



The Shrine of the Sacred Heart
Baltimore, Maryland

The Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2009 ~ Cycle B

From our pastor, Msgr. Cramblitt....

Do you remember what today is? It's the Ides of March, the day made famous by William Shakespeare in his play about Julius Caesar. "Beware the Ides of March," was the line in the play — a prediction that Caesar would meet with tragedy on March 15th. And sure enough, it was on this date that Caesar was assassinated by a band of conspirators. After his death Caesar was cremated in the Roman Forum, an unheard of privilege that reflected the depth of the anguish that was felt on account of his murder. A small temple was built on the spot and it is interesting that to this day there are usually fresh flowers left at the ruins of that temple.

Jesus had not yet been born when Caesar was assassinated. Forty-four more years passed until that night in Bethlehem when God became flesh, and another 33 years passed until the crucifixion of Jesus. By and large the death of Caesar goes unnoticed in the modern world, but the death of Jesus on the cross is remembered around the globe. The reason is that Jesus' death was salvific. By His wounds we are healed. Through His passion and death sin is forgiven and heaven is opened to us. There is no one else in the whole universe by whom we are saved.

As we move deeper into Lent our minds are drawn more and more to the saving cross of Jesus. The more we contemplate it the more we stand in awe of such love, such self-sacrifice. Who could ever have foreseen the plan of God? Who could ever have dreamed that God would do so much to save us?

With your mind fixed on the passion of Jesus, take Lent seriously. Turn away from sin and turn toward the God who loves you so much. Conform yourself more and more to Christ and not to this world.

I again remind you of the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday night, 7 – 8:30PM.

Join Us In Worship

THE LIGHT IS ON: COME AND PRAY: Wednesdays during Lent will offer both communal and private prayer time for the community's nourishment. Join us on March 18.

- 7 to 8:30PM ~ Confessions and Devotions
- 7PM ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7PM ~ Praying Morning & Evening Prayer:
The Basics (Church Undercroft)
- 7:05PM ~ Rosary
- 8PM ~ Vespers and Benediction

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Join us every Sunday of Lent at the 9AM Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat, March 14 5:00 p.m. For the People of SSH
- Sun, March 15 11:30 a.m. +Juliana de Castro
- Mon, March 16 7:00 a.m. +John Swift

PRESIDER SCHEDULE ~ MARCH 21 - 22

- 5:00 PM Msgr. Cramblitt/Deacon Soloski, preaching
- 7:30 AM Fr. Timothy Brown, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Timothy Brown, SJ
- 11:30 AM Msgr. Cramblitt/Deacon Soloski, preaching

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, March 16 ~ Lenten Weekday**
2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday, March 17 ~ Lenten Weekday**
Patrick, bishop
Dn 3:25-,34-43; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday, March 18 ~ Lenten Weekday**
Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor
Dt 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday, March 19 ~ Joseph, husband of the BVM**
2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22;
Mt 1:16,18-21, 24a
- Friday, March 20 ~ Lenten Weekday**
Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday, March 21 ~ Lenten Weekday**
Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday, March 22 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent**
1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Praying Morning and Evening Prayer: The Basics

Sessions to Help You Pray
the Daily Prayer of the Church

offered by

The Shrine of the Sacred Heart

presented by

Douglas Barclay

in conjunction with

*The Light Is On: Come and Pray
Lenten Wednesdays at the Shrine*

7 - 7:45 in the Undercroft
8PM Evening Prayer in the Chapel

March 18: Session Two

One Life to Live: Praying through the Psalms

March 25: Session Three

The Guiding Light: The Book, The Ribbons, The Calendar

YEAR OF ST. PAUL LECTURE SERIES

NEXT Sunday, March 22, after the 11:30 Mass
the Shrine will host the next Year of St. Paul lunch
followed by the 1:30PM lecture.

To reserve a space, please add your name
to the Sign-Up sheet in the Tower Room.

We look forward to an interesting lecture by

Dr. Elisha Dumser

who will present:

**Early Churches In Rome
- Architectural Development and Decoration -**

Contact Sister Carol
for details at 410-466-6884x15.

