



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA – ADULT EDUCATION – BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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AFFLAC – Adult Faith Formation: Leadership and Catechesis

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“The Light is On for You” – Reconciliation on Wednesday nights during Lent!

Wednesdays – March 18, 25 and April 1, (7 to 8:30 PM).

Aim for a Daily Conversion by Fr. Nicholas Schwizer – (Continued.....)

Fr. Schwizer writes about 5 levels of Conversion.....today we reflect on The first Conversion. A first conversion exists in the life of each Christian. We were all converted on the day of our Baptism. Through grace and divine strength, God radically changed our life. He called us to live as redeemed persons, as dear children of God, but we did not participate much in that conversion.

The second Conversion. In the life of every authentic Christian, there should be a second conversion. One must become aware that being Christian is more than experiencing customs, traditions and even Christian routines. The Sacramental grace requires our free response. Through the Sacraments God has bounded himself to us, giving us the opportunity to bind ourselves to him. This definite conversion means to open our entire being to God, for the first time, or on a return to God’s household as his beloved prodigal son or daughter. Love of God is best expressed in charitable service to everyone. This charity goes beyond financial support, it entails compassion, forgiveness, meekness of heart, selfless giving of one’s own time and talents for the salvation of others. The best way of attaining this conversion is thru the Sacraments. Receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion as often as possible is paramount. How long has it been since you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

(...To be continued next week...)



FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Friday mornings @ 9:30 AM.

SUNDAY MORNING/EVENING BIBLE STUDY– Sunday Morning @ 10:30 AM or Evening @ 7 PM.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



One-on-One Counseling is available.

If you have lost a loved one, or are struggling with a loss issue, contact Mary Jane.

We also have a Bereavement lending library with books on all kinds of losses.

Our next 6 week Support Group will be in the Spring. Mark your calendars now.

May 14th thru June 18th.

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The Scrutinies: On the 3rd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of Lent, our “Elect” and Candidates will experience the Rites of Scrutiny. Scrutiny Rites are meant to uncover what is weak and to bring out what is upright in the hearts of the “Elect” & Candidates. Please keep them in your prayers. In addition to these rites, they will participate in a Retreat on Saturday.

PARISH PRAYER CIRCLE

Our parish “Prayer Circle” prays for the needs of our parish family. “Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice”

Psalm 55:17

Anyone may call or email in a petition to:

To Frank Stanitski

fspsosjs@verizon.net

410-796-4582

“Prayer helps us to respond to misfortune with courage, to react with confidence and to rebound with enthusiasm.”

- William Arthur Ward -



Helping Hands



Ministry

“HELPING HANDS” MINISTRY

Our “Helping Hands,” assist with

funeral receptions for our parishioners.

We have a new need – Dessert Bakers!

Thanks to all who volunteered to assist with set-up and take-down. If you can help, call

Pat Pool, at 410-796-5876.