

March 9, 2008



*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**Readings for March 16th- Passion (Palm) Sunday**

Blessing of Palms: Matthew 21:1-11(37); The Mass-First Reading-Isaiah 50:4-7; Second Reading-Philippians 2:6-11; The Gospel Reading-Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54 (38).

**Liturgy Schedule for this Week**

**Monday, March 10th**

6:50 P.M.-Novena

7:00 P.M.-Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service

**Tuesday, March 11th**

9:00 A.M.-Vida Benvenuti req. by Patty Dieterich

**Wednesday, March 12th**

9:00 A.M.-Father Droxler req. by the Dub Family

**Thursday, March 13th**

9:00 A.M.-Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service

**Friday, March 14th**

9:00 A.M.-James Mallon, Sr. req. by Andrasik Family.

7:30 P.M. -Stations of the Cross (CH)

**Saturday, March 15th**

3:30-4:30 P.M.-Reconciliation

\* *Blessing of Palms just before Mass*

5:00 P.M.-Father Thomas Schmidt req. by St. Joseph Parish Community.

**Sunday, March 16th -Passion (Palm) Sunday**

9:00 A.M.-James Mallon, Sr. req. by Sandy & Bill French.

10:30 A.M.-Mr. and Mrs. John Dampf req. by Wyrwas Family.

12:00 Noon-Samantha MacQuilliam req. by friends & neighbors of her Grandparents, Sam & Ellie Pearson.

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Jean Twardowski, Vera Wiser, Kitty Washington, Alice Shull, Tom Moles, Allen Montecino, Bill Harrington, Jean Strittmatter, George Nardone, Valerie King, Ruth Hardy, Mary Fleetwood, Dorothy Schlacks & Bob Ngayan.

**For family and friends:** Segundo Ergino, Joshua Jones, Baby Jack Norton, Virginia Wissman, Gloria Servant, Andrew Gill, Cameron Gagnon, Robert Mallon, Yvonne & Bob Vider, Father John Auer, Lillian Powers, Theresa Schulze, Ezelle Miller, Natacha Ballard, James F. Clinton, and Mary Wyrwas.

**Baptismal Preparation Classes**

Our Baptismal Prep Classes now take place on the First Sunday of each Month at 11:45 A.M. in the Conference Room. We have a pre-registration packet for all parents to complete & turn in 1 week prior to the class they wish to attend.

**The Celebrant Schedule** for March 15 and 16 will be as follows: Saturday, March 15th, Reconciliation & 5 P.M. Mass-Father Bill; On Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>- 9 & 10:30 A.M Masses-Father Bill; The Noon Mass will be celebrated by Father Frank Moan.

**OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**Casserole Program:** Thanks to all who prepared and donated casseroles for Our Daily Bread.

**Widows & Widowers:** Deacon Swann hosts a weekly luncheon at *Bob Evans Restaurant*, Waugh Chapel Village – Fridays @ Noon. Just a pleasant way of breaking bread together in memory of our loved ones. No reservations necessary. Questions? 410-672-6092.

**Support the Troops Committee** is accepting donations of cookies/brownies packed in disposable containers/tins for their Easter Care Packages this Sunday, March 9 in the Conference Room. Thank you for your help!

**Sick and Bereavement Ministry:** If you know someone who is ill, please let us know so that we can put them on the prayer list and bring them the Eucharist. Contact Joanna Mallon at 410-672-5465.

**S & B Ministry Casserole Ministry :** If you are interested in helping with **casseroles for the newly grieving**, please call Helen Lanham @ 410-874-8849.

**LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

The schedule for March 15, 2008 will be  
3:30-4:30 P.M.

*Please arrive early as Father will stop promptly  
at 4:30 to prepare for Mass.*

**Our Weekly Offertory Report** is posted on the bulletin board.

**Good Friday Special Collection**

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be as generous as you are able.

**NEW LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Attention all ministers, Eucharistic, Lectors & Altar Servers – The new schedule for March 30th to May 24<sup>th</sup> is in the process of being made up. Please check your schedule and let us know what your requirements are for times off by March 16 at the latest.



Archbishop Edwin O'Brien has granted dispensation for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Baltimore to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Friday March 14. Those taking advantage of this dispensation should choose another means of penance.

