

*The Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2012*

THE 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE TIME IS SHORT

A sense of urgency is reflected in all of today's readings. Jonah warns the Ninevites, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed." Paul reminds the Corinthians that "time is running out." Jesus proclaims that "this is the time of fulfillment." There is no denying that we humans tend to respond more readily to an urgent request; we seem to be much more motivated by something that must be done right now. This tendency makes it all too easy to put off less urgent things: "Oh, we've got time for that later."

For the people in Jonah's day, for the people of Jesus' time and Paul's time, the end was believed to be imminent. The words of the prophets and reformers frequently tried to evoke a sense of urgency. We don't know, of course, how much time we have as individuals or as nations to reform our ways, but it's safe to say that there's less time left today than there was yesterday. Today's readings may be inviting us to revise our priorities.



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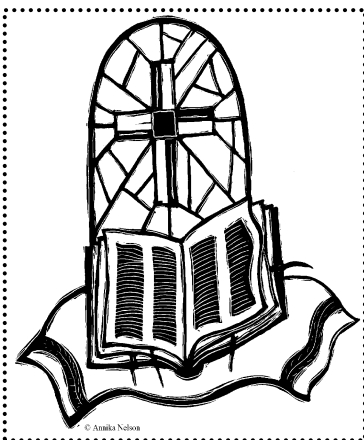
BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS

Jesus' urgent message to the people of Galilee contains two important declarative statements. The command to "repent" is commonly heard. Far less common is a command that requires the hearer to have faith. Yet Jesus says, "Believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). This is not a request or a suggestion. He does not say, "I hope you can believe" or "Would you consider believing?" Baptized Christians, believers by definition, are to live their lives as if their beliefs mattered. That is why we must repent as well as believe. Whatever our calling in life, our families, neighbors, friends, and co-workers should all be able to tell that we believe in the gospel by the way we live the gospel. Time is too short to do otherwise. Copyright © 2005, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary" is not always a desirable adjective. Who would not be insulted to receive a thank-you note for your "ordinary birthday gift," or "the ordinary hospitality at the dinner party"? No restaurant advertises its "ordinariness," no car dealer seats a customer at the steering wheel and whispers, "Look how ordinary it is!" Yet here we are in "Ordinary Time." The word carries a different meaning here: it does not mean these days are dull, boring, pedestrian, uninteresting. It means "ordinal," or "numbered" Sundays, a season of the year when we follow the story of Jesus' life and ministry in an ordered way, with each Sunday assigned an ordinal number.

You can amaze your friends with this example of Catholic arithmetic: the "Ordinary Sundays" begin with the last Sunday of Christmas, the Baptism of the Lord, continue until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and resume after a cluster of feasts following Pentecost Sunday. The numbers are calculated by counting backwards from the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Now you know there is nothing "ordinary" about "Ordinary Time!" —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Adult Spiritual Enrichment

MASS INTENTIONS

January 22 - 29, 2012

Sun	8:00am	Abraham Elias-D
	9:30am	Mary Kane-D
	11:00am	Kuzma Twin Girls-D
	5:30pm	Parishioners
Tues	9:15am	Alice Marek-D
Wed	9:15am	Steven Gavlak-D
Thurs	9:15am	Brendan Walls, Sr.-D
Sat	4:30pm	Joachin Winternute-D
Sun	8:00am	Parishioners
	9:30am	Alvin Holter-D
	11:00am	Roberta Swift-D
	5:30pm	John Baldwin, Jr.-D

Lord, grant each one listed in our Parish Book of Intentions, health of spirit, mind and body.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

JANUARY 14 & 15, 2012

Monthly Budget Requirement	\$89,350.00
Total Attendance	1,326
Monthly Electronic Giving	\$22,540.00
Envelopes Month-to-Date	\$42,157.50
Non-Envelopes Month-to-Date	\$6,497.00
Children's Envelopes	\$5.01
Month-to-Date	



2011 Contribution Statements

Your 2011 Contribution Statements are available on request. Please call the office ahead of stopping in so the statement will be ready for you or it can be sent to you. 410-721-5770



POOR BOX

JANUARY 7 & 8, 2012

Marian House - \$384.54

Next week's Poor Box will be for
Christopher's Place



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We would appreciate your prayers for those who are ill. **Bounnhang Vilaythong, Carl Cord, Brendan Farr, Marilyn Fish, Kenneth Sancho & Leah Wilson**



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Winter Relief

January 30 – February 6

We are in need of the following items: soda (2ltr), small juice containers, fruit cups, bottled water, breakfast bars, individual snack packs, socks, hooded sweatshirts (XL & XXL). Financial donations are also being accepted. Please place cash or checks (payable to Seton Parish) in an envelope marked "Winter Relief." Contributions can be dropped off in the parish office. Thank you!

