



Third Sunday of Lent

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

In today's Gospel two historic events, at least historic to the readers of Luke's Gospel, are presented as a backdrop for the use of a parable by Jesus. The people tell Jesus about some who were killed by a falling tower and that others suffered by Pilate's mixing blood with their sacrifices. Jesus reminds them that physical suffering is not caused by sin which was the common religious thought at the time. Jesus bends their news back on them. Those others suffered and some died, but those in front of Jesus will certainly suffer unless they repent. To show them that they have time to experience the compassion of God, He relates a picturesque parable.

God had been patient with Israel and brought them slowly to be the fruitful people of the Covenant by bringing them out of slavery and into a fruitful land. There is a people who have withered as mature produce of God's fidelity. Jesus will minister that love in His incarnate presence within Israel. His time will be their time for repenting from unfruitful, un-incarnate lives themselves.

The parable ends with their being cut away, because of their lack of personal response to Jesus' mission, teaching and His very life. Jesus is the grounds keeper and His time is ours as well. His three years is our whole life's time.

We have these days of Lent for our repenting from the non-life things. We are preparing to renew our own baptisms as well as preparing as a community to welcome into our communities those preparing for entrance during these days as well. We are invited to repent from those attitudes which are not resulting in blessings, in enlivening, in deepening those around us. We all hope that we in the community would not be a disappointment to those entering our numbers during the Easter Vigil. Ponder of what I would be ashamed at their discovering about me at the liturgy, at my office, at my home.

Communion Cloth Ministry:

Mar. 7...Rose Hughes

Mar. 14...Jean Schrider

Because of the two weekends and Ash Wednesday when we had to cancel Masses due to snow, we missed the collections. It would be deeply appreciated if you could make up your contributions to our parish. It would greatly help, also, if you could make a contribution to our high snow removal cost. Thank you what you can do to help get our budget numbers back in line. Lastly, do pray that we have little or no snow the rest of the winter (spring starts March 20-think daffodils and tulips and crocuses)!

PRAYER LIST FOR March...keep in your prayers: the people of Haiti, the people of Chile, Alexis Annarelli, Loretta Stem, Dan Donley, SR., Elizabeth Friend, Mary Lou Sheehan, Josh Carlino, Jack Poyer, Bill Santoro, Anna Riep, Brenda Thorn, Tillie Lucas, Mary Jane Hall, Joanne Kozier, Andrea Sereno, George Miller, Michael Schemering, Diane Sereno, Ronin Christy, Cynthia Wilson, Brenda Thorn, and Kadan Sharpless. **Names are changed at the beginning of each month.** Please call the church office to add a name or to keep one on our list.

Community Supper on Monday, March 8th, in the parish hall from 4:30 to 6:30pm.

Everyone is invited to join us for some delicious pasta! This is a free meal, but a good will offering is accepted. Come out and join us! Bring a friend!



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



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal presents us with the opportunity to give and help in this archdiocesan effort. Through the grants of the appeal, parishes and schools are able to share our gifts with countless individuals of all ages. We received a grant last year to help us pay for repairs to the front steps of our church. Share your treasure to help those who are in need. It is not too late to make your pledge!

Parish Council Elections are Coming! If you would like to run for parish council or would like to nominate someone, **with their permission**, please notify the church office soon. Elections will take place in March, and we need a little biographical blurb to publish for election weekend, March 20-21. We vote new members on each year in multiples of three---3 members go off and 3 members are voted on. Terms are three years. **Won't you prayerfully consider serving our parish in this important ministry?**

Homebound Prayer Intention for March: That this Lent will be a time of spiritual renewal for all our parish family.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March: That our world economy may be managed according to principles of justice and equity, taking into account the needs of all

If you would like your FY 2009 tax letter to verify your contributions to the parish, please call the church office at 301-334-2202.

Remember, we can only verify those donations made through our envelope system. A little reminder: you must fill out the envelope and note the amount on the envelope in order for us to record it into the Data System. Thank you.

Community Action Emergency Blanket Drive

▶▶▶▶ ... Please bring your donated blankets to church or drop by the church office through **March 8, 2010**. Our parish helping provide warmth to families in need!

