

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings for next weekend #914

Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Luke 15: 1-3, 1-32

MARCH 7, 2010

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

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

~Remember to turn in your **Parish Survey today**. You may place your completed Survey in the specified boxes in the Narthex. Thank you on behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee!

Mass Intentions for the Week – March 8th-14th

Weekday

7:30 AM Monday – Friday - Communion Service

9:00 AM

Monday Communion Service

Tuesday Howard Hofherr

Wednesday Dorothy Groft

Thursday Mary Kramer

Friday Kory Jones


Weekend


4:00 PM George O'Brien

7:30 AM Diane Pavlik

9:00 AM Mary C. Edge


11:00 AM Edith Blanch

 **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.**

 **Baptisms** - We welcome into our Parish Family of St. Mark through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Colin Charles Daughaday & Lacey Karen McGraw**. *Congratulations to their parents!*

~The Pastoral Council is seeking candidates for election 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. **Next Pastoral Council Meeting** will be on Tuesday, March 9th at 7 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

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: Who are these laborers we hear about in this scripture reading?**

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate & rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead & has come to life; he was lost and has been found." (Luke 15: 31-32)

Adult: **When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply?**

Child: **Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?**



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

Calling New Altar Servers! Any child in 4th grade or older who is interested in being an altar server should contact the Office of Faith Formation to fill out a registration form. Altar Server training will be in April following Easter.

TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 28, 2010

410	Envelopes:	\$ 10,070.00
	Loose:	<u>2,317.00</u>
		\$ 12,324.00

Poor Box: \$608.93

~**Franciscan Companions** will meet on Thursday, March 11th at 4 pm in St. Mark's Convent.

PARISH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

OUR DAILY BREAD – Our next serving day is Wednesday, March 10th. Please make a casserole & take it to the Msgr. McCall Center by Tuesday. Pans & recipes are available in the Narthex. Items needed this month: sugar, tea bags w/strings, paper napkins & other paper products, disposable cups, plastic baggies, peanut butter & jelly, baby food, desserts, tuna fish, & #10 canned vegetables. **THANK YOU!**

St. Mark's SOLOS will meet for lunch on Wednesday, March 10th at 12:15 pm at the Fallston Diner. Please call Alora (410) 557-9647 if you will be there.



LENTEN SOUP KITCHEN – Thank you to all those who helped or contributed to St. Mark's Lenten Soup Kitchen. We collected \$1,200. **THANK YOU!**



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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: St. Mark's Blood Drive will be held **NEXT Sunday, March 14th** from 7:30 am – 1:30 pm in the Msgr. McCall Center.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

RELIGIOUS ED

E-mail 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: March 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:45 am – Noon

~Grades 1 thru 5 are either:

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

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

PARISH LENTEN TIME OF ADORATION & FAMILY HOME STUDY – SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST AT 6:00 PM

FIRST EUCHARIST NEWS!

Don't forget to sign-in the First Eucharist Booklet. First Eucharist Workshop Day is Saturday, March 20th from 10 am to noon!

Rehearsal for the group celebration is Friday, April 30th at 6:30 pm.

Group celebration is Saturday, May 1st at 11 am.

~Are you ready for Summer? Registrations for **Vacation Bible School** will be available next week! Come set sail for a High Seas Expedition July 12th through the 16th!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Religious Ed Class Schedule Grades 6 through 8

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

~**Adoration:** Any youth interested in learning more about opportunities to experience Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament should call, e-mail, or facebook Jacob. 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!

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS!

~**FAITH SPEAKS OUT!** Our 2nd Parish-wide meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11th at 7 pm in the White Hall. Plan to be there – bring a friend!



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!

OTHER NEWS

~The Harford Choral Society presents **Carmina Burana** with orchestra & soloists – **Sunday, March 14th @ 3 pm** at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Bel Air, MD- \$20 adults, seniors \$15 & students (with ID) \$10, HCC students free with ID www.brownpapertickets.com

MARCH FOR LIFE – St. Mark's Respect Life Committee invites you to come to the Annapolis March for Life on Monday, March 8th. Anyone that would like a ride, please call Jim Anderson (410) 515-9012 or Jim Cross (410) 893-1266. We will be leaving from St. Mark's main parking lot about 5:00-5:15 pm.

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~*You are to be a family, to be that presence of Christ to each other. Love each other tenderly as Jesus loves each one of you. That is the holiness of the universal brothers of the world; tender love for each other speaks much louder than all the words you can say. Love until it hurts; it takes deep sacrifice to proclaim the word of God. Never hurt anybody with the Word, which is so sacred in our lives. Really live what you say: the younger brothers that come up learn by seeing, not so much by hearing. Now young people don't want to listen, they want to see.*

Mother Teresa