

## Pastor's Corner....

This weekend, the third weekend of Lent, will see a new symbol in our sanctuary that reflects the RCIA Elect, Janettarose Greene, who is continuing her faith journey to Easter in our midst and with our companionship.

From ancient custom, once the catechumen was accepted by the Bishop as enrolled in the Book of the Elect, the new Elect would receive a special garment that would be worn during the time preceding Easter. It would be a sign to all in the community of the presence in their midst of someone who was being led to share their faith and would make the community aware of their part in this Divine Action.

In our own time, this garment has become a liturgical symbol, one which we will initiate during this season of Lent here. When Janettarose is present at the Liturgy, either Sunday or weekday, she will be present in our midst wearing her garment reminding us of her journey and her need for our prayers and support. It is purple, in keeping with the season and will be replaced by a white garment when she is baptized. When she is not present, it will be hung at the Baptismal Font.

Please take notice of this rich symbol. It reminds us that we are brothers and sisters of this child of God who is being led by the Spirit in our midst, to share in our life and in our faith. When you see Janettarose, let her know of your support and of your prayers. When you see the garment, let it remind you to say a "Hail Mary" for her and for all in the Archdiocese who are approaching the saving waters of Baptism in which we have been reborn.

Next weekend is the third weekend of the month and our Parish Deficit Collection will be taken up at all Masses.

### Worship

**J. C. Cantrell, Chair**

**We are in need of usher, acolyte, lector, music minister, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Please volunteer by contacting JC Cantrell via telephone (703)-569-4231 or (e-mail: [music@st-dominic-church.org](mailto:music@st-dominic-church.org)).**

We support each other's prayer during the Mass with our active participation in the sung and spoken parts of our liturgy. Our Saturday evening and all Sunday Masses sing the parts of the Mass. The Mass Propers, Psalms, and Antiphons are attached to the front inside cover of the Breaking Bread Book. For the season of Lent we are singing Kyrie, Gospel Acclamation, Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation "A", Amen and Lamb of God from *Trinity Mass for Lent*.

### Soup and Bread Lenten Meal

Please join us Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. for our Parish **Soup and Bread Lenten Supper** in the Parish Meeting Room- (Priory Basement). Along with prayer, wonderful soup/bread and fellowship, we will have the opportunity to increase our understanding of our faith by participating in the catechesis preparations and lectures of our RCIA program.

### Decoding the Liturgy

Who are the music ministers in liturgy? We refer to the instrumentalists and vocalists who lead us in song as the music ministers. And so they are. However, this can be misleading, because WE, the COMMUNITY, are the primary music ministers in liturgy. Our faith calls us to sing the songs, to be a witness to one another through our singing, and to encourage others to do the same through our enthusiastic song. It is important that we support one another. Singing together is an important element of the liturgy, which transforms us from independent individuals to a unified worshipping body. If we feel we do not sing well, we can always remember the words of Psalm 95:1:

*"O come, let us sing to the Lord; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"*

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them" (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

**Psalm** "The Lord is kind and merciful" (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

**Second Reading** "Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall" (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

**Gospel** "I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future" (Luke 13:1-9) or 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: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21;  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
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]

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent;  
First Scrutiny; Girl Scout Sunday;  
Daylight Savings Time begins  
Friday: Abstinence  
Saturday: St. Patrick

### **Please Pray For...**

Cathy Porter, Michael Andre, Dena Andre, Don Butsco, Scottie O'Neal, Rosalie & Thomas Rizzo, Arlene DiRienzo, Joanne Grobe, Pete Grelish, Kim Johnson, Carolmarie, McCoy Gibson, Marilyn Jarvis, John Soos, Douglas Hotze, Christine & Jeffrey Denuccio, Carol Marie Tucker, Loli Zimbrano, Daniel Brochier, María Santos, Julia Santos, Christine Nguyen, Mark Russell Davis, Genevie Cromer, Bernice Scott, Evelyn Krasienko, Jackie Manotas, Presley Lawrence, Preston Adams, Rocco Bosso, Maxine Davis, Emeliane Jackson, Thomas Jackson, Niceta Gorospe, Mary Timchek, Margaret Kelly, Ann Nguyen, Daniel Metzlar, Jerry Mulvihill, Alicia Fisher, Bryan Brown, John Leino, Thomas Cromer Jr., Matthias B. Vogel, Betty & Peter Glickert, Barbara Luckek, Mary Davis Pitts, Theresa Pizzupo, and the sick of our Parish & Priory.

