

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2012

“While he was delivering God’s word to them, some people arrived bringing a paralyzed man to him. The four who carried him were unable to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they began to open up the roof over the spot where Jesus was. When they had made a hole, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, ‘My son, your sins are forgiven.’”... “It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses: your sins I remember no more.”

It took extra effort for the five persons to get Jesus. Four carried, one couldn’t move. The roof allowed them to bypass the crowd and come face to face with Jesus. A twofold healing took place, spiritual and physical. Another healing occurred as people observed, challenged and learned that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins.

How appropriate for us as we take seriously this gospel text and begin the season of Lent this week. This unique time of penance and spiritual renewal calls us to admit to our sinfulness and do something about it. As the paralytic allowed Jesus to touch and teach through his command, he learned forgiveness and was restored to health. The others were ‘awestruck; all gave praise to God. Saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

Use this incident to initiate Lent this year. Although it is unpopular and makes us uncomfortable, we all need to admit our need for forgiveness and healing. As we seek forgiveness, we learn to forgive. The Lord wipes out our offenses and remembers our sins no more. Like the four, our effort will be blessed and we too will be changed.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>	<u>11:30 AM</u>
<u>2/18-2/19</u>				
EMs	(1) C. Reilly, T. Bongiovanni (2) G. Grabowski, J. McKay T. Garrity, J. Talucci	(1) L. Bunoza, E. Hess (2) M. O’Brien, C. Conner W. Piatek, M. Piatek	(1) C. Rainey, R. Tartamosa (2) D. Williams, S. Tartamosa R. Wright, D. Druding	(1) J. Foulke, K. Maronski (2) T. Powers, E. Faragasso L. Tartaglia, S. Markiewicz
Lectors	J. Douress, K. Nicoletta	M. Saponaro, S. Villa	J. McCall, B. Wright	C. Krier, R. Voltaire
Altar Servers	D. Swift (MC), C. Swift N. Swift, Z. Dean	J. Biello (MC), J. Bilella M. Tees, J. Carty	J. McCall (MC), C. McCall C. Rinaldi, C. Hess	E. Hoag (MC), A. Hoag O. Horan, M. Butler
<u>2/25-2/26</u>				
EMs	(1) J. Talucci, B. Tresca (2) K. Talucci, P. Tresca R. Fahringer, M. Fahringer	(1) J. Kohler, B. Vadino (2) C. Kohler, A. Vadino A. Primo, N. Vadino	(1) D. Flood, C. McCullough (2) F. Flood, R. McGee P. Miller, C. Rainey	(1) J. Ralston, R. Manes (2) J. Smith, M. Leyden B. Leyden, S. Leyden
Junior Lectors	N. Russo, J. Liss	V. Vadino, J. Rigolizzo	Cam. Katkocin, Chr. Katkocin	S. Leyden, A. Leyden
Altar Servers	J. Bray (MC), A. Bray B. Michaelis, E. Fey	B. Pallante (MC), Jac Orem E. Pallante, Jas Orem	R. Cinalli (MC), A. Visco M. Edwards, D. Visco	N. Krier (MC), K. Krier N. Cullman, L. Donlon

SACRAMENTS

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25

The Lord tells us not to dwell on the events of the past because He is doing something new. We were made so that we may praise God, and it is for his sake that our sins are forgiven and "our sins are remembered no more."

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Paul explains to the Corinthians that his words to the people are not "yes" or "no" but that the "yes" is in Jesus, "for however many are the promises of God, their Yes is in him."

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

After Jesus returned from Capernaum, crowds of people came to see him and to hear his words. A paralytic was carried forth by four men, and seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, "Child, your sins are forgiven." He then instructed the paralytic to "rise, pick up your mat, and go home," which the man did to the astonishment of all who had gathered. They glorified God saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

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 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

SACRAMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory Of: Neil Harrison Jr. and Neil Harrison III
Requested by Joyce, Alyson and Carl

Please pray for those who have continued on their journey to the Kingdom of God:

