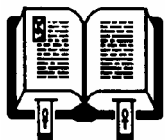


TODAY IS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2009

**Scripture Readings for Today****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9a,  
10-13, 15-18**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 8:31b-34**Gospel:** Mark 9:2-10

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare His own Son.” Are my gifts to the Lord — of my resources, of my time, of myself — also sacrificial?

**Scripture Readings for March 15<sup>th</sup>****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**Gospel:** John 2:13-25

***What shall I return to the Lord for all that He has given to me?***

**Psalm 116:12**

Dear Parishioners,

How many of us would say to our Lord, “It is good that we are here!” Ponder about this for a moment. To make this statement means all is well in life. That apparently is what Peter thought. Yet Peter is the one who criticized Jesus when he said he must suffer and die, then rise from the dead. Peter denied Jesus three times after Jesus was arrested. Peter did not stand beneath the cross as Jesus suffered and died. How many of us think all is good, yet still criticize the conditions of our world and question the existence of Christ? Each one of us is the hands, feet, and voice of Christ. The failures of our world result from too few people being Jesus to everyone they meet. Help the suffering and poor in your midst. People can be transfigured with Jesus’ love in their life. There are not many in our community who think “it is good that we are here” all of the time. Yet our presence on this earth is made bearable with Christ’s love. When we give or receive this love, we capture the ‘glow’ of Jesus transfigured. If more of us would be Jesus to others, perhaps our world could soon be a place where ‘it is good to be.’

Deacon Jack

**THE MASS COUNT FOR FEB. 28- MAR. 1<sup>ST</sup>**

5 PM – 444	7:30 AM – 137	9 AM – 296
10:30 AM – 332	12 PM – 295	Total – 1504

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of Anthony Andrews.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**, especially those in hospitals – Mary Krischik, Margaret Booker, Cecelia Brushwiler, and Cathy Parsons.

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Colleen McDowell, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Ruth Crotts, Rose Schultheis, Patty Kuzmak, Charles Payne, Catherine Cleaver, Mary Van Dusen, Florence Fink, Milton Getka, Dolores Carver, Fr. Vitesse, Margaret Blinke, Lou Kaminski, Charles & Jacque Harris, Maribelle Kursch, Mr. and Mrs. William Lang, and Noreen Newcomb.

**PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE:** We ask you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: USMC – Cpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton; Nat’l Guard – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; Navy – Daniel Gately; Army – Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Stephen Winter, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Sheldon Broedel, Recon Scout Matt Lambert.

**THE COLLECTION FOR FEB. 28 - MAR. 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Envelopes .....	\$17,115.60
Loose .....	\$1,208.88
Poor Boxes .....	\$471.99
Children’s .....	\$35.25
Ash Wed – Eastern Europe .....	\$2,599.20

## Mass Intentions



### MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9 -15<sup>TH</sup>

MONDAY 3/9	6:30 a.m. – Rae Jean Ramsden 8:00 a.m. – Aley Venginickal
TUESDAY 3/10	6:30 a.m. – Sam Liberto 8:00 a.m. – Ruth McGinley
WED. 3/11	6:30 a.m. – Mary Plazek 8:00 a.m. – Richard Bastress
THURS. 3/12	6:30 a.m. – John Jahnigen 8:00 a.m. – Sr. Marie Edwina SSND
FRIDAY 3/13	6:30 a.m. – Shirley Norton 8:00 a.m. – Helyn Pessaro
SAT. 3/14	8:00 a.m. – Edward Bormuth 5:00 p.m. – Thomas Dougher
SUNDAY 3/15	7:30 a.m. – Helyn Pessaro 9:00 a.m. – Mary Tacka 10:30 a.m. – Frederick Majerowicz 12:00 p.m. – For the Parishioners

### DAILY READINGS

<b>Monday</b> 3/9	<i>St. Frances of Rome</i> <b>Reading:</b> Daniel 9:4b-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 6:36-38
<b>Tuesday</b> 3/10	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 23:1-12
<b>Wednesday</b> 3/11	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Jeremiah 18:18-20 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 20:17-28
<b>Thursday</b> 3/12	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Jeremiah 17:5-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 16:19-31
<b>Friday</b> 3/13	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Saturday</b> 3/14	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the family of Luke Edward Jopson who was baptized in our Church last week.

