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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 2013

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Mass Schedules

Weekend Mass Schedule
Sundays [English] 12:00 Noon

Daily Mass Schedule
1st, 4th & 5th Thursdays, 6:30 PM

Sacramental Schedules

Recitation of the Rosary
Thursdays, 6:00 PM & Sundays, 11:40 AM

Communion Service
2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 PM

Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Eucharist
Thursdays, 6:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
1st, 4th & 5th Thursdays &
30 Minutes before Mass & By Appointment

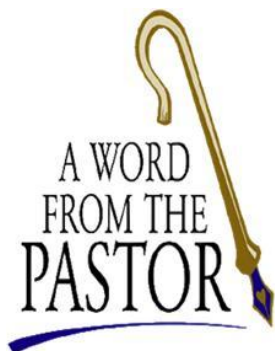
Sacramental Preparation

<p>Sacrament of Baptism Parents must be registered and regularly attending the Church of the Infant Jesus Mission. Parents must attend two classes prior to the Sacrament of Baptism being conferred. Please contact the Church Office for more information.</p>	<p>Sacrament of Matrimony Those contemplating the Sacrament of Marriage must be registered and regularly attending the Catholic Church of the Infant Jesus Mission. Those contemplating the Sacrament of Marriage must contact the priest at least six months prior to the wedding date.</p>
<p>RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Individuals interested in becoming full members of the Catholic Community participate in a process of Christian Initiation. Please call the church office for more information.</p>	<p>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick A Mass is celebrated yearly with the Anointing Rite. For Hospital Visits or individual Anointing when seriously ill or having surgery, please contact the church office.</p>
<p>CCD Christian Formation Classes: Children in Grades K through Grade 8 should be enrolled in a religious education program. If not enrolled, please contact Kitsy Hunt, St. Louis DRE, 843.841.7409, or Fr. John Zimmerman, 843.423.1823, or 843.661.5012</p>	

CHURCH WEBSITE: www.sites.google.com/site/ijmcharleston

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Greetings!

"Celebrating Lent" seems to be an oxymoron. Celebrating with fasting, abstinence, and sacrifices? While Jesus was with His disciples, He responded to the Pharisees: "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come when the Bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day." (Mark 2: 19-20)

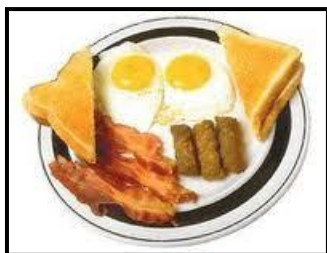
We also have heard the saying: "You don't know what you've got until it's gone."

We enter the desert of Lent to help us realize what we "lost" as the disciples did those three dark days when their Teacher and Master had left them so horribly in preparation to rejoice when the Easter Season arrives. While we know that He is risen and actually with us "until the end of the age," it is important to empty ourselves out as He did out of obedience and love. By emptying ourselves, we can more fully enter into the experience of His Incarnation "Who emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men... humbled Himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross!" (Philippians 2: 6- 8). Loving obedience truly demonstrates the faith in Christ Jesus that alone saves us.

May you have a blessed week! +
Fr. John

Monthly Breakfast Buffet

Why not stay and support our Catholic Men's & Women's Clubs! Join us this afternoon, Sunday, February 17, 2013, **after Mass**, for our famous **Monthly Breakfast Buffet**, featuring hot pancakes & syrup, pork sausage, kielbasa, bacon & ham, biscuits, grits & cheese, sautéed mushrooms, fresh fruit & home baked pastries, in season, orange juice & coffee, Adults \$5.00 & children of our parishioners eat free—hosted by the Catholic Men's & Women's Clubs. All proceeds, after costs, will benefit the charitable good works performed in the church community by the members of the Catholic Men's and Women's Clubs.



Parish Pastoral Planning Council to Meet: Members of the Parish Pastoral Planning Council and Parish Finance Councils will meet, Thursday, February 28th, 2013, **7:00 PM** in Degan Hall.

