



January 23-24, 2010
Third Sunday Ordinary Time
Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21

Luke presents his Good News. He aims to provide a narrative of the “things accomplished amongst us.” His authorization comes from eye-witnesses and the role of interpretation by the apostolic tradition.

The second passage is an introduction to the ministry of Jesus. Jesus returns from his *exile* in the desert to begin the proclamation of the Kingdom and thus gather up the scattered people of God. The scattered are the poor, people alienated by interpretations of the word of God which have destroyed joy and provided the bread of sorrow rather than holy feasting.

In this passage the pattern of the work of Jesus is established. In the desert he repudiated various false images of the Messiah. Now, in the power of the Spirit he stands to proclaim the word. The people listen attentively, then Jesus provides a new interpretation. “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” Following the pattern established in the ancient community, Jesus will provide apostles, teachers and prophets to contribute to and carry on the work of proclamation and interpretation.

The first reading points to the value of shared gifts through collaboration in ministry; Paul re-emphasizes this through the image of the body of Christ. This powerful picture of a unique being, created through the image of the harmonious interplay of various parts, is the pattern of our community life as Christians. Unity is not achieved by uniformity but by the contribution of the parts. The health of the whole depends on the strength of each part to function according to its gift. Collaboration is the key to the mission of Christ.

| <u>This week in our parish...Jan. 23-31, 2010</u> | | |
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| (Mass Intentions and other activities) | | |
| Sat. | Gary Yoder (D) | 4:00pm |
| | Our Parish Family | 5:45pm |
| Sun. | Carroll Miller (D) | 9:00am |
| Mon. | William McLewee (D) | 8:15am |
| | RCIA | 5:30pm |
| | Choir Practice | 5:30pm |
| Tues. | Leo Rowan (D) | 6:30pm |
| | Bell Choir | 5:30pm |
| Wed. | Mary & Jack McCarthy (D) | 12:00pm |
| | BINGO-doors open at | 5:30pm |
| | Bible Study lower level/parish center | 9:30am |
| Thurs. | Communion Service | 8:15am |
| Fri. | Arlene Riephurd (D) | 8:15am |
| Sat. | Kenneth Frock (D) | 4:00pm |
| | Shekinah Hamrick (D) | 5:45pm |
| Sun. | Our Parish Family | 9:00am |

Remember! Church Office Hours:
 Monday through Thursday---8am to 4pm
 Fridays---8am to 12 Noon

CALCULATORS SCHEDULE:

Jan. 24, 2010

Church: Team #1- Pentz, Kelly
 Center: Team #7- Ward, Mitchell

Jan. 31, 2010

Church: Team #2- Coviellos, Bakers
 Center: Team #8-Schriders, Shaw

PRAYER LIST FOR January...we pray for: Brenda Thorn, John Devlin, Tillie Lucas, Mary Jane Hall, Buddy & JoeAnne Sunny, The Bowling Family, Christina Arthur, Ann Martin, Mary Helen Spear, Joanne Kozier, Andrea Sereno, Jacob Anderson, Richann and Alexis Annarelli, George Miller, Michael Schemering, Diane Sereno, Ronin Christy, Cynthia Wilson, Phyllis Howenstein, and Kadan Sharpless. **Names are changed at the beginning of each month.** Call the church office if you wish to add a name.



To access Father Paul's blog, you may go to **halfhermit.blogspot.com** for a contemplative, spiritual and uplifting interchange of thoughts.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING? In conjunction with Olan Mills Studios, we are planning for a new parish directory! Photography dates are set for April 6, 7 & 8, 2010. Help is needed with sign-ups and telephone calls during the last week of March. To lend a hand, please contact Jeanne Lynch, our directory coordinator, at 301-387-6356.

Communion Cloth Ministry:

Jan. 24... Nancy Boehm Jan. 31... Rose Hughes

St. Peter at the Lake Fund Update:

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| Total needed for construction: | \$1,400,000. |
| Previous amount collected: | 982,708. |
| 1/3/10 collected: | 1,800. |
| Total to date: | 984,508. |
| Needed: | \$417,292. |

Parish Gift Shop! Shop AFTER Mass in the church basement and at the Lake Center. Many beautiful medals, statues and handmade rosaries!