**The Light is On for You - Reconciliation on Wednesday nights in Lent:** This year during Lent, our parish is participating in an Archdiocesan-wide Reconciliation program initiated by Archbishop O'Brien called **The Light is On for You**. On consecutive Wednesdays in Lent – March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 – the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered here at St. Agnes from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament or have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon Confession time, this is a great opportunity to receive Penance. To remind you about the parts of Confession and the Act of Contrition, a new brochure is available on the Church windowsills or at each entrance to guide you through this renewing Sacrament.

**PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING** – All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence - no meat is to be eaten by anyone who is 14 or older.

### **LENTEN SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:**

Daily Mass – 6:30 & 8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday.  
8:00 a.m. Saturday.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held each Friday during Lent at 1:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**SOUP AND STATIONS** will be held each Friday during Lent. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in the Old School Hall. Stations of the Cross will be held at 7 p.m. in the Church. Bring the whole family! Handicap lift is available

### **OUR PARISH MISSION: MARCH 29 – APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**

Fr. Joachim Giermek, OFM Conv., Former Minister General of the Conventual Franciscan Order, will be our Mission Leader. Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Come and be renewed this Lenten season.

**THE WORD AMONG US** family edition for Lent is available on the church windowsills. This book offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings, inspirational essays and stories to deepen your Lenten prayer time.

**RICE BOWLS** for your Lenten Contributions can be found on the church windowsills this weekend. Proceeds will help our less fortunate neighbors in our diocese and around the world.

## ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

### Sunday, March 8 – Movie Night

Join us as we view "Expelled", starring Ben Stein. Bring a snack and a friend!

### Sunday, March 15 – Adoration

Please gather in the youth room tonight. We will head over to the church for Adoration at 7:30. If you arrive after 7:30, please meet us in the Church.

### Sunday, March 22 – Service Night

Whether you need service hours for school, to attend a youth group outing, or just because you want to help, join us for our next service night!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

All students in grades 2-8 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during class on Sunday, March 15.

**CELEBRATE ST AGNES SCHOOL!!!** Please see the page in this week's bulletin for information on how you can purchase tickets for our **\$20,000 raffle ticket sale** to support your parish school. The St. Agnes H.S.A. is selling raffle tickets for \$50 each; only 1000 tickets will be sold. **There are 6 winners: 1 - Grand Prize of \$15,000; 4 - \$1000 winners and \$1000 for the top ticket seller.** Drawings will be held at the Celebrate St. Agnes School Auction on Saturday April 25.

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**"May every family and Christian community use well this time of Lent, in order to cast aside all that distracts the spirit and grow in whatever nourishes the soul, moving it to love of God and neighbor. I am thinking especially of a greater commitment to prayer ... to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and active participation in the Eucharist, especially the Holy Sunday Mass."**

**Pope Benedict XVI**

## ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

**ALADDIN AND HIS WONDERFUL, MAGICAL LAMP**, is being presented Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Old School Hall. Tickets are \$6.00 for adult parishioners and \$4.00 for children and alumni.

Tickets may be purchased by sending a request with payment to the **SCHOOL OFFICE** attention Mrs. Amann or **PARISH OFFICE** attention Mrs. Barrick by MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>.

If ordering alumni tickets, please indicate the alum's name and year of graduation on the request envelope along with your performance preference and telephone number. Tickets may be picked up at the door on Wednesday or Thursday evening. Please include exact change or make checks payable to ST. AGNES SCHOOL.

