

My Dear Parishioners,

What is about us humans? We do not like being told what to do. If someone says to us, “You can’t,” that is when we are tempted to say, “Oh yea, just you watch me!” Whether it is a troublesome two year old just learning to say “No”, a boisterous teenager challenging their parent’s assigned curfew upon them, or an impatient road-rage driver ignoring the speed limit, it does not matter. **Rebellion** which usually translates into **pride** or **arrogance** seems to be part of our human make up.

Today’s readings for this First Sunday of Lent tell the story of **Salvation History**. Our readings are about **choices** that have dramatically impacted the human race. **Choices** usually fall into two main categories: **obedience/acceptance** or **disobedience/rebellion**. These **free** options/ **choices** for humans have been around from the beginning of Creation. These options/**choices** were presented to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. These options/**choices** were presented to Jesus in the desert and in the Garden of Gethsemane. These options/**choices** are presented to each of us on a daily basis.

Today’s first reading comes from the Book of Genesis. This book of beginnings sets the stage for the rest of the Bible. God’s gracious benevolence is apparent in so many ways. It includes creating man and woman so **free** that they can choose to be ungrateful to the Lord and even **rebel** against Him.

Today’s Genesis passage comes in two parts. The first part tells how God’s actions created and generated humankind from the earth. God in making humankind (Adam) made something very special. Clay from the ground becomes a living being when the breath of God enters him. Adam then is placed in a garden among whose fruit trees was “the tree of life”( a symbol of immortality) and the tree of “the knowledge of good and evil”( a symbol of God’s right decision to determine what is good and what is evil.) God warns Adam not to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge since this tree represented moral autonomy. The **temptation** for humans to “be like God” leads to the sin of pride; reliance on self rather than on God. But God has created Adam and his

partner Eve with **free will** enabling them to make their own **choices**.

The second part of today’s reading presents the mythic drama of “original sin”. Adam and Eve make a **choice** to **disobey** God and **rebel** against Him. As long as Adam and Eve cherish and **obey** God’s word they know happiness and thrive. However when they turn away from God they render themselves to a host of ills. Once they eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge they are no longer comfortable before God. Their eyes testify to this new knowledge and lost innocence: ashamed of themselves and being afraid of God. They realize they are naked and seek to hide parts of themselves from each other and the whole of themselves from God. Cover-up becomes the new way of relating to God and each other. Adam will try and distance himself from Eve by placing the blame on her. The reality is that both Adam and Eve were jointly responsible for the “original sin” which tainted humankind.

St. Paul in today’s section of his letter to the Romans reveals who the **hope** is for humankind: Jesus Christ. Paul reminds us: “as sin entered the world through one man’s **disobedience** and through sin came death so salvation and new life enters the world through one man’s (Jesus) **obedience**. The death brought about by original sin is both biological and spiritual (being the separation of people from God.) As Adam was at the root of all sin and death Jesus, the “New Adam”, is at the root of all pardon and life. Jesus’ righteousness outweighs all that Adam and Eve had done and gives humankind a new lease on life.

Today’s Gospel deals with Jesus’ **temptations**. **Temptations** are essentially internal struggles. Jesus’ experience ( though it came from an external source-Satan) was really His internal challenge and struggle. To convey the **temptations** Jesus experienced Matthew’s Gospel simply dramatizes them and turns them into a dialogue between Jesus and the devil in the desert. Matthew was writing predominately for a Jewish audience so he patterns the **temptations** of Jesus after the

**temptations** the ancient Israelites experienced during the Exodus. They were tempted in the desert as they wandered amid hardships for 40 years while Jesus was tempted in the desert after 40 days of fasting and prayer. Matthew wants to show that whereas the Israelites failed their desert trial, Jesus did not. Whereas the Israelites did not embrace God's word, Jesus does as He makes **fidelity** to God's word the mark of His mission. Jesus feeds on and lives by the word of God. **Obedience** to that word will take Him through trial and **temptation** to the cross itself: the great sign of our salvation.

