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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Fridays 9:30-Noon, Closed Wednesdays.

Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

February 18, 2018 – First Sunday of Lent

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Weekday Eucharist

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,
Thursday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar
Rev. John T. Solomon, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of financial assistance, please call

St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702

The Sacraments

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

Dear Parishioners,

Okay, true confession: In 1985, as part of a bet with some friends about who could view the most films in a year, I actually saw 100 movies (meaning in movie theatres). During my year of 100 movies, popcorn, gooey floors, Twizzlers and Coca-Cola became intimate parts of my life. I saw some of the best and worst films imaginable. The movie that started my 100-movie run, was a movie that actually came out in 1984, but which I saw at a second-run movie house (do those exist anymore?) in early January 1985. This fairly-awful film was entitled "The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the 8th Dimension." The movie was a commercial flop, but it left me with one of my favorite quotes. The quote, from character Buckaroo Banzai to his friends, in a philosophical pep talks went as followed: "...and remember, wherever you go, there you are." Silly, yes. But 44 years later, and I still remember. (The runner up great quote from the film was this one: "It turns out we are not in the Eighth dimension, we're in New

Jersey." – okay, I guess you had to be there, but it was a funny line.)

Say What? But, that the way it is with quotes. Good ones are forever memorable. "If you're going through hell, keep going," opined Winston Churchill. Brilliant! "I coulda had class. I coulda been a contender. I coulda been somebody," exclaimed Marlon Brando's character in "On the Waterfront." Classic! Helen Keller, born deaf, dumb and blinded, noted, "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." Insightful! And, there was the poignant quote of Anne Frank, a young girl hiding from the Nazi during World War II: "No one has ever become poor by giving." Inspiring! And, there are of course the light-hearted quotes that are also memorable, like the quote from the oft-married singer, Rod Stewart, who said, "Instead of getting married again, I'm going to find a woman I don't like and just give her a house."

For Good Measure: Lent With Depth. Good quotes, memorable quotes, they abide. We all have our favorites, and they stick with us. For this week's Pastor's Column, I want to share some notable quotable thoughts from Saints and others on the the three pillars of the Season of Lent: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. I encourage you take some spiritual time, and pray over some of these words handed down to us by these faithful followers of Jesus Christ, so that we might better embrace the power of his holy season and draw closer to the Lord.

- † FASTING. "Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, kindles the true light of chastity." -- St. Augustine
- † PRAYER. "Fasting is the proper antidote to lust; prayer to pride, to envy, anger and sloth; alms to covetousness." -- St. Richard of Chichester
- † ALMSGIVING. "Fasting and almsgiving are 'the two wings of prayer' which enable it to gain momentum and more easily reach even to God." St Augustine
- † FASTING. "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy [almsgiving] is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them... So, if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy." – St. Peter Chrysologus
- † PRAYER. "You don't need to use many or high-sounding words. Just repeat often, 'Lord, show me your mercy as you know best.' Or, 'God, come to my assistance.'" St. Marcarius
- † ALMSGIVING. "The best remedy for dryness of spirit, is to picture ourselves as beggars in the presence of God and the Saints, and like a beggar, to go first to one saint, then to another, to ask some spiritual alms of them with the same earnestness as a poor fellow in the streets would ask alms of us." - St. Philip Neri
- † FASTING. "Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works. If you see a poor man, take pity on him. If you see a friend being honored, do not envy him. Do not let only your mouth fast, but also the eye, and the ear, and the feet, and the hands, and all the members of our bodies." — St John Chrysostom

- † PRAYER. "You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun." St. Josemaría Escrivá
- † ALMSGIVING. "Have you been working on Sunday? Have you been buying or selling without necessity in the course of this holy day? Give to the poor some alms which will exceed the profit you have made." -- St. John Vianney
- † FASTING. When the stomach is full it is easy to talk of fasting. — St Jerome
- † PRAYER. "Prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." St. Therese of Lisieux
- † ALMSGIVING. "For the devil may tempt good men, but he cannot find rest in them; for he is shaken violently, and upset, and driven out... by their prayers... by their tears of repentance, and... by their almsgiving and similar good works." -- St. Bruno
- † FASTING. When a man begins to fast, he straightway yearns in his mind to enter into converse with God. — St Isaac the Syrian
- † PRAYER. "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless, God is merciful and will hear your prayer." St. Pio of Pietrelcina
- † ALMSGIVING. "In the matter of piety, poverty serves us better than wealth... For we accomplish these things not by spending money but by making the correct choice. Almsgiving above all else requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid in the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all." -- St. John Chrysostom

May the blessings and challenges of this Lenten season continue to strengthen you as a faithful follower of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, Feb. 18

8:30: For the People

11:00: Jack Carrow

Misa en Español **1pm** For the People

Thu Feb 22 7pm For the People

Sunday, Feb. 25

8:30: Matthew Gulrich, Sr.

