

# The Shrine Of The Little Flower

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**WEEKEND: Saturday - 4:00 PM**  
**Sunday - 7:00 - 9:00 - 11:00 AM**

**HOLY DAY:** As Announced in the Bulletin  
**WEEKDAY:** 8:00 AM Monday through Saturday  
**FIRST FRIDAY:** 8:00 AM Adoration from 8:30 through 10AM

### NOVENA MASS:

Miraculous Medal Novena and Mass, Monday evening,  
7:30 P.M.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.  
Other times as announced in the bulletin.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second Sunday of the month at 12:15 P.M. Please call the  
Rectory for information concerning Baptismal instruction for  
parents and for registration.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples planning to be married should contact the priest at  
least 6 months in advance.

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

Persons interested in inquiring about the faith should call the  
Rectory - 410-483-1700.

### RELIGION CLASSES:

For public school children in the Religious Education Center:  
Pre-K to 8, Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M.  
To register, contact the Rectory, 410-483-1700.

### THE SICK:

Please notify the Rectory when a member of the parish is in  
the hospital, or is unable to attend Church and wishes to  
receive Holy Communion at home.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

The use of Church envelopes is the responsible way to support  
your Parish. Parishioners are requested to register at the  
Rectory Office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.  
or complete the following form:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Check:

- New Registration                       Moving out of Parish  
 Change of Address                       Want Envelopes

Please cut out and drop in the Collection Box or mail to Rectory.

**(BULLETIN DEADLINE — MONDAY, 12:00 NOON)**

*SHRINE of the LITTLE FLOWER*  
*FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*

Monday, March 7: *Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 8: *Saint John of God, Religious*

Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 9: *Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*

Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 10: Ex 32:7-15 Ps 106:19-23

Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 11: Wis 2:1a,12-22 Ps 34:17-21,23

Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday, March 12: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3,9b-12

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 13: **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING (2-27 & 28)**

**Envelopes:** (#102) **\$3,401** avg. per envelope **\$33.34**

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**Total:** **\$3,709**

**POOR BOX**

Weekend (2-27-28) **St. Vincent DePaul Society = \$193.00**

Weekend (3-5 & 6) **St. Vincent's**

Weekend (3-12 & 13) **S. Vincent's**

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**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

will help "*Jesus in Disguise*" through providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families and advocating on behalf of victims.

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

*O God, Who through your Word reconcile the human race to Yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN*

**MARCH 5 & 6, 2016**

**Clarifying Pope Francis' Announcement on Abortion**

*Dear Padre,*

**I heard Pope Francis allows priests to forgive the sin of abortion. Aren't priests able to forgive any sin?**

In September 2015, the media announced that for the Year of Mercy Pope Francis is giving priests the ability to forgive the sin of abortion. However, this is not accurate. Priests are able to forgive *any* sin; what the Holy Father is granting to priests is the faculty to remit the penalty attached to the *ecclesiastical crime* of abortion. Let me explain.

Procuring, performing or facilitating an abortion is always a grave sin. In the Catholic Church, these acts may also constitute a *crime* in canon law (1398). The sin is distinct from the crime, and those who commit the *crime* might also incur excommunication.

To incur the penalty, the person who commits the sin must: be Catholic and a least eighteen years old; be aware of the Church's penalty for abortion; and intent in full freedom to end a human life.

If any one of these elements is not present, the person did not incur excommunication. Yet if the priest discovers that the penalty is incurred, he is obliged to contact the local ordinary (usually the diocesan bishop) for permission to remit the penalty—unless the bishop has already given permission, which is the case in many dioceses in the United States. **For the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is giving all priests the faculty to remove the penalty without contacting the bishop.** In other words, the Holy Father has extended mercy in the realm of Church law.

No one need believe that confessed sins are unforgiven. Pope Francis' announcement is an encouragement for all, especially people who have committed grave sin, to confess their sins and receive the unfailing mercy of God.

Rev. Philip J. Bene

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*"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against man."*

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

“While there are many evils rampant in our time, many threats to human life and dignity, and while we must be concerned about them all, I remain convinced that abortion can rightly be called the primal evil of our time. It is always gravely immoral. Its victims are among the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. Since *Roe v. Wade* 47 million human lives have been destroyed before birth or during the birth process. Hundreds of thousands of women have been traumatized by abortion. Many men grieve because they could not protect an unborn child they helped to bring into being. Abortion is the most striking and profound symptom of the abyss into which the ethics of the United States, indeed, the world, has fallen.” (Bishop Richard Malone, Diocese of Portland, ME. 1-13-2007)

[www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)

### INTERCESSION FOR LIFE

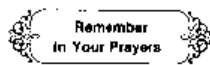
For all those who have had or participated in abortion, that they may trust in the Father of mercies, Who always welcomes his repentant.

**LET US PRAY TO THE LORD**



Let us always remember and pray for **all** the souls of the faithful departed, may they rest in Christ's Peace. Let us also pray for the **recently** deceased in our parish and community, and for their loved ones, that they may be consoled by God's Tender Love and Divine Mercy:

**Helene Knoll**



Let us pray for the sick, dying and homebound of our parish and community, our families and friends, the special intentions on the Little Flower Prayer Chain; the elderly, lonely, downhearted; the poor, destitute, oppressed; unemployed, homeless, helpless, addicted, prisoners, sinners and those who have no one to pray for them; for caregivers, ministers to the sick, those in nursing homes and hospice care and those in (or recently released from) the hospital:

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Little Sisters of the Poor: Anna Hagerman

Lorien (BelAir): Helen Bialek

Power Back Rehab. (Lutherville): Bob Bialek

St. Elizabeth Hall: Rita Lee

## Masses ~~for~~ <sup>the</sup> Week

Mon. 3/7	8:00	Anna Taylor (anniv)
	7:30	Glenn Grasso
Tues. 3/8	8:00	Dominique Tho Nguyen Frank & Helen Benskie
Wed. 3/9	8:00	Thomas LeWald (liv) Frank Zajac (anniv)
Thurs. 3/10	8:00	Charles & Kathleen Doherty Stella Fairley
Fri. 3/11	8:00	Doris Hessenauer ((liv)
Sat. 3/12	8:00	Rev. James C. Miles
	4:00	Marianne Prell
Sun. 3/13	7:00	For the People
	9:00	James & Mary Hessenauer
	11:00	Eva & Adam Hessenauer

## MEDITATION ON DEATH

(to be continued)

*The hour of death will soon come for you. See to it that you spend your time here well. There is a common saying that a man is here today and gone tomorrow. At once he is out of sight, he is soon forgotten.*

*How dull we are and hard of heart, for we think only of the present and make little provision for the life hereafter! If you were wise, you would so order your life as though you were to die before the day is over.*

*If your conscience were clear, you would not be afraid of death. Better to give up sin than to fear death. If you are unprepared to face death today, how will you be tomorrow?*

*Tomorrow is uncertain and you may not be here to see it.*

(The Imitation of Christ .. Thomas A. Kempis)



*Whoever lives  
and believes in me  
Shall never die*

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