Thomas P. Finnigan Sr.
Louis J. Dalessandro

ADORATION: Adoration is held every Wednesday in the rectory Chapel following the 8 am Mass until 5 pm with the Miraculous Medal Novena at 4:30 pm.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are held every Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM in the Church.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the 8 AM Daily Mass, 9 AM School Mass, 12 Noon Service, 4:30 PM Service and 7 PM Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 19, 2012

SAT 2/18	4:00 PM	Paul & Emily Blaum
	Req:	The Porter Family
		Joseph Santone
	Req:	His Family
		Natalie Arnold
	Req:	Her Family
SUN 2/19	8:00 AM	Patricia DiPietropolo
	Req:	Bea and Steve Raiker
	9:30 AM	Lori McPeak
	Req:	The McCall Family
		Gerardo Loffredo
	Req:	M/M Donald Knoll
	11:30 AM	Brandon Kinsella
	Req:	The Kinsella Family
		Neil Harrison Jr. & Neil Harrison III
	Req:	Joyce, Alyson & Carl
MON 2/20	8:00 AM	Intentions of M/M John Gorman
	Req:	Lenny and Mary Ward
TUES 2/21	8:00 AM	Maria Ralston
	Req:	Catherine Napolitano
WED 2/22	<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>	
	8:00 AM	Neil Harrison
	Req:	Jeff and Debbie Karch
(SE Convent)	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	9:00 AM	Lori McPeak
	Req:	The Visco Family
	12:00 PM	Service
	4:30 PM	Service
	7:00 PM	For the Intentions of Joseph Ranoia
	Req:	OLMC Faculty and Staff
THURS 2/23	8:00 AM	Perpetual Remembrances
FRI 2/24	8:00 AM	Richard Taylor
	Req:	Vito Fruggiero & Marie Goode
SAT 2/25	8:00 AM	Perpetual Remembrances
	4:00 PM	Janet Renzi
	Req:	The Caporelli Family
		Joseph Santone
	Req:	His Family
		Mary Cahill
	Req:	Ann Bombaro & Family
SUN 2/26	8:00 AM	Kathleen Banes
	Req:	Carol and Donald Keir
	9:30 AM	Lori McPeak
	Req:	Rose & Ron Katkocin & Family
		Robert Carlson Sr. 6th Anniversary
	Req:	Wife and Family
	11:30 AM	Neil Harrison Jr.
	Req:	Joyce, Alyson & Carl
		Joseph Davidoski
	Req:	Gladys Busch
		Joseph DiModica
	Req:	DiModica Family

SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

Our Military: Staff Sgt. David Sigwart; CTI 2 Russell Hagner; PFC Christopher Wright; SS John M. Ciaccio, USMC; 1st Lt. Robert John Perales, Army; PV2 Amanda Sylvester; Nadeem Sarwar, US Army; Pvt. Steven York.

Homebound & Sick... Kathryn DeBergh; Sophia Ann DiGangi; Ellen Matteo; Regina Maxwell; Wylene Sandro; Stephen Malloy; Richard Beppel Jr; Nancy Mauriello; Sammy Flemming; Philip Antonucci; Anthony Campagna; Helen & Henry Swanson; Rita Farina; Krista Sheehan; Eleanor Tubis; Patricia Tighe; Dennis Druding III; Kaitlyn Miller; Mike Murray; Sofia Lewis; Douglas Hatch; Dennis Conway; Barbara Murray; Bea Ervin-Hughes; Aida Perales; Edward J. DeFilippis; Logan Stepler; Leon Rossi; Samantha Mossey; Dorothea Cheslock; Maria Pavone; Genevieve Gallagher; Chris O'Rourke; Joseph Scioli; Antoinette Metzger; Donald & Elba Johnston; Gert Klauder; Lorraine Contardo; Evelyn Hatch; Dave Hobbins; Edward DiFillipo; John Meyers Jr; George Edwards; Kathy Walsh; Muriel Williams; Regina Nicoletto; Gladys LaLena; Grace Kelley; John Paul Zulueta; Cody Sears; Samuel Lisa; Jamie Rulon; Patricia Lauleta; Laming Family; Tom Crowley; Maria & Siggy Honrychs; Bob Horn; Joe VanDyke; Hans Lang; Jim D'Alessandro; Carle Lacouture; Elijah Counsellor; Ilaine Maxwell; William Stone Jr; Kathleen Deitz; Jason Flood; Michael Greenwald; Madeline Strong; Rose Bansch; Alec Silovitz; Patrick Hennessy; Margie Caldarolo; Ann King; John Ervin; Francis Poper; Lee Velardi; Bob Zulueta; Marie York; Roisin Lovett; Andrew Burke; Joseph Fahringer; Benjamin Vettese; Lynne Sindoni; Wayne Smith; Josie Thornton; Joanne Joy; Amanda Simone Kisielnicki; Rose D'Ascenzo; Baby Scott Batcho; Sally Zupan; Ronnie Meyers; Kyle Brown; Gail Meersand; Mary Orlandi; Anthony Braig; Harold Hotznagel; Carole Conner; Judy Herlihy; Jean Schwarzwald; Larry Meo, Jr; Terri Vega; Dave Bandish; Heather Griffin; Ed Tevis.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mrs. SueAnn Jeral 856-767-1537