### Dates to Remember!

- 3/10 H.S.A Meeting / 7:00** in the cafeteria  
Come see our boys who placed in the Mt. St. Joseph's Speech Contest. You will be impressed!
- 3/13 Stations of the Cross 1:45 pm**  
Report cards sent home. \*\*
- 3/20 No School** – New Student testing

**STANDARDIZED TESTING:** Standardized Tests will be administered in Grades 3-8 from March 23-27<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure your child is rested and ready for this important week of testing. Please avoid doctor's appointments, etc, during this week.

**PROGRESS REPORTS:** Parents, please check your child's backpack for these important reports. They will be sent home with your child on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please sign the envelope and return to your child's homeroom teacher on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your cooperation!

**TUITION ASSISTANCE** – applications for tuition assistance for the 2009-10 school year are available in the Parish Office. Applicants must be registered, active parishioners. **Completed applications are due in the Parish office by March 31, 2009.**

**BASKETBALL CLINIC** - We will be holding a free basketball clinic for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade boys and girls. It will begin on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Please call Chuck and Linda Payne at 410.655.4937 for more info.



**ST. AGNES SCHOOL** 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 [sasallclassreunion@yahoo.com](mailto:sasallclassreunion@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.

**MT. DE SALES ACADEMY 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** will be held on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Oakmont Green Country Club. Golf, food and Fun! Sponsors are needed. All proceeds will benefit Mount de Sales Academy. For more information contact Maureen McCollum P'11 via e-mail: [mppmccollum@comcast.net](mailto:mppmccollum@comcast.net) or visit [www.mountdesales.org](http://www.mountdesales.org)

**CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE:** The annual conference will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Towson Catholic High School. Among the speakers will be Archbishop O'Brien, who will also preside at the Mass following the conference. It's always a great day for the men who attend; sons of high school age and older are also welcome. For details and registration info go to [www.catholicmensfellowship.com](http://www.catholicmensfellowship.com). Or call Mike Burke 410-788-0171.

**ST. AGNES SCHOOL FUNDRAISER:** Before you go to the store, stop by the Food Certificate table after Mass and purchase a \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100 food certificate to put toward your groceries. You get dollar for dollar value, and St. Agnes School will receive up to 5% of your grocery bill -- at no cost to you! Certificates are available in both the School and Parish offices.

**MY BROTHER'S KEEPER**, an outreach center at 4207 Frederick Avenue in Baltimore City is seeking additional volunteers to assist with serving meals on Tuesday and Fridays to those who are in need in the Irvington neighborhood. Volunteer hours are from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. To volunteer or for more information, please call Sr. Mary Louise Zollars, DC at 410.609.3453.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURES AT HOME

By Paul Turner

Many people find it helpful to pray over the Sunday Scripture readings at home before going to church. The practice puts them in touch with the church's prayer, helps them listen as the readings are proclaimed at Mass, prepares them to hear the homily, and engages them personally in the word of God.

The Sunday readings are available in many publications and online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). To prepare the readings at home, get a copy of them or of just the citations and look them up in a Bible.

Create some time and space for this prayer. If you do it alone, remove yourself from other activities. Choose a place where you can center yourself. Open the Scriptures and read over them. You might keep a journal and jot down some thoughts that come to you. Ask yourself some questions such as these: "What is going on in this reading? Is something similar happening in my life? What is God saying to me this week?"

If you pray with others, choose a time when everyone is together. You could pray in the living room at the end of the day or around the table before a meal. Someone reads the Scripture aloud. All think about it. Then each shares a few thoughts. Read the passage again. You may choose one or more readings at a time. The exercise can be repeated throughout the week. God's word is able to go as deep inside you as you give it time and room.

When you get to church, don't read along while the readings are proclaimed. Lift your head and open your ears and heart to the word of God.

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**LOAVES & FISHES:** St. Agnes Parish donates non-perishable food items to My Brother's Keeper and the Catonsville Emergency Assistance Network each Monday. Please consider assisting those in our area who are less fortunate, by dropping off donations to our sacristy when you come for Mass.

### MEMORY VERSE

### MATTHEW 17:5

This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him.