The central theme of Jesus' tests/**temptations** is basically the same as for Adam and Eve: **obedience to God**. Jesus' first **temptation** ("command these stones become loaves of bread") is a **temptation** to lose confidence in God's providence for providing ordinary material needs. It is a **temptation** for Jesus to **distrust** divine providence by taking power into His own hands. Though hungry after a forty-day fast Jesus never complains and refuses to use His miraculous powers for His own gratification and comfort. Jesus will not test the patience of God for His own convenience. He quotes Deuteronomy 8:3: "Not by bread alone does man live but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Bread in the Old Testament was a symbol for God's revelation and word. Jesus is mindful, despite His own physical hunger that hunger for an understanding of God's intention and will is more important than the quest for food. Unlike the ancient Israelites Jesus successfully seeks God's will and not His own comfort.

That **temptation** that Jesus **distrust** divine providence by taking power into His own hands doesn't work so it is followed by another: to **presume** God's providence ("throw yourself down from this parapet of the temple"). Jesus refuses to throw Himself down from the parapet and refuses to take God for granted or **presume** on God's goodness. He is willing to submit to the ordinary course of events and He places His faith in God's plan. Cooperating with God's way of doing things Jesus steadfastly refuses to perform signs or wondrous spectacles to have others put faith in Him for the wrong reasons. Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:16: "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

Jesus' response to Satan is simply that no one should demand miracles of God as evidence of God's care for them. What Israel did frequently in the desert, Jesus will not do at all.

The third **temptation** for Jesus is to **compromise**. This **temptation** is the most subtle of all three **temptations**. Delivered when Jesus is lonely, weak, and friendless, Satan tries to play upon the human craving for power, fame, and wealth. Satan says to Jesus: "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." Jesus meets Satan's audacity with sternness: "The Lord your God shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve." Jesus will not bow down to Satan nor will He **compromise** His own ideals or goals or the standards that God sets for Him. Unlike the Israelites, Jesus always puts the Father and the Father's ways first and foremost.

The **temptations** of Adam and Eve were the exaltation of self. The **temptations** of Israel were to abandon God. The **temptations** of Jesus were to abuse His identity and mission. Unlike Adam, Eve and Israel Jesus used His freedom to **choose** the good. **Temptations** assail all of us in ways known best to each one of us. All of our **temptations** are based on various ways of sinning against the great commandment to love God with all our heart, mind, and soul and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Jesus has already shown us how we must overcome our root **temptations**: through engaging in prayer, doing penance, and giving extra attention to the Word of God. During our Lenten journey we will have an opportunity to undertake these practices. We are free to **choose** to **accept** this opportunity to do something or we can **choose** to **rebel** against this opportunity and do nothing. What will I **choose**? What will you **choose**? Have a blessed and **holy** Lenten journey.

Love & prayers,  
Fr. John

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



On Fridays during the Lenten Season we will pray the Children's Stations of the Cross at **2PM** and the traditional Stations at **7PM** in the Church. Come out and join us as we walk with Jesus to Calvary.



### THREE PILLARS OF LENT

**PRAYER** turns us away from sin's rebellion and draws us into right relation with our Creator. The summit of Catholic prayer is the Mass, and a good Lenten practice is to attend daily Mass if possible. The Rosary, Scriptural reflection, Eucharistic Adoration and other forms of prayer also help us get the most out of Lent.

**FASTING** is a discipline designed to remove whatever threatens to become more important than God in our lives. Normally, fasting focuses on food, but it could also involve other activities like watching television or playing video games. According to Church regulations, those in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so:

**Fast** – Catholics from age 18-59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On a fast day, one limits oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals.

**Abstinence** – Catholics of age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

**ALMSGIVING** reestablishes the community dimension in our lives, reminding us that we are not here just for ourselves but are bonded in solidarity with others. Because of that solidarity, we have an obligation to one another, especially those in the greatest need. Participating in the disciplines of Lent is itself a sign of spiritual solidarity with other members of the Church.

