

Dear Parishioners,

March 8, 2009

We don't have any results from the Archbishop's Appeal, but I want to thank everyone who contributed. This is a difficult time to ask people to donate. We are thankful you see the church as a good place to donate your charitable dollars.

It was heartening to see so many people at Stations of the Cross last Friday. I hope that as a priest I can help build up your faith. When I see so many people go out of their way to attend a Lenten service, it builds up my faith. Let us continue to walk the journey of Lent together.

Our Lenten Mission is March 22nd to the 25th. We are going to ask you to pray for the success of the Mission and pray that the week doesn't have snow like this one. Think positive thoughts. Easter is only 5 weeks away. Think Spring!

I haven't given you a health update in a while. Basically I am coming along pretty well, I take nothing for pain but Ibuprofen. I can do many things I could not do right after the operation. Repetitive motions are not comfortable which is why I try not to distribute Communion. Standing in one place is difficult too. (I'd never make it in the Army.) I am about 6 months into recovery which is supposed to take about a year and a half to 2 years. Thank you for your prayers and if you think of it once in a while continue to pray while I am on the road to recovery.

*God Bless,
Fr. Mark*

2008 OLOS Tax Statement

If you would like to receive a statement of your OLOS Donations for 2008, please contact Dee at the parish office.
(410-867-2059 x10 or deew@olos.us)

Please pray for our sick; especially: Vincent Austin, Nikki Bahen, Barbara Bardak, William Barry, Priscilla Bauer, Steve Bernard, Jr., Kathy Bigelow, Michelle Birdsall, Linda Brandaleone, Curtis Briggs, Charlotte Brown, Cheryl Butler, Jim Byrnes, Louise Carhart, Boots Carr, Melanie Chojnowski, George Christman, Anthony Conte, Esther Conte, Dorie Christie, Jackie Crawford, Dcn Raymond Crawford, Connie Dawson, Anthony DeCesaris, Michael DeNardo, Ed Denning, Kathy Derricott, Pat Durner, Jean Evanoff, Ed Eichelman, John Dempsey, Russell Fair, Jane Fanning, Richard Felesky, Marco Ferrante, Sr., Jim Ficker, Shelly Fitzsimmons, Eileen Flaherty, Carol Flinn, James Freeman, Soleda Fruhstuck, Jim Fuss, Betty Gabriele, Cathy Gibson, Deborah Gibson, Elmer Gibson, Leo Gibson, Bertha Gicker, Adam Gill, Mary Ellen Gornley, Andrew Grey, Jamie Grimes, Robert James Hallenberg, Elizabeth Haller, Agnes Hartge, Jenna Heck, George Heimback, Margaret Higgs, Rose Hinkemeyer, Terri Howes, Dan Hysan, Doris Hysan, Mary Lou Irving, Matthew Janisko, Matthew Johnson, Pauline Jones, Thomas Jones, Larry Katz, Kathryn Kent, Bob Kidd, Andrew Kilby, Tommy Kilby, David Krehbiel, Emil Krygier, David Lambert, Jackie Lauer, Cheryl Lawrence, Marie Lee, Deeder Leitch, Jimbo Leitch, Joe Lewczak, Fr Mark Logue, Jamie Lutz, Lilly Lutz, Jean Lyles, Paul Lyles, Nancy Gocke Lyons, Audrey Mac Williams, Susan Martell, Dennis Martin, Keith Martin, Betty Mazur, Frances McCarthy, Alma McChesney, Beth McIntyre, Ronald Merson, Olvina Merton, Carol Mikules, Patricia Cosgrove Miller, Sharon Moesel, Bill Moore, Bobbie Moore, Gregg Moore, June Moore, Francis R. Moreland, Sarah Morgan, Claudia Mullins, Beverly Murphy, Doris Murray, John Murray, Joseph Murray, Carole Nutwell, JoLynn Poppe, Kathleen Rahn, Jean Reeves, Pat Renno, Janna Rood, Bill Reese, Bob Richards, Gregory Rogan, Betty & Carter Ruefly, David Russell, John Sanders, Chester Santoiemma, Kristina Schwaninger, Reginald Scott, Miss Myrt Simoni, Sierra Singlier, Grafton Smith, Joe Snyder, Mary Stakem, Vilma Stockton, Theresa Strawbridge, Eddie Tobin, Laura Tobin, Jan Tugwell, Ralph Turner Jr., Margaret Ullrich, Rev. Raymond Valtierra, Jeff Walker, Carol Weisman, Barry Wildoner, Doris Wright, Susan Wright, Edwin H. Yetton, Hilda Zehner, & James Zell.

Scripture Reflection: Laughing in the Dark: Death, and taxes, and many things in between terrify us every day of our lives. All of us live with some degree of anxiety, fatigue, or depression. This makes trusting God very difficult—too much can go wrong! But even those closest to Jesus weren't quick to trust.

