



Dear Parishioners,

The Bible tells us again and again that the Lord is kind and merciful. He is compassionate and full of forgiveness. However, He is also just. Justice demands that our lives bear good fruit. We are called to live virtuous and holy lives, and God gives us all the help we need. He gives us the sacraments, the bible, the Church, and great role models in the saints. Still, He gives us free will. If we don't use our free will to follow Jesus and bear good fruit, we have no one to blame but ourselves and can only expect the same fate as the fig tree in today's gospel when we die.

Let us pray together for the strength to bear good fruit the rest of Lent and the rest of our earthly lives.

Fr. Carl

*In our actions we must always choose the most perfect.* ~The Saint Cure D'Ar



*Rest in Peace...*

Dorothy Mae O'Connor

**PLEASE JOIN US . . .**

After all Masses next weekend, we will have a reception in the Parish Hall with light refreshments to celebrate Father Carl's Investiture as Monsignor. Please stop by to congratulate him on this very special honor.

To reach Msgr. Carl Cummings via email, please use the following address: [ccummings@archbalt.org](mailto:ccummings@archbalt.org) instead of [ccummings@stjane.org](mailto:ccummings@stjane.org).

The Parish Office will be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on **Tues., Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> & Wed., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>** for staff training purposes.

**Loaves and Fishes –**

**Next Weekend**



Baskets will be placed at each entrance to the Church. **NCEON is in desperate need of non-perishable food donations. Supplies are critically low. Thank you for your generous support!**

**Sunday, March 7, 2010**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
Luke 13:1-9



**Next Sunday, March 14, 2010**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

*Mass Intentions*

- Mon., March 8<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 a.m. – Justin Garzon & Dom & Piting Guinto
- Tues., March 9<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 a.m. – In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
- Wed., March 10<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 a.m. – Alice Madden
- Thurs., March 11<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 a.m. – Margaret Cawley
- Fri., March 12<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 a.m. – Patricia Agnes Scherer
- Sat., March 13<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 a.m. – For Special Intentions  
5:00 p.m. – Margaret Oltman

**Sun., March 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 a.m. – Louise Weinberger
- 9:00 a.m. – For The Parishioners
- 10:30 a.m. – Ira Weiner
- 12:00 p.m. – Margaret C. Schemmel

**God's Plan for Giving:**

- Giving: Weekend of February 28, 2010. . . . . \$15,142.34*
- Children's Envelopes . . . . . \$43.45*
- Mass Attendance . . . . . 1164*
- Giving: Weekend of March 1, 2009. . . . . \$16,892.20*
- Mass Attendance . . . . . 1276*
- Second Collection Next Weekend: Catholic Relief Services*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS . . .**

**Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 PM – Workcamp Bingo – Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM – Bell Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft
- 7:30 PM – RCIA – Muth Room

**Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:45 PM – Prayer Group – Chapel
- 7:00 PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – Parish Ctr. – Rm. 1

**Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM – Bereavement Group – Parish Center – Rm. 2
- 1:00 PM – St. Jane Seniors – Parish Hall
- 2:30 PM – Young Catholic Leaders Mtg. – Parish Ctr. – Rm. 1
- 6:50 PM – Ensemble/Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft

**Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 PM – Bereavement Group - Parish Center – Rm. 2

**Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM – St. Patrick's Day Bazaar – Parish Hall

**BULLETIN DEADLINES:**

**Bulletin Date:**

**Deadline for submission:**

**March 21, 2010      Monday, March 15, 2010 – 9 a.m.**

(Items for the bulletin should be typed and either emailed to [lpelesky@stjane.org](mailto:lpelesky@stjane.org) or dropped off to the Parish Office).



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### **Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

Feast day – March 7

St. Perpetua, a noble lady of Carthage, mother of an infant son, and her slave, Felicity, an expectant mother and a group of other catechumens, were martyred on March 7, 202 A.D. The account of their sufferings, written by Perpetua herself and an eyewitness, was so popular in the African Churches a century later that St. Augustine protested that they were not to be given the same reverence as the Sacred Scriptures.

Perpetua describes the horror of the imprisonment, her anxieties, the birth of Felicity's daughter. The day of their execution was chronicled by the witness and tells of the hostility of the crowd at the amphitheatre and the cruelty of the soldiers. The women were beheaded after torments, while the men were killed by the wild beasts.