### LENTEN APPEAL

#### **2017 Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal "I give you an example." John 13:15**

We have begun our Annual Diocesan Lenten Appeal. We need every family/household in our parish to support the Appeal in order that we may meet our assigned assessment figure. Our assessment figure for this year is \$104,900. The funds collected for the Lenten Appeal help support the numerous Pastoral, Charitable, Educational, and Spiritual Programs in our diocese (Catholic Charities, Respect Life, Adult Religious Formation, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs, Prison Ministry, Ministry with Homeless Persons, Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Ministry with Immigrants, and Evangelization Programs-to name a few.) I hope and pray that everyone would consider supporting the vital important ministries of our diocese by making a pledge and contributing to this year's Appeal. I also want to express my appreciation and gratitude to those who contributed to the Bishop's Appeal in previous years. Please note that funds raised during this year's Appeal that surpass our parish assessment figure will be returned to us and placed in our Parish Saving's Account. Likewise, if we do not meet our assessment figure, funds will be taken out of our Savings Account to make up the difference. For more information about this year's Appeal and if you need pledge envelopes, please see the display in our Church narthex. May God bless you and your loved ones for your kindness, generosity and support.

Thank You  
Fr. John

### FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK

This year the Feast of Saint Patrick falls on a Lenten



Friday. Since Saint Patrick is the principal patron of our diocese, I hereby grant a dispensation from Friday abstinence to all Catholics who reside in the diocese and all

who are present within the Diocese on **March 17**.

Those who take advantage of this dispensation are urged to substitute another suitable form of personal penance, possibly choosing another day within the Second Week of Lent as a Day of Lenten abstinence.  
Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer  
Bishop of Harrisburg

### FRESH EXPRESSIONS

Are Our Families the Problem or the Solution? **Join**



**Bishop Gainer on March 16 & 17 at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg,** for a conference on evangelization and family life with an ecumenical group called "Fresh Expressions."

Christian churches of all denominations will gather to rethink their approach to evangelization, and to help reach people on the periphery. Monsignor Renzo Bonetti of the Amore Project in Italy will challenge those attending to view the family as our greatest resource for spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. A host of other Catholic and Protestant thinkers, including Christopher West & Reverend Tory Baucum, will discuss how we can reimagine our ministry to families & youth while refreshing our own faith.

Call the Family Life office at 657-4804 or visit <http://freshexpressionsus.org/amorelaunch> for more info.

### 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Father John will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in the spring. He professed vows as a Redemptorist September 9, 1989, and was ordained to the priesthood May 9, 1992.

There will be a parish celebration on Saturday, May 13. **From March 23 to April 9**, there will be sign-up sheets in the narthex. Please sign if you plan to attend. We will need a number to share with the caterer by then. It will be a great day of celebration. Hope to see you there. More information will be in the March 23 bulletin. Thank you. ( Parish Pastoral Council Members.)

### MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 2 presentations within the diocese concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends.

**March 13** –Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg 7 PM

**March 14** –St. Joseph Parish York, 7 PM.

No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 657-4804 ext. 304, or email:tribunal@hbgdiocese.org

### MEN OF THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

Please save the date of **April 1** for the Diocesan Men's Conference at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg. Theme is: Fools for Christ: Men Called to Glorify God through His Catholic Church. Keynote Speaker is world-renowned Catholic author and speaker, Dr. Peter Kreeft from Boston. His keynote is *Seven Reasons Why Everyone Should be Catholic*. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer is Principal Celebrant and Homilist for Mass and will also be presenting two workshops on St. Thomas More as a Model for Conscience Formation. There are thirty+ workshop choices over three sessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary and Benediction, more than 20 Priests available for Confession, plus good music, food, and fellowship. Last year we had 925 men who attended this event. This year we are hoping for 1,000 men. Registration materials are coming soon to your parish. Please join us, and invite a friend or three to come with you! Thank you!

