

From Toni Webb—Coordinator of the R.C.I.A. Program



**WHAT IS THIS RITE OF SENDING/RITE OF ELECTION
I SAW IN THE BULLETIN?**

Let me answer the second part of your question first.

The Rite of Election is the second step in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is normally celebrated at the beginning of Lent. Catechumens, candidates, their sponsors and their chief catechist gather at their cathedral church for this ceremony. In our diocese, because of its size, the ceremony is celebrated in three different places: Charleston on the first Sunday of Lent, Martinsburg on the second Saturday and Wheeling on the second Sunday of Lent.

The rite—normally conducted by the bishop—declares that, after a long period of formation, the catechumens are “elected” (hence the name) to receive the initiation sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Candidates—those baptized in another faith community—are elected to receive Confirmation and Eucharist, though they will make their first Reconciliation prior to Easter.

The ceremony consists of an opening hymn and processional of parish priests and the bishop, the daily liturgical readings, a homily, and dialogue between first the catechumens and the bishop, and then the bishop and the candidates. Following this, the catechumens are enrolled (they sign their names) in the Book of the Elect. The bishop then signs and dates this book. Candidates present a copy of their baptismal certificate which is placed in a binder for the bishop. The service concludes with a closing prayer and final hymn. Following the Rite of Election, RCIA members are known as the elect.

The Rite of Sending Catechumens and Candidates for election by the bishop is usually done just prior to the rite already discussed. It offers the parish community a chance to express its approval as well as its support and prayers for those sent forth for election.

Normally done at Mass following the homily, the ceremony can take place the day of the Rite of Election or the week before.

[1] Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Study Edition, National Conference of Catholic Bishops (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1988) 56, 63-64.



Parish Men's Club Bowling Party

Sat., Feb. 27, 2010—7-9p.m.
White Oak Lanes, Oak Hill, WV
Ages 18—???

Lane Fee & Shoes will be bowler's responsibility
Please RSVP by Wed., Feb. 24—Tony Gerard 304 673-1054
(Please leave message with name and phone number)



Lenten Banks

In the vestibule you will find the Lenten Banks and booklet “Living with Passion; Reflections, Reminders, & Requests”. Please take and fill the bank to the best of your ability. The money received will help the parish help our sisters and brothers who come to the parish office almost daily asking for assistance with their utility bills. We help with \$25 for 16 people per month.

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Parish

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



February 21, 2010

The First Sunday of Lent

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The First Sunday of Lent

The fast can be a sign that we live on more than bread.

My sisters and brothers, at this the beginning of our Lenten retreat we, like Jesus, are being led by the Spirit into forty days of reflection and renewal. Along the way we will be tempted by shortcuts and attractive alternatives. As we celebrate this sacred meal today, may it nourish us and give us the strength that we need for this Lenten journey, so that we will emerge on Easter ready to carry on Jesus Christ's mission in the world.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 2/20	5:30p.m.	Margaret C. Dixon by The Dixon Family
Sun. 2/21	8:00a.m.	For All Parishioners
	10:30a.m.	Edith Bowling by Kathy & Gene Glover
Mon. 2/22	6:30p.m.	Chris Short by Reggie & Terri Dodd
Tues. 2/23	8:30a.m.	Fr. Albin Martis by Nancy Sanger
Wed. 2/24	6:30p.m.	Leah Lively Dean by Barbara O'Neal
Thurs. 2/25	8:30a.m.	Rose Marie Sangaland by Divina Breckenridge
Fri. 2/26	8:30a.m.	Mary Lou Sneed by Bruce & Toni Webb
Sat. 2/27	5:30p.m.	Mary Elkins by Terri Light & Family
Sun. 2/28	8:00a.m.	For All Parishioners
	10:30a.m.	John Pawlus, Jr. by Sandy Pawlus

The Word
IS NEAR
you
IN YOUR
Mouth
IN YOUR
Heart

Altar Server Schedule:

Wed. 2/24: 5:30p.m.: S.Coleman/J.Light
Fri. 2/26: (Stations) 6:30p.m.:
 N.Craddock/J.Pino
Sat. 2/27(vigil): S.Klenk/S.Coleman
Sun. 2/28 8a.m.: A.Keaveny/E.Holt
10:30a.m.: J.&D.Re/J.Bracken

Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (February)