11:00: For the People

Misa en Español **1pm** For the People

Thu Mar 1 7pm For the People

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$ 3474.25

Black, Indian & Home Missions: \$577.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary Offertory

Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed, and appreciated.2018

THANK YOU For all your treasures and support! Penny Party Profit: \$1266. 31

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Feb 18 Frank & Joyce Cristiano
Feb 25 Paul & Robin Engstenberg
Mar 4 Tom & Mary McGowan

Church Cleaning Crew

Febrero 23, 2018 Grupo #12
Hortencia Bamaca, Luz Morales, Lilian Díaz Bamaca
Rosemary Bamaca, Froilán Berduo, Sheila Berduo

Marzo 2, 2018 Grupo #13
Natalia Domingo, Victoriano Pérez, Américo García,
María García, Julio Hernández, **Hayde Fuentes**

Altar Servers

Sun, February 25
8:30am Mass – Anna Clancy & Averi Locke
11:00am Mass – Savannah Strauss & Vince Haass
Spanish Misa 1pm – Emily & Yorly Escalante

Lectors

February 25
8:30am Mass – Diane Smith
11:00am Mass – Jim Ward
Spanish Misa 1pm – Fausto Ortiz, Haydi Fuentes

Eucharistic Ministers

February 25
8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Gerry Godfrey, Julia Moore
11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Judy Carrow, Alicia Poppiti
Spanish Misa 1pm – Dolores Cuin, Carlos Miguel, Flora Pérez, Genaro Pérez, Antonio Pérez

The Shroud of Turin Exhibit will be at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 800 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, Delaware 19802, from March 1 to March 13. All are invited to come and experience this moving and prayerful exhibit that includes the Authentic Vatican Replica that was commissioned and blessed by the Pope and was touched to the real Shroud of Turin. Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Guides will be available during the exhibit to answer questions and a DVD presentation on the history and science of the Shroud will take place in the Church Hall during exhibit hours. Groups are invited by appointment. Contact stnicholas2@verizon.net or call 302-762-5511. For information visit www.st-nicholas-church.org or <https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasUkrainianChurch>

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Feb 18 - 9:40am SRE Classes
Sun, Feb 18 – 2pm RICA
Mon, Feb 19 & Wed Feb 21 - 7pm ESL
Tue, Feb 20 – 6:30pm 1st Communion Prep
Fri, Feb 23 – 7pm Stations of the Cross
Fri, Feb 23 – 8pm Vigilia
Sat, Feb 24 - 3:30pm Reunion de todos ministerios
Sun, Feb 25 – 12Noon Adult Lenten Retreat



LENT: Please take part in our Lenten offering and take a Rice Bowl, a cross card and a Magnificat on your Lenten Journey.

Stations of the Cross: Friday at 7pm in the Church

Lenten Retreat for Adults:

Sun, Feb 25 12:30-4:30pm
Anita Wood of Gloira Dei will be presenting “Opening to God's Love: An Ever-Deepening Conversion of Heart.” Please RSVP to Alicia Poppiti by Tuesday, February 20.



Knights of Columbus

Next meeting
Tues, February 27th
in the Knights Hall
Meeting @ 7pm

All members are encouraged to attend.

Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or kelly29@comcast.net

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Assistance is needed caring for the linens used in our Church. Please consider offering your time and talents to help. A little time would mean so much!
Contact Ann Marie Weer (410) 482-7237

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education
September 24, 2017-May 6, 2018
9:40am-10:50am



1st Communion Prep: Tuesday, February 20,
6:30-7:30pm in the hall.

Confirmation Prep: Sunday, March 11, 2:30-
4:30pm, hall

Answer Bishop Malooly's Invitation to Walk His Way.



Bishop Malooly invites youth and young adults from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the ninth annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Young people from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Luke Spehar at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Alicia Poppiti, Registration forms can be picked up at the desk in hall. For more information, visit www.cdowcym.org. Registration deadline is March 11, 2018 (**unless otherwise noted**).



