

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Readings for next weekend #908

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3: 17-4:1

Luke 9: 28b-36

~Stations of the Cross 7 pm every Friday in the Chapel during Lent

~"The Light is On" every Wednesday in the Chapel from 7-8 pm (except Wednesday of Holy Week)

We welcome & encourage everyone to grow in their experience of prayer this Lent. Please include your children in your Lenten prayers through Disciples in Mission, Stations of the Cross, fasting & almsgiving.

### Mass Intentions for the Week – February 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

#### Weekday

7:30 AM Monday – Friday - Communion Service

9:00 AM

Monday Communion Service

Tuesday Tillie Heine

Wednesday Communion Service

Thursday Gabe Pacione

Friday Kory Jones

#### Weekend

4:00 PM Manuel & Lorna Manibo

7:30 AM Madeline Helowicz

9:00 AM Giachini Family

11:00 AM Nancy Toppino & Ferdinand Snyder

DECEASED OF THE PARISH - Please pray for the deceased of the Parish. May God grant them eternal rest.



Bad Weather Policy - If the Harford Co. School System, due to snow or ice, announces full closure or a 2 hour delay of school openings, there will on that given day be **NO** worship services at St. Mark (7:30/9:00 am), including Friday Adoration. **For weekend Mass cancelations, please visit our website: [www.saintmarkfallston.org](http://www.saintmarkfallston.org).**

~The Pastoral Council is seeking candidates for election of Members-at-Large in May. Please reflect on whether you are called to serve your Parish in this way. Contact the Rectory or Diane Siemek (410) 557-7672.



### PARISH VOCATION CROSS

~Luke 10: 1-3 After this, Jesus appointed seventy-two others & sent them ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them: "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; pray, therefore, the Master of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

~**DISCUSSION QUESTION: How approachable do you feel Priests and Religious are to witness to the joys and even hardships of their chosen vocation?**

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.  
(Philippians 3: 20)

Adult: **How are your priorities affected by your faith in Jesus Christ?**

Child: **When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?**



**CLoW News** – Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at the 9 am Mass & on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at the 11 am Mass.

### TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 14, 2010

489	Envelopes:	\$ 15,393.00
	Loose:	<u>3,162.00</u>
		\$ 18,555.00

Poor Box: \$1,022.65

### PARISH COMMUNITY OUTREACH



**St. Mark's Lenten Soup Kitchen is this Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.** Your attendance, prayers & donations will go to Catholic Relief Services in order to help the people of Haiti.



**THINK SPRING!** Atlantic City Bus Trip – St. Mark's is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on **Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Cost \$30. Casino to be announced - - sign up at the Rectory.



**ST. MARK'S FOOD PANTRY:** the Pantry is open on Wednesday and Friday from noon to 2 pm for those in need of food or for those wishing to make donations. The Pantry needs cereal, juices, easy to prepare meals, canned goods, dishwashing soap, garbage bags & laundry detergent. Volunteers are needed to help! Call Margaret Daniel (410) 877-7329.

**GABRIEL NETWORK:** St. Mark's provides infant supplies (clothing, diapers, baby sundries, baby furniture & equipment) to families in need. Items needed at this time are baby cribs & mattresses, diapers especially #3, 4, 5, 6 & basic infant clothing. Donations are accepted in the Church Narthex & by volunteers on Wednesday & Friday from noon to 2 pm at the Church Convent.

## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

### RELIGIOUS ED

E-mail [reled@saintmarkfallston.org](mailto:reled@saintmarkfallston.org)

Normal office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. We suggest you call before stopping in to be sure that the person you need to speak with is available that day.

Our Religious Education snow policy follows Harford Co. Public Schools for Monday through Friday classes & activities. Our Sunday classes & gatherings are independent of the school system policy. Please be sure to check the website for updates in schedules. Usually a phone chain will be put in place to announce any changes or cancelations.