### 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Preparations have begun for this year's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, which will celebrate the love and commitment of couples who were married in 1967. In addition to the Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald Gainer, there will be a reception for the couples and their families. Each Jubilee couple will also be presented with a commemorative certificate; those unable to attend the event will receive one in the mail. Please contact the parish office (733-9641) with both of your first names, address, phone number and wedding date. Each couple will be sent an invitation to the Mass and reception along with an RSVP card indicating if you will attend and how many of your family will attend. Directions will also be included. Names submitted will be included as an insert in the Mass program.

**2017 Prison Ministry Conference** – An all-day formation conference for new and current prison ministry volunteers will be focusing on evangelization, existing programs and reentry services. Conference will be held at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg on April 29, 2017. Registration fee is \$10, including lunch. The day includes: a keynote address by Fr. Marty McGeough, Prison Ministries for the Diocese of Trenton, breakout sessions and panel discussions. Fr. Paul Schenck will celebrate Mass. Register online at [www.hbgdiocese.org/evangelization](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/evangelization) or request registration form in the parish office. For additional information please call (717) 657-4804 ext. 313 or email [jcurran@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:jcurran@hbgdiocese.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 6**

7:00 †Joan Tucker  
9:00 †

**Tuesday, March 7, Perpetual & Felicity**

7:00 †Bernie Mack  
9:00 †June & Millie Leone

**Wednesday, March 8, St. John of God, Religious**

7:00 †Doris Durning  
9:00 †Mary Lou Miller

**Thursday, March 9, St. Francis of Rome, Religious**

7:00 †Joan Tucker  
9:00 †Mrs. Garrett

**Friday, March 10**

7:00 For Our Church and Our Country  
9:00 †Rita Quinlin

**Saturday, March 11**

9:00 †Sidney Mash  
5:00 †Helen Phillips

**Sunday, March 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

7:30 For the Parishioners  
9:00 †Rose Brady  
11:00 †Luit Liebl

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

We will be publishing the names of your dear loved ones who are seriously ill or injured. We will keep them in the bulletin for one month. After the period of one month their names will be removed. For example, names announced in the bulletin the third week of the month will be removed the third week of the following month. If at that time prayers are still needed, please feel free to contact the parish office, and we will be more than happy to re-publish your loved one's name.

**March 5:** Tony Cicero, Jean Givler, Abigail Lowe-Critchfield, Margie Willwerth

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

Date	Amount	Needed	Difference
2-26-16	\$12,024.00	\$14,326.00	(\$2,302.00)
<b>YTD</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>YTD Needed</b>	<b>Difference</b>
2-26-16	\$484,403.64	\$501,410.00	(\$17,006.36)

**SECOND COLLECTION**

**Today Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** the second collection will be for the Black and Indian Poor Missions.

**YEARLINGS**

Join us on **March 14**, at **Gus's Keystone Diner** at 11:30 Call Gloria for reservations 738-9098.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Sin is itself even



appealing, isn't it? It's also incredibly deceptive, passing off as harmless and maybe good for us. But that doesn't mean fighting temptation is a hopeless cause. This Lent is a time when our lives can change. Each time he was tempted, Jesus turned to his Father in prayer, even when it was a great effort, even when the truths he clung to felt distant. And his Father didn't abandon him! God never turns away from us either. He is always ready to help us. That's why Lent is such a vital time. It's our chance to *change directions and cling to the Lord* and his word. It's our chance to say no to the temptations we face and turn back to our **heavenly Father**.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**



You may have the Sanctuary Lamp burn for a sick or deceased loved one for a donation of \$5 to defray the cost of the candles. This week the candle burns for Helen Phillips.

**LEGION OF MARY NEWS**



I am yours, my Queen, my Mother, and all that I have is yours. Legion of Mary members, come renew your fealty to Blessed Mother. Saturday, **March 25**, at 2 PM at St. Anthony's Parish 503 E.

Orange St. Lancaster. Fr. Deo will speak. Reception to follow. Need a ride? Call Mary Leffler at 484-706-0627.