You Are Needed

There is an urgent need for volunteers to recite the rosary with the residents at the Crofton Care & Rehab Center every Friday at 10am. Please contact Sue Lowell at 410-721-4224, for more info.

Food Pantry News

January is PASTA month.

Our Respect Life Message

March for Life – January 23, 2012:

Since the anniversary of Roe v. Wade falls on a Sunday, the 39th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC, will be held on Monday, Jan. 23rd. This day you will have an extraordinary opportunity to put your faith into action and take a stand for those most vulnerable in our society.

They have no voice but ours! Join others who have come from throughout our great country, peacefully marching to show our legislators that we will not rest until Roe v. Wade is overturned. For info on the March for Life Convention and Rose Dinner, see www.marchforlife.org. *Our Lady of the Fields will provide free bus transportation for the March for Life.*

Meet at Our Lady of the Fields at 10:15 am and return at around 4-5pm. Contact Lynn Watts at 410-451-6778 or e-mail wattslynn@gmail.com to hold your spot.

Healing the Wounds of Abortion:

Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats; Jan. 27–29 & April 27–29. Rachel's Vineyard Baltimore reaches out to all women and men hurting emotionally and spiritually after involvement with abortion. This ministry helps heal your wounded relationships with yourself, your child and God. Extending God's compassion, unconditional love, and forgiveness, Rachel's Vineyard Baltimore offers hope and peace. 1-800-286-4224; www.rachelsvineyardbaltimore.org

Respect Life Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9th, at 7:30pm in the 1st floor conference room of the Connelly Parish Center. All are welcome.

Adult Spiritual Enrichment

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups

Lent will soon be here - Ash Wednesday is February 22! We will again offer a program where groups meet once a week either at the parish or in various homes during Lent to share the Sunday lectionary readings. Reflection booklets will be provided for each participant. Next weekend, January 28-29 members of the Adult Spiritual Enrichment Committee will be available in the narthex to explain the program and help you select a group that meets on a night (or day) convenient for you. This is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your faith life and meet new parishioners. If you are interested in facilitating and/or hosting a group, contact Sister Katherine at Katherine.Odonnell@seaseton.org or 410-721-5770 ext. 233.

Little Rock Scripture Study

Little Rock Scripture Study will be held **Tues., January 24 from 10-11:30am** in the Ark. The topic is the *Book of Revelation* - facilitated by Deacon Fred. The commentary and study guide will be available in the parish office - cost is \$13 for both books. All are welcome!

RCIA

Our next meeting will be **January 26 at 7:00pm** in the Ark. Anyone interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith or needs to prepare to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist is invited to come. For more info, check our website at www.seaseton.org or call Sister Katherine at 410-721-5770 ext. 233.

Awaken Your Catholic Faith

Our next meeting will be **Wed., January 25 at 7:00pm** in the Ark. Our topic will be "Do We Need the Spirit?" Mark your calendar and bring a friend! For more information, contact Sister Katherine at Katherine.Odonnell@seaseton.org or 410-721-5770 ext. 233.

The Rosary

Come and pray the Rosary **Thursday, January 26 at 6:00pm** in Church for all who are sick, disabled, homebound and hospitalized. Praying the Rosary is a time honored tradition within our Church and an essential part of faith. This is one way to deepen your own faith while helping others. Come and experience the joy of praying the rosary. For more information, call 301-261-6503. Join us in prayer.

Faith Formation



K-10 Faith Formation Lessons for January 26th

- Grade K** *Faith First* Chapter 14, Jesus Blesses the Children
Grade 1 *Faith First* Chapter 14, Jesus Feeds a Crowd
Grade 2 *Faith First* Chapter 15, We Gather for Mass
Grade 3 *Faith First* Chapter 15, We Celebrate God's Healing Love
Grade 4 *Faith First* Chapter 14, Jesus' Work of Healing; Chapter 15, Jesus Heals a Young Girl
Grade 5 Family Life
Grade 6 *Faith First* Chapter 17, Sacraments of Healing
Grade 7 *Church and Sacraments* Chapter 3, Saint Paul the Apostle
Grade 8 *Jesus in the New Testament* Chapter 3, The Gospel of Mark
Grade 9 *Understanding the Catechism – Prayer* Chapter 3, In the Fullness of Time
Grade 10 *Catholic & Capable/Moral Life* Chapter 6, Truth Telling

First Eucharist

First Eucharist Preparation has begun. The next parent meeting will be held **Monday, January 23rd** at 7:00pm in the church. Please visit the parish website for additional information.