NEEDED: TEACHERS! APPLY HERE FOR NEXT YEAR!

Share your gifts and get the rewards in heaven.

We will need 3 or more teachers for religious education on Sunday mornings from September to May. Please take the time during Lent this year in prayer and discernment on serving the young people and families of our Parish.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Lent

Theme: Reform your lives!

Question for Children: What will you do this Lent to become more like Jesus

Question for Youth: Lent gives us a chance to do things differently – to "go to the desert." How can you make Lent a time for growing in faith?

Question for Adults: What is the one area of your life which you most want to "reform" as you get ready to embrace the Gospel, what is it?

1er domingo de Cuaresma

Tema: ¡Reformen sus vidas!

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Qué harás en esta Cuaresma para asemejarte más a Jesús?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: La Cuaresma nos da una oportunidad de hacer las cosas de otra manera, de "ir al desierto". ¿Cómo puedes hacer que la Cuaresma sea un tiempo de crecimiento en la fe?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Cuál es el área de su vida que más desea "reformular" mientras se prepara para abrazar el Evangelio?

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Rolling your eyes, a scowl, ignoring a request by walking away can speak louder than a yell. Check out any belittling mannerisms you may have that hurts your spouse.

Parenting Pointer –

February is Black History month but sensitivity to people of a race different from your own is bigger than just one color. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month.

Are you being called to the Priesthood?

Come socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests, and men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest. Find out about the *amazing* life of the Priesthood.



CAS – South will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Saint John the Apostle Church, 506 Seabury Drive, Milford, DE on February 26, 2018. Contact Father John Solomon at fatherjohnsolomon@gmail.com or 302-674-5787.

Columna del párroco padre James Lentini 18 de Febrero, 2018.

Queridos feligreses,

Bueno, Okay, verdadera confesión: en 1985, como parte de una apuesta con algunos amigos sobre quién podía ver más películas en un año, vi 100 películas (es decir, en cines). Durante mi año de 100 películas, palomitas de maíz, dulces pegajosos, Twizzlers y Coca-Cola se convirtieron en partes íntimas de mi vida. Vi algunas de las mejores y peores películas imaginables. La película que comenzó mi carrera de 100 películas, fue una película que salió en 1984, pero que vi en una sala de cine de películas repetidas (¿todavía existen estos cines?) A principios de enero de 1985. Esta película bastante horrible tenía el título "Las Aventuras de Buckaroo Banzai en la octava dimensión". La película fue un fracaso comercial, pero me dejó con una de mis frases favoritas. La frase, del personaje Buckaroo Banzai a sus amigos, en una charla filosófica y es lo siguiente: "... y recuerda, donde sea que vayas, allí estás". Tonto, sí. Pero 44 años después, y todavía lo recuerdo. (La segunda mejor frase de la película fue esta: "*Resulta que no estamos en la Octava dimensión, estamos en Nueva Jersey.*" - está bien, supongo que tenías que estar allí, pero era una frase divertida.)

¿Que Qué? Pero, así es con las frases. Los buenos son para siempre memorables. "*Si estás pasando por un infierno, sigue adelante*", opinó Winston Churchill. ¡Brillante! "Pude haber tenido clase. Podía haber sido un contendiente. Pude haber sido alguien", exclamó el personaje de Marlon Brando en "On the Waterfront". ¡Clásico! Helen Keller, sorda, muda y ciega, señaló: "Lo peor de estar ciego es poder ver pero no tener visión". ¡Intuitivo! Y, estaba la conmovedora cita de Anne Frank, una joven que se escondía de los Nazis durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial: "Nadie se ha vuelto pobre al dar". ¡Inspirador! Y, por supuesto, hay citas alegres que también son memorables, como la cita del cantante Rod Stewart casado varias veces, quien dijo: "En lugar de volver a casarme, voy a encontrar a una mujer que no quiero y solo le doy una casa".

Por Buena Práctica: Cuaresma con Intensidad. Buenas citas, citas memorables, permanecen. Todos tenemos nuestros favoritos, y se quedan con nosotros. Para la Columna del Pastor de esta semana, quiero compartir algunas frases o pensamientos notables de los Santos y otros sobre los tres pilares del Tiempo de Cuaresma: el Ayuno, la Oración y la Limosna. Los animo a que tomen un tiempo espiritual y oren y mediten sobre algunas de estas palabras que nos han transmitido estos fieles seguidores de Jesucristo, para que podamos abrazar

mejor el poder de este tiempo santo y acercarnos más al Señor.

