

March 9, 2008

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

So they took away the stone... Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands... So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." John 11: 41-44

Jesus also calls us out of graves of fear, hatred, and rejection that tie or bind us. Sometimes we need someone to roll the stone back for us; and sometimes we help roll it back for others. Sometimes we need to be untied; and sometimes we untie others who are bound by sin.

Whatever the situation, Jesus is there to open the graves of this world, to raise us up. We are invited to believe in his resurrection – and our own!

SPAGHETTI DINNER, CARDS, AND FRIENDS...

The parish staff has been discussing the possibility of offering another opportunity for fellowship for St. Pete's parishioners. We would like to know if there is any interest in gathering after the Saturday evening Mass for a Spaghetti Dinner, a few card or board games, and some time to visit with old or new friends? This would be for people of all ages, and might possibly be on the same weekend that we have "Food & Fellowship": a meal together after the Mass on Saturday evening, and coffee and donuts, yogurt, etc. after each Mass on Sunday morning. If you are interested in exploring this idea with us, please call the parish office (799-5448).

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Experience this sacrament of healing. Bring your family to celebrate our oneness with the Lord. We will gather in the Church to celebrate Communal Penance services on Sunday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.