ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA – ADULT EDUCATION – BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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AFFLAC – Adult Faith Formation: Leadership and Catechesis

March 14, 2010

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

This week – Eyes– "Yours are the eyes with which He looks with compassion….."

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.
(St. Teresa of Avila)

Our eyes can behold the beauty of all God's creation in nature, our children, spouse, friends, co-workers, etc. But, do I see how I must use my EYES to see & bless the world with the compassion of Jesus? Some thoughts…Jesus said, "Whatever you do for these the least of my brothers, you do unto me...when I was hungry, you gave me to eat…thirsty, you gave me to drink…a stranger, you welcomed me… sick or in prison, you visited me…naked, you clothed me." Mt. 25:31. This week, let me not only see the needs of others, but respond in word and deed with the love and compassion of Jesus!

Please lift all our RCIA participants in prayer this weekend. Saturday, March 13th, is their Retreat Day, as they prayerfully prepare for their reception into our Church at the Easter Vigil. On Sunday, March 14th, they will celebrate the 2nd Scrutiny at the 12:15 Mass. Your thoughts and prayers mean more to them than you know!

- **Another Lenten Offering – "*Called to be the Body of Christ*" – *Brief Devotional Reflections***

THIS REFLECTION IS OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS!

Join us as we reflect on how to be more effective members of the Body of Christ.
Tuesdays, March 16th, & 23rd from 6:40 to 7:40 PM, in the School Library, during PREP classes.

Helping Hands Ministries

"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.

Our 6 week Spring Support Group, "A New Day," begins on Thursday, May 13th.

If you have lost a loved one or experienced any other kind of loss, give yourself the gift of healing. Call Mary Jane for details (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.

RCIA – 2010

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA meets today, March 14th. We will reflect on their Retreat experience of yesterday, and then focus on the the Apparitions of Mary and her Feast Days. Our participants will attend the 12:15 Mass for the 2nd Scrutiny. Please remember them in prayer.