

Faith Formation..... by Toni Webb

RESPONSE

Occasionally someone will approach me following a bulletin essay and comment on what I have written. Following is an email I received. Edited for space, it is published with permission.

Toni, loved your article on Sheltering the Homeless. I was homeless, living out of my car in another state 14 years ago. I was 22, thought I knew the world better than anyone else. A falling out with my sibling with whom I was living, caused me to bite off more than I could chew. Struggling for that really big break, I lost my job at a grocery store. Going out to the bar nearly every other weekend, I burned thru my money and never saved a dime. Due to recklessness with money, and driving too fast, I got a restricted license in another state, and never paid the fine which landed me in a local jail for several nights—not a friendly or comfortable place.

Then I learned how amazing God can be. One Sunday morning with no money 'til the next day from my small job, I had no place to go as I was kicked out of the shelter for breaking curfew. Spent most of the day trying to find a soup kitchen I'd heard about—probably walked 10 miles. Stopped at a local police station, which wasn't aware of anything, and kept searching 'til I ended up at the Catholic church on the campus of a local university. Receiving no answer at what I thought was the rectory door, I walked around the church and found a fellow loading tables who told me of a nun I could speak with, and requested my help loading the tables. Returning to the police station, I informed them of what I'd learned and they were so pleased they let me shower and clean up. Driving to Mass despite being nearly out of gas, I arrived very early and spent the time in the most sincere prayer I'd ever prayed. Following Mass was the announcement of a free meal for college-age kids—no strings attached.

After dinner I approached the nun and told her I needed to talk to her. She was kind and warm-hearted, and helped me with some things. Returning to the station, I told them of the dinner and found they'd taken up a collection for me so I could get gas until my check came on Monday.

Many other things happened during the time I was living out of my car, but your article brought back the good memories of my prayers being answered that day. I was at a bottom point in my life, and God showed me his love and mercy. My life didn't get easier after that day, and I ended up living with my sibling again. What I found in life is when we think we hit bottom, we never hit bottom in a way we think we do. It's the hands of God catching us before we hit the ground when we fall. The rebound is God lifting us up and dusting us off, and getting us back on the right path. I was stubborn for years with this but eventually came around. I went from living in my car to being married, and finally got my life together in a matter of 5 years. That may seem like a long time to some, but it's really a short time. And I couldn't have done it without help from above.

Easter Flowers: If you wish to donate for the Easter Flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please use the Easter Flower envelope. No set amount; whatever you wish to donate. The envelopes can be returned in the



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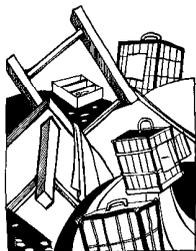
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*March 8, 2015
The Third Sunday
of
Lent*

Parish Lenten Penance Service:
Sunday, March 15, 2015
3p.m.
Additional priests will be available





Third Sunday of Lent

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we enter into a reflection on what God's commands mean to us. Are they a list of dos and don'ts? Or are they something that we take to heart and allow to consume us with zeal for the work that God has set before us? Let us pray today for the wisdom to know how God truly wants us to live.

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 7-Vigil
5:30p.m. Kevin Shay by Mary Kerby

Sunday March 8
8:00a.m. For All Parishioners
10:30a.m. Curt Jackowski by Bill, Michelle, Rebecca & Sarah Klenk

Monday March 9
8:30a.m. Jean Allport by Frank & Cassie Newman

Wed. March 11
6:00p.m. Mildred Culbertson by Hak & Shirley Kim

Thursday March 12
8:30a.m. Patrick Welsh by Eugene & Francis Allport

Friday March 13
8:30a.m. Andrew Huzoski by Roger & Maryann Flint

Saturday March 14-Vigil
5:30p.m. Mary & Fred Kennedy & Camden Susi
By Bunny & Gary Starcher

Sunday March 15
8:00a.m. Paul O'Neal Wade by Hak & Shirley Kim
10:30a.m. For All Parishioners

