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February 2012 Parish Bulletin

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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All Mass Times 5:00 PM unless otherwise noted

February 5, 2012, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:	Bishop Carl
February 12, 2012, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:	Fr. Bob
February 19, 2012, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:	Fr. Bill
February 26, 2012, First Sunday of Lent:	Fr. Bob

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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

Sunday Scripture Reflections **Fr. Bill LaGrand**

February 5, 2012, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 1:29-39: The experience of suffering is perennial and almost universal. It prompts the sometimes agonizing question, "Why?" But "why" seldom leads to a satisfying answer. The real question is, "What am I going to do with my own suffering?"

February 12, 2012, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 1:40-45: This story emphasizes the humanity and compassion of Jesus. It stresses a challenge found throughout Mark. The divinity of Jesus is often manifested in and through his radical humanity.

February 19, 2012, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 2:1-12: There were times during Jesus' ministry on earth that people flocked to be in his presence. They came to see him work signs and wonders, to experience healing and to hear his teachings. Our experience as members of the Christian community can be the same if we are willing to open ourselves to Christ's presence in our midst.

February 26, 2012, First Sunday of Lent, Mark 1:12-15: Jesus assures us that we still matter to God; that we are not written off; that we are not trapped by our past. We can change. God has not given up on us, nor should we give up on ourselves. Lent is a great time to respond to Jesus' offer and also to stir up the waters of our baptism.

Presiding Bishop's Column
+Fr. Carl Swaringim, Ed.D., Presiding Bishop

Saint for February: St. Jerome Emiliani

Feast Day: February 6

Born: 1481; Died 1537

Jerome Emiliani lay chained in the dark dirty dungeon. Only a short time before he had been a military commander for Venice in charge of a fortress. He didn't care much about God because he didn't need him -- he had his own strength and the strength of his soldiers and weapons. When Venice's enemies, the League of Cambrai, captured the fortress, he was dragged off and imprisoned. There in the dungeon, Jerome decided to get rid of the chains that bound him. He let go of his worldly attachments and embraced God.

When he finally was able to escape, he hung his metal chains in the nearby church of Treviso -- in gratitude not only for being freed from physical prison but from his spiritual dungeon as well.

After a short time as mayor of Treviso he returned his home in Venice where he studied for the priesthood. The war may have been over but it was followed by the famine and plague war's devastation often brought. Thousands suffered in his beloved city. Jerome devoted himself to service again -- this time, not to the military but the poor and suffering around him. He felt a special call to help the orphans who had no one to care for them. All the loved ones who would have protected them and comforted them had been taken by sickness or starvation. He would become their parent, their family.

Using his own money, he rented a house for the orphans, fed them, clothed them, and educated them. Part of his education was to give them the first known catechetical teaching by question and answer. But his constant devotion to the suffering put him in danger too and he fell ill from the plague himself. When he recovered, he had the ideal excuse to back away, but instead his illness seemed to take the last links of the chain from his soul.

He committed his whole life and all he owned to helping others. He founded orphanages in other cities, a hospital, and a shelter for prostitutes. He is the patron saint of abandoned children and orphans.

Abridged from: http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=61

Jerome Emiliani -- a Saint for Today? There are orphans the world over waiting for people with means to help them. And surely there are other people in physical and spiritual need in our own individual world. We, as St. Jerome was in his world, are called to reach out to them in some helpful way.

Community of Sts. Peter and Paul
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Financial Statement
January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

BANK BALANCE: 1/1/2011 **\$ 8,664.14**

INCOME:

Sunday Donations	\$ 6,955.00
Stole Fees (Funerals, Weddings, etc.)	\$ 1,050.00
Christmas Appeal (Circle of Concern)	\$ 275.00
Total Income	\$ 8,280.00

EXPENDITURES:

Rent (\$167 x 12 months + 150 for dinner)	\$(2,154.00)
Parish Dinner (Caterer)	\$(1,081.34)
Phone (Voicemail)	\$ (111.60)
Advertising (Post Dispatch Ad)	\$(1,924.00)
Advertising (AAUW Ad)	\$ (30.00)
Advertising (Website Domain Renewal)	\$ (39.50)
Advertising (Coffee Mugs)	\$ (331.23)
Printing (Envelopes)	\$ (125.64)
Flowers (Easter and Christmas to St. Tim's)	\$ (200.00)
ECC+USA Support (Clergy Dues, etc.)	\$ (385.00)
Altar Supplies	\$ (655.00)
ECC+USA Support	\$ (323.75)
Clergy Expenses (from wedding stole fees)	\$ (454.95)
Legal Fees (Secretary of State Filings)	\$ (10.00)
Grants	\$ (1,000.00)
(500-Salvation Army-Joplin Tornado Relief, 500-Circle of Concern)	
Total Expenditures	\$ (8,826.01)

BANK BALANCE: 12/31/2011 **\$ 8,118.13**

I, Rev. Robert A. Catlett, Jr., Pastor, do hereby certify the foregoing information to be true and accurate to the best of my ability and knowledge.

/s/ Rev. Robert A. Catlett, Jr.
Pastor