Concert in Lent! Save The Date!

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 @ 7pm in the church

We are very pleased to announce that Tajči, (pronounced TY-chee) the internationally renowned Catholic singer, songwriter and recording artist, will perform an inspiring, powerful musical adaptation of the crucifixion story, entitled "I Thirst," here in our parish. Come hear about Tajči's journey from communism & poverty, to fame & fortune to God & faith. Visit www.idobelieve.com to see and hear Tajči today. Tajči has inspired audiences across America and around the world!

Events like this don't happen without the time & talent of extraordinary people dedicated to its success. **Please sign up as a volunteer (as soon as possible) to help with the concert by emailing or calling SueAnn at sajolmc@comcast.net or 856-767-1537, ext 306.**

Don't Give Up Chocolate Or Dessert This Lent!

Do something for yourself instead!

Join us in our **6-week-only Lenten Longings** program! If you want to learn more about your faith but you only have a limited time to do so, then come participate in our **6-week-only** program for Lent! We will gather once a week to take a look at who God is in our daily life while we work, cook, clean, study, golf, drive kids here & there. God, prayer & scripture will be our guide on this 6-week journey. What a deal! Only 6 weeks needed to improve your connection with God! **Please call or email SueAnn at sajolmc@comcast.net or 856-767-1537, ext 306 to register for either option:**

Monday Evenings from 7:00-8:30pm beginning **Feb. 20** **OR** **Tuesday Mornings** from 9:30-11:00am beginning **Feb. 21.**

Justice & Peace Presentation

Tuesday, February 28th

7:00pm in Church

Come join us in learning about one of the most horrific problems confronting immigrants in our time....**HUMAN TRAFFICKING.** In reflecting, praying and acting on this issue we are attempting to spread a deeper awareness of the Dignity of the Human Person.

Ronald Chance, our presenter, was a State Trooper/Detective and Intelligence Analyst with the New Jersey State Police for 15 years. He was a Supervisory Special Agent and Director of Intelligence for the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. for 20 years. He led nationwide investigations of Human Trafficking in the workplace while assigned to DOL Headquarters. He was a member of the New Jersey Conference of Catholic Bishops Public Policy Committee. He teaches Intelligence Analysis at Neumann University, Aston, Pa.

RCIA

On Sunday, Feb. 26, we will celebrate the **Rite of Sending** in our parish, formally asking the Church of Camden to accept our catechumens as members of the **Elect**---those chosen by God for baptism---and to pray for our candidates' continued growth in the Spirit. We will then journey to Our Lady of Hope to celebrate the **Rite of Election** (for the catechumens) and the **Call to Continuing Conversion** (for the candidates) with Bishop Galante. All individuals throughout our diocese who are preparing for the Easter sacraments will be celebrating together at our Lady of Hope. Please keep all of them in prayer!

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION: Children, Youth & Young Adult

CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation Office is located in the Parish Office (former rectory). Hours are M-F from 9 am to 3 pm. 767-1537.