Fri. (2/26) (Stations) 6:30p.m.:
 J.DeViese/M.Kemlock/D.Maxwell
(vigil) Sat. : D. Maxwell/A. Sheehan/T. Webb
Sun. 8a.m.: Pat Beverley/Debbie Garvin
10:30a.m.: L. Duba/W. Duba/M. Kemlock

Lectors:

(Vigil) Sat. 2/27: Scott & Brenda Vargo
Sun. 2/21: 8a.m. Nancy Sanger
10:30a.m. Jim & Loretta Lively



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

++R.I.P.++ We extend our sympathy to Adam Lucas and family on the death of his mother, Margaret Lucas. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

This Week...

Mon. 3:15p.m. Junior/Cadet Brownies
 6p.m. Cub/Boy Scouts
 7:15p.m. Confirmation Class
Wed. 10:30a.m. Communion to our Shut-ins
 4:15-5:15p.m. Youth Choir Practice
 6:30p.m. R.C.I.A.
Sat. 8a.m. Scripture Sharing @ Bob Evan's
Choir Practice
Sat. Choir: Wed. @ 7p.m. **Sun. Choir:** Thurs. @ 6:30p.m.



Money Counters Needed: Sts. Peter & Paul Parish is in need of (1) money counter. We have three parishioners who have volunteered, but we still need one more to make up a third team. Each team counts every third month. If you are interested in becoming a member of the team, **please contact Sally at the parish office.**

If you are an adult and have not been confirmed, but would like to receive Confirmation in the Fall along with the confirmation class, please contact Fr. Paul at the parish office, so arrangements can be made to prepare you for the sacrament.

Vacation Bible School....

We will have a Vacation Bible School this Summer thanks to parishioners who have volunteered to coordinate it and those who have volunteered to help. If you would like to help with our VBS, please contact the parish office.

Sts. Peter & Paul School is currently looking for a person to fill an open position for After School Care Coordinator. *Child care and/or education experience preferred. *Pay is minimum wage + & negotiable.

The Lord's House.....

Please...if you take a bulletin before Mass, please do not leave it in the pew, take it home with you. Also we ask that you take your used tissues with you. We do not have anyone that tidy's the church after the weekend Masses.

Make Your Work Your Calling...Are you a woman between 21-30 who is looking for work that makes a difference? Consider becoming a St. Joseph Worker in New Orleans, LA, providing health and human services to people there who are poor and marginalized. Includes housing with a small group of other St. Joseph Workers and monthly stipend. Sponsored by: Congregation of St. Joseph Workers jschmitz@csjoseph.org for an application and more info.

Lent

In our parish during Lent:....

Wednesdays:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

Wednesdays: 5:30p.m.— 6:30p.m.
Followed by Mass @ 6:30p.m.

Fridays: Stations of the Cross:

Fridays @ 6:30p.m.

Lenten Retreat and Penance Service:

→ **Sunday, March 7th @ 2 p.m.** - Talk by Msgr. Sam Sacus
 3p.m. Penance Service—4 priests
 → **Monday, March 8th 6:30p.m.** Mass and Talk; Msgr. Sam Sacus

School Lenten Schedule:

Stations of the Cross: Feb. 24, March 5, 12, 26, 31 @ 2:30p.m.

In The Neighboring Parishes

- **Fish Dinners,** Fridays during Lent @ Immaculate Conception Education Building, Montgomery, WV.
- Fridays during Lent @ St. John's, Summersville, Marist Hall.

Retreat: St. John's in Summersville will host Father Bill Anderson for a Lenten Retreat. On Sunday, Feb. 28th at 7:00 p.m., Father Anderson will have a talk. On Monday, March 1 and Tuesday, March 2, we will have Mass and a talk by Father Anderson. On Wednesday, March 3, we will have a Holy Hour and Reconciliation starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Please remember in your prayers our catechumens going through the RCIA process who will be presented to the bishop this weekend at the **Rite of Election, 3p.m.** held in Charleston: Tonya Davenport Chloe Gillespie Cody Gillespie Hazel Kappler Stella Kappler Sydney Melton Caycie Smith Courtney Smith



People are funny; they want the front of the bus, Middle of the road, And back of the Church

New in the parish, not registered, or, an employed adult member not receiving envelopes?

Call or come to the Parish Office to register. Forms to register are also in the church vestibule.