



St. Charles of Brazil E-Bulletin for the week of February 21, 2010

This past Sunday marked the First Sunday of Lent. Fr. Peter Smith presided over a very prayerful liturgy and made the striking connection between Jesus' temptations and those we face. Please check out his homily at <http://www.stcharlesofbrazil.org/Homily.htm> and choose the third option: "homilies" or go to www.stcharlesofbrazil.org and look for the link.

OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE was a beautiful and prayerful celebration. Special thanks to Fr. Peter who presided and delivered a very powerful homily. Also to Joe Wickless for thoughtful liturgy planning and inspiring music. Thanks to Biggs Harrison for participating in the music ministry, and especially to Patti Ernst for the Lenten decor for our worship space.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO THINK ABOUT LENT: St. Charles of Brazil will utilize a Lenten resource called *THE INNER WORK OF LENT*, by Fr. Phil Cover and Ms. Donna Mollenkopf. WE WILL BEGIN OUR LENTEN FAITH SHARING Wednesday, February 24, at 7 pm at the home of Patti and Charlie Ernst: 427 Sudbury Rd. Linthicum, MD 21090. Rev. Joan Stiles will facilitate. There are still copies of *THE INNER WORK OF LENT* available if you would like to join us.

SECOND ANNUAL GIANNI'S BRUNCH (NEW DATE)

Perhaps to relieve your Lenten privation, or just to be sociable, you should consider joining us on Sunday, March 7th, at noon. Please RSVP when you can so we can reserve enough space!! Gianni's is located in the driveway leading to the Lansdowne Home Depot, just off Rt 1.

WESTSIDE MEN'S SHELTER MINISTRIES

PLAN TO JOIN US TUESDAY MARCH 16TH at 7 pm IN THE KITCHEN AT OSL FOR NEXT MEAL PREP.

DONATIONS OF CANNED GREEN BEANS, CANNED CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP , AND INSTANT MASHED POTATOES ARE NEEDED TO REPLENISH OUR SUPPLIES.

WE ARE MAKING AN EFFORT TO INCREASE DONATIONS OF MEN'S SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR DURING THE COLD MONTH OF FEBRUARY. You can bring them with you to mass on Sundays.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Liturgy of the Word (for ages pre-school to 12) will be offered once again on **Sunday, March 14th**, during mass time. Although this is a very small ministry at present, it is clearly touching the hearts of those involved. Parents are welcome (but not required) to accompany their little ones. If you know someone, friend, neighbor, or co-worker, who is looking for a gentle introduction to the catholic faith for their little one, this is just the thing!!! Please extend the invitation.

We are also able to assist you in providing religious education for your kindergarten and elementary school-aged child. Please contact Ruth Ann for more information: 410-242-5375.

DURING THE SUNDAYS OF LENT CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR USE DURING MASS EACH SUNDAY.

SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY: As another SNOW EVENT is predicted for this coming week, Please check our website in the morning before venturing out to mass in inclement weather, or call Joe at 410-242-5375.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28th AT 10:30 AM IN OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SPACE. (WEATHER PERMITTING). FELLOWSHIP IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD in our usual fellowship space.