

So how do we learn to listen? There are some things we can do to prepare our hearts. 1. Believe that you can hear from God. 2. Ask Him to speak to you. 3. Ask in humility, being willing to line up your thoughts with His Word. 4. Ask that your life bring honor to His name and further His will for you and others. 5. Daily surrender. **The more you listen, the more you will be able to discern his voice.**

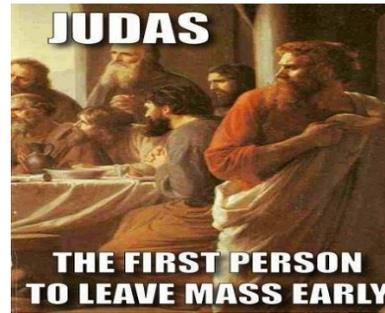
At times, we may need a spiritual breakthrough in the atmosphere over our family, our work, our church. The prophet Daniel needed a breakthrough for his people – he prayed for 21 days and the angel of the Lord appeared to him and told of the spiritual battle going on in the heavens. It was not that his prayer wasn't being heard – there was a war going on! That can happen to us, too!

Sometimes we need a personal breakthrough out of stubbornness, willfulness, anger, self-seeking. The answer is repentance and confession. There may be times when you have to go to a person and ask for forgiveness –

It says in Romans that we are not to be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewal of our minds. How does that happen? Repent and believe in Jesus! He's bigger than all our sins, bigger than all our faults. Then we come before Him in prayer, to listen for His voice - through reading His Word, praising Him, telling the Lord your troubles and translating them into praise, worshiping Him, singing to Him, dancing before Him, praying in the Spirit, prostrating ourselves before Him, whatever is welling up within us that gives Him glory, that gets self out of the way. If we are faithful to that, we will begin to hear His voice. It's Jesus' promise to us: "My sheep hear My voice".

OUR PENANCE SERVICE FOR LENT IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH AT 7PM. Those who don't drive at night are welcome to come to our school penance service on Tuesday, March 20 at 10:15 am.

PILGRIMAGE TO MOTHER SETON SHRINE IN EMMITSBURG, SATURDAY, April 28. We will leave at 8am and be back by 7pm. Fr. Conley will be leading this pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton where we will offer Mass, have a tour and eat lunch. While in Emmitsburg we will also visit the Lourdes Grotto. On the way back from Emmitsburg we will stop at the Springfield Manor Winery in Thurmont for a wine and cheese tasting. Thanks to the generosity of a benefactor and the Keller Bus Company, the cost of the trip is just \$35 per person and includes lunch and the winery visit. For more information and to register contact Lauren Balderson at 301-870-2220 ext 11 or smbassist@comcast.net. Payment is due at registration. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Church.



We all know how that turned out!

2018 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS

The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Cardinal Wuerl will preside at the Mass. Please use the forms in the back of Church to register and then return the form to the rectory. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Monday, April 16.

LENT SCHEDULE:

Fridays during Lent - Confessions are at 6:30pm, Mass is at 7:00pm and Stations are at 7:30pm. We are to abstain from eating meat during these times.

KNOW OF PARISHIONERS WHO ARE

HOMEBOUND? Please contact Fr. Conley or Sister Theresa at the rectory so we can minister to their spiritual needs.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

SUN: 8am Mary A. Bell, 10am Frank Hawkins, 12N: Parishioners, **MON:** 8:00am Mary A Bell, **TUES:** 8am Patricia Ann Thompson, **WED:** 8am Joseph F. Coates, **THURS:** 8am Gladys Brown, **FRI:** 9:30am Joseph L. Plater, **SAT:** 9am Gladys Brown, 4pm Leo & Dorothy Istvan.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY

PRAYERS: Mary Bowes, Frances Card, Joe Cross, Kendall Farrell, George Fassel, Arlene Gandolfi, Martha Gehring, Judy Istvan-Windsor, Irma Johnson, Regina Kijesky, Marie Knobel, Lillian Komar, Susie Logan, Maurice Long, Jim Middleton, Mary Emma Middleton, Larry Miller, Joseph Mona, Wayne Mullings, Ryan Myers, Lenora Proctor, Joseph Quade, Sylvene Savoy, William Leon Savoy, Edna Sweeney, Beth Weise, Tim Welch, Brice Zimmer.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND,

\$9,918.00. The unidentified donations totaled \$710.00. We received \$90.00 for our School Support.