

THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

**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	02/04:	Lori & Family
Tues	02/05:	Evelyn Coombes & Family
Wed	02/06:	Deacon Ernest Cibelli
Thurs	02/07:	Chucky & Family
Fri	02/08:	Dan, Rita & Family
Sat	02/09:	Brandi & Family
	8:30 am	Aldo Galilea
	4:30 pm	
Sunday, 02/10:		Mary Tumminello
	8:30 am	Parishioners
	11:00 am	Gary Smith & Family

**Lenten Soup & Sandwich Program**



Consist of a light meal & fellowship prior to Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights of Lent. **Please Sign up on the sheets located in the foyer to attend and/or to help with the food & preparation**

**and also set-up and clean up.**

Just a reminder, meals should consist of different types of meatless soups, sandwiches, and salads.

Please, if you think you are coming, sign up and note how many will attend.

Once again we thank you for your cooperation and volunteerism!

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Ditzel 410 761-2113.

***"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." John 6:33  
Hope to see you there!***



Ash  
Wednesday

**Church of the Crucifixion**  
**Ash Wednesday, February 6th**

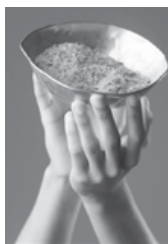
Masses will be at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm with the blessing and distribution of ashes.

**Please read and keep handy today's insert in the Bulletin as it contains all the schedules for Lent and important information regarding Lent.**

**"LOVE IS THE ONLY LIGHT"**

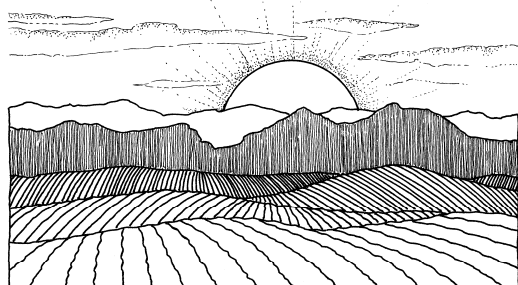
**Ash Wednesday the collection will go to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.** In this part of the world the Church, emerging from 70 years of Communist rule, is vigorously involved in rebuilding the faith of its people. Proceeds from the collection, sponsored by the bishops of the United States, are used for: supporting religious education programs, training seminarians, expanding social ministries, rebuilding churches, convents, & schools. Your generosity can help provide the resources to grow and nourish the faith in this

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**



In just a few days, your Lenten journey will begin. Catholic Relief Services invites you to make this journey in solidarity with your global family, and Operation Rice Bowl makes this easy and enriching. It is a journey of prayer, fasting, learning and giving, all with an international flavor. To be Catholic means to be linked not just to our local communities, but also to our global community. Last year, the \$8 million offered by participants in Operation Rice Bowl made a huge difference to people all around the world. Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl during this Lenten season will challenge you to expand your own horizons. You will be provoked to alleviate suffering and combat injustice. Together, we can induce tremendous change: "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."

# Blessed are the peacemakers



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**“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:1-12)**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32  
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



Sacrificial Giving

Jan. 27th our faithful stewards gave \$5,007.56  
 Our Poor Box collection \$ 876.02  
 Attendance: 397

**We thank you as always for your generosity!**



**Scout Sunday Open House:** Come and visit your Scouts, Scout Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday Feb. 10th. The open house will run from 12:30 pm to 3 pm in the Church Hall. There will be free hot dogs, chips, and drinks for all. The

boys will have a campsite setup, displays of projects, pictures, and equipment. Come meet the Scouts and let them know you support them. Cub Scout Pack 887 and Boy Scout Troop 887 thank all of you for your past and continuing support. For questions, contact Bill Stinchcomb, Scoutmaster at 443-867-2614.

### Around Town:

**Our Lady of the Fields — Cruise Vacation:** Join Fr. Gene Nickol as he leads two great vacation cruise opportunities. From Oct. 5 to 17th, a no fly cruise from Cape Liberty, New Jersey to Québec and back, traveling up the New England coast and down the St. Lawrence River on the Celebrity Cruise Lines’ ‘Constellation’. The other is a Winter Vacation from Jan. 18 to 30, 2009 on Celebrity’s ‘Galaxy’ from San Juan, Puerto Rico round trip to 8 tropical islands from Aruba to Tortola. For flyers or more info, call 410-729-8593. Group prices through Feb. 29th.

**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](mailto:shrank@verizon.net). Spiritual trip is sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court 2350.

**Catholic Charities Legislative Education Group and the Social Concerns Committee** will host an issue briefing on Saturday, February 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the Holy Trinity Parish Center. This is an opportunity to share issues that may arise during the 2008 legislative session and will be a preparation for Lobby Night on Monday, Feb. 18 at St. Mary’s High School.

**Young Adults:** Theology of the Body Study Group will be held Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9 pm at Church of the Crucifixion, Visit [www.Baltimorecatholic.com](http://www.Baltimorecatholic.com) for more information.



### Men’s Softball

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in playing softball on Sunday Feb 10th at 4:00pm in the Church hall.

Doubleheader games will be played on Sunday late afternoons or evenings starting in May in Severna Park. If you are interested or need information, come to this meeting. For additional info about the meeting, call Bill Stinchcomb at 443-867-2614.