- † AYUNO. "El ayuno limpia el alma, levanta la mente, somete la carne al espíritu, rinde el corazón contrito y humilde, dispersa las nubes de concupiscencia, apaga el fuego de la lujuria, enciende la luz verdadera de la castidad." - San Agustín
- † ORACION. "El ayuno es el antídoto apropiado para la lujuria, la oración para el orgullo, la envidia, la ira y la pereza, la limosna para la codicia". - San Ricardo de Chichester
- † LIMOSNA. "El ayuno y la limosna son las dos alas de la oración' que le permiten ganar impulso e incluso llegar más fácilmente a Dios". San Agustín
- † AYUNO. "E l ayuno, en efecto, es el alma de la oración, y la misericordia es la vida del ayuno. Que nadie trate de dividirlos, pues no pueden separarse. Por tanto, quien ora, que ayune; quien ayuna, enseña misericordia." - San Pedro Crisólogo
- † ORACION. "No es necesario que uses muchas palabras o palabras que suenan como mucho. Simplemente repita a menudo: " Dios mío, muéstrame tu misericordia concédeme las gracias que Tú sabes que necesito". O "Dios mío, ven en mi auxilio, Señor date prisa en socorrerme". San Marcario
- † LIMOSNA. "El mejor remedio para la sequedad de espíritu, es imaginarnos como mendigos en la presencia de Dios y los Santos, y como un mendigo, ir primero a un santo, luego a otro, para pedirles algunas limosnas espirituales con la misma seriedad de un pobre en las calles que piden limosnas". - San Felipe Neri
- † AYUNO. "¿Ayunas? Dame prueba de ello por tus obras. Si ves a un hombre pobre, ten compasión de él. Si ves a un amigo siendo honrado, no lo envidies. No permitas que solo tu boca ayune, sino también el ojo, la oreja, los pies, y las manos, y todos los miembros de nuestros cuerpos." - San Juan Crisóstomo
- † ORACION. "¿No sabes cómo orar? Ponte en la presencia de Dios, y tan pronto como hayas dicho: "¡Señor, no sé cómo orar!", Puedes estar

seguro de que ya has comenzado". San
Josemaría Escrivá

- † LIMOSNA. "¿Has estado trabajando el domingo?
¿Has estado comprando o vendiendo sin
necesidad en el transcurso de este día sagrado?
Dale a los pobres algunas limosnas que
excederán el beneficio que has obtenido". - St.
John Vianney
- † AYUNO. Cuando el estómago está lleno, es fácil
hablar de ayuno. - San Jerónimo
- † ORACION. "La oración es un flujo del corazón;
es una simple mirada simple hacia el cielo, es un
grito de reconocimiento y de amor, que abarca
la prueba y la alegría ". Santa Teresita de Lisieux
- † LIMOSNA. "Porque el diablo puede tentar a los
hombres buenos, pero no puede encontrar
descanso en ellos, porque es sacudido
violentamente, molesto, y expulsado... por tus
oraciones... por tus lágrimas de
arrepentimiento, y ... por tu limosnas y buenas
obras similares ". - San Bruno
- † AYUNO. Cuando un hombre comienza a ayunar,
inmediatamente anhela entrar en conversación
con Dios. - San Isaac el sirio
- † ORACION. "Reza, espera, y no te preocupes. La
preocupación es inútil, Dios es misericordioso y
escuchará tu oración ". San Pío de Pietrelcina
- † LIMOSNA. "En materia de piedad, la pobreza
nos sirve mejor que la riqueza... Porque
logramos estas cosas no gastando dinero, sino
haciendo la elección correcta. La limosna por
encima de todo requiere dinero, pero incluso
esto brilla con un resplandor más brillante
cuando la limosna se da desde nuestra pobreza.
La viuda que pagó con dos monedas era más
pobre que cualquier otro ser humano, pero ella
los superó a todos". - San Juan Crisóstomo

¡Que las bendiciones y los desafíos de este tiempo de
Cuaresma continúen fortaleciéndote como fiel seguidor
de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo!

Tuyo en Cristo,
P. James Lentini
Pastor