YEAR OF ST. PAUL BOOK CLUB

Contact Sister Carol (410-466-6884x15)

TITLE

Reading Paul by Michael J. Gorman
Cascade Books 2008

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS

available at our website, www.theshine.org.
or call the parish office and request a copy.

BOOK CLUB SESSION

Sunday, March 22, at 12:30PM
Wednesday, March 25, at 11AM

FACILITATOR

Director of Religious Education, Michaela Radziszewski.

ADULTS

COMMUNION AND LIBERATION: Can anyone live without faith? In our everyday life, we constantly put our faith in the words of others. Without this faith, culture would shrivel, and science would become paralyzed; our friendships would end, and we would starve for lack of trust in those who prepared our food. Faith is a form of knowledge--a knowledge that comes through the mediation of a witness. In this method of knowledge one has to be fully engaged in order to trust the witness. Would you like to learn more about faith? If so, then come to the discussions held by Communion and Liberation at the Shrine on Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM in the undercroft. For more information, you can call Tim Coll at 717 683-6086 or Leo White at 410 828-6118.

THIRD BOOK CLUB SESSION

TITLE

St. Paul, Called to Conversion; A Seven Day Retreat
by Fr. Ronald Witherup, S.S.

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS

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BOOK CLUB SESSION

Thursday, April 30, at 7PM
Saturday, May 2, at 2:30PM

FACILITATOR

Pastoral Associate, Sr. Carol Czyzewski, FSSJ

Join Us In Learning

Know Your Giftedness: Know God

The annual enrichment time for parish ministry groups

Have you ever had an opportunity to prayerfully discern your God-given gifts?

On Saturday, March 28, the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, will offer a morning of guided reflection and discernment using *The Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory*.

Rev. Gerard Francik, Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, will be the presenter.

Scripture offers words of wisdom regarding gifts and God: *Jesus answered and said to her: "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you..."* Jn 4:10 and *"...all good giving and every perfect gift is from above..."* Jas 1:17 The Spirit of God is revealed in different ways through each one's gifts used for the common good. *"There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."* 1 Cor 12:6

Theologian Karl Rahner, S.J., said: *"When we are in touch with ourselves authentically, we experience God."* On March 28, you will discover more deeply how God has gifted you and how God may be manifested in your service to others.

Parishioner, Mrs. Debby Gerber, who has used the inventory, remarked: *I found the discernment process incredible. I never thought of myself as having any "gifts". The process helped me to focus on strengths that I could actually develop more fully and I realized that certain gifts can so easily be used in all settings with a little tweaking in order to bring out "giftedness" in others. It is a great way to integrate our physical being with our spiritual being.*

Contact Sister Carol: 410-466-6884, x15 or carol@theshrine.org to register.

Schedule:

- 8:00 Saturday Mass (Option) in Chapel
- 8:30 Brunch in the Undercroft
- 9:00 Prayer
- 9:15 Presentation by Fr. Gerard Francik
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 *Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory* and silent prayer
- 11:00 Discussion of the Inventory and discernment re: Parish Ministries
- 11:50 Closing Prayer
- Noon Closure



Join Us In Service



"HEARTBEAT: SHRINE HUMAN LIFE MINISTRY"

The 2009 Lenten Outreach, "Imitate Christ's Compassion for the Sick", was a huge success!

Your donations of arts and crafts supplies have brought delight to the children of the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, ESPECIALLY: Gloria Marble, Teddy Morton and Brittany Perkey.

MARCH POOR BOX: Donations to the Poor Box during the month of March are designated for the Joven Free Medical Clinic in the Philippines. Dr. Lyn Joven and Ms. Rachel Joven are members of The Shrine of the Sacred Heart Parish.

Your donations to the December Poor Box were gratefully received by the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem. This year the hospital will deliver over 3,000 infants and examine nearly 19,000 women and children through outpatient consultations. Your generosity enables the hospital to fulfill its mission to serve the poorest and most defenseless in the Holy Land.

PARISH LIFE RECEPTIONS TEAM NEEDS NEW MEMBERS: Are you interested in serving the church by joining our Parish Life *Receptions Team*? No experience necessary - just be willing to help to set up and serve food and refreshments at parish receptions. If you would be interested, please e-mail Anne Mathews for more information at anniemath@comcast.net or call her at 443-682-9410.