**USHERS AND GREETER MEETING**



A meeting will be held for all ushers and greeters on Saturday, **March 11 from 10:30 to 11:30** to organize the calendar for greeters and ushers.

*Thank You*



*for your Kindness*

Youth Ministry would like to thank the OMPH parishioners for their overwhelming generosity this past weekend. When we registered the 10 youth to go to Steubenville Youth Conference this summer, we did it with faith to believe that God would make it possible. God is sooo good! Please continue to pray for our youth as we prepare for this journey. Thanks and God bless!



**RESPECT LIFE**

Norma McCarvey, Rest in Peace. "I think it's safe to say that the entire abortion industry is based on a lie..." said Norma McCarvey after her conversion. Norma was used by the abortion lobby as well-known as the plaintiff in the infamous *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision striking down all abortion laws in the United States. Upon her change of heart, she said: "I am dedicated to spending the rest of my life undoing the law that bears my name."

One of the more recent lies put forth by Planned Parenthood is that they provide prenatal care. 95% of the women who walk through their doors destroy the unborn baby inside them by abortion. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion business and commits over 300,000 abortions annually. Recent Live Action stings show the Planned Parenthood clinics in around the country only provide abortions, not prenatal care.

see [liveaction.org](http://liveaction.org) or [stopp.org](http://stopp.org) for more information. Pray fervently this Lent for the end of abortion!

Andrea Ostrowski



Religious Education Corner:

**This Week's Corporal Work of Mercy  
Give Drink To The Thirsty:**

Donate to programs that help to get water to those who need it.

Donate bottled water to the Food Bank or shelters.

Try not to be wasteful with water.

**This Week's Spiritual Work of Mercy  
Teach The Uninformed**

Donate to someone going on a mission trip.

Volunteer to help with the RE Program.

Invite someone to attend Mass with you.

**Our RE Class Schedule For The  
Month Of March Is As Follows:**

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – RE Classes In Session**

**Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – E Classes In Session**

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – RE Classes In Session**

**Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – RE Classes In Session**

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – RE Classes In Session**

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – RE Classes In Session**

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – RE Classes In Session**

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – RE Classes In Session**

Kelly Lawrence

[www.omph.org](http://www.omph.org) (Church & School)

OMPH COMMUNITY MEALS

OMPH will be hosting our first Community Meal of 2017. We are once again looking for volunteers to help. Our Community Meal Program provides free, freshly prepared and nutritious meals, to hungry residents of the Ephrata area. **This meal will be held on March 16, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 167 E. Main Street, Ephrata, PA.**

There is no special expertise required. Volunteer will have varied duties from helping to set up the dining area, serving meals to our guests and of course cleaning up after the meal. Our meal program serves anywhere from 120 to 180 people so we usually need around 25 volunteers. Without our volunteers it would be difficult if not impossible to accomplish our mission. Whether you have helped in the past or this is your first time we would love to have you join us for this worthwhile and rewarding experience.

For those individuals who are unable to volunteer some of their time but still want to help out, monetary donations are always welcome for the "OMPH Community Meals". If you are interested in volunteering or want more information please email Tara Montgomery at [jazzcat9@ptd.net](mailto:jazzcat9@ptd.net) or contact Pat or Georgia Hogan at 738-0825.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY**



The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for our annual **St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** in the Bernadine Center. Doors open at 6 PM and there will be live,

authentic Irish music by The Mashed Potato Heads from 7-10 PM. Cost for the event is \$15 and includes beverages and light snacks. This is a 21 and over event. For tickets or more information contact Brian Heisler by email (preferred) at [jenbri363@gmail.com](mailto:jenbri363@gmail.com) or by phone at 954-2310.