### Weekly Mass Intentions

<b>Sun., Mar. 11th - Third Sunday of Lent</b>		
8:00	Shrine & Lenten Remembrance	
10:45	Elsie Rixmann	
12:15	For the People of the Parish	
5:15	Patrick Grande (d)	
<b>Mon., Mar. 12</b>		
8:00	Shrine & Lenten Remembrance	
12:10	Mary Lange McNabb (d)	
<b>Tue., Mar. 13</b>		
8:00	Fr. Robert Riley, O.P. (d)	
12:10	Edwin J. Reavey, Jr. (d)	
<b>Wed., Mar. 14</b>		
8:00	Gail Hydar (d)	
12:10	Patrick K. McGrath (d)	
<b>Thu., Mar. 15</b>		
8:00	Fr. Robert Riley, O. P. (d)	
12:10	Anna M. McGrath (d)	
<b>Fri., Mar. 16</b>		
8:00	Fr. Robert Riley, O.P. (d)	
12:10	Kathleen Murphy (d)	
<b>Sat., Mar. 17 - St. Patrick</b>		
8:15	Shrine & Lenten Remembrance	
12:10	Mireva's Fam., Relatives & Benefactors (L & D)	
5:15	Fenwick Chapter T.O.P.	

### Weekend Schedule

#### For Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Sat., March 10th - Vigil Mass</b>		
5:15 p.m.	J. Pendarvis M. Ortiz	A. Artusa, *M. Garcia, *A. Haines
<b>Sun., March 11th - Third Sunday of Lent</b>		
8:00 a.m.	J. Davis A. Monterio	L. Sarmiento, *B. Jones, *V. Gorospe
10:45 a.m.	K. Layne O. Chowbay	M. Moran, *N. Brown, *S. Watkins
5:15 p.m.	C. Yauch M. Kanaley	N. Schlorb, *H. Morgan *R. Morgan
<b>Sat., March 17th- Vigil Mass</b>		
5:15 p.m.	M. Farinelli J. Flowers	P. Haley, *M. Garcia, *A. Haines
<b>Sun., March 18th- Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>		
8:00 a.m.	T. Kelly T. Ocampo	E. Maturi, *A. Artusa, *V. Gorospe
10:45 a.m.	M. Judah E. Judah	Branson Family
5:15 p.m.	D. Malata D. O'Brien A. Cycle	J. Branson, *M. Healey, *R. Morgan
<b>A= Acolytes      *=Precious Blood Ministers</b>		

**Social Concerns Committee**  
**Fr. Cahouet, E. Judah, Co-Chairs**

**The Social Concerns Committee** will meet next Sunday March 18th, 9:15 a.m. in Parlor #2. This will be the Committees regular monthly meeting and all are welcome.

"Our social ministry must be anchored in prayer, where we uncover the depths of God's call to seek justice and pursue peace...In serving those in need, we serve the Lord. In seeking justice and peace, we witness to the reign of God in our midst. In prayer we find the reasons, the strength, and the call to follow Jesus in the ways of charity, justice, and peace" (U.S. Catholic Bishops, *Communities of Salt and Light*).

**Lenten Food Drive**

This is the weekend to bring your donation for the food drive for those in need here in Southwest. But if you forgot to bring it today, just drop it off at the parish office by next Sunday. All the food will be distributed through the Collaborative (South Washington West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative).

"For I was hungry and you gave me food". Matt. 26:35

Social Concerns Committee

**Catechesis**

**Mary Moran, Maryalice Locke Co-Chairs**

**RCIA / Adult Education**

**Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.**

**Parish Meeting Room**

- 3/13/07      Initiation Sacraments: *Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick*
- 3/20/07      Ministry Sacraments: *Marriage and Orders*
- 3/27/07      Holy Week and Rites explained

**Winter Bible Study**

**Sunday 3:30-5:00 p.m.**

**Parish Meeting Room**

- 3/11/07      Prov 22:17-24:34 The Thirty Sayings of the Wise
- 3/18/07      Prov 25:1-29:27 Hezekiah's Collection of Old Proverbs
- 3/25/07      Prov 30:1-31:31 The Words of Agur and Lemeul

**Parish Finance Council**

**John Bosco, Chairman**

As of Feb. 28, 2007	Actual FYTD	Budget FYTD
Offertory Collections: Sunday & Weekly	232,522	234,833
Deficit Reduction Collection	21,148	25,333
Total Collection	253,670	260,166
Operating Expenses	289,098	299,061
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(35,427)	(38,894)
<b>Week of Feb. 24 - Mar. 02, 2007</b>		
Offertory Collection	4,730	--
Deficit Reduction	335	--
Lent	2,511	--

**NOTE:** FYTD = Fiscal Year to-date  
 Fiscal year is from July 1st to June 30th

**Facilities and Activities Calendar  
This Week at St. Dominic Church**

<b>Sun. 11</b>	All Masses 3:30-5:00 p.m.	Food Collection Winter Bible Study
<b>Mon. 12</b>	Noon-1:00 p.m.	AA Mtg.
<b>Tue. 13</b>	Noon-1:00 p.m.	AA Mtg.
	1:15-2:15 p.m.	AL Anon Mtg.
	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup
	6:30 pm	RCIA: Initiation Sacra- ments Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick
<b>Wed. 14</b>	Noon-1:00 p.m.	AA Mtg.
	7:00 p.m.	Cont. Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>Mar. 15</b>	Noon-1:00 p.m.	AA Mtg.
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Fri. 16</b>	Noon-1:00 p.m.	AA Mtg.
<b>Sat. 17</b>	--	--

**Always Our Children**

The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle's ministry to gay and lesbian individuals, their families and friends will hold a confidential support group meeting on Sunday, March 25, 2007 from 3:30 - 5:15 p.m. in the West Conference Room in the Cathedral. Parents are especially encouraged to attend. For any questions please contact Adam Kline at adamzeny@speakeasy.net or Maureen Evers at mevers@stmatthewscathedral.org.