Join Us In Community



Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Girl Scout Troop 1418

**THIS Sunday, March 15
4 to 7:30 PM**

Taylor Hall
The Shrine of the Sacred Heart School
5800 Smith Avenue

Cost: Adults (14 & Older) \$8.00
Children \$5:00

Troop 1418 will be traveling to Savannah, GA, the birth place of the founder of Girl Scouts. Proceeds from this dinner will help defray our costs. Call 410-225-9535 or 410-486-8716 with any questions. Thank you for your support.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY BAND COMING TO THE SHRINE:

Join the Naval Academy Band Chamber Winds for a special performance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Serenade #10 in B-flat major K.361, the "Gran Partita." This event will be NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 22, at 3PM at The Shrine of the Sacred Heart. In commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the premier performance, Lieutenant Commander Brian O. Walden will speak on the music's historic significance and its influence on the repertoire of the modern wind band. Enjoy learning why it has been called a "great wind piece of a very special kind."

Naval Academy Band concerts are free and open to the public with no tickets required. For more information please visit their website at www.usna.edu/USNABAND or call 410-293-0263.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME: Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all that are joining us for worship. If you are new to the area we invite you to register and make The Shrine of the Sacred Heart your parish. Call the office to register (410-466-6884, x10)

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RUTH (BAGLEY) HAMILL-SPENCE: *Friends of Shine parishioner Ruth Bagley are invited to The Healing Garden of Kernan Hospital, 2200 Kernan Drive, on Friday, March 27, from 4 to 6PM for a tree planting ceremony to celebrate Ruth's life and work.*

THIS WEEK AT THE SHRINE

Meeting Rooms: Gathering Rooms I, II, III (GRI, GRII, GRIII) and the Choir Room (CR) are located in the Undercroft of the Church. Taylor Conference Room (TCR) and Mullen Library (ML) are located in the Rectory. School Library (SL), Taylor Hall (TH) are in the school.

Monday, March 16

7PM Finance Cte Mtg (ML)

7PM RCIA (GRIII)

Tuesday, March 17

7PM Communion & Liberation (GRIII)

Wednesday, March 18

7PM Home & School Association Board Mtg (SL)

7PM The Light Is On: Come and Pray

Thursday, March 19

9AM Staff Mtg (TCR)

7PM Knights of Columbus (GRI)

7:15 Choir (CR)

Friday, March 20

8:30AM Deacon's Emmaus Group (GRIII)

2:15 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21

6:30PM CLP - Handmaids of the Lord (GRI, II, III)

6:30PM School Basketball Banquet (TH)

Sunday, March 22

9AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9AM Mass

10:15 Elementary Faith Formation

12PM Year of Paul Book Club (GRII)

1:30PM Year of Paul Lecture (GRI)

3PM U.S. Naval Academy Wind Ensemble Concert

VOX DOMINI: MUSIC FOR THE JOURNEY: Presented by The Archdiocese of Baltimore Vocation Office and The Serra Foundation of Baltimore: Sunday, March 29, 3PM at St. Mary's Seminary and University. Performances by: Fr. Paul Maillet, Fr. Louis Bianco, Rev. Mr. Marc Lanoue and Rev. Mr. Quy Vo. Proceeds benefit the "Take the Journey" program. Ticket donation is \$25. Only 500 tickets available. For more information visit: www.voxdomini.info.

ARE YOU A GRADUATE OF ST. AGNES SCHOOL IN CATONSVILLE? *Saint Agnes School Catonsville, MD is planning an ALL CLASS REUNION on Saturday, June 6, 2009. If you are interested in attending or in helping plan this event, please send an email to sallclassreunion@yahoo.com with your name (maiden name), address, phone #, graduation year and email address or call Sue Bianco at 410-788-3537 or Susan Thompson at 410-465-6999.*

SEEKING ALUMNI! If you are an alumnus of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School in Hampden and would like to be on our mailing list, please send your information (name, address, phone number, e-mail, graduation year) to: Bonnie Russo, Director of Development St. Thomas Aquinas School (brusso@stthomasaquinasschool.us).