY OF LENT – PARISH MISSION, Feb. 25-29

With Father Gary Caster. His talks will be based on his book: The Little Way of Lent: Meditations in the Spirit of St. Therese of Lisieux. **Nightly Events:** Sunday through Wednesday talks at 7pm

Sunday- Potluck Dinner, 6pm

Monday- Cookie Reception following the talk

Tuesday- Pizza Night and “Holy Family Feud” (with the staff pitted against a parish family!) at 6pm

Wednesday- Confession following the talk, along with worship music

AND 9am mass with shorter version of the evening talk following on Mon, Tues and Wed.

### TWO TALKS BY FR. FRANK MATERA ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

- TUES. MAR. 20 AND 27, 7PM: UNITY HALL.
  - Every Monday at 7pm, through the year, we now have a BIBLE STUDY led by Mr. Charles Burk, 410-721-4543 / [ceburkl@verizon.net](mailto:ceburkl@verizon.net).
    1. FOR LENT, YOU CAN JOIN THE MONDAY NIGHT GROUP on MON. Mar. 5, 12, Apr. 2 and 9, TO DISCUSS John’s Gospel. Contact Charles.
  - Every Tuesday at 10am led by our adult ed coordinator, Mr. Steve Cox – 301-261-7399, ext. 34 / [adulsted@hfccmail.org](mailto:adulsted@hfccmail.org).
    1. FOR LENT, YOU CAN JOIN THE TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY on TUES. Mar. 6, 13, Apr. 3, and 10, TO DISCUSS John’s Gospel. Contact Steve.

### READ A SPIRITUAL BOOK AND DISCUSS IT WITH OUR BOOK CLUB

Maybe make your Lenten “project” be to read Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper by Brandt Pitre. Contact the book club about ordering a copy, and then meet with them on Mon. Mar. 12 at 7pm here at Holy Family to discuss the book.

They meet every month, but you can join them just for Lent if you like. Betty Ryon at 240-375-6344 or [eryon0037@aol.com](mailto:eryon0037@aol.com)

## OTHER SPIRITUAL EVENTS

**MID-ATLANTIC CATHOLIC CONGRESS**: A conference on the Catholic Faith will be held from March 8-10 in downtown Baltimore. Great, nationally known Catholic speakers and music will be on hand. Holy Family parishioners can sign up for ONE DAY (Saturday, Mar. 10) of the conference for \$50. Information can be found at <http://www.midatlanticcongress.org>. Just click under program to see the full schedule for the day and how to sign up. For other information please contact our Adult Education Coordinator, Steve Cox, at [adulted@hfccmail.org](mailto:adulted@hfccmail.org).

- Sat. Feb 11, 9am – 12noon. **Parish Mens' Retreat – “Men of Courage”** -- with Fr. Dan Leary and Fr. Andy. Begins with mass at 9am. Please contact Steve at [adulted@hfccmail.org](mailto:adulted@hfccmail.org).
- **Coffee and Catholicism** – 11am on Sundays in Unity Hall. Come have some coffee and learn more about your faith.
  - Feb. 19 with Deacon Tom Beales, “Love, Evangelization, and Living out our Baptisms”
  - Mar. 18 with various parishioners, “Following Jesus with the Prayers of Mary”
  - Apr. 22, with Fr. Dominique Peridans, “The Holy Spirit in Life of a Christian”
- **Bilingual Prayer Group Special Events**:
  - Mar. 6, 7pm, Healing SERVICE with Fr. Jim Stack
  - Mar. 20, 7:30pm, mass with Fr. Andy
  - May 8, 7:30pm, Healing mass with Fr. Tom Flowers
- **Workshop for Liturgical Ministers**, Sat. May 5, 9:30am – 11:15am. Mr. Mike Ruzicki, Coordinator of Sacramental Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, will present "Having a Meaningful Experience of the Mass" in classrooms 4, 5 & 6. All liturgical ministers and all parishioners are invited. 9:30am gathering with coffee, juice. 10am presentation.

## UPCOMING EVENTS --

- Tues. Feb. 21, 5pm. **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**, Unity Hall. Tickets will be on sale after Masses and at the door.
- Sat. Mar. 10, 6:30pm. **St. Patrick's Family Dinner**, Unity Hall. Tickets on sale after Masses.
- Sat. Apr. 7, 10am. **Easter Egg Hunt**. Outside, in the parish center.

