

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 6-10

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him."

But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these."

Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance.

The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Response:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 14-18

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

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Gospel John 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work.

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam"—which

means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see."



And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.

They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said,

"We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes.

Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses!

We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains. **The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

The Confiteor (I Confess)

I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen!

Adult Education Session with Sr. Seton

The next session with Sr. Seton is set for Monday, March 27th at noon in the rectory. The topic this month: Nutrition. Please sign up at the info table if you plan on attending.

Mass Intentions

March 19th, Tyrone Stephens, deceased son of Mrs. Reva Stephens, Lisa and Tyrese Commodore, 17th anniversary by Timothy Stephens, and Mrs. Carmen Tuitt, on her 5th anniversary of passing, requested by good friend, Mrs. Reva Stephens.

March 26th, Ms. Denise Brooks, on her birthday, requested by her mother, Mrs. Norma Brooks-Perry.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen

Barbara Brown Farewell & Welcome Ms. Rawles

Next Sunday after almost 20 years, we bid farewell to Mrs. Barbara Brown. Barbara has been a welcoming and loving presence in the rectory for all these years. She will be truly missed by Fr. Paul, the staff and the whole community. Fr. Paul and the search committee have hired Ms. Trina Rawles to replace Barbara and to keep the ministry going in the rectory. Ms. Rawles will hopefully be here next week so she can meet the parish.



Rev. Donald Sterling Appreciation

New All Saints Parish is sponsoring an appreciation for Fr. Sterling, Sun., April 23rd, 2—6PM at Martin's West. For tickets or info call: Debbi Fowlkes @ 410-750-0419

Mother's Day Candles and Novena

The Annual Mother's Day Novena of Candles and masses is available now. The envelopes are available on the info table. Please write the name of the person you would like to remember, living or deceased on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. The candles will be on display on Mother's Day, May 8th. Donation: \$3.00. Envelopes on info table or call Trina at: 410-367-9918



Tithe Update

3/05/23: Reg: \$5,752.00 Continuing Mission: \$865
Utilities: \$150.00

Our Sympathy . . .

We express our sympathy to **Mrs. Antoinette Williams** on the passing of her brother, **Mr. Michael Thomas**. Also to **Mrs. Pat Shorter** on the passing of her sister-in-law, **Mrs. Yolanda Gross**, may they rest in peace. Amen!



Prayer Request

Continued prayers for Fr. Paul's mom, Mrs. Alice Zaborowski who received word that her colon cancer has returned. The doctors are hopeful it was detected early. She will be meeting with the doctor on the 29th to determine future treatment. Her address is: 278—38th, Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201



Holy Hour for Peace

The next Holy Hour will be Sunday, March 19th, 2023 from 8:45 to 9:45am in the church. The hour will end with Rosary at 9:30am followed by benediction.

Parish Lenten Prayer Reflection

Monday to Friday until Easter, 8:30pm. Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 889 5970 1865 Passcode: 123456 Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 305 224 1968 US Meeting ID: 889 5970 1865 Passcode: 123456

Lighting Upgrade

Fr. Paul has finally worked with BGE to upgrade the 3 street lights running up the alley behind our property. The old lights will be replaced with LEDs so they will be cost (\$75 a month) and energy efficient.

Passion/Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2, 2023

We will begin at Edgecomb Circle with the Blessing of Palm with Rev. Karen Mercer and the Faith Community of the Holy Nativity



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, April 3rd, Tenebrae, 7:45pm

Holy Thursday, April 6th, 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 7th, 3pm

Holy Saturday— NO VIGIL

Easter Sunday, 10am



Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Jean Bennett, Parrish Boyd, Karen Brown-Berkley, Annie Bruce, Renee Bruce, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Tonya Crowder, Eric Cullings, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Eric Frazier, Sarah Gamble, Frances Gladden, JoAnn

Glenn, Angela Johnson, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Josie Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Rhonda Rumbra, Ronald Schnurr, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Veronica Spears, Sr. Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP., Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, William Young, Sr., and Alice Zaborowski.