This account is one of the most beautiful pieces of ancient Christian literature.

From Perpetua: "What a day of horror! Terrible heat...Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown it all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else."

The witness, possibly the great Tertullian, provides details of the actual torments on the day of death:

"The day of the martyrs' victory dawned...they marched from their cells...with cheerful looks and graceful bearing. If they trembled it was for joy and not for fear."

After the initial torments, Perpetua exhorted all: "Stand firm in faith, love one another and do not be tempted to do anything wrong because of our sufferings."

There is drama in this writing, and it must have awed the Christians in the post-persecution era, as it does us today, who are far removed from those times.

## Stations of the Cross

The 14 Stations of the Cross adorn the walls of almost every Catholic church and chapel. Many parishes commemorate the Fridays of Lent with a prayerful remembrance of the passion of Christ by walking the stations with him.

Throughout our history, Christians have longed to literally walk in the footsteps of Christ. The shrines of the holy places in and around Jerusalem have drawn pilgrims inspired by the life and death of their master.

However, not everyone is able to travel to the Holy Land. So, ever since the middle ages, churches and chapels began erecting images devoted to an aspect of the passion. By the 15<sup>th</sup> century, the Franciscans had developed a devotion they called "stations." The word means a place where people stand still or gather together. So even though it implies something "stationary," the service obviously must include the movement of pilgrims following the footsteps of Christ. It took a while to fix the number and the names of the stations, but in 1731 Pope Clement XII established the 14 we know today.

We still find some variations on the number. Many places add a 15<sup>th</sup> station, for example, the resurrection of Jesus. Discontent with leaving Christ in the tomb when our faith expresses so much more, worshipers have found consolation in completing the story of the cross.

Over the years our church has authorized various versions of the stations for different occasions. For example, Pope John Paul II altered the traditional stations for his Good Friday service in Rome. He eliminated some stations that derived from tradition, and substituted them with events from the Gospels. Here are the stations he used: 1. Jesus in the Garden of Olives; 2. Jesus betrayed by Judas; 3. Jesus condemned to death by the Sanhedrin; 4. Jesus denied by Peter; 5. Jesus judged by Pilate; 6. Jesus flogged and crowned with thorns; 7. Jesus carries his cross; 8. Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene; 9. Jesus encounters women of Jerusalem; 10. Jesus is crucified; 11. Jesus promises the kingdom to the good thief; 12. Jesus on the cross; 13. The mother of Jesus and his disciple at the cross; 14. Jesus is placed in the tomb.

The stations inspire us all to follow Christ through suffering to peace.

Paul Turner

### **Catholic Men's Conference**

**Saturday, March 20 \* 8:30 am – 5 pm**

**George Weigel**

Biographer, John Paul the Great

**Father Thomas Euteneur**

President, Human Life International

**Father Rick Wendell**

Heroic Priest from West Bend, WI Tells His Story

**Towson Catholic High School**

Towson, Maryland

410-252-5737 \* 410-337-3548 \* CatholicMensFellowship.com

### **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you **give hope to Jesus in disguise**. Please be charitable in next week's Catholic Relief Services Collection.

## Youth/Young Adult Ministry

Melissa Serafin (410) 255-4646, Ext. 1418

[mserafin@stjane.org](mailto:mserafin@stjane.org)

**NO HIGH SCHOOL DROP-IN TONIGHT - Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**YOUTH PILGRIMAGE: Saturday, March 27, 2010**

Meet at St. Jane's at 9:30 a.m.; Cost: FREE!

For more information or to register, contact Melissa as soon as possible.

## PARISH EVENTS

**BILOXI WORKCAMP BINGO:** This summer teens and adults from St. Jane Frances will travel to North Carolina to help rebuild the homes! Help us help others!