How can my child help with Winter Relief?

The Seton Parish Faith Formation Committee is in need of adult and child volunteers to assemble bag lunches for our guests during Winter Relief. Please come to the Dove on **Tuesday, January 31st from 5-6pm** to assist. There are many ways to help - donate an item, bake cookies, or assemble lunches. Please sign up at: www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094AADAE283-winter. If you have been looking for a way for your children to be involved in this parish wide relief effort, this is for you!

Confirmation

Sponsor/Youth Meeting

The sponsor & youth meeting will be Monday, February 6th at 7:00pm in the Connelly Parish Center.

Youth Ministry

Middle School Youth Group – our next meeting will be February 12, 2012.

High School Youth Group Upcoming Events

- January 22– Youth Rally/Mass for Life lock-in
January 23– Youth Rally & Mass for Life
January 28– Ski trip with Holy Apostles
February 4– Ice Cream Social with Winter Relief
February 5– Souper Bowl of Caring
February 10– Lock-in with Holy Apostles
Please visit the Events section on the Seton Parish Face Book page for more information.

Parish Interest

Married Couples Retreat

Join us at Priestfield, WV the weekends of March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 27. For more info call Elaine at 410-252-5335.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The Responsorial Psalm today says, "Teach me your ways, O Lord!" The Lord wants us to call upon Him daily so that He can guide us and teach us. Do we allow the Lord to teach us His ways so that we can love and honor our spouse more each day? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and receive the necessary tools to allow God to take the lead in your marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament. The next weekend is February 17-19, 2012. Register early. For more info and to apply visit our website at wwme.net, call 410-665-5700, or email meinfo@verizon.net.

World Marriage Day

All married couples are invited to join Cardinal-designate Edwin O'Brien for the World Marriage Day Mass and Reception at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, February 12, 2012 at 3:00pm.

Celebrating 25 or more years? Couples celebrating 25+ years of marriage in 2012, can register for recognition online at wwme.net, call Chris and Darla Phillips, 410-987-4210 or email BaltimoreAnniversaries@gmail.com by **Jan. 29**, to receive special recognition at the Mass, Feb.12.

16th Annual Public Safety Officer Recognition Night Bull & Oyster Roast
Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council #2577, Bowie, MD. Join us Saturday, Jan. 28th. at 4pm for food, dancing, Big Six Wheel & Vegas Machine. Tickets are \$32. Contact: Mike at 301-390-0616, Jim at 301-262-1041, Ray at 301-731-0073 or Rick at 410-721-0004.

Changes to the Catholic Review

The Catholic Review is introducing exciting changes this month. It will have a fresh design and become a larger, biweekly newspaper, with more news, analysis and features about your archdiocese, world and faith. It will coincide with the launch of a new website. The new CatholicReview.org will include new blogs and social media outlets, where you will be able to share your comments, photos and videos. It will include a digital version of the newspaper, and coming soon, an app for your mobile device. catholicreview.org



School of the Incarnation

Open House - Saturday, January 28, noon–3pm. Please come and join us for our annual open house! Meet our Faculty and Staff, enjoy tours, demonstrations from our various clubs and music by our Concert Band. Applications are available for the 2012-2013 School Year.

For information on our new pre-k4 program, opening fall 2012, come to the Open House!

SOTI Presents: Pinocchio the Musical, Friday, February 10 at 7:30pm; Saturday, February 11 at 2pm and 7:30pm. Tickets are \$5. Contact: Marian Newell 443-370-5188 or marianewell@yahoo.com.

Save the Date! Irish Fest - March 10, 2012, 12-4pm. More info to come!

Box Tops & Labels for Education - Your clipping is paying off! The school collected a record 11,600 BoxTops and Labels for Education during October & November! Please continue to support SOTI by dropping your Box Tops and Labels for Education in the bin in the Vestibule! If you have questions about the Shop & Save programs please email us at grocerycards@hotmail.com. Thank you!

