

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**February 3, 2008**



**The Pastor's Corner**

"The Golden Compass" Flops: The Boycott Worked, was the headline of the Catalyst, which is the journal of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. As a member of the Catholic League, Washington, D.C. Chapter, I am proud to see that this diabolic movie was a complete failure. The goal of the Catholic League was to stop the "Golden Compass" from meeting box office expectations, thus making it unlikely that there would be a movie based on the second and third volumes of Philip Pullman's trilogy, "His Dark Materials". Looks like we won on both counts!

Even our adversaries begrudgingly conceded we were victorious. The movie did so poorly that after two weeks out, it took in \$4 million less than "Alvin and the Chipmunks" did in one weekend! Film critic Roger Ebert, who loved the film, said "the box office was wounded by attacks of religious groups." He added that the Catholic League and its talkative president Dr. William Donohue." He concluded that "Any bad buzz on a family film can be mortal, and that seems to have been the case this time." The buzz was so bad that Hollywood reporters are now saying there won't be a film version of Pullman's second and third books, praise the Lord!!

The Catholic League sold 25,000 copies of its booklet, "The Golden Compass: Agenda Unmasked", before running out. We made sure that every bishop, Catholic schools superintendent and director of religious education receive a copy. As we said from the beginning, our concern was less the film-the most anti-Catholic elements were being watered down-that the trilogy of books from which it was based. I am proud to have played a small part in assisting Dr. Donohue in letting every priest I know how dangerous this movie was, especially the trilogy that would have hit the church like a Tsunami.

*Rev. Msgr. Karl A. Chimiak,  
 Member of the D. C. Chapter of the Catholic League*

[P.S. A quote from Philip Pullman, an avowed atheist, when accepting his Carnegie Medal said: "We don't need a list of rights and wrongs, tables of do's and don'ts, we need books, time, and silence. Thou shalt not is soon forgotten, but once upon a time lasts forever." Satan could not have said it better!]

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**"The Light is On For You"**

"The Light Is On For You" is an archdiocesan initiative to allow all Catholics to avail themselves of the sacrament of reconciliation. This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Washington will have confessions available every Wednesday evening from **6:30 – 8:00 pm**. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with Christ and His Church. Dates: **Wednesdays, February 13 to March 19.**

**FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK**

Tues., Feb. 5 St. Agatha  
 Wed., Feb. 6 Ash Wednesday  
 Fri., Feb. 8 St. Jerome Emiliani  
 St. Josephine Bakhita

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon., Feb. 4	9:00 AM	Joseph Browne
Tues., Feb. 5	9:00 AM	David Mattingly
<b>Wed., Feb. 6</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Murray O'Connor</b>
<b>Wed., Feb. 6</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Henry Boothe</b>
Thur., Feb. 7	9:00 AM	
Fri., Feb. 8	9:00 AM	Rev. Mark Ervin (L)
Sat., Feb. 9	5:30 PM	Leroy Adams
Sun., Feb. 10	8:30 AM	Jerome & Randolph Saxon
Sun., Feb. 10	11:00 AM	Dorothy Marek

**PARISH FINANCE**

**Offertory January 27, 2008**

General Collection	\$2,998.15
Vestibule Fund	795.00
Donations	120.00
Poor Box	13.85
Identifiable Gifts	123
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, January 2007	\$2,777.00

*Sacrificial Giving (Tithing) – Joyfully giving thanks to God.  
 Your faithful parish support is appreciated!*

**Statement of 2007 Offertory Contributions** may be requested by signing the yellow tablet at the doors of the church, or by calling the church office, 301-994-0607.

**PRAYERS**

**Please remember the sick of our parish:** especially Franklin Adams, Thomas Barnes, Grace Blackwell, Catherine Briscoe, Ann Clayton, Steve Cook, Mary Lou Cutchember, Vera Dilworth, Frances Dowgiallo, Mary Dyson, Agnes Evans, Mary Fox, Geraldine Gross, Ruth Guy, Zee Kerwin, Alverta Lawrence, Jean Lawrence, Herb Mattingly, Reese McKay, John Mundie, Sandy Mundie, Marian Slade, Vickey Spore, Charles L. Springer, Rose Surrute, infant Christian Joshua Taylor.

**Others in need of our prayers** (requested by parishioners): All members of our military and their families, Mary Gail Russell Adams, Charles Andrews, Louise Beasley, Dorothy Bonds, Richard Bowen, infant Delaney Brooks, Sarah Burch, Betty Coffman, Shannon Copp, Phyllis Davis, Shirley Dennstaedt, Sister Louise Dowgiallo, OSB, George Fairfax, James Forrest, John Gateau, Paul Greenwell, Judy Guffey, Jack Gumtrow, Michelle Hickie (in Qatar), Frank Holland, Nancy Carol Hodge, Alice Jarboe, Karen Johnson, Bill Keeton, Vivian Keeton, Teri Kehr, Rita Koegel, Ann Lanctot, Gilbert Lawrence, Doris Mattingly, Dee Mauer, Beverly McKay, Neal O'Donnell, Jr., David Peixeira, Joe and Michelle Perry, Tom Puckett, John Raley, Steve Riley, Mary Rizzo, Mary Sue Robinson, James Ronan, Loretta Rule, Nancy Schmidt, Sister Mary Rebecca, RSM, Evaon Shroeder, Gene Springer, John Stone, Jennie Umas, Carol Weber, Sue Wolhert.

