

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
February 21, 2010



**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

**“What does Scripture say ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart - that is the word of faith we preach - , for, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.’... ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”**

The journey of Lent, our time in the desert with Jesus has begun. We will be fed by word and sacrament as we unite ourselves, not in just recalling Jesus’ saving work, but allowing Him to accomplish it again in, with and for us. When we begin a task it requires planning and preparation. Steps must be taken to assure a successful outcome. Provisions for the journey, a clear view of the objective to be secured, are part of the experience for us all.

As Paul addresses the Romans, he makes a fine distinction. It is easy to profess with our lips that we have embarked on the journey with Jesus, but how the heart responds will determine the outcome. Accepting the cross of Jesus during this time of special prayer, accompanied by sacrifice and good works is the norm and expression of our belief.

The fervor of the first week of lent summons me to be deeply aware of my need to respond to God’s love as expressed in His becoming one with us and experiencing the Paschal Mystery. How interesting that Jesus’ role was to provide a Savior and our goal is to achieve salvation. May I spend time this week appreciating why Jesus came and the steps I can take to both confess and believe that Jesus is Lord.

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly



**LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY of The Gospel of Luke, begins Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 10 AM and Thursday, March 4 at 7 PM.** New people wishing to join, please call Carol Fugate, 301-994-3659 as soon as possible so adequate

supplies can be ordered. Enjoy fun and fellowship. No bible knowledge necessary to benefit!

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

**Mon. Feb. 22 The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle**  
Tues., Feb. 23 St. Polycarp  
Fri., Feb. 26 Day of Abstinence  
(no meat Fridays in Lent)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon., Feb. 22	9:00 AM	Reine Chimiak
Tues., Feb. 23	9:00 AM	Rev. John Higgins
Thur., Feb. 25	9:00 AM	Francis Macaboy
Fri., Feb. 26	9:00 AM	Robert G. Dean, Jr.
Sat., Feb. 27	5:00 PM	Robert G. Dean, Jr.
Sun., Feb. 28	8:30 AM	Fr. Matt Siekierski
Sun., Feb. 28	11:00 AM	Doris Bean

**PARISH FINANCE**  
**Offertory February 14, 2010**

General Collection	\$7,090.00
Vestibule Fund	595.00
Poor Box	128.00

*Gratitude for your faithful parish support.*

**PRAYERS**

**Please remember the sick of our parish:** especially Franklin Adams, Louise Adams, Ellen Andrews, Thomas Barnes, Agnes Geneva Blackwell, Catherine Briscoe, Ann Clayton, Alice Countess, Paul Dickens, Joan Dorsey, Mary Dyson, Christine Galli, Kristin Hibbs, Gail Holden, Dorothy Lampkin, Alverta Lawrence, Mary Nellie Lawrence, Theresa Lawrence, Frances Morgan, John Mundie, Gloria Robinson, Marian Slade, infant Christian Joshua Taylor, Arianna Tiger.



**Others in need of our prayers** (requested by parishioners): All members of our military and their families. Victims and survivors of the earthquake in Haiti. Charles Andrews, Robert Aycock, Richard Bowen, Sarah Burch, Byrn, Betty Coffman, Shannon Copp, Benjamin Countess, Caroline Countiss, Arielle Davis, Phyllis Davis, Ronald Dews, Fran Dicus, Ray Dicus, Julie Marable Donaldson, Diane Dorsey, Sister Louise Dowgiallo, OSB, George Fairfax, Ruth Farr, John Gateau, Mary Gavarinski, Paul Greenwell, James Gross, Judy Guffie, Jack Gumtow, Sue Hoag, Mary Ann Hulth, Barbara Hunter, Wendy Jackson, Cathleen Johnson, Bill Keeton, Vivian Keeton, William Kelmickis, Lois Krzeski, Cathy LaBelle, Lee Lancaster, Ann Lanctot, Dr. Claude Lanctot, Lovetta Lawrence, Danny Mahoney, Joseph Martin, Doris Mattingly, Dee Mauer, J. P. McCord, Barbara McDonnell, Maria McGuigan, Beverly McKay, Beth Meister, Vicki Moak, Margaret Murray, David Peixeira, John Pierce, Donna Poudrier, Tom Puckett, Eleanor Raley, Sharon Redman, Tony Reeves, Carol Rice, Mary Sue Robinson, James Ronan, Loretta Rule, Nancy Schmidt, Raymond Schmidt, Hunter Scott, Ami Shah, Evaon Shroeder, Palma Sileo, Sister Mary Rebecca, RSM, Sister Rose Bernard Tarleton, Matthew Thomas, Dewayne Thompson, Jennie Umas, Rose Varela, Tom & Liz Warren, Elizabeth Weatherly, Gracie Webb, Bette Werner, Eugene Wright, Bob Ziebol.

**Note:** Please let us know when a name should be removed from our Prayer List. We are happy to know when prayers have been answered.

