



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA – ADULT EDUCATION – BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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A Special RCIA Weekend!

The first weekend of Lent marks two special “Rites” for our RCIA participants.

We celebrate the “Rite of Sending” this Saturday evening at the 6 PM Mass.

At this rite, Fr. Gerry, our Pastor, asks the Sponsors, our faith community and then our Candidates if they are ready and worthy to enter the final phase of their preparation to be received into the Catholic faith and receive the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, at the Easter Vigil. If so, he sends them to the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen tomorrow, to participate in the “Rite of Election,” with hundreds of other Catechumens and Candidate throughout the archdiocese and they will be received by Archbishop O’Brien. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers!

Lenten Reflections with St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Born in Spain, Teresa entered a Carmelite Convent at 18, and later earned a reputation as a mystic, reformer & writer who experienced divine visions. Her poem, Christ Has No Body, can give us much food for reflection during these 6 weeks of Lent.

Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which He blesses
all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are His Body.
(Each week of Lent, we’ll look at how we can be part of
the Body of Christ.)

“HELPING HANDS” MINISTRY – Our “Helping Hands” Team

members assist with set-up, serving, take down and clean-up, when a luncheon reception is requested after a funeral. We are always in need of additional “hands.” We thank those who have responded to our need. If you can assist in any way, please call Pat Pool, at 410-796-5876.



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

We believe no one should grieve alone. One-on-one bereavement counseling is available.



We also offer two 6 – week Support Groups a year – one in the Fall and another in the Spring. Watch this space for dates and times.

Did you know we have a Bereavement Lending Library of spiritual & factual books, pamphlets, and videos on all kinds of loss issues? Call Mary Jane (410-564-2395).



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:30 AM, Friday mornings in the Burke Wing
Ladies Night Out, Call Cathy Carlin
(410-796-8150)

PARISH PRAYER CIRCLE –

“Evening and morning and at noon, I will pray,
and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice”
Psalm 55:17



Our parish “Prayer Circle” now consists of 34 wonderful people, who pray for the needs of our parish family. Anyone may call or email in a petition to our Prayer Circle Coordinator, Frank Stanitski at fspsosjs@verizon.net or 410-796-4582.

New Prayer Circle members are always welcome!

Through prayer, we provide added hope to our parishioners who are struggling with illness or death in their families, as well as other challenges such as unemployment or addictions.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



RCIA meets today, February 21st. We continue our study of the sacraments with a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please remember our one Catechumen and 12 Candidates in prayer in a special way this weekend.