



## Second Sunday of Lent

February 17, 2008

“Christ Jesus...destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”

-2 Timothy 1:10b

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

I would like to thank the Religious Education parents for their input in the survey. We will be going over your suggestions and will respond to your concerns as soon as possible.

I would also like to thank the parents of the children who are in the First Eucharist program for attending the meeting on Sunday. Your support is very much appreciated.

We do have classes this Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are still in need of classroom aides and substitute catechists. We are also in need of catechist for the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade. Please call 6226 7185 if you can help.



### Lenten Program for Adults

We have had an enthusiastic response to our Lenten Program for Adults. There are 28 participants in the Bible study, and 24 people registered for the Sunday afternoon program on *God's Beloved Daughters*. There is still time to participate in the remaining event: the Sunday afternoon program on *St. Augustine: Teacher and Fellow Traveler* with Neil Kane, which has 20 registrants to date. Today's bulletin insert contains more details. Come participate in this opportunity 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

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. Call Joanne Laird at 302-479-5613, or email [jlaird7851@aol.com](mailto:jlaird7851@aol.com) or [Bmcaney@aol.com](mailto:Bmcaney@aol.com), or visit [www.delawareprolife.org](http://www.delawareprolife.org).

### BE A PEACEMAKER

In his January 2007 World Day of Peace message, Pope Benedict XVI noted that “peace is both gift and task.”



Your pledges of peacemaking activities- prayer, acts of charity, forgiveness, personal transformation, outreach will help heal our nation and our world!

### PASTOR'S NOTES

#### Courting Newness

There is no way that we can keep newness from coming into our lives. Newness, in fact, is happening all of the time. When we don't pay attention to it, then we suffer the consequences. As we move through life on our faith journey, the temptation to settle for what is known and comfortable is always there. Our life often becomes like that old familiar shirt or those comfortable shoes we can't bear to part from.

What are some familiar things that most of us don't want to change? Allow me to suggest one thing that some of us might find it hard to live without. One of the less obvious things that gives us comfort is our view of ourselves. This is also one of the most difficult to discover and one that is hardest to change. All of us have an image of who we are. We may see ourselves as honest, hard working, truthful, faithful, kind, and understanding. Or perhaps we consider ourselves to be weak, lazy, not very compassionate, unfaithful and so on. Although I would hazard a guess that most of us aren't that hard on ourselves.

But however we see ourselves, the point is that we tend to have a fixed image of ourselves. We have trouble seeing any behaviors, thoughts or feelings that fall outside of the way we normally think about ourselves. There are places, people, situations, ideas, even feelings that we hang onto as if they were absolutely fixed and non-negotiable. A spiritually healthy person is always open to discovering that there may be a newer way to look at life and a better way to live that life.

A great Lenten discipline would be to compile a list of those things in your life that you consider absolutely secure and fixed, and to ask the Lord if you need to see some of them in a new and life-giving way. Let me warn you that some of these things might be big ticket items. Changing them would cost you dearly.

#### Parish Outreach Committee Food Pantry

During this Lenten Season, we ask again for donations to the Food Pantry. Our familiar suggestions are tea, coffee, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, rice in 5 lb. bags or smaller, dry cereal, beans, pasta and pasta sauce. Diapers, feminine hygiene products and toilet paper are also needed. Donations are distributed to the poor in St. Michael's Parish in Georgetown and in the Wilmington area. Please leave items in the back of the church. Many thanks for your past generosity!



Prepare for an Apostolic Journey of  
Pope Benedict XVI to the United States  
April 15-20, 2008

Pope Benedict XVI will make his first visit as the spiritual leader of the Catholic Church to the United States this April. The six-day trip will begin in Washington, D.C., and continue to New York City. The trip is historic, especially since the Holy Father will address the United Nations General Assembly, meet with President George Bush and visit Ground Zero. There will be several public events during the visit, including Mass at Nationals Park in Washington and Yankee Stadium in New York. Visit the link on [cdow.org](http://cdow.org) and click on the link for Christ our Hope for information. Website information provided by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Reading - it's a  
*BEAUTIFUL THING...*

The Catholic Reading Center for magazines is here to serve you. Look over the *Catholic Digest*, *Liguorian*, *Marriage*, *Catholic World Report*, *Today's Parish*, or *Catholic Parent*. We're sure you'll find something of interest. Envelopes to receive offerings for the magazines can be dropped in the collection basket or the poor box.