In the gospel today, Jesus frightens the apostles with quite an other-worldly experience. First, they see Jesus blindingly transformed by light. Then they see Jesus talking with two ancient prophets, who had been dead for over 1000 years! Peter was speechless, and it says "They were terrified."

But Jesus doesn't rush to comfort or reassure them, because he knows that they don't yet see the whole picture—they are terrified only because they do not yet believe they can trust the unknown to God. The answer to all of our stress and worry lies in God's own words today: "This is My Beloved Son—*listen to him!*"

First, we might have to add "Stop" and "Look." *Stop* the inner chatter, and the outer noise, just for a while. *Look*, really look with time and focus and attention, at the person talking to you, the task at hand, the cat in your lap. Now, you can *Listen*: Listening is a decision to receive with open hands whatever God is giving you.

Jesus did not explain every detail to the apostles, because *he* knew that the God of all life was trustworthy—and that is enough, for them, and for us. Yes, we will have fears, because there is evil in the world. But Jesus trusted God with the deepest and most vulnerable places of his heart. If we listen, Jesus will teach us how to trust that way. Go in peace, to love and serve our God!

SINGING IS TWICE PRAYING

Look at hymn # 521 AT THE CROSS HER STATION KEEPING. This beautiful hymn is sung during Stations of the Cross. You could easily reflect on one verse a day as an extra prayer devotion during Lent. Why not join us on Fridays at 6:00 PM for Stations and Mass? View the suffering of Christ through the eyes of Our Blessed Mother.



**Confessions will be held every
Wednesday during Lent from
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM &
every Saturday, from
4:00 PM to 4:30 PM
(Excluding Holy Week)**

**Stations, Mass & Supper will be
celebrated every Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm.
(Note: No Morning 8:00 AM Mass).
(Please sign up at the church entrances if you plan to
stay for supper so that we can plan for
food & seating arrangements.) Thank you.**

A message from Governor Martin O'Malley

There are new resources available to our resident families.
Through our new ProblemSolver website,
www.problemsolver.maryland.gov
We are working to offer a helping hand to our vulnerable
citizens during these uncertain economic times for our nation
by providing programs & services: heating & utility
assistance, info for job seekers, resources for senior citizens,
including home aide services, assisted living programs,
respite and attendant care, medical assistance & prescription
drug assistance, State resources on financial aid, scholarships
& college savings plans; & assistance for our Veterans &
information for commuters.

It's almost here!! It won't be long now, March 22—
March 25! Our parish mission, being led by
John Schweisthal, a Roman Catholic Lay Evangelist, is
almost here. Just 2 weeks away! It will truly be at time of
renewal and rejoicing for our community. Don't let these
4 days pass you by and leave you saying, "I wish I had been
there". If you haven't made your plans yet, do it right now!
Stop whatever you're doing and put it in your calendar!
And remember, bring a friend!

Respect Life Committee

*As well as enjoying ourselves at our **Baby Shower** we were able to
surpass last year's bounty for the Birthright of Annapolis and Birthright
of Prince Frederick. The Poor Box provided us with \$618, the raffle of
the cradle netted us \$300 – won by Ruth Sanchez-Way – and a generous
donation from the Women's Guild and parishioners brought our assis-
tance to these centers to \$1580. Your generosity allows the facilities to
provide the following services: Free pregnancy testing; Confidential help;
Non-judgmental and caring advice; Friendship and emotional support;
Legal, medical, and educational references; Prenatal information;
Maternity and baby clothes; Housing referrals; Social agency referrals;
Information on other community services; and Adoption information.
Thank you for caring.

**40 Days for Life—Presented by David Bereit
Save the Date: 03-09-2009
And join us for the Maryland March for Life**

"As political change threatens to set the pro-life
movement back by more than three decades, there has
never been a more important time for the Maryland
March for Life than RIGHT NOW.

I'll be there with my family & hope to see you!"
Monday—March 9th
5:00 pm—8:00 pm
St. Mary's Catholic Church, 109 Duke of Gloucester St.
Annapolis, MD
410-760-9166 or 301-858-8304
www.marylandmarchforlife.org

*Two parishioners joined me February 16th for **Lobby Night** in
Annapolis. It was both exciting and educational. It was heartening to be
among the 700 Catholics who, having the same social and moral
convictions, were willing to share the Church's views with our legisla-
tors. We spoke with 5 Bishops, many parish Priests, Representatives (of
various districts) and our State Senator, Janet Greenip. It was most
respectful and informative. I strongly urge you to join us next year for a
very positive experience.

***I will have postcards for signing after all the Masses
for the next 2 weeks.**

***"The dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil,"
Pope John Paul II, 1999.***

The Maryland legislature is currently considering a law that would repeal the death penalty in Maryland. As Catholics and people
of good will, we are called to respect life and to defend it at all of its stages, from conception until natural death. Archbishop
O'Brien invites Catholics and all people of faith to attend an interfaith prayer service for the repeal of the death penalty in Maryland
on Sunday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Basilica. Visit www.archbalt.org for more details.

