

## Faith Formation..... by Toni Webb

### CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY—SHELTERING THE HOMELESS

Our last work of mercy—sheltering the homeless—may at first glance seem difficult if not impossible unless we are blessed with a spare room to share, or an extra home we can let go for little or no rent. In reality this work, like all the others, can be performed in a variety of ways.

Decades ago when I was a member of the Fayette County Volunteers, we operated a homeless shelter in a nearby community. It was a small place with about four little apartments and a large unfurnished community room. With absolutely no amenities, including air-conditioning, it was just a roof over the heads of those in need. For several years it operated without most townspeople even being aware of its existence. Eventually the volunteer in charge (who had worked all day) got tired of having evenings disrupted by people needing a place to stay and/or disruptions that occurred at the shelter, and told the supervisor to find someone else to do it. No one else was willing to put in the time and effort, and it was forced to close. My own commitment was limited to answering the phone and bringing donated day old bread and pastries to the clients to supplement their food budgets. But I often wonder what happened to the young oriental mother with her two beautiful little girls.

Another idea that comes to mind is the Women's Resource Center. Not only do they provide shelter and basic necessities for women and children fleeing abusive home situations, they keep these people safely out of sight and harm's way from what often are dangerously violent spouses or significant others. Of course they are always in need of monetary or in kind donations (food, bedding, clothing, kitchen utensils, toiletries, etc).

I believe that we "shelter the homeless" when we assist them with paying their utilities. The money we contribute in our Advent and Lenten banks (Lent begins Feb. 18) enables our parish to help those who may have their utilities shut off due to their inability to pay their bills. Blessed Sacrament parish in Charleston sponsors a project every fall called Cardboard City. Parishioners spend the night in cardboard shelters in solidarity with the city's homeless. The donations which they solicit are used to help the homeless in our capital city.

Years ago on a lobbying trip to Washington, DC, I walked about four blocks to Sunday Mass past a huge, multistoried building that I learned was a shelter for homeless men. Ironically, this shelter was located only eight blocks from the beautiful (dare I say lavish?) Senate and House offices of our elected law makers.

From my reading on the subject of homelessness, I've learned that people who end up on the streets without proper shelter are sometimes the mentally ill who have fallen through the cracks of our health care system. Another group on our streets are veterans who sometimes may find little or no support when they return from combat.

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church



*BRINGING THE MESSAGE OF  
JESUS CHRIST TO OTHERS FOR  
OVER 100 YEARS*



*February 1, 2015  
The Fourth Sunday  
In  
Ordinary Time*

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*He taught them as one having authority.*

*God has graciously called us here today to support each other in our faith and to be nourished at the tables of the Word and the Eucharist. How do we, called as disciples of Jesus Christ, hear that word of God and put it into practice in our lives? Does it make a difference, or do our lives resemble the movie named after tomorrow's celebration of Groundhog Day—the same thing over and over again? Perhaps our prayer today can be to really hear what God is saying to us, and to resolve to make it a reality in our lives.*

**Mass Intentions**

- Saturday Jan. 31-Vigil**  
5:30p.m. Lewis Pogorelski by Coletta Vandall
- Sunday Feb. 01**  
8:00a.m. Mark Caldwell by Bruce & Toni Webb  
10:30a.m. For all Parishioners
- Monday Feb. 02**  
8:30a.m. David Kerby by Mary Kerby
- Wed. Feb. 04**  
6:00p.m. Vickie Fleming by Vickie & Marv Lucas
- Thursday Feb. 05**  
8:30a.m. Theodore Wojtowicz by John & Mary Pino
- Friday Feb. 06**  
8:30a.m. William Darrell by Hak & Shirley Kim
- Saturday Feb. 07-Vigil**  
5:30p.m. For All Parishioners
- Sunday Feb. 08**  
8:00a.m. Bernard Blake by SSPP Ladies Guild  
10:30a.m. Andrew Huzoski by SSPP Men's Club



**LECTORS**

- Sat. 2/07(vigil)** Ted Dixon
- Sun. 2/08: 8a.m.** Aaron Kemlock  
**10:30a.m.:** Woody Duba

**Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**February**

- Sat. (vigil):** Gene & Kathy Glover
- Sun. 8a.m.:** Trish Blake/Pat Beverley
- Sun. 10:30a.m.:** Teresa D'Angelo/Debbie Hatcher

**Altar Server Schedule:**

- Saturday(vigil), 2/07**  
**5:30p.m.:** Mia Pino/A. & D. Re
- Sunday, 2/01**  
**8:00a.m.:** C. Watkins/M. & J. Mrozek  
**10:30a.m.:** N. & C. Craddock/B. Rosiek

**Bulletin Deadline:** Any requested announcements for the bulletin must be turned into the Parish Office by **11a.m. on Wednesdays.** You may email to: [pastor@ssppcatholic.org](mailto:pastor@ssppcatholic.org). or call 304-465-5445.

**++R.I.P. ++**  
Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Miksis Family on the death of Rosemary Miksis.  
May she rest in the peace of Christ.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):**  
Saturdays 4:45p.m. or by appointment.

**Offerings 01/25**  
**Env./Loose:** \$2,844  
**Parish Maint.:** \$50 2nd.Collection: \$566.64  
**School:** \$185 **Online:** \$185

**Reminder.....**Please remember to take home your bulletin and used tissues, do not leave them in the pews. We do not have anyone to tidy up the church after the weekend Masses. Thank you.

**This Week...**

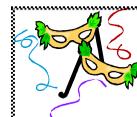


- Wed.** 4:15p.m. "Saturday's Choir" practice  
6:30p.m. RCIA
- Thurs.** "Sunday's Choir" practice 6:00p.m.
- Sat.** 8a.m. Bible Sharing @ Bob Evans
- Sunday**  
Faith Formation @ 9a.m.  
High School Youth @ 7p.m.  
Adult Bible Class @ 9:15a.m.

The High School Youth group of SS Peter & Paul would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity during the Advent Season. Because of your support, the youth group collected \$600 for the adopt-a-family project and was able to not only provide clothing and toys for the children, but a food basket and ham for their Christmas dinner. The youth very much enjoy the toy shopping and the ability to help those in need – but they realize without your help, it wouldn't be possible. Thanks!



This weekend, Super Bowl Weekend, the youth will also continue the tradition of the "Souper Bowl." For several years now, the youth have collected after the weekend masses on this weekend and used those funds to support the Parish Food Pantry. We would like to thank the parishioners in advance for their continued support of this project also!



St. Francis de Sales Mardi Gras/Casino Night is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 7th at Tamarack.

Tickets are \$75.00 per person. Doors open at 6p.m. For tickets and more information: School Office: 304-252-4087

**Gentle Reminder.....**If you are sick, please use discretion at the sign of peace and refrain from receiving from the cup.

**FAMILY FOCUS**

Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

**Bud Ozar**



This weekend, our parish will celebrate the feast of St. Blaise. Crossed candles are used for the blessing of throats. St. Blaise was reportedly a physician who healed many ailments of the throat. He was martyred for refusing to renounce his Catholic faith and serves as an example for us of kindness and extraordinary courage.

**Youth Ministry Night:** On *February 17, 2015* at *SS Peter & Paul* from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and the missionaries from the Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center will be offering a program entitled *Collide: True God - True Man*. The evening will be fun, action-packed, faith-filled explosion of faith for students in the 7th-12th grade. We also invite parents and other adults interested in helping with youth ministry to join us. The evening is FREE.

**Camp Bosco Information Meeting:** Attention all parents with children 7-15 years old. On *February 17, 2015* at *SS Peter & Paul* at 6:00 p.m., the staff from Camp Bosco will be here to present information about the diocesan camp. Come learn about our amazing Catholic youth camp. It will be your child's best week of the summer!

**Looking Ahead:**  
**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th:** Mass 8:30am & 6p.m.  
**Stations of the Cross begin Feb. 20th:** Stations at 2:30p.m. (school) & 7p.m.  
**Lenten Fish Fry will begin on Feb. 20th,** Dine in or Carry out 5p.m.-7p.m.