



## Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 3, 2008

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for this is the kingdom of heaven.'

-Matthew 5:3

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Classes for Grades for Pre K through grade 7 will resume this Sunday, January 27.

Confirmation classes will resume on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The parish council has put together a survey for the parent of the children who are in the Religious Education Classes. The purpose of the survey is to get feed back from the parents regarding the various aspects of the Religious Education Program. The surveys are to be back by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

We would like to thank the parents for their thoughts, suggestions, and impute. We are still in need of classroom aides as well as substitute catechists. Please call 6567-7185 if you can help.

### Lenten Series 2008

*A Lenten Evening of Community & Prayer*  
Capture details in today's bulletin!

#### Lenten Program for Adults

The Lenten Program for Adults begins this week with Jim Linehan's presentation on *The Last Days of Jesus: Mark's Story* (for those who have previously registered). There is still time to participate in the remaining two events: the Sunday afternoon program on *God's Beloved Daughters* with Sr. Carol Gaeke and the Sunday afternoon program on *St. Augustine: Teacher and Fellow Traveler* with Neil Kane. Today's bulletin insert contains more details. Tom Vresics's recent presentation, *Puzzling Passages from the Bible*, attracted a lively audience of 45 participants! Come participate in these opportunities for prayerful reflection and see what others have discovered about the parish's religious education offerings for adults.

#### DELAWARE PRO-LIFE COALITION TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Newark, Delaware-January 28, 2008 -- The Delaware Pro-Life Coalition will hold its 21<sup>st</sup> annual convention on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select in Claymont. This day-long event includes five nationally-renowned speakers including Phil Klein, Esq., former Kansas City Attorney General who is currently suing Planned Parenthood for 107 offenses, as well as Pastor Luke Robinson. The costs for the event are as follows: \$45 for learning sessions only; \$35 for banquet only; and \$70 for learning sessions and banquet. For further information or registration call Joanne Laird at 302-479-5613, or email [jlaird7851@aol.com](mailto:jlaird7851@aol.com) or [Bmcaneny@aol.com](mailto:Bmcaneny@aol.com), or visit [www.delawareprolife.org](http://www.delawareprolife.org).

### PASTOR'S NOTES

#### Give & Take

This Sunday is Commitment Sunday for the parish. There are pledge cards in the pews for you to give us a pledge for the amount you hope to give in the offertory this calender year. I trust you have had a chance to review the financial statement of the parish for fiscal year 2007 and the budget for fiscal year 2008. Those in church last Sunday heard Deacon Ed personally on behalf of the pastor and the Finance Council so you should be ready to give us a pledge in the second collection today. If you are not ready, you can turn your pledge in next Sunday or by mail at any time. I thank those who have already sent pledges using the sample from mailed with my letter of appeal and the financial report.

Please take away one or two of the pamphlets you find in the pews today. It's holy litter Sunday. We want you to remove the pamphlets so we don't have to. I'm sure you will find some helpful thoughts in them to guide you and your family or a shut-in during the 40 days of lent.

This Sunday is the Feast of St. Blase. The Sunday celebration suppresses the Saint's mass but we may have the blessing of throats after all masses by priests, deacon, and extraordinary ministers.

St. Blase was the bishop of Sebaste, in Armenia, in the early years of the fourth century. Legend takes over from there, and tells the story of an anxious mother who hurried to Blase with her little boy who had a fish bone lodged in this throat. The saint called for two candles, lit them, held them in the form of a cross under the child's chin, recited prayers and blessed the boy. Immediately the bone loosened and was removed. Devotion to St. Blase was very popular during the Middle Ages, and continues to this day.

As you receive the blessing of St. Blase today, ask through his intercession for deliverance from physical ad spiritual evils of the throat and tongue.

Wednesday, Feb. 6 is Ash Wednesday, the first day of lent. Masses are at 7, 9, 12:05 and 7 p.m. It's early I know but it's the truth!