2013 Lenten Schedules

Stations of the Cross: Every week, Ray Zaborowski will open the church for private prayer, meditation and Stations of the Cross, on Friday afternoons, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM. We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, at 6:30 PM, in the church. Rev. Mr. Donald DeNitto will lead the Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Soup Suppers: A meager meal of home-made soups & freshly baked breads will be available every Friday during Lent, at 5:30 PM, in Degan Hall, except on Good Friday, March 29th, 2013. The Catholic Women's Club will host our weekly Lenten Soup Suppers; a donation to the diocesan Rice Bowl Project will be accepted in support of feeding the hungry in our diocese. For more information or to host a favorite soup, please contact Mrs. Sally Alegria, 843.423.6603.

Lenten Fish Fry Suppers: Mark your calendars to join us for a Lenten Fish Fry Supper, Friday, March 1st & Friday, March 15th, 2013, St. Louis Church. Tickets \$6.00 each person featuring a menu of fried fish, coleslaw, French fries & beverages is planned—details to follow! All proceeds to benefit the St. Louis Parish Building Fund Appeal.

Lenten Rice Bowl Boxes Available: For those families interested in supporting our diocesan Rice Bowl project to feed the hungry throughout Lent, please take home your almsgiving box this weekend, located on the table in the narthex of the church; all Rice Bowl Boxes should be turned in by Easter Sunday, please!

Lenten Worship Aids Available: Please take home a copy of the **Lenten Word Among Us** or **Lenten Magnificat** located on the table in the narthex of the church—please, one copy per family, please!

Lenten Penance Service Schedules

Church of the Infant Jesus Mission, Marion
Thursday, March 7th, 7:00 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Available 1st, 4th & 5th Thursdays of the Month

St. Anne Roman Catholic Church, Florence
Friday, March 1st, 2013, 7:00 PM
St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church, Florence
Tuesday, March 12th, 2013, 7:00 PM

Canon Law

Canon 1205 - Sacred places are those which are designated for divine worship or for the burial of the faithful by a dedication or a blessing which the liturgical books prescribe for this purpose.

Many couples - sometimes even Catholic - attempt (or succeed to) have a wedding in some location other than a Catholic or other Christian church that is very secular; for example, the beach. However, this Canon emphasizes that this is not permitted. Liturgies as established by the Church are to take place in a church, oratory, or other designated sacred place. Weddings that occur outside of these designated places are not recognized as a sacramental marriage. The same is true for any other liturgy as they belong in a Catholic church or other designated [Catholic] sacred place.

Readings For Next Sunday

We continue in our liturgical year and Lectionary cycle as we focus more on the Gospel of Luke. The readings for the Second Sunday of Lent include:

First Reading:	Genesis 15: 5 - 12, 17-18
Second Reading:	Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1
GOSPEL:	Luke 9: 28b - 36

On the Second Sunday of Lent in addition to the Feast of Transfiguration, we hear this Gospel passage (from whichever synoptic Gospel) of Jesus' Transfiguration with Moses and Elijah. This was to prepare the Apostles present not only for His upcoming Passion/Death/Resurrection but also for their own transfiguration after being set on fire and receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost: they would be transfigured by the Holy Spirit. All Christians are called to a transfiguration as we are all called to change in some way to let the light of Christ shine forth in us. What areas of our lives need to be transfigured?

