

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

March 31, 2019

Today's Bible Readings: Joshua 5:9, 10-12; Psalm 34:2-7; 2Cor 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Themes of the Readings: Having arrived in the promised land, the Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress in the Passover. Christ, our Passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation: let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God our Father.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday:	Bible Study	8:30 A.M. (Deacon Thompson Room)
	Mass	9:45 A.M. (Church)
Tuesday:	Mass	8:30 A.M. (Chapel)
	Legion of Mary	10:30 A.M. (Deacon Thompson Room)
	Prayer Group	11:00 A.M. (Chapel)
	Liturgical Dance (Youth)	6:30 P.M. (Church Hall)
Wednesday:	Mass	12 P.M. (Chapel)
	Lenten Bible Study	12:30 P.M. (Upper Meeting Room)
Thursday:	Mass	8:30 A.M. (Chapel)
	Liturgical Dance (Adult)	6:30 P.M. (Church Hall)
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M. (Music Room)
Friday:	Mass.....	8:30 A.M. (Chapel)
	Stations of the Cross	6:30 P.M. (Church)
Saturday:	Mass	4:00 P.M. (Church)

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ PLANNING TO GET MARRIED? Arrangements should be made per the Parish Office at least six months in advance.
- ❖ INFANT BAPTISM: Baptism Preparation Conferences are required of parents and god-parents. To make arrangements contact the Parish Office at 410-542-0445 or e-mail: office@naschurch.org.
- ❖ ILL AND HOME-BOUND: Is a fellow parishioner in the hospital or unable to attend Mass? Please notify the Church office so that contact can be made for visits and reception of the sacraments.
- ❖ MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: Entering the hospital for a medical procedure? "Anointing of the Sick" may be administered prior to medical procedures. Contact the Parish office or see clergy when at church.

This Weekend's LITURGY NOTES

- *Hymnal:* African American Hymnal
- *Response to Psalm 34:* Taste and see the goodness of the love.
- Second Collection: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
- Special Lenten Spiritual Opportunities
- Sundays: 8:30 a.m. **Bible Study**
- Wednesdays: 12 noon **Lenten Mass**
12:30 p.m. **Lenten Bible Study**
- Fridays: 6:30 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES & HOSPITALS:

Sister Trinita Baeza (St. Agnes Hosp.); Louise Bankins (Augsburg); Barbara Bess (Paradise Assisted Living); Donald Evans (Future Care Courtland); Sharee Fegens (Johns Hopkins Hosp.); Franklin Fitzgerald (Lorien Mays Chapel); Doris Johnson (Future Care Cherry-wood, Reisterstown); Sr. Mary Margarita Musquera, OSP, (St. Elizabeth Rehab & Nursing Center); Laura Thomas (Northwest Hosp.).

SHUT-IN PARISHIONERS: William Baker; Vanessa Bullock; Sandra Brice; Lionel Desbordes; William Garrett; Bernadette Leeds; Pat Mitchner; Anita Parker; Godfrey Smith; Jeanette Sterling.

"AILING" PARISHIONERS: Rhaiyanna Allen; Vicki Barry; Mary Bevans; George Brown; Marie Brown; Sylvia Buchanan; Patricia Bullock; Joseph Campbell; Charles Coates; Christine

Coates; Elvard Cooper; Belinda Cornish; Anne Davis; Loretta Davis; Marge Dorsey; Margaret Fernandez; William "Bill" Fields; Carolyn Gray; Charles Griffin; Susie Harding; Janet Hall; Barbara Harris; Martha Henley; Donna Hunter; Margaret Hunter; Catherine Johnson; Toba King; Aubrey Knox; Gwendolyn Lindsay; Charlotte Malinowski; Genevieve Massey; Denise Matthews; Alvin Moore; Emily Moore; Betty Morton; Marcia Morton; Vanessa Nelson; Marion Russell; Maxima Shay; Theresa Sisco; Jerry Stamper; Donald H. Stokes, Sr.; Laura Thomas; Carla Thompson; Margaret Wallace; Gerald White, Sr.; Gerald White, Jr.; Wanda White; Betty Williams; Jean Williams;.

SICK FAMILY & FRIENDS: Francine Allen; Essie Bell; Eric Brice Jr.; Carolyn Campbell; Audrey Carter; Florine Carter; Marybelle Carter; Judith Daniel; Marvin Dawkins; Fabian Desbordes; Sara Gray; Monica Thomas-Green; Vera & Lawrence Hall; Dennis Hamlin; Michelle Humphrey; Benjamin Jones; Robin Martin; Raymond E. Matthews; Bertha White-May; Josephine McCoy; Zahara Moor; Angeline Mosby; Robert Quarles; Jacob T. Sims, Jr.; John Simms; Teresita Simms; Irene Shelton; Adia Y. Stokes; Jacobi K. Stokes; Dorothy Taylor; Sue Tiggie; Harriet Tribble; Barbara Wade; Isabella Walker; Stephanie Walker; Betty Whidby; Jerome White

The Next **NAS Parish Council Meeting:**
Monday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- March 30 Joseph McNeil; Albert Payne
31 Jacob Barnes; Toba Baten-King;
Shelonte Richardson
- April 2 Linda Baskerville; Ella Myers;
Charmaine Roberts
3 Margaret Agala; Billie Baker
4 Monique Matthews; Sarah Motley;
Shellieann Wallace
5 Patricia Barger; Robin Gibbs;
Stacey Wainwright