Mrs. Bea Raiker, CRE BROLMC@comcast.net
Betty Cipolone, Admin. Assistant: bcipolone@comcast.net

"FOLLOW ME"

Schedule for 2012 "Follow Me"

Sunday, February 26th 6:30 – 8:30 PM PM

Sunday, March 4th, 11th & 25th 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Rehearsal with Mr. Ziccardi & Readers:

Sunday, April 1st 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Full Rehearsal: Tuesday, April 3rd 6:30 – 8:30 PM

PRESENTATION OF "FOLLOW ME

Wednesday, April 4th at 8:00 PM sharp.



Join hundreds of Catholic youth for a day-long event

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

Sunday, April 1, 2012

10:15 AM – 5:30 PM

Holy Family Parish

Begin Holy Week and Easter by discovering how to bring light to the world! Featuring a keynote presentation by Carrie Ford. Only \$15.00 per person. Please contact Mrs. Raiker ASAP to reserve your space.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

"God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, to be holy." (cf. Eph 1:4) God has chosen each person in Christ to live out that holiness through a particular vocation. Rev. Michael M. Romano, director of Vocations will be at our parish on the weekend of March 3-4, 2012 to preach about religious vocations. While here, he will be available to meet with any young person with questions about the call to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you would like to set up a time to meet with Fr. Michael Romano that weekend, you can contact him beforehand at michael.romano@camdendiocese.org or 856-583-2858. Together, we pray that more people from our parish may generously respond to God's call to the priesthood and religious life!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Thursday, March 8, 2012 at Dubh Linn Square

482 Evesham Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ

"WHY ARE YOU STANDING THERE LOOKING AT THE SKY? LIVING AS DISCIPLES: - ACTS 1:11

Speaker: Patrick Cashio

Patrick Cashio works as the Director of Young Adult Ministry at the Romero Center in Camden, NJ. He has worked as a volunteer and minister for 7 years in Camden, Ohio, Ecuador and Florida.

If you have an interest or some ideas about Theology on TAP and would like to become involved in planning for our next set of talks at Dublin Square, Cherry Hill, please contact Bea at 767-1537.



OLMC REGIONAL SCHOOL

Save the date!

For a night of Coach Bags and Fashion as

"OLMC Honors

Past, Present & Future Alumni"

Thursday, March 22nd at 7pm

The OLMC PTA would like to invite you out to Lucien's Manor to honor our incredible past, present & future alumni with an evening full of Fashion. The night will include chances to win 10 beautiful Coach Bags and a \$600 Shopping Spree to the Promenade in Marlton. There will be 100 Chinese auction baskets, over 20 of OLMC's Finest Gifts, a generous 50/50 and much, much more!!!! Tickets are only \$40 and include a wonderful dinner from the chef's at Lucien's Manor! There will also be a cash bar open throughout the night!

C'mon ladies save the date & start getting your friends together for another great girl's night out! Tickets may be purchased by contacting Karyn Bossert at 609-929-7434 or PsychNurse73@comcast.net. We hope to see you there! PTA & the Fashion Show Committee

ATTENTION OLMC REGIONAL SCHOOL ALUMNI

We are looking for alumni over the age of 24 to model their own fashions at the fashion show. If you are interested in modeling or have any questions, please contact Karyn Bossert at the phone/email address above.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

OLMC School is looking for qualified K-8 substitute teachers. Please submit current resumes, letters of recommendations and most recent fingerprint certificates to jwilhelm@olmc-school.org.

LOOKING FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Regional School is looking for individuals who are interested in serving on the Regional School Board. We are currently looking for three individuals to fill current vacancies and for additional individuals to fill future positions and vacancies as they occur. Candidates should be interested in furthering the future of Catholic Education in the region. If interested yourself or if you know someone who you believe would be interested, please contact Tom Fanelli (St. Andrews) at tfanelli115750@comcast.net or call at 856-770-9108 to obtain a nomination form.

Beef & Beer Fundraiser

"A TRIBUTE TO COACH JOE RANOIA"

Saturday, March 10, 2012

7:00 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Gymnasium, Berlin
\$20.00 per person donation - Call Rosa at 856-767-2563 or stop by the rectory to purchase tickets.