*AN ESSENTIAL PEACE!*

The Silent Prayer Community, with the purpose of praying for your special needs as well as those written in the book of intentions in the back of church, is ready to serve you. Notify Cindy Clare (302) 654-6344 of your special intention.

*BEFORE YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL*

If you're going to the hospital, please let the Parish Office know so that we can visit. When registering, please register as a member of our parish. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to surgery or a hospital visit, please call the Parish Office.

*Tenebrae A Success!*

Thanks to those who came out on a cold night to participate in this service. Those present found it an enrichment to their lenten spiritual journey. The choir as always was excellent. The Rice Bowl meal was cancelled due to low response.

*Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent after 12:05 mass.*

*Tap into Something Good*

Theology on Tap is an interactive program for Catholic young adults and their friends, married or single, in their 20s and 30s. If you're interested in learning about and discussing issues concerning our faith in today's world, in a casual atmosphere, then Theology on Tap is for you! Visit [cdow.org/youthministry](http://cdow.org/youthministry).

*FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH*



- Saturday (Feb. 16)
  - 5:00 p.m. Carl Roser by Pat & John Linehan
- Sunday (Feb. 17)
  - 7:30 a.m. Parishioners
  - 9:00 a.m. Theresa Nicastro Wahl by Chuck Ann & Clover Knotts by Bev & Carol, daughters
  - 10:30 a.m.
- Monday (Feb. 18) *Presidents' Day - One Mass Only*
  - 9:00 a.m. Patricia Miazza by Diane Snyder
- Tuesday (Feb. 19)
  - 7:00 a.m. Alfred Seitz by Watson family
  - 12:05 p.m. Ralph A. Reissman, Jr. by Marie & Noel Schmidt
- Wednesday (Feb. 20)
  - 7:00 a.m. Julia Brown by Peter & Theresa Glynn
  - 12:05 p.m. George Rudkin by family
- Thursday (Feb. 21)
  - 7:00 a.m. Madeleine & Richard Kaiser by family
  - 12:05 p.m. Living & deceased members of Peguesse/Ridgway families by family
- Friday (Feb. 22)
  - 7:00 a.m. Hedwig Cichocki by Rita & Robert Gutekunst
  - 12:05 p.m. Said Jabbaour by Rebecca Farabugh
- Saturday (Feb. 23)
  - 8:00 a.m. Bruce Christian by Carole Curtis
  - 5:00 p.m. Martina Mary Quill by Arlene & Bernard Daney

Offices will be closed Monday, February 18 for Presidents' Day. In case of emergency please call 658-7017.

*Everything Goes Somewhere*

A collective resolution for Lent we might make is to keep our church *Neat & Tidy*. Let's leave the pews after Mass as *Neat & Tidy* as you hopefully find them. Let's return hymn books to the racks provided (two books per rack!) If you've had the opportunity to take a bulletin prior to Mass, *RECYCLE*, by returning the bulletin to the vestibule rack. *Blow & Throw*, leaving tissues in the pew is environmentally unsafe (drop it in the waste basket on your way out!) *Here's To Our Church!*

*Operation Rice Bowl*

- PRAY with your families and faith communities;
- FAST in solidarity with those who are hungry;
- LEARN about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world, and;
- GIVE sacrificial contributions to those in need around the world.

*A Well Kept Secret:* SJOB Cemetery Committee offers monuments and memorials along with other suppliers in the community. Those wishing to remember their relatives buried here with either granite or bronze memorials, contact Lou Anguish, (302) 738-6722.