Homebound Prayer Intention for January:

That the poor and downtrodden may have enough heat and food through this winter season.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January:

That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.



SCOUT SUNDAY! St. Peter the Apostle Parish is the Charter Sponsor for Pack 70.

We invite all scouts to come to the 9am Mass in uniform on Sunday, February 14th and join in the flag presentation before Mass. **This will be our regular Youth Ministered Mass** which also coincides with SCOUT SUNDAY.

To help our scouts with their camping and outdoor activity costs, Troop 1 will hold a Pancake Breakfast on February 14, 2010 at St. Paul's Church Hall from 10am to 1pm. Help our scouts earn money by giving your free-will offering and enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and beverages.

Married 25 years or more? Any couple planning to attend the Mass who are married 25 years or more may register to receive a Certificate of Congratulations by **registering on the website at www.wwme.net/registration_wmd.html or call 410-987-8407 by February 3. You make the contact.**



Fish Dinners are Coming! We NEED YOU!!! If you can help out with our dinners, please contact Patti Battista at 301-387-7975.

Patti will have the perfect work assignment for you ☺ Our young members who may need Service Learning Hours may contact Patti also. Working the dinners can get you those needed service hours for graduation!

When I called, you answered me... (Psalm 138:3)

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2010 Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. AAA funds support of our Sister Parish in Mandeville, Jamaica and has helped with Youth Group Activities in our parish.

The theme of the Appeal is, "When I called, you answered me." Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese serve as a sign of our gratitude not only for God's answers to our prayers but also as a sign of our recognition that all that we are and all that we have are gifts given to us by God.

Your gift will enable support and service that touch thousands of lives not only in our Archdiocese but throughout the world. Our parish receives 25% of each dollar contributed up to our goal of \$29,000. Then, we receive 50% of the additional funds received. Again, this year, we will commit our parish rebates to Fr. Baylon and his work in Mandeville and to our Parish youth activities. From last year's appeal we received a grant to replace the front steps of our church. This work will be completed after the spring thaw. ☺ Thank you for your support of this archdiocesan effort.

MINISTERS of the MASS: Jan. 30-31, 2010

4:00pm-Saturday, Jan. 30

Read: Perez

Euch. Ministers: Rodeheaver, Gillesoie, Lander

5:45pm-Saturday, Jan. 30

Read: Carlino

Euch. Ministers: Holt, Hubers

9:00 am-Sunday, Jan. 31

Read:

Euch. Ministers: Lloyd, O'Neal, Poyer, Thorne

Altar Server Team: #1-Hanek, Lloyd



The New Roman Missal...Question? Who is doing the translation?

The process of translation is a highly consultative work of several groups. The international Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) is chartered to prepare English translations of liturgical texts on behalf of the conferences of bishops of English-speaking countries. Currently, 11 conferences of bishops are full members of the Commission: the US, Australia, Canada, England, Wales, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Phillipines, Scotland, and South Africa.



Our next RCIA class will meet from 5:30 to 7 PM on January 25, 2010.

The topic this week will be **Sacraments**. Meetings will take place in the lower parish hall by the pastor's office. If you have any interest, you may attend any of the R.C.I.A. gatherings. For more information, please call Patti Battista at 301-387-7975.



Community Action Emergency Blanket Drive

...Please bring your blankets to church from February 8 to March 8, 2010. Help provide warmth to those who are facing heating emergencies.

"Congress continues to debate health care reform.

You received a special flier/bulletin insert from the U.S. Bishops' Conference asking you to please contact your congressional representatives immediately asking them to oppose abortion funding and improve conscience protection, affordability for the poor and vulnerable, and access to health care for immigrants. The flier insert included a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button.

The bishops have asked for our swift action and our prayers. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will protect the lives, dignity, conscience and health of all. Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them."

Your Poor Box Donations for Haiti were \$1910.05. Thank you for your generosity. God bless and continue to keep them in your prayers.