The goal of the Beef & Beer is to raise money to make permanent (i.e., replace with paint) the floor naming and other decals that were unveiled at the February 3 Tribute to Coach Ranoia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY



Saturday, March 24th @ 8:30 am
More information to follow.

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all those who came out to give blood on February 3rd. Because of your participation, 48 units of blood were donated.

SVDP and K of C Holiday Program Results

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Knights of Columbus of our parish are pleased to be able to provide an update concerning our combined efforts over the past holiday season. Thanks to you and the generosity of other organizations and outside contributors, we were able to provide 138 Thanksgiving dinners that helped to feed approximately 500 people, 122 Christmas dinners that helped to feed approximately 435 people, and provide 150 families with toys that helped brighten Christmas day of approximately 350 children. We also were able to give gifts to 60 senior citizens. This is a demonstration of who we are at St. Simon Stock, and what we can do when we work together. It's a visible sign of putting our faith in action by helping those in need. On behalf of so many we want to thank you and ask God to bless you for your continued support and generosity.

ADULT CHOIR

The Adult choir is looking for new members! Anyone with a desire to sing (no experience necessary) is welcome to join us for songs and laughs. We meet Thursday evenings at 7pm in the church. No need to make a major time commitment. Come sing when you can! Any questions? Call Liz Williams at 856-304-1167.

JUST GOT ENGAGED?...

St. Simon Stock Parish will offer PRE-CANA this spring for couples preparing for marriage. It is a two-day session (you must attend both days) which will be held on Friday, April 20, 2012 from 6-9 PM on Saturday, April 21st from 8 AM – 12 Noon in the School Hall. Both parties must attend! To register, call Betty at 856-767-2563.

Pre-Cana Looking for New Team Members

Do you have fond memories of your Pre-Cana sessions? Have you ever wanted to get involved in the parish, but didn't know how? Then you may want to check out St. Simon Stock's Pre-Cana ministry. Pre-Cana is a Ministry for married couples who work as a team to provide pre-nuptial sessions for couples who are planning a Catholic Marriage. The Pre-Cana sessions are given twice a year (usually in the April and October), on a Friday night and Saturday morning. If interested in helping or you would like more information, please call or e-mail Michael or Mary Lambert at 856-784-2202 or lamfam4@comcast.net or Dave and Vicky Sigwart at vsigwart@comcast.net

Time, Talent and Treasure

STEWARDSHIP

Title: Living Stewardship

"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Are you living **Stewardship** by doing everything possible for the glory of God? Or is there maybe some other way that you could generously share your time, talent or treasure for God's glory? Think about it.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

February 11th & 12th, 2012

Sunday Collection: \$ 11,489.50

Debt Reduction: \$ 1,386.00

Candles: \$ 217.00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box: \$323.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

Church in Central and Eastern Europe

The Ash Wednesday Collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please be as generous as your means allow.

2011 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please call the rectory at 856-767-2563 ext. 300 and leave your name, phone number and address if you would like a statement of your 2011 contributions for tax purposes.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Is there someone you are deeply concerned about?

SEND a "Gift of Love" through the Power of Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday in the rectory Chapel following the 8 AM mass until 5 PM with the Miraculous Medal Novena at 4:30 PM. Call Mary at 767-8273 to sign up. "Gift of Love" cards are available upon request and/or are located a table outside of the Chapel.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, April 15, 2012 @ 3 PM

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Blackwood, NJ

The Wedding Anniversary Mass is a special Mass celebrated by the Bishop to honor couples celebrating 25, 50 and above years of marriage. Each couple is greeted and blessed by the Bishop and given a certificate acknowledging their special day. Registration Forms are available in the Parish Office or for more information, please call 856-583-6132.

Cub Scout Pack 55

Please join us for

SCOUT MASS

Sunday, March 4, 2012 @ St. Simon Stock at 9:30 a.m. We want to welcome Local Members of any Packs and Troops. Please dress in Class "A" Uniform and Sashes/Uniform

Mark Forrest - International Irish Tenor

Thursday, March 1st @ 7:30 PM at St. Agnes Church, Our Lady of Hope Parish, Blackwood. Tickets cost \$25 and benefit Discovery Ministries. Call Eileen at 856-767-7607 for tickets or information.