



Dear Parishioners,

With Pope Benedict stepping down this last Thursday as the Supreme Pontiff, during this time that we await the election of the new pope, we are encouraged to pray for the Church and for whomever will be chosen to succeed to the Chair of St. Peter. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has provided the following prayer for us to pray during this time, which it is to be hoped that we will all join in praying:

*O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with
unfailing care, grant in your boundless
fatherly love a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Also, remember that on this coming Wednesday evening, the intention of the 6:00 PM Mass will be for the election of the new pope and the prayers of the Mass will be a special set of prayers used for such an occasion. I hope that many will come to join in this time of special prayer. In the bulletin this week there is an insert explaining how the new pope is chosen.

This week, from Thursday until Sunday, I have to be in Baltimore for the bi-annual meeting of the National Advisory Council of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. So, please pray for me and all of the members as we provide input to our bishops of the United States on various issues facing the Church in America at this time. As usual, priests from Mt. Michael Abby will be here for Masses and, for "The Light is On" confession period from 5:30 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 7, Msgr. Frank Kubart will be here to hear these.

Have a grace-filled week.

God bless,
Fr. Gutowski



MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 4 THRU MARCH 10

Monday		David Beck
Tuesday		Lloyd Royal
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Walter Gamerl
	6 p.m.	New Pope
Thursday		Frances Kubart
Friday		Ann Boro
Saturday		Lydia Tordicella
Sunday		People of St. Joseph



RE HAPPENINGS

There is Reconciliation during RE classes for grades 2 - 8 on Wednesday, March 6.

There is NO RE March 13 because of District 46 Spring break.

The RE schedule for Wednesday of Holy Week (March 27) is as follows:

For 1st session there will be an Easter Egg Hunt from 6 - 6:45 and parents are asked to attend with their children. Please feel free to invite children from the community to come join in the fun. The egg hunt will take place outside in front of the church and rectory.

For 2nd session there will be a Dramatic Stations of the Cross put on by students in grades 5 - 8 from 7 - 7:20 followed by a Last Supper sampling in the social hall. Parents and family are encouraged to attend as well as anyone else in the parish. There will be a presentation with the Last Supper sampling explaining the significance of each food item.