

# March 9, 2008 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

- From Sister Connie -

## *The life-Giving Spirit Dwells in Us*

The readings this Fifth Sunday of Lent bring to my mind the words of St. John of the Cross, "Death done, you lift us living from the tomb." The prophet Ezekiel speaks of the Lord raising us from the grave and putting God's spirit in us. St. Paul reminds us that the Spirit of God dwells in the Christians of Rome and down through the ages to us. In the Gospel we picture Christ calling Lazarus forth living from the tomb. The sixteenth century mystic, John of the Cross reminds us that Sacred Scripture is not just about other people and what God/Jesus did for them. The fact is that Scripture is the living word of God and his promise to all people of all times. It is what God desires to do and is doing for you and me just as well as what he did so long ago. Each of us is a miracle and an act of creation by God. Let us ask ourselves each day this week "What difference does Scripture make in the way I lived my life today?"

I want to thank members of the Parish Pastoral Council and Chris Welsh who, using input from the *Town Meetings* with the assistance of Sister Connie Gilder (from Bishop Rozanski's office), are doing double and triple duty developing our 5 Year Plan. The importance of ownership of the plan by all...pastoral leadership, council members and parishioners can not be overstated. Since my term as your Pastoral Life Director would end February 2009, I am resigning effective March 31, 2008. This will allow the new pastoral leader and council to develop and implement the plan in tandem. Plans for the transition will be forthcoming.

Serving the people of St. Charles has always been a joy and privilege. I will always carry you in my heart and prayers. Let us pray that together we continue to meet emerging human needs as we work to bring all to oneness in the Lord. God bless and keep you and your loved ones.

### **NOTE**

BEGINNING ON **MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**, SATURDAY'S VIGIL MASS WILL BE HELD AT **5:00PM** DUE TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.

## **PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

### **DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?**



This day Jesus weeps for his dead friend Lazarus. He asks Martha, "If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" After Martha's yes, Jesus raised Lazarus, and we are witnesses. Paul adds: "If the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies." Resurrection is the key to our witness and our faith in Jesus. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2001, OCP. All rights reserved. . Illustration © 2001 K. Sullivan.

### **SCHEDULE OF PRESIDERS**

Date	Time	Presider	Mass Intention
Mar 8	4 00p	Fr. Ray	Elaine Baseman
Mar 9	8:00a	Fr. Ray	George Kroen
Mar 9	10:15a	Fr. Leurck	People of the Parish
Mar 9	12:00p	Fr. Leurck	Mary Zabicki
Mar 10	7:30a	Fr. Ray	Ralph Beach
Mar 11	7:30a	Fr. Ray	Ann Starr
Mar 12	7:30a	Fr. Ray	T. & H. Carey
Mar 12	12:10p	Fr. Kurt	Marian McGinn
Mar 13	7:30a	Fr. Ray	T. & H. Carey
Mar 14	7:30a	Fr. Ray	Adelia Mallonga
Mar 15	4:00p	Fr. Donellan	Anna Waddell
Mar 16	8:00a	Fr. Ray	Marian McGinn
Mar 16	10:15a	Fr. Ray	People of the Parish
Mar 16	12:00p	Fr. Ray	John Tanavage

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Many people have found it a blessing to pray and reflect on God's Word each week. Here are the readings for this weekend and for next weekend.*

#### **Readings for Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Ez 37: 12-14 | Rom 8: 8-11 | Jn 11: 1-45*

#### **Readings for Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Is 50: 4-7 | Phil 2: 6-11 | Mt 26: 14-27-66*

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

With the liturgical celebration of **St. Patrick's Day** transferred to **Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>** this year, Archbishop O'Brien has granted Catholics in the Archdiocese of Baltimore a *dispensation* from their Lenten obligation to abstain from eating meat that day. Those who use this dispensation are asked to carry out another act of penance on that day.





*Our Parish's Inter-Generational Faith Formation Program!*

**March's Theme:**

**SOLIDARITY WITH ALL GOD'S PEOPLE**

"Interdependence must be transformed into solidarity, based upon the principle that the goods of creation are meant for all...Solidarity helps us to see the 'other' whether a person, people or nation not just as some kind of instrument, with a work capacity and physical strength to be exploited at low cost and then discarded when no longer useful, but as our 'neighbor,' a 'helper' (cf. Gen 2:18-20), to be made a sharer, on a par with ourselves, in the banquet of life to which all are equally invited by God." [#39]

- Pope John Paul II  
*On Social Concern* (1987)

"We have to move from our devotion to independence, through an understanding of interdependence, to a commitment to human solidarity. That challenge must find its realization in the kind of community we build among us. Love implies concern for all—especially the poor—and a continued search for those social and economic structures that permit everyone to share in a community that is a part of a redeemed creation (Rom 8:21-23)." [#365]

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops  
*Economic Justice for All* (1986)

**You can learn more by using the GOF materials in the church vestibule, or check out the GOF page on the parish website at: [www.ourstcharles.org/pages/gof](http://www.ourstcharles.org/pages/gof)**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MONTH'S GOF SESSION ON SOLIDARITY THIS SUNDAY MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:30AM IN THE PARISH CENTER.**

**ADULTS:** Our first adult-oriented Friday evening GOF sessions on our bishops' statement: **"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship"** was postponed due to winter weather concerns. The Adult GOF sessions will (now) begin on **Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in the rectory, and will include Stations of the Cross and a light meal. Cost is \$5. Contact Chris at 410-486-5400 for more information. To get a head start on the document we will be reading, go to: [www.usccb.org/bishops/FCStatement.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/bishops/FCStatement.pdf)

**STEWARDSHIP**

*- What I Do With What I Have Been Given When I Believe in God -*

**The Christian Community of St. Charles needs every member to own its mission and work to accomplish it.**

Thank you to all who made pledges to the Lenten Appeal last weekend. As members of the Body of Christ and this faith community each of us has a part in the work of evangelization and catechesis. We also share in the life and work of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. We are many people but one Church, one family. If you have not had a chance to make your pledge or gift to the Archbishop's Lenten Appeal, please do so today. This Appeal is an opportunity to reach out and help provide the ministries and services by which our Archdiocese does the work of Christ—in our community and beyond. Thank you for your support of this important appeal and may God Bless you for your generosity.

