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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2012

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Ms. Deborah Holly
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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses

Mondays: 12:00 noon
Tuesdays Thursdays Fridays: 8:00 am
Wednesdays: 10:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:45 am

Holy Days

To Be Announced

Confessions

Before The Mass

Religious Education

Elementary & First Communion

Sundays: 9:15 am

High School & Confirmation

1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays: 7:00 pm

Bible Study

Mondays: 10:30 am & 7:00 pm

**Rite Of Christian Initiation
For Adults**

Sundays: 12:00 noon

Baptism & Marriage Preparation

By Appointment



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click the PARISHES AND
SCHOOL tab, select MARYLAND,
and then click the parish name.

Readings for the Week of February 19, 2012

Sunday: Is 43: 19,21-22,24b-25 / 2 Cor 1:18-22 / Mk 2:1-12
Monday: Jas 3:13-18 / Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10 / Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:14-15
Friday: Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15 / 1 Pt 3:18-22 / Mk 1:12-15

Word From The Pastor

ASH WEDNESDAY
NOW IS THE TIME FOR CHANGE

Fr. Henri Nouwen

The Lenten season begins. It is a time to be with you Jesus in a special way, a time to pray, to fast, and thus to follow you on your way to Jerusalem, to Golgotha, and to the final victory over death. I am still so divided. I truly want to follow you, but I also want to follow my own desires and lend an ear to the voices that speak about prestige, success, human respect, pleasure, power, and influence. Help me to become deaf to these voices and more attentive to your voice, which calls the narrow road to life.

I know that Lent is going to be a very hard time for me. The choice for your way has to be made every moment of my life. I have to choose thoughts that are your thoughts, words that are your words, and actions that are your actions. There are no times or places without choices. And I know how deeply I resist choosing you. Please, Lord, be with me at every moment and in every place. Give me the strength and the courage to live this season faithfully, so that, when Easter comes, I will be able to taste with joy the new life which you have prepared for me. Amen.

Feasts for the Week

February 21 Saint Peter Damian
February 23 Saint Polycarp

Mass Intentions



Saturday	4:00 pm	Jeanette Chase <i>rb: Marlene Browne</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	Candace Lilly <i>rb: Deacon Will and Lois Diane Witherspoon</i>
	10:45 am	Camilla Parham and Irene Spears <i>rb: Helena Johnson</i>
Monday	12:00 noon	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday	8:00 am	Joseph L. Holly <i>rb: Debbie Holly</i>
Wednesday	10:00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday	8:00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Friday	8:00 am	Celebrant's Intention

This Sunday concludes the first stretch of Ordinary Time in the Church year. The Gospel for this Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time presents the first in a series of controversies between Jesus and the Jewish scribes and Pharisees. It centers on whether Jesus has the authority to forgive sins.

Up to this point, we have heard from the opening chapter of Mark's Gospel account, which describes the start of Jesus public ministry. Jesus is successfully preaching and healing in the name of the kingdom of God, with his fame as a miracle worker quickly spreading throughout the region of Galilee. Beginning in chapter two, Mark now introduces a series of controversial stories in connection with Jesus' words and deeds.

The first controversy Jesus experiences is with the Jewish leaders, who object to Jesus granting forgiveness of sins to a paralyzed man. Mark has shown Jesus healing people of various diseases and afflictions (such as demonic possession and leprosy, as well as more common illnesses). But now we see a new element: Jesus connects his power to heal with his *authority* to forgive sins. This new claim to authority proves controversial to some because Jewish belief held that only God has the authority to forgive sins. For Jesus' opponents, this was nothing short of blasphemy. For Jesus' followers, this was amazing: "all were astounded and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'"

In the Second Reading, Paul proclaims that "God is faithful." God does not give mixed messages of "yes" and "no." God is a consistent "yes" in fulfilling his promises to Israel. God is being faithful in saying "yes" to his people.

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Deceased Josephites

February	18	– Rev. William J. Reichmeyer, SSJ Rev. Arthur J. O'Leary, SSJ
February	19	– Rev. Matthew P. Morrissey, SSJ Rev. Vincent D. Warren, SSJ Rev. Henry G. Bouchie, SSJ
February	20	– Rev. Thomas J. Plunkett, SSJ Rev. Edward J. Blasius, SSJ
February	23	– Rev. Joseph B. Anciaux, SSJ Rev. Charles F. Morrissey, SSJ
February	24	– Rev. Francis T. Carney, SSJ Rev. Carl F. Schappert, SSJ

Stewardship Report

“Everything is from You, O Lord,
and we only give You what we have received from You.”
1 Chronicles 29:14

The Ash Wednesday Collection will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Ladies of Charity.

Attendance: 253

Collection \$ 4,440.00

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Ashes will be imposed at the 10:00 am morning Mass and the Mass at 6:00 pm in the evening.