**DECEASED** Please pray for the souls of **Rev. Msgr. Michael Farina**, retired priest of the Archdiocese and **Arnelle Morres**, mother of parishioner Carol Frazier. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Sun., Feb. 21 C.C.D./R.C.I.A., 9:30 AM, Comm.Center  
 Sun., Feb. 21 "Teen Timeline" for high school teens, 6-7:30 PM, Community Center. Bring a friend and come to smile, laugh and learn!!  
 Wed., Feb. 24 Cantor/Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 & 7 PM  
 Fri., Feb. 26 Lenten Stations of the Cross, 7 PM  
 Sat., Feb. 27 Rosary Devotion, 4:30 PM, in Church  
 Sun., Feb. 28 Assessment for Confirmation students, 9:45 AM, Community Center  
 Sun., Feb. 28 Children's Choir Rehearsal, 12PM, Chur.  
 Sun., Feb. 28 "Teen Timeline", 6-7:30 PM, Comm. Ctr.  
 Mon., Mar. 1 C.C.D. Students Stations of the Cross Practice, 6:30 PM, in Church  
 Mar. 2 & Mar. 4 Scripture Study, 10 AM & 7 PM, C.Center  
 Sun., Mar. 7 Lenten Family Pretzel Making (Open for all families), 12 Noon, Community Center

**Plan Ahead . . .**

**Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier, March 4 - March 12 at St. George Church after morning mass.**



HISTORY: The Novena of Grace, which begins March 4<sup>th</sup> and ends on the 12<sup>th</sup>, the day of the canonization of St. Francis Xavier, owes its origin to the Saint himself. At Naples, in December 1633, Father Marcello Mastrilli, S.J. was at the point of death. The Saint appeared to him and bidding him renew a vow he had made to labor in Japan said:

PROMISE: "All those who implore my help daily for nine consecutive days, from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of March included, and worthily receive the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist on one of the nine days, will experience my protection and may hope with entire assurance to obtain from God any grace they ask for the good of their souls and the glory of God." The Father arose, instantly cured. So well has the Saint kept this promise that this devotion in his honor became universally known as the Novena of Grace.

[March 12 is the date that St. Francis Xavier and St. Ignatius of Loyola were canonized in 1622.]

**Southern Maryland Youth Day – March 13, 2010**

Open to 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. God calls all of us to great holiness. Keynote speaker is Dan DeMatte from, A&E hit mini-series *God or the Girls*. Register: [www.stmaryscatholicyouth.com](http://www.stmaryscatholicyouth.com) and download the Release and Consent Form to be turned into the Church Office. (The website is very thorough and should answer any questions. If not, call Kim Browne, 301-994-0638).

**LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS**

**Annual Benefit Auction, Sat., Feb. 27** Tickets are \$30 per person or \$45 per couple (includes a fully catered dinner by Catering Plus and Chef Al Porter.) Auction tickets only are available for \$15 per person/\$25 per couple. Doors open at 5:30 PM for dinner, followed by the 7 PM silent auction and 8 PM live auction, Items up for bid may be viewed at [www.lfsauction.webs.com](http://www.lfsauction.webs.com). info, L. F. S., 301-994-0404. "500 Club" memberships are currently being sold. This is a monthly raffle with prizes each month totaling \$950. Your chances of winning each month are 1 in 8. Cost: \$100/year, payable quarterly or annually. Info: C. Damon, 240-398-0157  
**Mulch Sale Annual Spring Mulch Sale, March 20, 2010.** 3 cubic foot bag of hardwood mulch, \$3.85. All orders must be received by **March 5**. For more info or to order, call Susan Hammel, 301-862-4861 or [kachmannj@verizon.net](mailto:kachmannj@verizon.net).

**AREA NEWS**

**St. George Episcopal Church (our neighbor) welcomes St. George Catholic Church parishioners' help in their big undertaking of WARM the week of February 28-March 6.** They will provide breakfast, dinner and overnight accommodations for 25 area homeless guests. If you can help in any way, please contact Phil Horne or Brent Schmitt, 301-994-2783.

**March 11-14 Men's Cursillo Weekend. For information, call Kelli Baxter, 301-613-9115.**

**A Lenten Day of Reflection, Refreshment  
 And Renewal in Southern Maryland  
 Saturday, March 20, 2010, 8 AM-3PM**

**PRAYER Through the Words of St. John of the Cross and St. Ignatius of Loyola.** Presented by Rev. Joseph Sileo at Holy Face Church, Great Mills, MD. Day begins with Mass at 8 a.m., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and continues with four teaching sessions and a time for personal prayer and reflection. Morning refreshments and a simple lunch of chili, lentil soup, vegetables, fruit and cookies will be provided. Cost for the day: a non-perishable, nutritious food offering for the poor. Please bring a Bible. Space is limited. **Register by Saturday, March 13.** 301-862-2264 (leave a message) or e-mail [hogannutt@aol.com](mailto:hogannutt@aol.com).  
**Hosted by Holy Face Parish and Fresh Bread, the Southern Maryland spiritual group meeting monthly at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park.**

SCHEDULES:	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat., Feb. 27 5:00 PM	C. Rodgers B. Wathen	B. Carpenter	A. Fenwick C. Galli	C. Norris	J. Rodgers Volunteer	First: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18
Sun., Feb. 28 8:30 AM	M. Emmerich M. Emmerich K. Waldron	B. Carpenter Choir	J. Blackwell H. Britton	K. Garner R. Baliko (Choir)	W. Blackwell B. Thompson	Second: Phil 3:17-4:1
Sun., Feb. 28 11:00 AM	J. Heisey A. Knott J. Newman	B. Carpenter B. Goldsmith	M. Goldsmith P. Heisey	Deacon L'Heureux	R. Cutchember J. Mason	Gospel: Lk 9:28b-36

**Daily Mass Lectors, Feb. 22, 23, 25, 26:** C. Galli, T. Buckler, D. Orwig, N. Neel  
**Meals on Wheels, Feb. 23, 24, 25:** I. Hardy, K. & J. Owens, C. Fugate  
**Altar Preparation, Feb. 27:** M. Goldsmith