	<b>Week</b>	<b>Month</b>
Envelopes	\$5,642	\$5,642
Loose	\$862	\$862
Maintenance, A/C & Fuel	\$1,222	\$1,222
Over (-Under) Budgeted expenses of \$7600/week	\$326	\$326
Catholic Relief Services	\$96	\$96
Lenten Offering	\$685	\$685
Poor Box	\$113	\$113
Weekend Attendance	475	475

**134 Envelopes Used - 493 Envelopes Sent**

**MAY GOD'S CONTINUED BLESSINGS BE YOURS.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH IN YOUR WILL.**

**\$UPER 100**  
Winner of Week #7 is Florence Aversa  
Congratulations, Florence!

**LISTENING TO LENT...**

Our parish's Lenten theme can be put in focus and practiced, when you share your time and talent to help us clean our church! You (and your vacuum cleaner) are cordially invited to join us on **Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am in the church for Spring Cleaning. We'd really like to see some additional, new faces! It will be a help if you can let us know that you can participate, call Pat Gussio at 410-925-1876.

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Time	Place	Event
Mar 8	4:00pm Mass	Church	Anointing of the Sick
Mar 9	9:00am	Rectory	RCIA Inquiry
Mar 9	11:30am	Parish Center	Generations of Faith
Mar 9	8:00am Mass	Church	Anointing of the Sick
Mar 9	All Masses	Church	FISH Sunday
Mar 9	All Masses	Rectory	Hospitality Sunday
Mar 10	10:30am	Rectory	Scripture Study
Mar 10	8:00pm	Parish Center	Band
Mar 10	8:00pm	Rectory Basement	Nar-a-non
Mar 11	8:00am - 9:00am	Church	Eucharistic Adoration
Mar 11	1:30pm	Rectory Basement	Quilters
Mar 11	7:15pm	Parish Center	BASIC
Mar 12	12:10pm	Church	Mass
Mar 12	1:00pm	Rectory Basement	Silverliners
Mar 12	8:00pm - 9:30pm	Rectory Basement	A. A.
Mar 13	7:00pm	Church	Cont. Choir
Mar 14	7:00pm	Rectory Basement	Generations of Faith - Adults
Mar 14	7:30pm	Church	Stations
Mar 15	9:00am	Church	Spring Cleaning

### "FUN FELLOWSHIP" OF ST. CHARLES PARISH

#### March 2008 Lenten Event

St. Charles' "Fun Fellowship" for single adults will attend the new Adult Session of *Generations of Faith* on **Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in the Rectory Basement. Cost is \$5.00 per person (includes a light bite and Stations of the Cross). Please RSVP your attendance to Nancy at [nancym@gbc.org](mailto:nancym@gbc.org) or by phone at 410-922-4485.

### SILVERLINERS

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00pm in the Rectory basement. Bring a brown bag lunch. Bingo will cost \$3.00 per person (bring quarters if possible). There will not be a prayer service, please attend one of the Lenten Masses instead.

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH

– *Seeing Christ in Those Whom I Serve* –

### PROVOKE RADIO

#### "WHERE FAITH & SOCIAL JUSTICE MEET"

Tune in every **Sunday @ 10:00am** (rebroadcast @ **12:30am Monday**) to **WBAL 1090AM** or **Sundays @ 9:30am** on **WHFC 91.1FM** or go to [www.provokeradio.com](http://www.provokeradio.com) for downloads and podcasts of an exciting radio program which reflects on issues from a Catholic social justice perspective.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl is *Catholic Relief Services'* Lenten solidarity program. Jesus celebrates the gift of life by restoring it to his friend Lazarus. *CRS* health initiatives seek to preserve this gift, and inspire local volunteers to work for the health of their communities. Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl helps *CRS* restore a feeling of hope for millions living with HIV and AIDS across the globe. You are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home, school, or work by taking one of the bowls and a calendar found in the church vestibule. To learn more, go to: <http://orb.crs.org>

### **- From the Office of the Eastern Vicar -**

Dear Parishioners,

For several years, Sr. Connie Baker has served the community of Saint Charles Borromeo first as pastoral associate, and then as pastoral life director. I am grateful for the gifts that she has shared with your faith community. In my visit to your parish, many people mentioned her presence to and compassion for those who were sick. Others have spoken of her commitment to interfaith dialogue. Her ministry has touched many lives.

It is with gratitude for her good service that I have accepted Sr. Connie's resignation. Her resignation is effective the end of this month. Ruth Puls has been named administrator until such a time as a new pastoral leader is named. The process for appointing a new pastoral leader will be given in greater detail at a later date.

I wish to commend you for the vitality of St. Charles parish, and ask that you keep both Sr. Connie and your future pastoral leader in prayer. Please know that you are in mine.

Thanks,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Vicar of the Eastern Vicariate