**Dates:** March 8th, 16th, 23rd, April 12th, 19th - 7:00pm

**Location:** St. Jane Frances Hall; doors open at 6:30pm

**Price:** 1 package: \$12.00 (all paper cards with 20 regular games and 5-3 face special games) (Must be 18 to play)

**Also Available for sale:** 50/50's, raffles, specials, and great food!!

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*KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NO. 10966*

**LENTEN FISH FRYS - FRIDAYS,  
MARCH 19 & 26, 4 PM TO 7 PM**

**ST. JANE FRANCES HALL**

**ADULTS: \$9.50; CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER: \$7.50**



\*FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DON SPARKLIN AT 410-255-5080.

\*NO FISH FRY ON MARCH 12 (ST. PATRICK'S DAY BAZAAR) OR GOOD FRIDAY.

### WELCOME RECEPTION

The Evangelization Committee will be hosting a Welcome Reception, for parishioners who have joined our parish over the past 15 months, at the MARCH FELLOWSHIP.

An area of tables will be reserved near the ST. JANE FRANCES banner.

Please join us.

If you have any questions, call Pat Holt at the Parish Office.

\*\*\*\*\*FELLOWSHIP\*\*\*\*\*

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>,**

**AFTER ALL MASSES, IN THE SCHOOL HALL  
FOR SOME FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP.**

**WE WILL BE HAVING DONUTS, JUICE, COFFEE,  
TEA AND MILK,**

**ALONG WITH SUGAR FREE COOKIES.**

**THERE'S ALWAYS A SURPRISE PIE  
IN THE EARLY MORNING.**

**COME OVER TO THE HALL, ENJOY THE  
REFRESHMENTS, AND HAVE SOME GOOD  
CONVERSATION. SEE YOU THERE!**



## SJF SCHOOL NEWS

**Daily Draw** – Cost is still \$5 per ticket, per month. The winning ticket will be drawn each day in our school office.

Winners will be notified by mail or phone. Please make checks payable to St. Jane Frances School and send

in care of Charlotte Jenkins. For additional information, please contact the school Outreach office at (410)255-4750.

### **February Numbers:**

|         |     |         |     |
|---------|-----|---------|-----|
| 2/24/10 | 504 | 2/25/10 | 398 |
| 2/26/10 | 242 | 2/27/10 | 575 |
| 2/28/10 | 775 |         |     |

### **March Numbers:**

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|--------|-----|--------|-----|
| 3/1/10 | 529 | 3/2/10 | 725 |
| 3/3/10 | 036 | 3/4/10 | 370 |
| 3/5/10 | 151 | 3/6/10 | 262 |

**Scrip Program** –Purchase gift cards/ certificates that can be used for your everyday shopping, (grocery, clothing, etc.), or do you have a special occasion coming? (Birthday, Easter, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, etc.). **March orders due 3/8 & 3/22.** If you have any questions, please call Kathy Walker or Donna Hall at 410 255-4750.

**Market Day – Easter pie sale.** Purchase delicious pies for your Easter celebration and help our school earn extra profits. In addition, when you purchase everyday foods, SJF earns a portion of that sale too. Buy quick and easy meals for those busy weekday breakfasts and dinners. **Orders due 3/18.** Pickup at Riviera Beach Elem. School on 3/25 between 6 & 7 p.m. Call Kathy Walker at 410-255-4750, x 1214.

**Good Deeds Lighthouse** – Your generous contributions to the St. Jane Frances Good Deeds Lighthouse are used to fulfill our teachers' wish lists, and to provide funds for the school. The Lighthouse is on display in the hallway outside the school office.

**February Donations:** Thank you Matysek Family – Privacy Shields Pre K-4, and Unger Family – Privacy Shields Pre K-4.

### **St. Patrick's Day Bazaar**

#### **SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY, 3/12/10.**

Doors open 9am to 2pm. Reopen 5pm to 10pm. Join us for a fun-filled day of games, wheels and GREAT food!

If you would like to donate any items to our Country Store, please contact Denise Noteware on (410) 255-4750 x1104 or e-mail at [DNoteware@stjaneschool.org](mailto:DNoteware@stjaneschool.org) for more information. We also need items for our Silent Auction. If you can donate anything, please contact Donna Hall or Kathy Walker at (410) 255-4750, e-mail [DHall@stjaneschool.org](mailto:DHall@stjaneschool.org). Thank you in advance for your support.

**Bazaar Volunteers Needed** Please call Teresa Sparklin at 410-255-5080 if you can help.