JUSTICE NOTES

Time is running out (1 Corinthians 7: 29)

These are interesting words to contemplate at the beginning of a new year when resolutions are made one day and forgotten the next. The word "time" is nuanced in Greek. In today's Gospel, when Jesus says "This is the time of fulfillment," he uses the Greek term *kairos* for "time." *Kairos* is "sacred time." The "time" used in the Corinthians passage is different and means "has been drawn together, compacted, made short." The same word was used in classical Greek for stowing sails, packing luggage, and reducing expenses. Our modern term would be "downsizing."

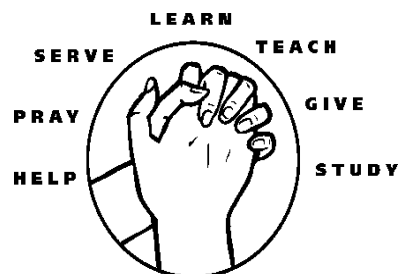
Paul addresses five situations of Christians living under distress (those married, those in sorrow, those in joy, business people, those overusing the world) which should not distract us from our devotion to God. We need a radical perspective about proper priorities in life. We need to trim our life sails, get rid of excess, and simplify our lives in order to clearly establish our life and relationship with our Creator.

Imagine making a resolution that would seek to practice the presence of God in your life every day. What would the ramifications of such an attitude produce?

- ♦ Married people in distress would be more gentle with each other as God is gentle with them.
- ♦ Those in sorrow would trust that God is also sorrowing with them.
- ♦ Those in joy would realize that joy is meant to be shared with those less fortunate children of God.
- ♦ Business people with God on their shoulder would act with integrity in all their transactions.
- ♦ Those who are using the world's resources in excess would remember that God appointed each of us to be good stewards of creation.

Time is running out. Want suggestions for re-prioritizing your life's purpose with God? Check out our website: www.seaseton.org and click on Outreach for a list of our parish ministries. Helping others is a good way to forget your own troubles and to find God actively at work. Have a beautiful year!

---Adapted from a piece by Barbara Molinari Quinby, MPS Coordinator of Social Justice Ministries Sacred Heart Cathedral--Raleigh, N.C.



I RESOLVE...

CALENDAR ♦ January 23 - 29, 2012

Monday	4:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 p.m.	First Eucharist Meeting	Church
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Cooking for Sarah's House	Kitchen
	9:45 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	10:00 a.m.	Scripture Study	Ark
	7:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting	Conference Room
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Haiti Outreach Meeting	Ark
	10:00 a.m.	Mom's Morning Out	Ark/Dove
	4:30 p.m.	Teen Instrumentalist Rehearsal	Brendan's Office
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Awakening Faith	Ark
	7:30 p.m.	9:30 Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 p.m.	Rosary	Church
	6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation	School of the Incarnation
	7:00 p.m.	RCIA	Ark/Dove
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Winter Relief Hospitality Team Meeting	Connelly Parish Center
	7:30 p.m.	11:00 Choir Rehearsal	Church
Sunday	4:00 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
	9:30 a.m.	RCIA Dismissal	Church
	9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children	Youth Room
	11:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children	Youth Room
	4:30 p.m.	Teen Choir Rehearsal	Church



CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Mass is signed for the hearing impaired*

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Nursery available at the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses (September through June)

Eucharist at Neighboring Parishes

Holy Family, Davidsonville, Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Church of the Holy Apostles, Gambrills, Sun., 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.

St. Joseph, Odenton, Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00

Our Lady of the Fields, Millersville, Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 and 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNION CALLS

Please advise us if you would like Communion brought to a member of your family.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., or anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Attendance at a baptismal preparation program is required before Baptism can be scheduled. Please call the Parish Office as early as possible to make arrangements. Preparation may begin any time during pregnancy.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

According to Archdiocesan policy, couples are required to make an appointment with a priest or deacon of the Parish at least six months in advance of the date they plan to celebrate their wedding in order to accommodate mandatory marriage preparation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Adults interested in full membership in the Catholic faith are asked to call the Parish Office for information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (R.C.I.C.)

Children, ages 8-17, whose families are interested in initiation into the Catholic faith, please call the Faith Formation Office.

Readings for January 23-29, 2012

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Psalm 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Psalm 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Psalm 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Psalm 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Psalm 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Priest Presiders January 28 & 29, 2012

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Father Vince Cushing

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Father Ed Connelly

9:30 a.m. Father Jim Sabak

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5:30 p.m. Father Ed Connelly

Sick or Hospitalized?

Please notify the office or a staff member when someone in your family is sick, hospitalized or homebound. If you or a family member is admitted to Anne Arundel Medical Center, **please inform them that you are Catholic and your affiliation is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.** This should be part of your admission process.