LECTORS

Stations of the Cross:3/13
7:00p.m.: Aaron Kemlock/Joey Re



Sat. 3/14(vigil) Rachel White
Sun. 3/015: 8a.m. Nancy Sanger
10:30a.m.: Mike Kemlock

Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

March
Sat. (vigil): Sally Shay/Debbie Maxwell
Sun. 8a.m.: Vickie Caldwell/Joey Re
Sun. 10:30a.m.: Woody & Linda Duba

Altar Server Schedule:

Stations of the Cross 3/13
7:00p.m.: J. Pino/Emma & Molly Pino

Saturday(vigil), 3/14
5:30p.m.: S. Hale/E. Major/J. Lagos

Sunday:3/15
8:00a.m.: D. & A. Re
10:30a.m.: S. Martin/N. & C. Craddock



Offerings 03/01

Env./Loose: \$5,575.00
Parish Maint.: \$105
School: \$160 Online: \$805
Easter Flowers: \$235



In our parish during Lent:....

School Students: Stations of the Cross:
2:30p.m. Fridays: 3/13/ 3/20 & 3/27

Fridays: Station of the Cross: Fridays @ 7p.m.



Lenten Fish Dinner

SSPP School Cafeteria
All Fridays of Lent
5—7 p.m.

Flounder \$8 Combo \$10
Shrimp \$9 Child \$5

Dinner includes:

Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Slaw,
Dessert, Bread & Drink

Children can choose from a smaller portion of fish or cheese pizza.

Dine In or Carry Out

All proceeds benefit SSPP Catholic School

This Week...

Wed. 4:15p.m. "Saturday Choir" Practice
6:30p.m. RCIA

Thurs. "Sunday's Choir" practice 6:00p.m.

Fri. 2:30p.m. School Stations of the Cross
5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Fish Fry
7:00p.m. Stations of the Cross

Sat. 8a.m. Bible Sharing @ Bob Evans

Sunday

Faith Formation @ 9a.m.
High School Youth @ 7p.m.
Adult Bible Class @ 9:15a.m.

++RIP++

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Elliot & Jessica Pritt and family on the death of their daughter, Dorothy Pritt.

May she rest in the peace of Christ.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Claudia Kania and family on the death of her mother, Judy Epperly.

May she rest in the peace of Christ.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Jim Lagos and family on the death of his brother, Frank

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for emotional and spiritual healing after abortion will be held at St. Joseph's Retreat Center in Wheeling, W. Va., the weekend of May 1-3, 2015. This confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone suffering the pain and regret of abortion. For more information or to register visit www.catholiccharitieswv.org or contact Tawnya Knierim at (304) 905-9860, ext. 2022 or rachelsvineyardwv@comcast.net. For more information on Rachel's Vineyard retreats visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call the national toll free hotline at 1-877-HOPE-4-ME. Rachel's Vineyard of WV is sponsored by Catholic Charities West Virginia.

Tremendous thanks to those who assisted with the bereavement luncheon for the family of Dorothy Pritt. They were exceedingly grateful.

Priesthood Discernment Opportunity – March Visit to Mount St. Mary's Seminary. The Vocation Office of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is sponsoring a visit to Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on March 16 and 17, 2015. This trip to the Mount is a discernment opportunity that will allow men to meet seminarians studying for our Diocese, experience the philosophy and theology classes that are part of seminary training, and take part in daily prayers. We will also visit the Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes and the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. For more information contact Msgr. Paul Hudock, Director of the Vocation Office, (304) 233-0880 ext. 442. phudock@dwc.org

Information Sessions on the Pastoral and Sacramental Life of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

The sessions will be held in all seven vicariates and led by Msgr. Frederick P. Annie, vicar general of the diocese; Chad Carter, chancellor of the diocese; and Vincent de Paul Schimdt, superintendent of Catholic Schools. They are encouraging all to attend to share their opinions and join in a discussion about the life of the diocese. All members of parishes, missions and school communities as well as priests, religious and deacons are invited to attend. **All sessions will include time for questions and answers and will begin at 7p.m. at these locations and dates:**

