

**FROM FATHER BILL:** I hope that all of you are into this Great Season of Lent – walking the path with Christ through Calvary to Easter. ***We have about 33 more days to pull this off!!!*** A STORY --- Most of us have clean water whenever we want it. *Ciro* didn't have this experience. He and his neighbors in rural Guatemala had to carry water for miles to meet their village's needs. With the help of Catholic Relief Services, they were able to construct a water supply system. Disease abated as new sanitation made their village a healthier place to live. God formed *Ciro*, his neighbors and all of us and infused us with the breath of life. ***YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN OPERATION RICE BOWL*** will help sustain that life, in ways as simple as making clean water accessible. CRS strives to be a responsible steward of creation while pursuing sustainable development. Dirty water, deforestation and pollution don't contribute to a healthier future. ***PLEASE USE YOUR RICE BOWL AND BE VERY GENEROUS TO THE POOR.***

***St. Paul's Weekly Offertory Goal is \$2,500.00. Thank you for your support.***  
***February 2/3 Collection: St. Pauls-\$1,016.93 St. Peter's-\$1,521.00***  
***Mass Attendance: February 2/3: 4 pm – 76; 9 am – 45; 10:30 –64; Noon –136***  
***Total Number of Envelopes used: St. Paul's-62 St. Peter's-72***  
***St. Paul's Fuel Collection-\$906.00 St. Peter's Insurance Collection-\$924.00***

#### LENT AT OUR PARISHES

##### Rice Bowl

Rice Bowl Calendar and Daily Spiritual Activities

Sacrifice, Fasting and Praying

Dedication to the "Called To Be Church" Process

Sacrament of Reconciliation, every Saturday, 3:00 pm at St. Paul's

Sunday Latin Confessions at St. Peter's

Joint Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service, St. Peter's, Sat., March 15, 1:00 pm

Making a WEEKLY Silent Holy Hour at St. Paul's Adoration Chapel

Loving One Another as Jesus Loves Us

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

**ST. PAUL (ENGLISH)** – 3:00 pm - the Fridays of Lent except Good Friday.

**ST. PETER (LATIN)** – following the NOON Mass each Friday except Good Friday.

***RICE BOWLS ARE TO BE FOUND*** at the entrances of our Church TODAY. Please take one home and instead of having dessert, make an offering to the poor and hungry by placing a donation into the "Bowl" each day of Lent. Rice Bowl returns should be made by Easter Sunday.

***WHO BENEFITS FROM THE OPERATION RICE BOWL COLLECTION: 75% of OPERATION RICE BOWL CONTRIBUTIONS*** are sent to Catholic Relief Services, and help fund development projects overseas that help and increase and maintain communities' access to food. These food security projects include agriculture, water, microfinance, education, mother and child health, and HIV/AIDS projects. ***25% of OPERATION RICE BOWL contributions remain in the Albany Diocese and are used to fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs.***

#### **CALLED TO BE CHURCH MEETINGS:**

City wide Deanery Meeting – Our Lady of Victory, Tuesday, February 19, 12:30 pm.

Our Cluster Group Meeting – St. Augustine's, Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm.

**WHAT DOES THE TERM "EASTER DUTY" mean:** *Because of the central importance of Easter to the Christian faith, the Catholic Church requires that all Catholics who have made their First Communion receive the Holy Eucharist sometime during the Easter season, which lasts through Pentecost Sunday, 50 days after Easter. This reception of the Eucharist is a visible sign of our faith and our participation in the Kingdom of God. Of course, we should receive Communion as frequently as possible; this "Easter Duty" is simply the minimum requirement set by the Church.*

**TO WHAT EXTENT ARE YOU PARTICIPATING IN OUR PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMS. Hurry up! LENT is already a week and a half old!!!**

**DECEASED:** Stephen M. Conroy, Marietta (Bea) Desrocher. God grant them Eternal Life.

***TODAY: SECOND COLLECTION for BLACK AND NATIVE AMERICANS. Please be generous.***

**EVANGELIZATION: "Good and Gracious God"....."Dios de bondad y amor."**