**Classics at St. Dominic's**

Do you like movies? Like classic movies? Like to get together with friends and enjoy popcorn and sodas? Would enjoy a new "old" movie once a month? If you answer yes to any of these questions, we have the answer for you ~ monthly movies at St. Dominic's. When? One Saturday each month. Where? In the Parish Meeting Room. How much will it cost? \$1.00 per movie, except for the first on which will be free.

This is a new event at St. Dominic's and we hope to see you for the first monthly movie. Remember that admission is free at the first movie. Money collected after that will be used to pay for the refreshments and any excess will be donated to SOME. Occasionally we will be running specials but we will explain that later in the year. Watch for the announcement in the bulletin on the first movie and come join the fun!

**Calling all high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors!** The Catholic Standard will host its annual College Day on March 19th from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the NEW Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney. Hundreds of colleges and universities will have representatives on hand to meet and speak with prospective students. Please join us for a fun and informative evening. It's never too early to start thinking about your future! Questions? Call Laurie Enceneat at (202) 281-2409.

**Washington Theological Union** (6896 Laurel St., NW, Washington DC 20012) upcoming events free & open to the public: **March 14 - Nourishment for Ministry - "Lunch with St. Paul"** Last of this year's new series of faculty midday lectures updating ordained and lay ministers on key theological and pastoral issues, by Rev. James Scullion, OFM, PhD. Eucharist at 11:50 am in the Chapel; at 12:45 pm brownbag lunch and free presentation in the CE Room; reflection will follow 1:30-2:00 pm. Call 202-541-5218 or 800-334-9922x5218 or for more information email at clasby@wtu.edu.

### **Citizenship Assistance Workshops**

Make your voice be heard! Become a U.S. Citizen!! On Saturday, March 24, 2007 12-4:00 p.m. at the Spanish Catholic Center, Catholic Community Services (415 E. Diamond Ave. Gaithersburg, MD). Fee \$40. Call 301-740-2523 to register.

### **Taller de Ciudadania**

Haga que escuchen su voz! Conviertase en Ciudadano!!

Venga al Centro Católico de "Catholic Community Services" en la 415 E Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg, MD el sabado, 24 de marzo del 2007 de 12-4:00 p.m. Precio \$40.00. Llame al 301-740-2523 para registrarse.

### **Comunidad Hispana**

**Padre Eugenio Cahouet, O.P.**

**Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma**

**11 de marzo, del 2007**

Estimada Comunidad Hispana:

#### Mucho de la formación de Moisés:

Hoy Moisés recibió la escuela real egipcia de administración, una formación que le capacitaba sin duda alguna para aceptar un puesto directivo entre los hebreos (Ex 2, 11-15). Sus primeras gestiones como jefe no debieron de ser, sin embargo, un éxito y tuvo que huir rápidamente de la venganza del Faraón, tras haber dado muerte a uno de sus agentes, y del odio de los hebreos que no reconocían la autoridad de los funcionarios del Faraón, aunque fueran, como en el caso de Moisés, uno de los suyos (Ex 2, 14). Entonces nos encontramos a Moisés en el desierto del Sinaí, en la tribu de Madian, en donde se casa con la hija del jefe y en donde recibe seguramente una **formación religiosa y jurídica conforme a las tradiciones de los nómadas**. Cabe pensar también que Moisés, que enriquecía así su formación jurídica y administrativa egipcia con una vuelta a las fuentes tradicionales y una preparación mas apropiada al estado nómada que había de compartir con su pueblo.

Dentro de este contexto se sitúa una experiencia religiosa particularmente decisiva. Cuando estaba apacentando los ganados de su suegro, como a una etapa sin duda cuando imperfectamente familiar con Madianitas costumbres religiosas y sin conociendo donde estuvieron los santuarios, él sin intención tropieza en uno. Estuvo cerca Monte Horeb (su revuelta fue su destino para recibir la Alianza) por protección durante una tempestad. Un árbol sagrado es de repente estallado por relámpago.

Como él medita en estos eventos misteriosos él da cuenta que el Dios de Madian es también **el Dios de la promesa (v. 6): Una vindicación del Dios de Abraham, Isaac, Jacob**.

No embajador tenía una oportunidad de ser aceptado sin el nombre de su líder. El nombre es Yhwh, Yahvé. Es el nombre parcialmente olvidado del Dios de los patriarcas y sus promesas que fue intentado. "Yo soy el que Soy", se significa "Yo seré que yo seré." Eso es decir: USTEDES ME CONOCERÁN POR EL QUE YO HARÉ POR USTEDES": o también "eso es historia que me revelare."

Hay una salvaguardia del misterio de Dios y una trascendencia, pero al mismo tiempo revela su inminencia en la misión de Israel y la misión de Moisés.

*(según Maertens & Frisque, Nueva guía a la asamblea cristiana. III)*