On Stewardship

St. Bernard Preparatory School is a co-ed boarding-and-day school for grades 7-12 in Cullman, Alabama. Operated since 1891 by the Benedictine monks of St. Bernard Abbey, it offers a Catholic college prep education in a beautiful and safe academic environment. For more information contact admissions@stbernardprep.com or call: **1-800-722-0999**, website: www.stbernardprep.com. ---Open House: Sunday, March 3rd, 2013.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Our Bishop's Annual Appeal has started with this weekend initiating "pledge week." This weekend we will give prayerful consideration to pledge our financial support in response to the diocesan 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal. This appeal can be likened to our stewardship with God. God has already blessed us with gifts; but, when we use those gifts and either serve others with them or return them to Him for His glory, He bestows even greater blessings upon us. In years past, our parish has exceeded our goal and we have seen funds come back to us as a result. If and when we exceed our goal of \$1,961.00, representing a 127% increase over our target goal of \$1,546 in 2012, we will see a portion of those funds come back to us that we will use in our upcoming projects that we will need to embark upon soon. To make a pledge to the 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal, please review the flyer in the bulletin this weekend, located a pledge envelope on the table in the narthex, or visit <http://www.sccatholic.org>, for more information.

Weekly Ministries

February 17 th , 2013	February 24 th , 2013
Sacristans: J. Martin	B. Scalzo
Greeter(s): F. Pease	G. Savelli
Altar Servers: J. Crouse / B. Brody	J. Crouse / B. Brody
Lector: B. Davis	C. Floyd-Jones
Ushers: C. Asbury B. Cornelius H. Hickey L. Crouse	B. Cornelius W. Hicks B. Kubinec M. Alegria
Presentation of the Gifts: Doughty Family	Drabkowski Family
EME: Wm. T. O'Connor B. Scalzo	W. Hicks L. Crouse
Counters: C. Floyd-Jones M. F. McMillan	E. Lewis L. Crouse

Mass Intentions

Sun. Feb. 17th... ..✠ In Memory of Leonard Yarish
rb Knights of Columbus 1574, Florence, S.C.
Thurs., Feb. 21st.....Communion Service
Sanctuary Candle.....✠ In Memory of Lauren S. DeNitto
rb Jeffrey E. Walsh Family

Mass Intentions are scheduled as they are requested. Please contact the church office, 843.423.1823, to request a Mass Intention.

Weekly Stewardship Report

Today, Sunday, February 17th, the second collection will benefit the diocesan special collection for Catholic Home Missions and our local Capital Improvement Funds.

Next Sunday, February 24th, the second collection will benefit the diocesan special collection for Catholic Relief Services.

Feb. 10th, 2013 Weekly Offertory	\$ 1,339.00
First Collection Funds, Feb. 10 th , 2013	\$ 1,095.00
Second Collection Designated Funds	\$ 244.00
Short 1st Collection Goal-Feb. 10 th , 2013	\$ (262.18)

Stewardship offertory collections need to average \$1,357.18 per week in the first collection to meet our projected expenses for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

February 17th, 2013 First Sunday of Lent

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'"

Isaiah 6:8

"Every day – in little ways and in big ways – God asks, 'Whom shall I send?'" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for an overburdened stranger, God constantly looks to see if we are willing to respond with the eagerness that Isaiah showed when he answered, "Here I am, send me!"