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESENTS**

Our FIRST EVER Designer Bag Bingo!!!! **Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>** from 1-4pm. Doors will open at 12 noon \$20 per ticket includes 20 BINGO games! Win Designer Bags – Michael Kors, COACH, Kate Spade, Thirty-One and MORE! Food/Drink will be available for purchase! **Tickets will be for sale after all masses in April,** but for more information contact, Kerry Pepper at [Kbpepper99@gmail.com](mailto:Kbpepper99@gmail.com) 721-6766

[www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org) (Diocese)

**BULLETIN COVER ADS**

David Ballinger from Dee Printing the company that prints our bulletin, will be in the area from 6 – 9 March soliciting new ads for the back page of the bulletin. He may be reached at 740-396-2800.

**OMPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18**


**WE ARE ENROLLING!** Registration is now open to all parish families for Preschool through Grade 8 for the 2017-2018 school year. The Preschool program, for children who are 3 and 4 years old by September 1st, provides developmentally appropriate activities in a Catholic environment and offers an after-care program. Our full day Kindergarten program, for children who are 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>, provides daily Religion class along with skill development in Language Arts and Math and special classes in computer, library, physical education, art, and music. Students in grades 1 through 8 experience an education noted for academic excellence in an environment which reinforces our Catholic identity. An on-site after school program is also available.



Come see why so many families choose OMPH Catholic School for their children! Personal tours can be scheduled by calling the Development Office at 738-2414. Financial aid is available to qualifying families through FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment. **The deadline to apply for financial aid is April 1<sup>st</sup>!**

To learn more about our school, please **visit our website** at **www.omph.org** or call the school office at 738-2414 for further information. **Find us on Facebook** at OMPH Ephrata!

**SAVE THE DATE**

 Cold weather getting you down! **Our Mother of Perpetual Help School** is hosting its **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament** on **Wednesday, May 10**, at Honeybrook Golf Club, 1422 Cambridge Road, Honey Brook, Pennsylvania. The cost for the Tournament is \$90 and includes greens fee, cart, range balls, contests, prizes, Thank You gift, light breakfast, lunch, beverages and the **satisfaction of knowing that you helped OMPH School** while having fun!

OMPH School Development Department is excited to announce that we are having a

**Mister**

**Mister Car Wash  
Fundraiser!**  
OMPH School  
receives 50%



profit from every pass we sell so please spread the word to friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers. The funds raised from this event will go toward purchasing additional iPads. The student who sells the most passes wins two **Ride All Day Passes** to Knoebels! Passes never expire and are valid nationwide. Washes may be upgraded (see location for details.) Passes may be purchased in the school office through March 15.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Calling all OMPH alumni! Join us **on Saturday, September 16.** All classes welcome to celebrate the schools **60th year!** For more info- find us on Facebook under OMPH reunion. Thank you!  
Lauren DePaul Caramenico.

**LANCASTER CATHOLIC**

Summer Camps sponsored by Lancaster Catholic High School are now open for registration. Join us for academic, fine & performing arts, and athletic camps throughout the summer! Visit **www.lchsyes.org/admissions/summer\_programs** for more information and registration instructions.

**DON'T MISS THIS VITAL TOPIC**

On **Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**, Mary's Sisterhood of Spirituality group at St. Joseph Church presents the "sequel" to Christopher West's talk in December which described the beauty of man and woman made in God's image. Monsignor William King, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Mechanicsburg, will address our call as the Body of Christ to be, in Pope Francis' words, a "field hospital for the culture." Why does Church teaching stand firm in the face of new cultural "norms," and how does she minister, in compassion and in truth, the abundant life Christ died to secure for us? What part can we, as the Body of Christ, play in healing the wounds that so often come close to us, devastating individuals and families? This dynamic presentation promises to give us a whole, new perspective on the power of our Redeemer, and what it means to be the bearers of His Good News.

PRINCIPAL JOB OPENING

**Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School** in West Brandywine is seeking candidates for the key leadership position of Principal. P.J.P.II School currently has 643 students in pre-school to Grade 8 and was reaccredited by the Middle States Association in 2016.

Please visit the following link for the full job description and qualifications:

**<http://www.aopcatholicschools.org/job/elementary-school-principal-pope-john-paul-ii-regional-catholic-elementary-school/>**