**The second collection
today is for the
support of
American Bishops
Overseas &
The Church in
Latin America.
Please be generous.
Thank you.**

**OLOS Food Pantry
Our Pantry is bare since the
Holidays.
With these hard economic times
we have been having more &
more clients asking
for assistance.
Thank you to all who has
responded to this need.**

OLOS Choir Dinner & Variety Show
Church Hall—Saturday, March 28th at 6:30 pm
Home Cooked Foods—Cash Bar
Delightful assortment of local talent
Cost: \$30.00 per person
Tickets available from any choir member or call
Carole Weis at 410-741-1960 or
caroleweis@comcast.net
This event is in support of the Choir's Pilgrimage to Ireland.

Parish News

Religious Education News
 (Office # 410-867-1941 ext. 13)
 mchains@olos.us



ATTENTION FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES:

IMPORTANT DATES -
 March 15th, 9:00 AM MASS -
 PRESENTATION OF FLODERS.
 MARCH 21st, 9:00 AM to 12 Noon - RETREAT DAY &
 Noon to 2:00 PM FAMILY DAY & MAKING OF BANNERS
 Please return all forms with your folder at the
 Mass on March 15th

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES SHOULD MAKE THEIR
 APPOINTMENT WITH MARY CATHERINE HAINES AS
 SOON AS POSSIBLE**

HOLD THE DATE AUGUST 30TH FOR THE TRI-PARISH
 PICNIC. The planning committee needs your help.
 Be part of making this a fun day for all three parishes to get
 together, UNITED IN FAITH. We will also need lots of
 volunteers on that day.
 Call or email Mary Catherine if you want to volunteer.

While we are thinking summer - save the first week in August
 for **Vacation Bible School**. Want to help with VBS?
 Call and see how.

There is still time to join the bible study on St. Paul at
 12:15 and 7:00 pm . Stop by the office to pick up a book.
 All are welcome.

Check the web site for Lenten ideas for individuals and the
 family. www.olos.us

CALLING ALL TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS:

Archbishop Edwin O'Brien invites all young adults (18 to 35)
 and high school age youths to attend the
 Youth and Young Adult Pilgrimage.
 Thousands of young people from all over the archdiocese will
 walk through the streets of Baltimore as witnesses to Christ.
 The day will begin with a rally at St. Mary Spiritual Center and
 concludes with evening Mass at St. Casimir's Church in
 Canton. There is also a concert included.

For more information see Mary Hauer or pick up information at
 the church entrances.

Meetings this Week

Women's Guild: Tuesday, March 10th at 11:00 AM

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 PM
 in the parish office meeting room.

Last Week's Offertory:

Attendance:	557
Ash Wednesday:	392
Envelopes:	\$3,963.50
Loose:	\$1,866.06
Poor Box:	\$ 413.35
Ash Wednesday:	\$1,949.85
Building Fund:	\$1,678.01



FY 2008 Offertory (at this same time last year)
Goal: \$500,000



FY 2009 Offertory Progress to Date (Goal: \$550,000)



Ministry Schedules

Saturday	Mar 14, 5:00 P.M.	Pray the Rosary
L—J. Tillman S—B. Blacker S—N. Blacker	M—T. Daelemans M—S. Herndon M—J.P. Tillman M—J. Smith	With Us After Daily Masses
	Adoration Every Tuesday 9 AM to 3 PM	
Sunday, Mar 15, 7:30 A.M.	Sunday, Mar 15, 9:00 A.M.	Sunday, Mar 15, 11:00 A.M.
L—E. Boarman S—M. McWaters S—	L—Youth S—H. Elwood S—S. Palemine	L—Mary Diehl S—R. Mikules S—A. Wagner
M—C. Boarman M—L. Giglio M—E. Hollen	M—K. Kramer M—J. Massino M—M. Naumann M—B. Ruefely	M—E. Shepherd M—J. Shepherd M—Eileen Thompson M—F. Weis

Mass Intentions

Mon,	Mar 9,	8:00 A.M.:	Rev. Patrick Kemp †
Tues,	Mar 10,	10:30 A.M.:	Darlene Melland †
Wed,	Mar 11,	8:00 A.M.:	Rev. Henry O'Meara †
Thurs,	Mar 12,	10:30 A.M.:	Violet & Joseph Thompson †
Fri. Stations, Mass & Supper:			
	Mar 13,	6:00 P.M.:	Laurie Farris †
Sat,	Mar 14,	8:00 A.M.:	Benefactors of OLOS Bldg Fund
		5:00 P.M.:	Hank Burroughs & Pete Simoni †
Sunday,	Mar 15,	7:30 A.M.:	Eddy Boarman (SI)
		9:00 A.M.:	Frank Tiernan † & FE Students
		11:00 A.M.:	Anthony Conte Sr., Nicanor J. Lim & Lim Family †
		5:30 P.M.:	Benefactors of Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Weekly Mass Intentions: Do you have someone you wish to remember with a Mass in their honor?

Do you have a special intention you are praying for?
 Please call the parish office with your prayer petitions.