

THIS WEEK AT ST. VINCENT

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Ash Wednesday is **March 1**. On Ash Wednesday we take a special collection for our sister parish in Lithuania. We will have all the same services during Lent, Holy Week and Easter that we always have plus some new ones. See the purple insert in your program for all details.

ONE WATER PARTNERSHIP - Through this program by Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, St. V will join with other congregations in the Jones Falls Watershed to help protect our waterways and delve more deeply into caring for creation. In this two-year partnership, we will plan and take part in environmentally and spiritually focused activities. Joining up comes with a grant, which we will use to help launch a parish "green ministry." The first group events will be a series of guided spiritual nature walks in city parks with the other congregations. Go to our website for more details. To be on an email list for the green ministry that is forming, email Laureen Brunelli at Laureen@stvchurch.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK SCHMIDT!

At the 38th annual Archdiocesan Social Ministry Convocation **this Saturday, March 5**, parishioner Jack Schmidt will be honored. The convocation is at Seton Keough High School (1201 Caton Ave., Baltimore 21227) from 8:15 AM to 3 PM. The theme is racial and economic justice, with keynote speaker Andrew Foster Connors, workshops and a prayer walk. The \$10 pre-registration fee includes lunch. All St. V parishioners are encouraged to attend. Several of your fellow parishioners are presenting workshops on housing and legislative advocacy (planned with parishioners from St. Ignatius). To attend, contact Codie Perry at Codie@stvchurch.org.



Rev. Richard Lawrence,
Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1973-2017

ST. V PASTORS' EXHIBIT - Fittingly, this last week of our series of exhibits on the pastors of St. Vincent is devoted to our 13th pastor, Fr. Dick Lawrence. Thank you to the Education and Enrichment Committee who created this display in honor of our 175th anniversary.

NO FAITH FUN FELLOWSHIP today. A make-up session will be scheduled for a later date. Also, this Sunday we will not have Children's Liturgy of the Word.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:
Stephanie Wolf, sister of parishioner Brenda Wolf Smith. Stephanie passed away unexpectedly this week, and her funeral was here at St. Vincent on Saturday. And pray for **Jim Butzow**, husband of Sandy and a long-time St. V parishioner, who died on Friday. Funeral will be next week, but arrangements are pending. Check the email tree or call the parish office for details. May God grant them eternal rest and God may comfort their families.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

The Healthy Working Families Act (HB1/SB230) would allow Maryland workers to earn 1 hour of paid sick time per 30 hours worked, up to 7 days a year. An alternate proposal would strip this ability from part-time workers and those working at *locations* (not companies) with fewer than 50 employees, effectively denying it to most food service workers. Earned sick leave is not only a social justice issue but also a health one. To register your opinion, contact your state rep and/or the governor's office. For more info, go to earnedsickdaysmd.org.

This space is devoted to actions supporting Catholic social justice teaching that can be taken as a community or individually. Send your ideas to social-action@stvchurch.org.

MARRIED COUPLES GROUP - Couples in this marriage enrichment group will discuss *Marriage: Small Steps, Big Rewards*. Couples commit to 6 meetings a year. First meeting is **March 25**. Contact Jim Lochner and Geri Cvetic at 410-975-0641.

DINNER FOR 8 - Get to know your fellow parishioners in this program that goes from March to August. After the sign-up period, which ends **March 1**, groups of about 8 are arranged. Each group decides independently how often, where and when to meet and who brings what. Contact Rita McMullin at 410-465-8357 or grammymcmullin@stvchurch.org.

MUSIC: SEE SPECIAL PROGRAM
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today: Leviticus 19:1-18; I Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Next Sunday: Isaiah 49:13-21; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

NEXT WEEK'S MASS MINISTRIES

7:15 Lectors:	3/4: Kevin Daly
7:15 Eucharistic Minister:	3/4: Frances Winder
Lectors:	3/5: TBA
Liturgy Planner:	3/5: TBA
Eucharistic Ministers	3/5: Gerry F., Colleen, Kevin D., Geri S., M. Lalime, M. K. Fried, J. Bonner, Sub.
Altar Dressers:	3/5: Gregg Family
Liturgy of the Word:	3/5: M. K. Fries, S. Nicholson, No Middle
Cup Washers:	3/5: Teresa
Set-up/Clean-up:	3/5: Denny and Rita McMullin
Food:	3/5: Bonner, McMullin

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday	Feb 26	10:30 AM	Fr. Dick's Retirement Mass and Breakfast	Church then Undercroft
		4 PM	AA Meeting	Undercroft
Monday	Feb 27	12:30 PM	Food Bags Given	Breezeway
Tuesday	Feb 28			
Wednesday	March 1	12 PM	Ash Wednesday Mass	Church
		7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Mass	Church
Thursday	March 2			
Friday	March 3	5 – 6:30 PM	Breaking Bread With the Hungry	Undercroft
Saturday	March 4	7 PM	AA Meeting	Undercroft
Sunday	March 5	4 PM	AA Meeting	Undercroft

Stewardship Last Week: Attendance: 239; Offertory: \$4,484.17

Additions to the prayer list: Jaime Grahe, Gloria Cerino Gruss (deceased)

ABOUT TODAY'S CELEBRATION

In addition to this special liturgy, St. Vincent will host a **brunch in honor for Fr. Dick**. All in the congregation this morning are invited to go downstairs to our undercroft to share this meal together. However, before the brunch, Steve McDaniel will take a **photograph of the congregation** inside the church. If you wish to be in the photo, please move toward the front and follow his directions. *We will not open the undercroft for the brunch until the photograph is completed* and the serving volunteers have gone downstairs. Fr. Dick will say a blessing over the meal, but there is no formal program for the brunch. He will be available to talk with folks until approximately 2 PM. Be sure to check out the slideshow presentation of **photos of Fr. Dick and of the parish** through the years going on in the undercroft during brunch.

THIS WEEK @ ST. VINCENT – Stay up to date on all that's going on at St. V with our new e-newsletter! Weekly issues will feature parish news, communications from staff, events, a reflection or prayer, and the readings for the upcoming Sunday. To sign up, go to stvchurch.org and use the subscription link.

MORE INFO: For questions about any of our events or ministries, call the parish office at **410-962-5078**, or go to our website at stvchurch.org. See our monthly bulletin for staff and committee contacts. Also find us on Facebook at facebook.com/stvchurch for parish news updates, photos and interesting info and news about Catholicism and social justice issues. To submit an item to the weekly bulletin, send it to bulletin@stvchurch.org by Wednesday, at 10 PM.