FAITH & HERITAGE MASS

Next Sunday, February 26th during the 10:45 am Mass, the parish family will celebrate our African American faith and heritage by remembering those who have handed down the faith and hope that has sustained and enriched our spiritual lives. During the Mass *The Book of Our Faith and Heritage Ancestry* will be offered in procession. All of us stand on the mighty shoulders of those faithful ones who have gone before us. We want to honor them.



You are invited to create the Faith and Heritage Ancestry Book by recording the names of your ancestors, who influenced your spiritual life, on the pages of the book. The pages are located near the side entrance before the Blessed Sacrament. Do so today. After Mass, the Greeters will give you an invitation to share with family and friends, inviting them to the Mass and Hospitality afterwards in the Church Basement.

THANK YOU

Your support and generosity raised \$260 on Souper Bowl Sunday for My Sister's Place and \$712 from the Pre-Valentine Breakfast and Raffle. The winners are:

Candy Basket – Deacon Will Witherspoon
Mary Kay Basket – Michael Watson
Hand Crocheted Poncho – Jackie Hargrove

S.I.P. Youth Ministry

IT'S A "T" FOR CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to our February Circle Winners!

President	078	\$500	Elizabeth Briggs
1st Vice President	031	\$ 50	Geraldine Case
2nd Vice President	057	\$ 50	Roberta Fields
Secretary	097	\$ 50	Michael Marshall
Treasurer	017	\$ 50	Catherine Case

Join us on Monday, March 12th at 7:00 pm in Fr. Henry Harper Hall for Bingo and the next Circle Drawing. Don't forget to pick up your new Circle Books from Mrs. Evelyn Peterson.

NEXT ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The next trip to Atlantic City will be Wednesday, March 14, 2012. Tickets are still \$35 and this trip offers a \$30 rebate. Meet the bus at 9:45 am on Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder St. for departure at 10:00 am. For tickets and information, contact Ms. Myra Harris and Mrs. Diane Matthews.



OSP CHICKEN DINNERS

The Oblate Sisters of Providence will host their Fourth Annual Fried Chicken Dinner next Saturday, February 25, 2012 at St. Frances Community Center (502 E. Chase St.) from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00. Jewelry and new items will also be on sale. For Tickets, contact Sr. Helene Therese at 410-536-5587, Ralph Moore at 410-539-5794 or a parish representative.

ARENA PLAYERS SPRING SHOW

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality invites you to join them for "Dreams", a three-act comedy by Robert Russell at the Arena Playhouse on Sunday, April 15, 2012. The play begins at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and are available for purchase from Myra Harris, Kim McNeal or any member of the Sodality.



LENT : A PERIOD OF CONVERSION AND RENEWAL



Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes replicates an ancient penitential practice and symbolizes our dependence upon God's mercy and forgiveness. During Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. The Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally – not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

CHECK WHAT'S NEW ON OUR WEBPAGE

Along with visiting Josephite parishes around the country, at www.josephite.com, watch our video, read our bulletin and check our latest Parish Life page to see photos from the Mother Lange Banquet and our Frolicking Shining Star's Valentine gathering. Logon to www.josephite.com/parish/md/spc.

FREE PLAY NEXT SUNDAY

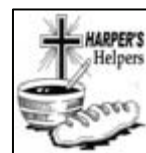
"The Vision," a comedy by Robert Russell, writer for the Arena Playhouse, is FREE admission to all next Sunday, February 26th the City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church, located at 317 Dolphin Street (corner of Eutaw Place) at 4:00 p.m. The Vision is a comedic play that tells the history of City Temple Church.

HELP KEEP OUR PARISH RECORDS UP-TO-DATE

If you and your family members make changes to names, addresses and/or telephone numbers, or if a family member is homebound or in a nursing home, please notify the Rectory or leave a note at the parish office so that our parish database is accurate and up-to-date. Thank you for your help.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY

Harper's Helpers continues the work of Fr. Harper in the church community by heeding the Gospel call to feed the hungry. One Saturday of the month, you are invited to continue his legacy by helping to prepare, serve or donate items for a simple meal. If you are interested in serving as one of Harper's Helpers, contact Greer Dorsey, Program Coordinator at 443-465-3345; Edie Froix, Food Coordinator at 410-922-4627, or Jamie Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator at 410-598-3903.



Help the **St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Program** by offering some of these items at Mass each week: Canned Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Pasta and Sauce, Canned Pork & Beans, Vegetables and Beef Stew, Peanut Butter, Hot Chocolate, Jello, Jelly, Powdered Milk, Oatmeal, and Cereal.

Cook for **Our Daily Bread Casserole Program**. Pick up a pan and recipe on the Second Sunday of the month and return it on the Third Sunday for Monday delivery. The next date to pick up casserole pans is the weekend of March 10/11 with frozen casserole returns the following weekend of March 17/18. Thanks to all our faithful cooks; more casserole cooks are always needed.

DON'T FORGET PHIL-UP THE WHALE

Feed him your loose change to help keep our piano and organ in tip-top tune.



Please submit all Announcements for the Bulletin by Wednesday Morning!