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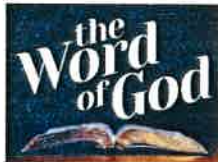
**“Word of God
Sunday ”**

MAKING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Adult Education Sessions

**TODAY: Word of God
Sunday Time with the
Pastor**

Pope Francis has decreed that today the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary time be designated: Word of God Sunday. A day for us as Catholics to reflect on the importance of the Word of God in our lives and in our church. Fr. Paul is hosting another “Time with the Pastor” today to discuss the Scripture. What is the scripture, how and why is the Bible set the way it is and how to use the Scripture in our daily prayer. Please join us after mass in St. Augustine Room for video and discussion.



African Saints

Dr. Camille Brown, February 9, 2020

“Passover: A Christian Perspective”

Deacon & Michelle Rubio, March 3, 2020

**Leadership Training (required) with
Paul Cullings, March 15, 2020**

Parish Lenten Retreat Day

Theme: Insight—Hindsight—Foresight!

**We encourage all our members to enter into
Lent well prepared. Sign up Now!**



Mark your calendar for a prayerful and challenging day. Saturday, March 7th, 2020 from 9:30am to 3pm at the Mission Helpers Center, Joppa Road, Townson, MD. The

speaker for the day will be **Deacon Bobby White**, from Washington, DC. Sign up at the info table. Donation: \$10.00 for the day including a delicious chicken dinner.

Operation Faith-Lift

Saturday, April 4th, 11am

Evangelization in the neighborhood.
St. Anthony's Closet Opened as well.

Black History Month & the Sister Mary Loretto Service Award



Fr. Paul and the Parish Leadership Team have decided to celebrate Black History Month in a new and exciting way. It was decided to create our own celebration here in the parish recognizing people who have served our community faithfully. Sister Loretto worked tirelessly for the children of the parish and directed our religious education program for 5 faithful years until health required her retirement so the Team decided to dedicate the award in her honor—The Sister Mary Loretto Service Award.

The first two nominees for the 2020 year are:

Ms. Wanda Brewton

Mrs. Jacqueline Wouldridge-Diggs

Both of these nominees have given of themselves in the various ministries of the parish, especially to the poor and to our youth. During the month of February we will display their photos and congratulate them especially on Sunday, Feb. 23rd. We are honored to have Jacquie and Wanda celebrated in the parish and we give honor to Sr. Mary Loretto as well. Each year we will raised up individuals who exemplify the example that Sister Mary Loretto gave in the spirit of Mother Mary Lange.



Also, during Black History Month the church will be decorated with prominent African Americans.

Mardi Gras & Valentine's Day Party

**Saturday, Feb. 15th,
2020, 7--11pm**

**Held at the Delta Center
2501 Springhill Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215**

Ticket price: \$25.00

**Bring your own food & beverage. We provide: DJ,
paper products, chips, water, ice, coffee, tea, snacks,
beads & masks, 50/50, door prizes, King & Queen
& pull offs Tickets on sale NOW!
Call Bencine @ 410-615-4810**



Embracing the Future Update

There is much to give thanks for with our *Embracing the Future Campaign*. If you are not familiar, almost two years ago we entered into the campaign which is providing funds for major project in the parish. The designated projects by the Parish Leadership Team and Finance Committee are:

1. Replace and restore the front doors of Church
2. Windows restoration of 4 large stained glass and 8 small windows in the church.
3. With the \$80,000.00 grant from Knott Foundation we added \$9,000.00 to improve the masonry work and capstones of the church, capstones of sacristy and breezeway roofs, back stairs of the rectory and repaired the steps from church into school yard.
3. Fr. Paul signed a \$13,685.00 contract for a chairlift in the rectory from the first floor down to the St. Augustine Room. This will make the building more handicap accessible. This should be done within the next few months. Also, the \$50,000.00 ramp for the front entrance of the rectory. This will enable someone to enter the rectory without any physical difficulty.
4. Future plans include:
 - i. Complete the ramp for the front of the rectory (Spring,2020)
 - ii. Full renovation of the Electrical system in the Convent building
 - iii. Partial Enovation of the Electrical System of the Rectory

The current balance is \$58,598.23. If you would like to help, even whenever possible or would like to pledge monthly, please use the envelop in the packet and write on the envelop your commitment. God is good!

More good news: Fr. Paul was able to secure a \$10,000 grant fro the Office of Black and Indian Missions in DC for our evangelization programs. Also, a parishioner donated \$5,000 for new hymnals for the church. Keep praying for your parish and your parish Leadership Team.



Parish Announcements

To curve the lengthy announcements at the close of mass, Fr. Paul asks that **you use the announcement book on the info table at least 2 weeks prior to inform him of the announcement.** Most of the announcements will be made by the commentator at the beginning of mass. Fr. Paul will not allow announcements randomly OR UNANNOUNCED. Please make use of the forms and if you do need to speak to the community **YOU MUST BE APPROVED THE WEEK BEFORE AND NO MORE THAN ONE/TWO MINUTES.**

Blessing of Throats for St. Blaise

We will offered the after 10am mass next Sunday, Feb. 3rd.



MOTHER LANGE CORNER

Sister Mary Alexis Fisher

(2009-2019)

Sister Alexis is a native of Pascagoula, Mississippi where she grew up with eleven brothers and sisters. She graduated from Catholic schools in Pascagoula then graduated from Mount Providence Junior College after entering the Oblate Community. Sister Alexis then earned a Bachelor of Science from Towson State University in Business and Management. She continued her education by earning a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Maryland.

Sister Alexis has taught in schools from Missouri , Michigan, Philadelphia, Washington, DC and Baltimore. She has served in the Oblate Development office, Secretary General for the Community and Formation Directress in Costa Rica.

During her time as the nineteenth Superior General of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, Sister Alexis saw that Mother Lange's remains were exhumed and reinterred at the Motherhouse. The healthcare unit was updated and the Oblate burial plot in Cuba was restored as well. Sister Alexis served two terms as Superior General as she was elected in 2009 and again in 2013. She currently serves the Community as Treasurer General.



Soup-Per Sunday

The **Catholic Daughters** are sponsoring their Soup-Per Sunday on **Feb. 2nd** in the St. Augustine Room of the rectory. All are invited to enjoy a hot bowl of soup and fellowship after the 10am mass.



Mass Intention

Today the mass if offered for **Mrs. Betty Butler**, at the request of her beloved husband, **Mr. Al Butler**, on the first anniversary of her passing and next week the mass is offered for all our deceased parishioners. May they rest in peace!

NOTE: We ask that the church remain quiet during the praying of the rosary.



In Need of Healing Prayer

Derek Bakon, Karen Brown-Berkley, Phyllis Butler, Kathy Burundi, Fred Buchanan, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix, Kai Thomas Dorsey, Krystal Dorsey, William Ford III, Earlene Forrest, Sarah Gamble, Sr. Reginald Gerdes, OSP, Fr. Bill Graham, OFM Cap., Bertha Hawkins, Joseph Jones, Alice Manns, Kimberly Merrill, Laura Preston, Rhonda Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Augustine and Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Alease Stokes, Gloria Tate, Jean Thomas, Arthur Swint, Stephen Swint, Brenda Williams and Rachel Williams.

**Last week's Offering: \$3,090.00 (O my!)
Embracing Our Future Campaign Update:
Goal: \$310,000.00 Pledged: \$474,369.00
Total Amount of Gifts Received: \$249,375.21
Current Balance: \$72,283.23**