

From the Pastor's Desk

WELCOME IN! We are delighted to welcome into the parish David and Sarah Kopac and their daughter Hanna. We pray that our parish will be for them, and they will be for us, the friends in the Gospel who carried their paralyzed friend into the Presence of Jesus.

FOR NOW YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD, AND YOU ARE ONE WITH US: We welcome Olivia Michele Peters, the daughter of Travis and Karina Peters into the life of Christ at baptism. Travis and Karina live in Harrisburg and obtained permission from their Pastor to have Olivia baptized here. (Carina's home parish.)

GETTING READY FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS: The following Scripture citations point to next Sunday's Liturgical Readings. Please make some time to read and reflect on them before you come to Church. 1 (Genesis 9: 8-15) This passage from the Book of Genesis is a rudimentary, non-scientific explanation for the phenomenon we know as rainbows. God uses the rainbow to remind Himself never to flood the whole earth again. Rainbows are God's post-it notes. 2.(1 Peter 3: 18-22) What happened to the holy souls who were killed in the great flood of Noah's time? Surely God hasn't disowned them forever! The author of 1 Peter expounds a theory that the great flood was a kind of baptism for them. Now, because of the Resurrection of Jesus, they are brought home into the Father's Presence. There is no way that the author of 1 Peter could portray God as vengeful and merciless.3. Mark (1: 12-15) What an interesting picture Mark paints: Jesus, Satan, wild animals and angels! In Mark, God sends angels to take care of Jesus after His ordeal in the desert. Who are the angels that have helped us deal with our temptations, and the wild beasts that would devour us?

LENT IS HERE! The schedule of Masses and the Ashes Service are a clear indication that Lent is here. Our focus this Lent is on Christ...how Christ lives within us to make of us Church, a community of people who struggle to live His life, and in so doing, transform our world.

Activities and practices in the Parish and in the privacy of your home and family are provided to help us develop a better understanding of who we are as CHURCH.

THE LITTLER BLACK BOOK is available as a prayer and reflection guide. It takes six minutes a day to read and reflect on this wonderful prayer aid. It only costs a buck. Go for it!

PARTICIPATION AT MASS: As a society we are too busy. Our lives are so dominated by work or recreation activities that we get way out of balance. Make it your Lenten resolution to come and be nourished at Mass every Sunday. Come worship with us. Daily mass is a great way to honor God's place in the center of our lives. Come to Daily Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS is a traditional devotion that we do every Friday evening at 7:00. in the Word of God Chapel If Stations is a part of your past, make it part of your

present. If you've never prayed the Stations before, now's a great time to start.