### Religious Ed Class Schedule K-5

~Kindergarten Classes are Sundays: Feb. 21 & 28  
from 10:45 am – Noon

~Grades 1 thru 5 are either:

Tuesdays: Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, & 23  
from 6:45-8:00 pm

Wednesdays: Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17 & 24  
from 4:45 – 6:00 pm

\*Please join us on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> for the Parish Lenten Soup Meal

Classes canceled due to snow will not be made up. Parents are reminded to use the syllabus to work through the missed material with your child/children.

Children will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during class time on March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>; any family enrolled in the Home Study option is welcome to join us at those times.

### FIRST EUCHARIST NEWS!

Don't forget to sign-in the First Eucharist Booklet. First Eucharist Workshop Day is Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon! We ask that any parent interested in helping to please contact the office to sign up!

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Kate & Jacob can be reached by calling (410) 877-1692 Ext. 22 or by email at: [youthmin@saintmarkfallston.org](mailto:youthmin@saintmarkfallston.org).

### Religious Ed Class Schedule Grades 6 through 8

- Monday, Feb. 22 @ 6:45-8 pm
- Monday, March 1 @ 6:45-8 pm
- Monday, March 8 @ 6:45-8 pm
- Monday, March 15 @ 6:45-8 pm
- Monday, March 22 @ 6:45-8 pm



### CONFIRMATION NEWS!

Schedule of Classes: Either:

- Sunday, Feb. 21 @ 9:15-10:45 am or  
Wednesday, Feb. 24 @ 6:45-8:15 pm
- Sunday, March 7 @ 9:15-10:45 am or  
Wednesday, March 10 @ 6:45-8:15 pm  
(Last Session Exit Interviews)

**Letters to the Bishop:** Confirmation candidates, remember that your letters to the Bishop are due TODAY Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jacob or Kate in the Youth Ministry Office.

~**Adoration:** Any youth interested in learning more about opportunities to experience Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament should call, e-mail, or facebook Jacob or stop in the Youth Ministry Office. There are many opportunities here in our area to be able to participate in this wonderful & unique form of prayer.

**Archbishops Youth Pilgrimage:** The Annual Archbishops Youth Pilgrimage will be held on March 27, 2010 this year. Anyone interested in going should sign up in the Youth Ministry Office as soon as possible. Check out the EVENT PAGE on facebook & watch the video! It's going to be AMAZING! **Registration ends Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

**Disciples in Mission Youth Group:** Attention All High School Youth! It is NOT too late to sign up for Disciples in Mission Youth Group. St. Mark's Youth Ministry will be hosting *Disciples in Mission* geared specifically for High School Youth! If you are interested in hanging out with your peers in an environment of Faith and diving deeper into Catholicism & the Holy Scriptures then fill out a Disciples in Mission registration card found in the Narthex or call the Office of Youth Ministry & speak with Jacob.



**Ski Trip:** St. Marks Youth Ministry will be sponsoring a Ski Trip on March 13, 2010. We will be leaving St. Marks at 10 am & returning at 12 midnight. The cost for the trip is \$85 & covers transportation/ski/snowboard rental, lesson at your choice of level, & lift ticket. Call, e-mail, or stop by the Office of Youth Ministry for more information or to sign up ASAP. Hurry space is limited & registration closes February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS!

The **Parish Library Book of the Month:** **Born Fundamentalist, born Again Catholic**, by David Currie. Currie was raised in a devout Fundamentalist Christian family, & studied in the Masters of Divinity Program at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. This book is an explanation of why he chose to embrace Catholicism. He explores the common ground between Fundamentalism & Catholicism, & what separates them. Copies are available to borrow from the Parish Library.

### Disciples In Mission News

Year II has begun! We are excited to have the entire parish working together as we dive deeper into scripture & prayer this Lent to grow in faith together as a community. If you are interested in participating but missed the sign up, please contact the Office of Faith Formation & we can help you get materials to aid your Lenten journey!