**LENT**

All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence (no meat). All adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors & parents are to see that minors who are not bound by the law of fast & abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

***Good Friday(March 21st) will be a day of  
fast and abstinence.***

**Colds & Flu Season is still with us.** If you are ill for any reason, **please do not** come to Mass and pass it on to others.

**Volunteer Opportunity**—The Parish Office has immediate need for someone to help with data entry 1 to 2 days per week. Position is between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, Tuesday and/or Thursday in the parish office. Candidate must possess intermediate level computer skills and be discrete. Attention to detail critical. If you are interested in this volunteer position call or email Jim McDonnell, 410-551-9238 Ext. 204, jmcdonnell@sjodenton.org.



**St. Joseph's Winter Weather Policy:** If storms cause the closing or delay of A.A. Co. Schools, we will not have Mass or Communion Service that day. On the weekend, check WBAL radio or TV Channel 11; our website [www.stjosephodenton.org](http://www.stjosephodenton.org) or call the Parish Telephone System X 304 for updated cancellation information. **\*Meetings & Events**—When Anne Arundel County Schools dismiss early because of weather, all evening meetings and events are also cancelled.

#### BIBLE STUDY



**Our Wednesday Group**—Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. in the Lounge.

**Friday Morning Bible Study Group** meets at 10 a.m. in the Lounge.

**The West County Young Adult Bible Study**—Adults 18-40 meet for Bible Study on the 2nd + 4th Sundays of each month- 7:30-9:30 p.m. @ Our Lady of the Fields Parish Hall-205.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**The First Eucharist Mini-Retreat** will take place on Saturday, April 5 at 9:30 A.M. in Corrigan Hall.

**LADIES ANNUAL RETREAT:** If you are interested in going to a Redemptorist Weekend Retreat at St. Alphonso's Retreat House in New Jersey, please contact Sandy French at 410-551-9238 ext. 211. More details to come.

#### PLAY BINGO @ ST. JOSEPH'S!!

Join us on Wednesday evenings...doors open at 6:30 P.M. Early Bird Games begin at 7:30 P.M. and great food is available in our Bingo Kitchen.

**THE MISSION IS GONE, THE MISSION IS GONE**—Thank you to everyone who provided food for the Monday evening Dinner and to all who participated in this event to make it a success.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY STUFF

**TENEBRAE REHEARSAL** - March 10 from 4-5:30 P.M. in the Youth Center

**The 2008 Softball Season** is upon us & St. Joseph's team still needs more members! Our next practice is scheduled for this Sunday, March 9 at GORC Park at 3 p.m. If you are interested and have not already done so, you may contact Brian @ 410-695-2363 or by **email [electricman2672@msn.com](mailto:electricman2672@msn.com)**.

**Confirmation Retreat**—Year 1 Candidates will have an on-site Retreat on March 30 from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

#### Blessing of New Drivers!

On Sunday, April 6 at the 10:30 Mass, we will ask God's blessing over those young people of the parish who have earned their permits and/or drivers' licenses in the past year.

**BYE-BYE FISH FRY**—Our last Fish & Crab Cake Fry for this year is March 14 from 5-7 in Corrigan Hall. Come join other parishioners for good food, fellowship and support our Youth Ministry workcampers. Take out is always available.

**BATTLE OF THE BANDS**— for high school parishioners and their friends, April 12, 6-11 p.m. Corrigan Hall, \$10.00 per person. See flyers for details.

#### School of the Incarnation

##### Plan on it!

##### Home & School Association

April 12, 2008 Yard Sale

*details to come*

#### CFC and CMFC

SOTI participates in the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area & the Central MD combined Federal Campaign for government employees!

SOTI # is 94557 for both.

*Thanks for your support!*

**Ongoing Fundraisers**—Box Tops, Campbells Soup labels, Ink Cartridges & Paper Recycling!

**Attention Arundel House of Hope Ministers** Mark your calendars for March 9 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for a meeting in the Youth Center. During this meeting, we will provide information about what will happen that week & what the different jobs entail. We are asking the director of the program to give a short talk & answer questions about this important ministry. **Lunch will be provided.** Following the orientation, we will hold a "spring-cleaning" of the Youth Hall from 1-4 p.m. Please dress accordingly or bring appropriate clothes to change into.