



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 2, 2008

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

Psalm 23:1

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be a meeting of the parents of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class on Sunday

March 2 in the family Center at 8:45 All Sponsors are invited as well.

Last Sunday February 24 the classes from Grade 10 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade went to the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a part of their Lenten Practice

The Diocese of Wilmington and the office of Youth Ministry has developed a program entitled Empowering Disciples. This Program is aimed at our High School students. In November of 2007 the American Bishops developed a frame work of materials for the young People of High School Age. On Wednesday February, 20 there was a work shop given by the Diocese for the parishes in our deanery. I will continue to keep you informed as the process develops

#### TALK IT UP!

A viewing of *The Passion of Christ* film, with original language and sound track, can make an excellent preparation for participation in the ceremonies of Holy Week. You will also find the fourteen stations of the cross woven into the movie. Come to the Family Center *Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>*, Fifth Sunday of Lent, @ 2 p.m. for a private viewing. Registration by *Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>* by calling or e-mailing Loretta Carlson @ (302) 836-5883; lcarlson@tree-tech.com.

#### A MOVING CEREMONY

Volunteers are still needed to participate in the washing of the feet for Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Call the office at 658-7017. John's gospel describes this ceremony a central moment in the Last Supper.

#### 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).

### PASTOR'S NOTES

#### Blindness To Sight

Jesus gives us a very harsh warning about something that we need to avoid. But the problem is this: the very thing we need to avoid is a problem that we don't know we might have, so how are we going to avoid something that has escaped our awareness? I'm talking about spiritual blindness.

Consider how we used to treat the mentally ill or the mentally challenged person. We just gathered them all into large institutions and basically forgot about them. Thank God that today we are seeing persons first as persons, and trying to see that the foundation of all treatment and help is based upon that basic fact. Only then can we offer real help to people in need.

But that took a large shift in the way we saw things. Even today, some people in our society have very erroneous ideas about what it means to suffer a mental illness or a mental disability. Making a shift in the way we see is very hard. How can we recognize that we may be spiritually blind in some area of life?

One thing we can do is to listen to those whom we would rather not listen to. Often it is the poet, the artist, the intellectual or the radical thinker who is seeing in a way that the rest of society is not seeing. It would be foolish of us to simply dismiss all those who think differently from us. We could be losing a lot.

On our part, we need to pray for the grace of spiritual insight. Reading the signs of the times means paying close attention to what is happening in our particular culture and in other cultures around the world. God is still speaking. I pray that we may all become attentive listeners to God's word wherever we may find it.

#### *Travel to Italy*

There are still openings on the choir trip to Majestic Italy April 15-24, departure from Philadelphia to Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome. Join Msgr. Rebman, Michael Marinelli and Mary Ellen Schaubert and the choir's SATBs in what will be a memorable spiritual and culturally rewarding experience. Contact Mary Ellen at (302) 888-1556 or Peter's Way Tour (516) 997-6508, Anne Liddell.

### EDR

Live the Spirit of Lent with Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)

During this Lenten season of sacrifice, why not sacrifice some of your time to help those who are less fortunate? Please mark your calendar now for the next date St. Joseph's is scheduled to provide dinners and desserts for EDR. We need volunteers to come to the Family Center on Tuesday, March 11, at 8 a.m. to help prepare the boxed stuffing. We also need people to bring desserts to cap off the meal; deliver desserts no later than 9 a.m. Won't you join us? Call Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362, if you have questions. Thank you.

### NOVENA OF MASSES FOR EASTER

Those who wish to remember their loved ones, living or deceased, in a Novena of Masses may do so by filling out the envelopes in your parish envelope packets, or located in the pews. Thank you.

### HOLY WEEK/EASTER HAPPENINGS

Palm Sunday: Usual masses. Vigil 5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday.

Confessions: M, T, W: 11:30-12:00 & after 12:05 mass or by appointment anytime.

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 p.m. This moving Liturgy will include the "Washing of the Feet." The Church will remain open until 11 p.m. for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross & Communion - 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross 12:05 & 7 p.m. Confessions 11:00 - 12:00 and after 7 p.m. stations

Holy Saturday: The Vigil of Easter - 8 p.m. There will not be a 5 p.m. Mass.

Easter Sunday: *The Resurrection of the Lord* - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 There will be two additional Masses at 9:00 and 10:30 in the Family Center to provide for the overflow. The Children's choir will perform at the 9:00 Mass; the Adult Choir at the 10:30 Mass.

### 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.

### LENTEN TIDBITS

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 [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org).

Also for tips on how to make this Lent a more meaningful preparation for Easter, visit the Diocese of Wilmington's Web site at [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org). You can also catch online versions of The Dialog and Pueblo de Dios en Marcha.

Saturday (Mar. 1)

5:00 p.m. Mary Martina Quill by Jim Kearns

Sunday (Mar. 2)

7:30 a.m. Carol Roser by Jane Jones

9:00 a.m. Dr. Garrett Lyons, Sr., by Roni Young & family

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Monday (Mar. 3)

7:00 a.m. John Shaposka by Aline & Ed Lynch

12:05 p.m. Anna Kowelchuck by Mark Christian

Tuesday (Mar. 4)

7:00 a.m. Fred Pierson by family

12:05 p.m. Alfred J. P. Seitz by Margaret Seitz

Wednesday (Mar. 5)

7:00 a.m. Patsey Otwell by George, Ruth & girls

12:05 p.m. Drs. William & Stephen Butler by family

Thursday (Mar. 6)

7:00 a.m. M. Cecilia VanDerhoef by 7 am mass group

12:05 p.m. Dr. Francis H. Squire by Margaret Seitz

Friday (Mar. 7)

7:00 a.m. Special intentions by Phillip & Eileen Leach

12:05 p.m. Ralph Cissone by Donald & Geraldine Klumpp

Saturday (Mar. 8)

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Knighton by Jack & Jackie Graff

5:00 p.m. Pasquale Petrillo by Bernard & Arlene Daney

### Catholic Relief Services & Latin American Collection

This weekend our parish will take up these two collections together. These collections make possible the American Catholic Church's global mission to combat poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants. Thank you for your generous support.

### *Take A Chance!*

Members of the Saint Paul School Development Committee will be selling tickets for the annual car raffle after all masses on March 8th and 9th. 1st prize is a Ford Mustang or \$15,000, 2nd Prize is \$3,000, 3rd Prize is \$1,000. Tickets are \$100 each but only 700 tickets are sold! Proceeds benefit the scholarship assistance program for low-income families. Thank you for supporting Saint Paul School!

### Saint Francis Hospital Annual Spring Party

Attend its Annual Spring Party and Fashion Show Tuesday, April 8 at the Dupont Country Club. Tickets are \$45 per person/cash bar. Call Mary 656-1970 or Helen 475-6519.