CALCULATORS SCHEDULE:

Mar. 7, 2010

Church: Team #2-Coviellos, Bakers

Center: Team #7-Wards, Mitchell

Mar. 14, 2010

Church: Team # 3-Nutter, Rickmans

Center: Team # 8-Schrider, Shaw

St. Peter at the Lake Fund Update:

Total needed for construction:	\$1,400,000.
Previous amount collected:	988,066
<u>2/14/10</u>	<u>1,493</u>
Total to date	989,559
Needed:	\$410,441.

MINISTERS of the MASS: March 13-14, 2010

4:00pm-Saturday, Mar. 13

Read: Lander

Euch. Ministers: Wards, Schrider, Gillespie

5:45pm-Saturday, Mar. 13

Read: B. Rathgeb

Euch. Ministers: J. Rathgeb, Holt, Hughes

9:00 am-Sunday, Mar. 14

Read: Youth

Euch. Ministers: Hanek, F. Callis, Eaton, Toston

Altar Server Team: # 2- Weaver, Kelly

Remember: THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU...

Our Reconciliation Program during the season of Lent. You may come to Father Don's office the Tuesdays of Lent from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Those who are waiting may remain in the Daily Mass Chapel.

Some things to think about before confession:

- Who or what really presses your anger buttons?
- How do you deal with it?
- Give an example of forgiveness that has inspired you.
- Remember a time when you found it hard to forgive.

HELP WANTED! ☺...YOUR parish is seeking assistance in MARCH and APRIL to help with the parish directory!

*Work: EASY *Atmosphere: FRIENDLY

*Hours: SHORT *Compensation: PRICELESS

Photography dates are set for April 6, 7 & 8, 2010.

To help out, please contact Jeanne Lynch, our directory coordinator, at 301-387-6356.

This week in our parish...Mar 6-14, 2010

(Mass Intentions and other activities)

Sat.	Robert Lee (D)	4:00pm
	Our Parish Family	5:45pm
Sun.	Leonard & Richard Wengert (D)	9:00am
Mon.	Eric Ammana (D)	8:15am
	Choir Practice	5:30pm
Tues.	Leonard Wengert (D)	6:30pm
	Bell Choir	5:30pm
	Reconciliation-Father Don's office...	5:30-6:30pm
Wed.	<u>Oak. Nurs. & Rehab</u>	10:00am
	<u>All Souls</u>	
	<u>Dennett Manor</u>	10:00am
	<u>All Souls</u>	
	<u>Chapel</u>	12:00pm
	John Norman Yonker (D)	
	Stations of the Cross after Mass	
	Bible Study (lower level/parish center)	9:30am
	BINGO-doors open at 5:30pm	
Thurs.	Communion Service	8:15am
Fri.	Michelle Eggleston (D)	8:15am
	☺BIG Fish Dinners	4:30 to 6:30pm
Sat.	Our Senior High-Habitat for Humanity Helpers!	
	Robert Mitchell (D)	4:00pm
	George Pope (D)	5:45pm
Sun	Parishioners	9:00am
	Rel. ED. Stations of the Cross after Mass	All welcome

BIG FISH DINNER UPDATE

We're sorry to have cancelled last week's BIG Fish Dinners (2/26/10). But, we'll give it a try again this weekend. We would like to thank all the dessert bakers for our first BIG Fish Dinner of March (3/5/10). They are: **Brenda Burner, Sandy Carlson, Tricia Cheesman, Krista Davisson, Betty Eaton, Beth Harvey, Sharon Hazelwood, Mary Heamstead, Linda Heatherman, Diane Hebler, Cathy Helbig, Denise Helbig, Phyllis Helbig, Vera Heise, Marianna Herpel, Elizabeth Holland, Carole Holt, Carrie Hordubay, Jill Horner, Rose Hughes, Mrs. Hugueley, Kathy Johnson, Liliana Jones, Jennifer Kotulak, Joanie Schultz, Bonnie Sunny, Connie Tomlin, and Christine Upole.** If anyone has not received a call to bring a dessert but would like to offer one up for the cause, please call Connie Tomlin at (301) 387-4812. Thank you for your interest and help in advance!

Best wishes to our Senior High Students who will be helping with Habitat for Humanity work on Saturday! God bless you all!

For your daily prayers during Lent go to www.youtube.com/a_lenten_meditation