Week of Feb. 17th- Mar. 2nd

Sun. Feb. 17	Today is the First Sunday of Lent 11:30 AM St. Louis CCD Classes Today... 11:30 PM Legion of Mary Will Lead Rosary, IJM 12:00 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass [English], IJM 1:00 PM Monthly Breakfast Buffet , Degan Hall, \$5.00 Adults, Children Eat Free!
Mon. Feb. 18	Today, we celebrate President's Day All diocesan and church offices are closed. 6:00 PM Legion of Mary, Degan Hall, Infant Jesus
Tues. Feb. 19	5:40 PM Liturgy of the Hours, St. Louis, Dillon 6:00 PM Recitation of the Rosary, St. Louis, Dillon
Weds. Feb. 20	12:15 PM RCIA, St. Anne Church, Florence 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross, St. Louis, Dillon 6:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper, St. Louis, Dillon 7:00 PM RCIA, St. Anthony Church, Florence
Thurs. Feb. 21	9:30 AM – 5:30 PM Church Office Hours 3:30 PM CCD Classes, Infant Jesus Church 6:00 PM Adoration & Rosary; 6:30 PM Communion Service ; 7:00 PM Benediction of the Blessed Eucharist, Infant Jesus Church
Fri. Feb. 22	12:00 – 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross, IJM 5:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper, Degan Hall 5:40 PM Liturgy of the Hours, St. Louis 6:00 PM Recitation of the Rosary, St. Louis 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Infant Jesus Church
Sat. Feb. 23	9:00 AM Traditional Latin Mass, St. Anthony's 5:15 PM-5:45 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary, St. Louis 6:00 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, St. Louis
Sun. Feb. 24	Today is the Second Sunday of Lent 11:30 AM St. Louis CCD Classes Today... 11:30 PM Legion of Mary Will Lead Rosary, IJM 12:00 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass [English], IJM
Mon. Feb. 25	6:00 PM Legion of Mary, Degan Hall, Infant Jesus
Tues. Feb. 26	5:40 PM Liturgy of the Hours, St. Louis, Dillon 6:00 PM Recitation of the Rosary, St. Louis, Dillon
Weds. Feb. 27	12:00 PM – 5:30 PM Church Office Hours 12:15 PM RCIA, St. Anne Church, Florence, SC 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross, St. Louis, Dillon 6:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper, St. Louis, Dillon 7:00 PM RCIA, St. Anthony Church, Florence
Thurs. Feb. 28	9:30 AM – 5:30 PM Church Office Hours 3:30 PM CCD Classes- Infant Jesus Church 6:00 PM Adoration & Rosary; 6:30 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass ; 7:00 PM Benediction, IJM 7:00 PM Joint Meeting of Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Members , Degan Hall
Fri. Mar. 1	Today, we celebrate World Day of Prayer Today is the First Friday of the Month 12:00 – 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross, IJM. 5:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper, Degan Hall 5:40 PM Liturgy of the Hours, St. Louis 6:00 PM Recitation of the Rosary, St. Louis 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Infant Jesus Church 6:30 PM Lenten Fish Fry Supper, St. Louis Church
Sat. Mar. 2	Today is the First Saturday of the Month 9:00 AM First Saturday Devotions With Mary OLF Rosary Meditation Garden, Infant Jesus 9:00 AM Traditional Latin Mass, St. Anthony's 5:15 PM-5:45 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary, St. Louis 6:00 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, St. Louis

Prayer Requests



Please notify our church office with the circumstances to place a family member on our sick list. Usually, names will be removed after (3) weeks unless notified otherwise. Please advise us when the need for prayer has passed.

Prayers for Healing & Sustenance:

Tiffany Anderson, Victoria Ashley, Joseph Borelli, Paul Burns, Dennis Diamond, David W. Doughty, Anthony Mancini, Jr., Dr. Ernest Murray, Andy & Barbara Squitieri, Catherine Shерpy, Josephine Yarish.

Loved ones in harm's way: USMC Randolph Sheppard Brown (Iraq); Raphael Brown; Neal Charles; Lavander Davis; Jason Fullard; Dennis Herring; William Jones (Afghanistan); Larry Pressley, Kenny Pressley; and Sgt. Bonnie Guzzon (Kuwait).

For the Repose of the Soul: Let us pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, including Candy O'Connor; may they rest in the peace of Jesus Christ, our Lord.....

Sick Visits and/or Communion: Please notify Fr. John, 843.423.1823 (Infant Jesus Church Office), 843.661.5012 (St. Anne Church Office), or 843.661.5515 (St. Anne Rectory, Florence) in case of any emergency.

St. Clare's Home, Greenville, S.C.

Pro-Life advocate, Abby Johnson, will be the featured speaker at a special evening commemorating the expected construction of St. Clare's Home, Sunday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 3710 Augusta Road, Greenville, S.C. Greenville. St. Clare's Home is a maternity home planned for the Greenville area. It will provide housing for expectant mothers who choose life and need shelter, safety and security while pregnant, and for some time after giving birth. Tickets for the event are \$50 per person. To purchase tickets, contact Karl Rogozenski at KRogozenski@catholic-doc.org or at 864.242.2233 x2629.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Migrant Families. That migrant families, especially the mothers, may be supported and accompanied in their difficulties.

