



January 30-31, 2010
4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Last Sunday's Gospel ended with the same setting which begins today's Gospel. Jesus had read in the synagogue a passage from Isaiah and which Jesus tells His listeners that He Himself is the One Who fulfills this same prophetic announcement. All of

His hearers speak well of this home-town product and rub their hands together in delightful anticipation of all the good things Jesus is going to do for them. Jesus realizes this in His neighbors and speaks quite directly to them about their self-centered excitement. They had heard all the great miracles that Jesus had done elsewhere. They assume He will *naturally* do even greater deeds for them. What Jesus speaks to them changes their acceptance and excitement into anger toward and rejection of Him.

Jesus makes two historical and so, scriptural references about two situations about which His hearers were acquainted. Both refer to persons, a widow, (1 Kings 17, 1) and a leper, (2 Kings 5, 14), who were miraculously cared for by God through Elijah in the first instance and Elisha in the second. These God-cared for persons were not Jews nor lived in Israel. The Widow and Naaman, the leper, were externs - foreigners and quite excluded.

After this weekend there are two more Sundays before Lent begins. We will continue hearing from Luke's account of the invitations Jesus is offering His disciples and us as well. I live in a culture of individualism which in a strange way is a contradiction in terms. A culture is what we wish to pass along to those who follow us. It is intended to continue and advance the group or community. Individualism has little concern for the common good or those who will follow, except how that group can advance the individual. This spirit is so in the cultural air that we can assume slowly that it is what is good. We can say that what is good for me will eventually be good for all. Jesus is inviting us these days of our conversion to follow Him toward His sisters and brothers and change the basic self-centered question into "What's in it for them?" Jesus insulted His neighbors by what He said and what He did. Faith is an insult to the scientifically-data-based spirit of our day. Hope is an insult to the desperately-communicating tell me-who I am cell-phoney world. Love is an insult to our strip-me and leave-me half dead, society. Trusting, longing and cherishing are cultural and worth the passing along as Jesus did and lived. He called individuals from alone to along and beside. We see Him in today's Gospel begin His Own Cultural Revolution. The Great Insultor "passed out of their midst" and is patiently entering ours.



Our next RCIA class will meet from 5:30 to 7 PM on February 1, 2010. The topic this week will be **The Bible**. 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.

We made a \$100 donation from our parish to the Community Energy Fund to help with families who are experiencing utility termination.

MINISTERS of the MASS: Feb. 6-7, 2010

4:00pm-Saturday, Feb. 6

Read: Mortimer

Euch. Ministers: Baughman, Schrider, Boehm

5:45pm-Saturday, Feb. 6

Read: Coviello

Euch. Ministers: Mott, Reams, O'Neal

9:00 am-Sunday, Feb. 7

Read: Helbig

Euch. Ministers: Schultzs, Toston, Bothe
Altar Server Team: #2-Weaver, Kelly



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!

This week in our parish...Jan. 30-Feb. 7, 2010

(Mass Intentions and other activities)

Sat.	Kenneth Frock (D)	4:00pm
	Shekinah Hamrick (D)	5:45pm
Sun.	Our Parish Family	9:00am
	RCIA-Rite of Acceptance at this Mass	
Mon.	Vicki Hamrick (D)	8:15am
	RCIA	5:30pm
	Choir Practice	5:30pm
Tues.	Ilario Fazzalari (D)	6:30pm
	Bell Choir	5:30pm
	K of C Meeting	7:00pm
Wed.	Bernard Bilick (D)	12:00pm
	BINGO-doors open at	5:30pm
	Bible Study lower level/parish center	9:30am
Thurs.	Communion Service	8:15am
Fri.	Arthur Nicholson (D)	8:15am
Sat.	Don Mitchell (D)	4:00pm
	Our Parish Family	5:45pm
Sun.	Jeffrey Stem (D)	9:00am

CALCULATORS SCHEDULE:

Jan. 31, 2010

Church: Team #-2- Coviellos, Bakers

Center: Team #8-Schriders, Shaw

Feb. 7, 2010

Church: Team #3-Nutter, Rickmans

Center: Team #6-Gloeckl, Boehms

PRAYER LIST FOR January...we pray for: Anna Riep, Sheila Javed, 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 to add a name.

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

St. Peter at the Lake Fund Update:

Total needed for construction:	\$1,400,000.
Previous amount collected:	984,508.
1/10/10 collected:	2,423.
<hr/> Total to date:	<hr/> 986,931.
Needed:	\$413,069.

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.

► **Weekday Mass Bad Weather Policy** If school is delayed or closed, **no** Mass at 8:15am. If school is closed or dismissed early, **no** Mass at 6:30pm. If school is closed or dismissed before lunch, **no** Mass at 12 noon.

► **Senior Moments (our 50+ gang) Meeting on Friday, Feb. 5th at 12:30pm** in the parish center/lower level. Come and join the fun!

► **Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner at St. Ambrose Church in Cresaptown** on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010 from 12:30-5pm---\$7 for adults; \$3.50 for children under 10.
SNOW DATE is Feb. 21st!



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.

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

Parish Gift Shop! Shop AFTER Mass in the church basement and at the Lake Center. Beautiful gift ideas!



The next Bereavement Support Session will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 10 am in the lower level of the parish center. Join our leader, Brenda Rathgeb, as she guides a prayer and support session for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Come together for the support that we can share with one another.

Funeral Rites Led by Lay Ministers—"The Hope That Lies Before Us"—the report that deals with the shortage of priests in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, says that lay persons "...are to be prepared to preside over funeral rites." In case the pastor is ill, away or otherwise not available to preside at funeral rites, lay persons have been prepared and trained to lead these rites which include the Vigil Service, the Funeral Liturgy and the Committal Service.

Annulment Myth #8: The Ex-Spouse Has to Agree to the Annulment or it Can't be Granted-



The truth is that both spouses have equal rights in an annulment proceeding, but that doesn't mean that the Respondent, the ex-spouse of the person who starts the annulment process, has to agree to an annulment. The Tribunal judges can grant an annulment even if the ex-spouse is adamantly opposed to the idea of an annulment.

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

Communion Cloth Ministry:

Jan. 31...Rose Hughes Feb. 7...Jean Schrider