## Awakenings

**Weekdays of Lent:** No obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial is recommended.

**Good Friday:** Days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

**Days of Abstinence:** (All Fridays in Lent) - All who have reach their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

**Easter Duty Obligation:** After they have received Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday after the 12:05 mass during Lent.

### "Lenten Tidbits"

**DRIED BLESSED PALMS** will be burned today after the 10:30 a.m. mass. The ashes produced will be used on Ash Wednesday. Baskets are available in the vestibule to collect any dried blessed palms you received in past years that you would like burned.

#### Operation Rice Bowls (Catholic Relief Services)

Rice Bowls can be found in the back of church. Giving to Operation Rice Bowl makes a positive difference in the lives of others. Your support is appreciated. Visit [www.crs.org/orb](http://www.crs.org/orb) to learn more about the work of Catholic Relief Services. Children love these boxes!

#### Lenten Retreat

Pamela Nash, a Certified Spiritual Director completing her Masters in Pastoral Care and Counseling at Neumann College, is offering a six-week Lenten Retreat. Participants will focus on the Sunday scripture by reflecting and integrating the readings into their day-to-day life. The retreat will be offered at two different times. Sessions will be on Monday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. or Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Both retreats will begin the week of February 9, 2008. The location will be at Pamela's home in Summer Hill, Newark. The cost of the retreat is \$15 a week or \$80 for the series. For registration call Pamela at (302) 366-1018 or (302) 530-3612.

#### Black & Indian Mission & Home Missions Collection

Funds are needed to continue present evangelization programs. Next weekend's collection will assist Blacks, Native Americans and rural poor communities. Through your gifts, you join your sacrifice to those who sacrifice daily to lead others to Christ. Please give generously. Thank you.

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#### SPREAD THE NEWS....

The Parish has a pre-owned car for sale. It is a 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier with 37,000 miles on it. It's a four door sedan in good condition, bronze in color. Retail value per Kelley Blue Book is \$8150. All reasonable offers considered. Call Bob Gutekunst at 658-1018.



Saturday (Feb. 2)

5:00 p.m. Dr. Garrett B. Lyons, Sr., by the Beatson family

Sunday (Feb. 3)

7:30 a.m. Dr. Garrett B. Lyons, Sr., by Mitzi &

Dick Beck

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Michael F. Leach by Frances Leach

Monday (Feb. 4)

7:00 a.m. Dave McAndrews by Wanda Kubicki & Barbara Kubicki-Hicks

12:05 p.m. Evelyn Reynolds by Ann, Michael & Genevieve Pfeifer

Tuesday (Feb. 5)

7:00 a.m. Paul & Elizabeth Hahn by John & Peter Hahn

12:05 p.m. Dr. Garrett B. Lyons, Sr., by Jim & Gerri Pacini

Wednesday (Feb. 6) Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Liv. & Dec. members of Laffey/McHugh families by family

9:00 a.m. Ray Woznick by Peg Janes

12:05 p.m. Mary "Mimi" Haskell by Peggy Butler Baird & family

7:00 p.m. Open

Thursday (Feb. 7)

7:00 a.m. Robert Martin (liv - good health) by Luigi & Dominique Colontuoni

12:05 p.m. Sally Zinnato by Diana Ryan

Friday (Feb. 8)

7:00 a.m. Judge Collins J. Seitz by Margaret Seitz

12:05 p.m. Timothy Johnstone by Greg & Maureen Johnson

Saturday (Feb. 9)

8:00 a.m. Mr. Sullivan by Phillip & Eileen Leach

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

**CHILD ABUSE** – Many Catholics are unaware of the Church's effort to address the tragedy of Child sexual molestation by clergy or Church related personnel. Find out what the Diocese of Wilmington does when a report of abuse is given. Learn about the outreach the Diocese makes to victims and/or their families, and what is being done to prevent abuse. This information and more is available on the Diocese of Wilmington's web site at [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org)



*Lent: Season of the Cross  
Make the cross a Lenten symbol in your home  
to express your openness to conversion and  
rebirth*