Peace. That the peoples at war and in conflict may lead the way in building a peaceful future.

Pope Benedict's Prayer Intentions for February 2013

Sun., Feb. 17th.....First Sunday of Ordinary Time
Deut. 26:4-10; Ps. 91; Rom. 10:8-13; Lk. 4:1-13;

Mon., Feb. 18th.....Feast of Blessed John of Fiesole
Lev. 19: 1-18; Ps. 19; Mt. 25:31-46;

Tues., Feb. 19th.....Feast of Saint Conrad of Placenza
Is. 55:10-11; Ps. 34; Mt. 6:7-15;

Weds., Feb. 20th.....Feast of Blessed Jacinto
Jon. 3:1-10; Ps. 51; Lk. 11:29-32;

Thurs., Feb. 21st.....Feast of Saint Peter Damian
Esther c:12-25; Ps. 138; Mt. 7:7-12;

Fri., Feb. 22nd.....Feast of Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle
I Pet. 5:1-4; Ps. 23; Mt. 16:13-19;

Sat., Feb. 23rd.....Feast of Saint Polycarp
Deut. 26:16-19; Ps. 119; Mt. 5:43-48;



"Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 13 this year, and is a day of [fast and abstinence](#) for Catholics. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes replicated an ancient penitential practice and symbolizes our dependence upon God's mercy and forgiveness.

During this Lent, the U.S. bishops are encouraging Catholics to make going to confession a significant part of their spiritual lives. They have issued a statement, "[God's Gift of Forgiveness: The Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation](#)" that can be distributed and shared in parishes. Dioceses are encouraged to make the sacrament available often during Lent and to use [these resources](#) to promote participation. We are also providing [resources to help individuals](#) who have not been to confession in a while "rediscover" the sacrament.

During Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults](#), a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are [prayer](#), [fasting](#) and [almsgiving](#). The Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

On these pages, <http://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/lent/index.cfm>, you will find a variety of suggestions and resources to support your Lenten practice, enhance your prayer, and embrace your baptismal commitment."

St. Louis Parish Councils to Host Lenten Fish Fry Supper

Friday, Mar. 1st & Friday, March 15th, 2013
Join Us at 6:30 PM

\$6.00 Per Person
Eat In or Take Out!

St. Louis Life Center
Corners Hwy. 301 North & E. Jackson Streets, Dillon

**Tickets Available Church Office &
St. Louis Church Office, 843-774-0255**

Proceeds to Benefit the St. Louis Building Fund

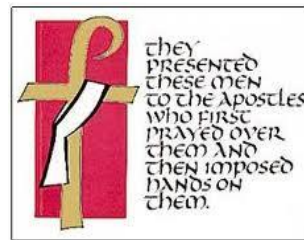


Catholic Home Missions Appeal *Strengthening the Church at Home*

One way the Catholic Home Missions Appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. Often home mission priests and lay ministers require special training to attend to the unique needs of their faith communities. Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. There are over 80 home mission dioceses in the United States. These dioceses struggle to fund basic and essential pastoral works such as religious education, seminarian and lay ministry formation, and evangelization, and are unable to attend to the needs that are unique to the communities they serve. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Your support is needed. With your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps ease the struggle and form vibrant faith communities. Please help strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to this week's Appeal.

Are You Called to the Diaconate?

What is the Diaconate? The late Monsignor Joseph R. Roth, D.D. said it well in his book, "The Deacon in Church Ministry." In a few words, the Diaconate is a Ministry of Service. "The Diaconal service needs to be done in the name of Jesus. Deacons need to see their fellow men and women as brothers and sisters in Christ. We are one people in the Lord. We are family. We are united by the common bonds of the Eucharist. The blood of Christ flows through all our veins and makes us one in the Lord." What is the process to become a deacon in the Diocese of Charleston? PRAY and be OPEN to the SPIRIT. A new Diaconate class will start the discernment process in January 2014. Applications can be found online and are currently accepted until June 30, 2013. For more information, please visit <http://sccatholic.org/diaconate> or contact Deacon Andre Guillet, Director of Diaconate formation, 843.402.9115.