## ADVOCACY/RESPECT FOR LIFE/SERVICE --

- March 4, 11am: **Faith and Abilities Mass** for Disabilities Awareness Month.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**: Helps those in need through the parish and through local church agencies. Donations can be made through the poor boxes.
- **Casserole Program**: Casseroles made by parishioners quarterly to be served at Our Daily Bread. During Lent, on the weekend of Mar. 17-18 we will hand out the pans, and parishioners will return them the weekend of Mar. 31-Apr. 1.
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Food Pantry**. Drop off food donations any weekend, at Holy Family, near the GREEN BIN on the left side of the gathering space.
- **“Sarah's House”** is a shelter run by Catholic Charities. Volunteer orientations Friday evenings at 7pm. Contact Bruce Clopein, 410-519-5085, [bclopein@catholiccharities-md.org](mailto:bclopein@catholiccharities-md.org).
- **“The Lighthouse Shelter”** -- [marshall@annapolislighthouse.org](mailto:marshall@annapolislighthouse.org) or 443-569-4208.
- **Archbishop's Annual Appeal**: To donate, go to [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org), click “giving”

- **Maryland Catholic Conference Lobby Night 2012:** Monday, February 20 from 3p-8p at St. Mary's High School, 109 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis. An advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak with their elected officials about abortion clinic regulations, support for pregnant women, poverty, immigration, the death penalty and marriage. Registration is required. Call 410-269-1155, 301-261-1979. For forms, go to <http://www.mdccathcon.org/main.asp?page=1300>. To carpool, email [chris20744@verizon.net](mailto:chris20744@verizon.net).
- **ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL MINISTRY CONVOCATION,** Saturday. March 3, 2012, 8 AM to 3 PM at Seton-Keough High School. Workshops and keynote speaker, Janine Carreiro, winner of the 2010 Cardinal Bernardin Award. \$10 Donation includes lunch. Register at the door. Carol Palmer: 410-261-6780 /[cpalmer@cc-md.org](mailto:cpalmer@cc-md.org).
- **Maryland March for Life,** Monday, March 12th.
- **Tell Congress to Protect Religious Freedom in Health Care Reform:** Our religious liberty is being threatened by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which is mandating that all private health insurance plans cover surgical sterilization procedures and birth control, including the IUD, 'morning-after' pills and abortion-inducing drugs. To contact your legislators, please go to the front page of our parish website and click on the "Maryland Catholic Conference."

### RETREATS and WORKSHOPS

- **Understanding Your Grief Workshop:** 6-week program on dealing with the loss of a loved one through death. Wed, March 7 – April 18, 7pm. Classrooms 10 & 12. Using the book: Understanding Your Grief, Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart, by Alan D. Wolfelt, PhD. Don Rakoskie at 301-261-7258 or [rakson2@aol.com](mailto:rakson2@aol.com).
- **Retreats for Couples:** Priestfield, WV Spiritual Center. Mar. 2 -4, Mar. 9 - 11, Mar 16-18, Mar. 23-25, Mar. 30 – Apr 1, Apr; 27 - 29. From 6pm Friday to lunch on Sunday. \$165/person, but give what you can. Contact Frank and Elaine Galleone at 410-252-5355 to register.  
**Marriage Encounter:** Make a healthy marriage even better. [wwme.net](http://wwme.net) for Baltimore weekend dates. **Retrouvaille** (Re-tro-vi), Helps couples through difficult times. For confidential info or to register, 301-468-6764, 410-647-0350 or [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).
- **Baltimore Single Again Conference:** "Finding New Hope and New Possibilities" a conference for those who are separated, divorced, widowed or remarried will be held on Sat., April 28 at Bon Secours Spiritual Center. Keynote speaker and many workshops. [SingleAgainCouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:SingleAgainCouncil@yahoo.com) or Mary Ann at 410-485-8313 or Myra at 410-302-0754.
- **Archdiocesan Mens' Conference:** Sat. March 24, 2012 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Towson. This year they have the team that hosts the popular men's show on EWTN: "Crossing the Goal." Go to [www.catholicmensfellowship.com](http://www.catholicmensfellowship.com) to register.
- **PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT:** Choose hope! Forgiveness and healing are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat for healing after abortion. Call (410) 625-8491; [www.project-rachel.net](http://www.project-rachel.net) (local); E-mail: [projectrachel@archbalt.org](mailto:projectrachel@archbalt.org); [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) (national).
- **EQUIP FOR MINISTRY:** Archdiocesan program for all lay Catholics. \$75 for the eight weeks. Scholarships available. Class: Church and Ministry at St. Bernadette in Severn. Mon. April 23, 30, May 7, 14 and on-line May 21 from 7-9:30pm. Taught by Ms. Mae Richardson, Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization. [www.archbalt.org/equip](http://www.archbalt.org/equip), 410-547-5405.