

THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He--whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies--is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

Fr. Jarboe

Daily Mass Intentions will be said by the Franciscan Friars Mission in Ghana, West Africa through The Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City.

- Mon 02/25: Joan Gencel
- Tues 02/26: Aldo Galilea
- Wed 02/27: Kelly Reedy
- Thurs 02/28: Ralph Killen
- Fri 02/29: Marietta Hemphill
- Sat 03/01:
- 8:30 am Kelly Reedy
- 4:30 pm Neil, Shelley & Families
- Sunday, 03/02:
- 8:30 am Parishioners
- 11:00 am Missy LeDoux

Please forgive our error a **Mass Intention for 2/23** is also being said for **Anna Kominisky**.



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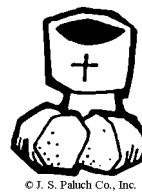
Attention all youth in grades 5 through 12!!! We are in great need of altar servers for all weekend Masses. I encourage you to prayerfully consider becoming an altar server. We will welcome you to a deeper understanding

of the Mass and serving our church community with joy and reverence. If you feel inspired to serve God in this way. Please contact Wendi Crout @ 410-437-1967 or the Parish Office.

NORTH COUNTY CLUSTER: Church of the Crucifixion, Good Shepherd, Holy Trinity, St. Bernadette and St. Philip Neri

Please keep in your prayers all who work towards the plan to provide high quality pastoral care for our North County Catholics at a time when priests and other ministers are increasingly in short supply.

SEDER SUPPER



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Cost of the Seder Supper is \$7.00 per person. Sign up sheets are located in the foyer. The Cut-off date for the Seder Supper registration is Sunday, March 9th, after the 11:00 AM Mass. There will be no exceptions to this, since it is very important that we have a true head count in order to purchase the proper amount of food for this special meal. Thanks for your understanding.

EASTER FLOWER REMEMBRANCE



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If you would like to have an Easter flower placed in the church "**In Honor Of**" or "**In Loving Memory Of**" someone special, please complete your envelopes included in your packet or obtain envelopes which can be found in the Church foyer. Once completed you may place your envelopes in the offertory basket, the Parish Office Drop box (located in the foyer) or drop off at the Parish Office **no later than Tuesday, March 18th** in order to ensure they are in the Easter Weekend Bulletin. Thank you so much and may God Bless! **Cost is still only \$5.00.**

OPERATION RICE BOWL



As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we are participating in the Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program Operation Rice Bowl. For thirty-two years, Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the US to pray, fast, learn and give as we increase our understanding of our global community. Fast in solidarity with those who are hungry by eating a simple meal today. **Please take a Rice Bowl located in the foyer for your family and follow the suggested activities during Lent. Bowls should be returned on the Sunday after Easter.**

Whoever drinks the water I give
will never thirst

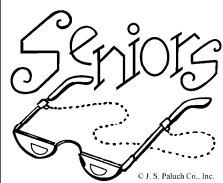


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“Ask and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again...” (John 4:5-42,[5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42])

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



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THE SENIOR MINISTRY is looking for new members. We are a social gathering of people 55 and over, meeting on the 2nd Saturday of the month. ***Come join us for an afternoon of prayer, fun, food and fellowship.*** If you are interested in joining please contact: **Herb Jankowski 410-787-0514** before 5pm or **Betty Yeater 410-647-3134** or **Skip Welch 410-766-0856.**



Sacrificial Giving

*Feb. 17th our faithful stewards gave \$4,036.00
 Our Poor Box collection \$ 228.13
 Attendance: 318*

We thank you as always for your generosity!

Around Town:

St. Bernadette Parish Join us on **Saturday, March 1, for a Gala Art Exhibit and Auction.** Tickets are only \$15.00 and can be purchased at the door. The **preview is at 6:45pm and the auction begins at 7:45pm.** Join your cluster parish for a fun evening in a relaxed atmosphere with art, music, heavy horsd'oeuvres and even wine! Art examples can be seen at www.marlinart.com. What an enjoyable way to become familiar with your cluster parish. 410.969-2783

Holy Rosary Church: Sign up now to enjoy a spiritual day in Baltimore learning more about St. Faustina and Divine Mercy. **11 AM Mass, tour, luncheon, free time for reflection, gift shop and 3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Gunther tour bus leaves St. John the Evangelist Parking lot at 9:30AM and returns at 4:30PM on **Wednesday March 5, 2008. Cost is only 42.00!** Contact Sarah Ranke at 410-647-3629 or email shrank@verizon.net. Spiritual trip is sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court 2350.

Vocations in Progress Day (VIP): Fr. Jerry Francik, the vocation director for the Archdiocese, will be leading a mini-pilgrimage on **Monday, March 17** to Mount St. Mary's Seminary, St. Mary's Seminary, and the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. We are blest to have the two oldest seminaries in the country and Fr. Jerry leads male youth and young adults on tours of both institutions. Following the tours of both seminaries participants will visit the Cathedral and have preferred seating at the Chrism Mass celebrated by Archbishop O'Brien. Lunch, dinner, and transportation provided. If you need a note to be excused from school, please contact Andrew Veveiros at 410-547-5302 or aveveiros@archbalt.org. If you are interested in this adventure contact Andrew Veveiros as well.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish Mission Led by Fr. Michael Martin, O.F.M. Conv. President of Archbishop Curley High School **“CSI: There's More to Faith than Meets the Eye”** **When: Tues. –Thurs. Feb. 26, 27, 28 7:00 pm in the Church.** Followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall. Invite a family member, invite a friend! (Free Babysitting for children (ages 2-10) is available to those who sign-up one week in advance. Please contact Melissa by Tues., Feb. 19th, at 410-255-4646 x1417).