



A Day of Repentance: Our Masses will be held at the Church at 8:15am and 5:45pm.

There will NOT be a noon Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 9th.

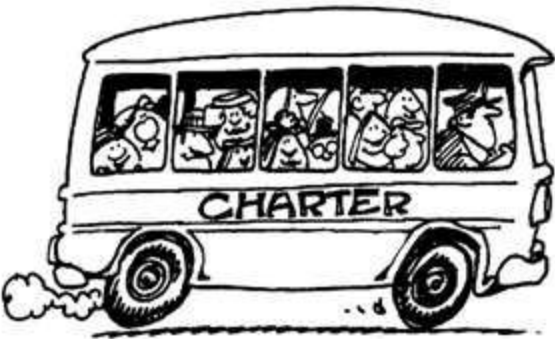
The distribution of ashes reminds us of our own mortality and calls us to repentance. In the early Church, Ash Wednesday was the day on which those who had sinned, and who wished to be readmitted to the Church, would begin their public penance. The ashes that we receive are a reminder of our own sinfulness, and many Catholics leave them on their foreheads all day as a sign of humility.

Fasting and Abstinence Are Required:

The Church emphasizes the penitential nature of Ash Wednesday by calling us to fast and abstain from meat. Catholics who are over the age of 18 and under the age of 60 are required to fast, which means that they can eat only one complete meal and two smaller ones during the day, with no food in between. Catholics who are over the age of 14 are required to refrain from eating any meat, or any food made with meat, on Ash Wednesday.



IS YOUR BATTERY RUNNING LOW? **RECHARGE YOUR FAITH....starting March 14, 2011 and running to May 17, 2011.** YOU are invited to join us for this 10 week program to help us all gain more knowledge of our Catholic Faith. Come out on Monday evenings for all the sessions or whichever ones you can attend! The first gathering is set for March 14, 2011 at 6pm in the lower level of the parish center. You can also attend the COMMUNITY SUPPER that evening at 4:30pm. Watch for the flyer in next week's bulletin to give you topics and presenters. Mark your calendar NOW!!! We hope to see you there!



Our parish has chartered a bus to attend the
**Ordination to the
Permanent Diaconate
of Donald Battista**
at the

Cathedral of Mary, Our Queen
on
Saturday, May 14, 2011.

**We must leave Oakland by 5am in order to attend the
Ordination Mass scheduled for 10am.**

The bus holds 40 passengers and we will take reservations on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The cost will be \$40 per person.

**Checks should be made out to
St. Peter the Apostle Parish.**

**Call the church office at 301-334-2202
to reserve your spot.**

We will not stop for breakfast. You should bring snacks or breakfast items to eat on the bus.

We will have lunch **AFTER** the Ordination Mass.