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Parkersburg, March 15
St. Francis de Sales Parish, Beckley, March 16
St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, March 17
St. Leo Parish, Inwood, March 23
All Saints Parish, Bridgeport, April 21
St. Brendan Parish, Elkins, April 22
Wheeling Central Catholic High School, Great Hall, April 23

For more information, contact the Office of the Chancellor at (304)233-0880, ext. 260

FAMILY FOCUS

Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple, it doesn't say He was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person. Bud Ozar

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Light of Life Ministries

Catholic Radio

Anniversary 5...4...3

Celebrating 3 stations in operation.

Morgantown, WV– February 25, 2015

Programming to reflect history and highlights of the initial establishment of stations.

Periodic addresses from station president, Bob Carubia and staff, throughout the month of March.

Light of Life Radio Ministry

". . .come here, and listen to the words of the Lord, your God." Joshua 3:9
Catholic radio . . . listener supported radio . . . all volunteer radio . . . is celebrating a "5-4-3" broadcasting anniversary through the month of March. The following stations all began their on-air history during the month of March in 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively. Stay tuned for announcements and updates of the histories of these stations who are affiliates of EWTN broadcasting dedicated to "proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God." Luke 4:43. Striving to provide education, information and opportunities for ecumenism, evangelization and catechesis in the Catholic faith. The Light of Life Community also has a vibrant prayer ministry, spiritual retreats, and various outreach ministries.

Celebratory stations and call letters follow:

WVUS-AM 1190 [Daylight Hrs.] serving North Central WV, including Grafton, Bridgeport, Clarksburg, Fairmont and S. Morgantown. **Five** year anniversary; 2010.

WLOL-FM 89.7 [24 hours per day/7days per week] serving Star City, Morgantown, Granville and Westover. **Four** year anniversary; 2011.

WDWC-FM 90.7 [24 hours per day/7days per week] serving the Upper Ohio Valley, incl. Wheeling, St. Clairsville, Martins Ferry and Moundsville. **Three** year anniversary; 2012.

For those not in the listening areas of the above stations, you can listen to LoL Radio live 24/7 on line or on your mobile device at <http://www.rdo.to/WLOL>. And at that same link, you can also listen to archived podcasts **of your favorite program.**

Light of Life Radio is an all volunteer, all listener supported, non-profit organization dedicated to being your local source of "Good News." **LoL Radio** is an affiliate of EWTN (now over 300 affiliates in the US); and an affiliate and founder of the WV Catholic Radio Network. The Light of Life Community also has a vibrant prayer ministry, spiritual retreats, and various outreach ministries.

for more info go to www.LoLradio.org

In addition to national programming, LoL's local programming includes:

LoL Community Calendar local events in the LoL listening areas weekdays 10:55AM 3:55PM 6:55PM 11:55PM and always on the LoL web and LoL stream

Great Teachings by experts in the Catholic Faith Saturdays 11AM & 10PM

Mass from Cathedral of St Joseph Wheeling Sundays noon

Divine Marcy Chaplet weekdays 3PM **and** weekends 4PM

Daily Bread reflections by Fr Al Lauer on the readings of the day weekdays 3:20PM

Angelus everyday 5:58AM 11:58AM 5:58PM 11:58PM

Family Rosary local families and groups pray weeknights 9:30PM

Franciscan Effect university student broadcasts contemporary Christian music weeknights midnight to 2AM

seasonal specials including Lenten missions, Easter week specials, Novenas, Advent retreats, Christmas specials, Papal events

local spots announcements (vocations, pregnancy resources, family resources, etc) / scripture reflections / seasonal messages / Pope Francis tweets / sponsor and underwriter messages

station ids by local persons - top of every hour

Contact: **Bob Carubia, LoL Radio, 132 Carubia Dr., Core, WV 26541 or**

Ph. 304.598.0026 or 740.296.5758 or email; info@LoLradio.org for volunteer and support opportunities.

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