World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. This year's service will be held on Friday, March 8, 2013, 4:00 PM, at Marion Presbyterian Church, in Marion County, South Carolina. *Invite your friends, family and communities of faith to join the women of France in prayer and song to support ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace, healing and wholeness. The annual offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in France and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence, and injustice.* Volunteers are needed to usher and to lector on that afternoon.

Weekly Announcements

Pope Benedict XVI Announces He Will Resign End of Month



"Saying he no longer has the strength to exercise ministry over the universal church, Pope Benedict XVI announced Feb. 11 that he would be resigning at the end of the month after an eight-year pontificate.

After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry," the pope told cardinals gathered for an ordinary public consistory to approve the canonization of new saints.

Pope Benedict, who was elected in April 2005, will be the first pope to resign in more than 600 years. He told the cardinals, "In today's world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the bark of St. Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me."

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told journalists at a briefing that the pope's decision was not prompted by any medical illness, but was due to a natural "decline of strength" associated with old age.

Fulfilling the canonical requirement, Pope Benedict solemnly declared to the cardinals, "Well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of St. Peter, entrusted to me by the cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of St. Peter, will be vacant and a conclave to elect the new supreme pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is. It is up to the dean of the College of Cardinals, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, to make preparations for a conclave to elect a new pope.

Father Lombardi said after the pope steps down, he will move to the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo outside of Rome. He will stay there until the renovation is completed of a cloister, set up by Blessed John Paul II, which is located inside the Vatican Gardens, he said. The pope will then live in the cloister, called the Mater Ecclesia monastery, and dedicate his time to prayer and reflection, the Vatican spokesman said.

The Jesuit priest said a "sede vacante" usually lasts less than a month, and that it was more than likely a new pope would be elected in time to lead the full schedule of Holy Week and Easter liturgies." Catholic News Service

"O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all Your faithful people, mercifully look upon Your servant Benedict XVI, whom You have chosen as the chief Shepherd to preside over Your Church. We beg You to help him edify, both by word and example, those over whom he has charge, that he may reach everlasting life together with the flock entrusted to him. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Treasures From Our Tradition

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter



This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome has been celebrated from the early days of the Christian era on 18 January, in commemoration of the day when Saint Peter held his first service in Rome. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, on 22 February. At each place a chair (cathedra) was venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. One of the chairs is referred to about 600 by an Abbot Johannes who had been commissioned by Pope Gregory the Great to collect in oil from the lamps which burned at the graves of the Roman martyrs.



Come and See Retreat for Women

Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, in Emmitsburg, Maryland, will sponsor a **Come and See Retreat**, for all single, Catholic Women, Friday, March 1st, through Sunday March 3rd, 2013 at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Open to all women, ages 18-25, interested in spending time in prayer and reflection to see God's call in their lives and the possibility of a vocation as a Catholic Sister. Cost \$50.00 per person; financial aid available through the Daughters of Charity Vocations Office. For more information, or to register, please contact Sister Denise LaRock, Daughters of Charity Vocation Office, devoc@doc.org, or 410.636.2074.

First Saturday Devotions With Mary: We invite you to spend 15-20 minutes in prayer and meditation during our First Saturday Devotions with Mary, Saturday, March 2nd, 2013, beginning 9:00 AM, in our Lady of Fatima Rosary Meditation Garden, on the church campus of Catholic Church of the Infant Jesus. Join members of the Legion of Mary as we gather together in prayer and prepare for spring by spending a few minutes tending to our gardens after prayer. Refreshments served in Degan Hall. Come and spend a few minutes with us!