Rum and Pound Cakes are on sale for Easter. If you would like to order a cake, please either fill out the flyer in the bulletin and hand it to Rita Martin by Sunday, April 14th or call by that evening to 410-292-1257 to place your order. All cakes are \$20. *Proceeds will be donated to NAS Church for current projects.*

It's that time of the year again! This is an opportunity to support the **St. Frances Academy Annual Appeal for repairs. Karen Webb will make a brief presentation today.** *The collection will be received next weekend. Envelopes will be in the bulletin next week for your donation. Kindly take time to fill in the information requested. May God reward your generosity for this great cause.*

WOMEN OF NAS MINISTRY: (1) 20th ANNUAL BULL & OYSTER ROAST FUND RAISER – April 28th. Please see the insert flyer. **(2) Scholarships to high school seniors,** who are members of NAS Church and are planning to attend a college or university, a technical institute or military academy in September, 2019. Criteria: (A) Acceptance Letter from the college or university technical institute or military academy the student plans to attend; (B) Official High School Transcript; (C) "SAT" or "ACT" Scores; (D) Provision of a 500 word essay-typed. *Please contact the following person(s) for a scholarship application: Mary Collins 410-922-6008 or Marlene Downs 410-489-5947.*

Travel with "SENIORS ON THE MOVE" by deluxe motor coach to the Tropicana Hotel/Casino, Atlantic City on May 20th – 23rd, 2019. *For information contact: Ruth Jones 410-922-2133, Ruby Handy 410-448-1180 or Gladys Rice 410-265-5709.*

Altar servers, sacristans of high school age were honored with inaugural **Monsignor Valenzano Service Award** last Sunday. Twenty-four young men were inaugural recipients. **The NAS honorees were David Ezeala and Alphonsus Korie.** Congratulations!

The NAS Grounds Maintenance Ministry needs you! *We are looking for people, who may be available once or twice monthly, to assist in the upkeep of our beautiful grounds. If you would like to volunteer, please provide your contact information on the sign-up sheets located in the front vestibule and rear hallway of the church. Contact Mildred Proctor 410-358-6356 or Karen Webb 410-335-2991.*

NAS Food Pantry Ministry is supporting Catholic Relief Services through the Operation Rice Bowl during the Lenten Season. Operation Rice Bowl helps to fight hunger and poverty throughout the world. Please join us by taking a *Rice Bowl, pamphlet* and make a *contribution*. Return the Rice Bowl on Easter Sunday. 75% of your contributions will go to this project; 25% of your contributions will go to the NAS Food Pantry to help

feed those in our community. Thank you for your support! *Food Pantry Ministry.*

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During the month of March St. Vincent DePaul Society is collecting clothes for men and women. Useable small household items and appliances are also being collected. Please place items in the designated space at the rear hallway of the church. Thank you.

Margaret Friend

UPDATE YOUR NAS CHURCH SOCIAL MEDIA CONTACT INFORMATION.

Parishioners receive information via the phone, email and text from NASNotify the broadcast message system and Flocknote. Has your information changed? Please update your communication preferences and contact information. Email to NASChurchCC@gmail.com. Include ministries that you are affiliated with. Weekly church bulletins can be viewed at www.NASChurch.org or [My Parish app](#).

St. Peter Claver and St. Pius V Fish Fry Dinners 2019: April 5th & 12th: Chicken Wing Dinner April 26th. Doors are open 11 am – 5 pm at Fr. Henry Harper Hall, Fremont Ave. & Pressman St.; Yard Entrance. ***Crab Cake orders must be placed by Wednesdays at 6 p.m.** *For information and menu contact: Veronica Case 443-472-5893 or Rochelle Woodland 410-903-4300.*

Art of Prayer Lenten Series: Friendship of God. This Lent, the *Art of Prayer* program at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine (3900 Harewood Rd, NE, Washington, DC 20017) will feature a special series of talks by Friars from the Dominican House of Studies, titled *Friendship with God*. Come to the Shrine every Sunday at 6 p.m. until April 7th, for a presentation, time for silent meditation, and a Sunday Vespers service.

LENTEN TALKS at St. Philip and James Church, 2801 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD, by Fr. Stephen Ryan, O.P., PhD of the Dominican House of Studies. **Topics: Chastity, Humility, Patience, and Love in the Prayer of St. Ephrem** on Sunday, April 7th at 6:15 p.m. Fr. Ryan teaches courses on the Old Testament (Pentateuch, Prophets, Wisdom, Psalms), as well as biblical and early Christian languages (Hebrew, Greek, Syriac). A simple meal will be provided. For information call 410-235-2294 / philipandjames.org.

If you are troubled by the tragic loss of life in Baltimore City, and wondering how you can help, please consider volunteering for a new ministry the Archdiocese is creating to offer support and healing to families in Baltimore City who have lost a loved one to violence. In conjunction with other agencies and nonprofits, **the Archdiocese is launching a Grief Ministry** through which parish communities can provide assistance, as such as prayers, sympathy notes, food, baby items and other support as needed to families. An additional aspect of the ministry will be to create online memorials of loved ones. Volunteer training will be provided. *To learn more or to sign up, go to www.archbalt.org/grief-ministry, or contact Mary Ellen Russell at mrussell@archbalt.org.*