Note: Please let us know when a name should be removed from our Prayer List. We are happy to know when prayers have been answered.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Sat/Sun, Feb. 2/3 **Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blasé, after each weekend Mass.**
- Mon., Feb. 4 **Passion Play Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, C.Center**
- Wed., Feb. 6 **Cantor & Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 & 7 PM**
- Wed., Feb. 6 **Ash Wednesday, Masses and Distribution of ashes, 9 AM & 7 PM**
- Thur., Feb. 7 **Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, C.Center**
- Thur., Feb. 7 **Spiritual Enrichment meeting, 7PM, C.Ctr.**
- Fri., Feb. 8 **Stations of the Cross and Mass, 7:00 PM**
- Wed., Feb. 13 **“The Light is On For You” Confessions, 7-8 PM. Church office.**

**Lenten Special – The parish has purchased copies of “The Little Black Book” (Six-minute meditations on the Passion according to John.)** It is hoped that you will take a booklet after mass today and use it for spiritual reading during this holy time of the church year.

**A New Plan for Flowers on the Altar in Memory of Deceased Loved Ones. (This will take place after Easter – No plants or flowers during Lent.)**



Soon the parish will begin to purchase some artificial arrangements to decorate the altar and statues. Anyone wishing to contribute to this “Flower Fund” is welcome to do so. A donation of \$25.00 would reserve a specific weekend in memory of (or in honor of) a loved one or a special occasion. There will however, be “live” plants as in the past, for Easter and Christmas. Please let us know what you think of this plan and any dates you wish to reserve. We will try this for the coming year and reconsider a different alternative after Christmas 2008. Church office phone: 301-994-0607.

**From our mailbox . . . .**

Dear St. George Parishioners,

My family and I are so grateful for the outpouring of love and sympathy shown by you at the time of Mildred’s death. Thank you for the prayers, cards, visits and food donations for the luncheon. God bless you all. *Sincerely, Warren Wince*

**AREA NEWS**

- Tues., Feb. 5 **Pancake Dinner, Our Lady of the Wayside, Chaptico, MD, 5-8 PM.** Menu: pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, tea and orange juice. (Inclement weather date: Sun., Feb. 10, 8:45am-1pm.) Info: 301-884-2502.
- Sat., Feb. 9 **Meet Buffalo Soldiers, the forgotten Chapter of American history, Lexington Park Library, 11 am.** Celebrate Black History Month. Dressed in uniform, the Baltimore Chapter of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment Re-enactors will present an interesting, free program, suitable for all ages.
- Sun., Feb. 10 **Separated & Divorced Catholics Meeting, Sacred Heart Friendship Room, LaPlata, MD, 7:00 PM.** Topic: How to Mend Broken Relationships. Info: 301-961-2432.
- Sat., Feb. 16 **Wedding Banquet, Immac. Heart of Mary Ch., Lexington Park, 6 PM.** Reservations necessary by February 11. Call Cookie Pontzer, 301-737-1796. [See notice on bulletin board.]
- Mon., Feb. 18 **American Red Cross Blood Drive, Valley Lee Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad Bldg., 2-7:30 PM.** Anyone wishing to make an appointment or needs information, may call 301-995-1543; however, walk-ins are welcome.

**The Catholic Standard’s “Lit for Little Ones” book drive is back!** Please donate new or gently used children’s books or computer software by dropping them at the designated collection place at your parish (box in cry-room) between February 2 and March 2, 2008. This year the books will be donated to the libraries of the Catholic elementary schools of Washington, D.C., the Center City Consortium and Fiesta DC. After February 2, please go to Amazon.com, WISHLIST search words: **Catholic Standard**, to review the “wish list” of books most needed by the schools. A monetary donation would also be appreciated. Last year, your generosity helped collect more than 25,000 books for the Catholic elementary schools of Montgomery County. Please help again by giving the gift of knowledge and information! Contact Laurie Enceneat at 202-281-2409 or at [laurie@cathstan.org](mailto:laurie@cathstan.org) with any questions.

SCHEDULES	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/ CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READINGS
Wed., Feb. 6 7:00 PM	C. Rodgers A. Rodgers J. Holden	B. Carpenter	C. Galli A. Fenwick	M. Goldsmith P. Browne G. Holden		1 <sup>st</sup> : Joel 2:12-18 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 2 Cor 5: 20-6:2 Gospel: Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Sat., Feb. 9 5:30 PM	M. Bowes D. Byrne	B. Carpenter B. Barnes	M. K. Piippo L. Rose	R. Rose C. Norris A. Fenwick	J. Adams Volunteer	First: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Sun., Feb. 10 8:30 AM	J. Holden G. Holden J. Lynch	B. Carpenter S. Dent	K. Owens J. Blackwell	Deacon L’Heureux K. Garner D. Adams	W. Blackwell D. Adams	Second: Rom 5:12-19
Sun., Feb. 10 11:00 AM	K. Hills J. Hills O. Spore	B. Carpenter C. Kolman	J. Carpenter E. Andrews	P. Browne M. Taylor A. Taylor	J. Mason M. Kibler	Gospel: Mt 4:1-11

**Daily Mass Lectors, Feb. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8:** M. Goldsmith, D. Adams, C. Galli, & A. Fenwick, A. Robertson, D. Orwig

**Eucharistic Ministers, Feb. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8:** G. Holden & A. Fenwick, J. Blackwell & P. Browne, M. Goldsmith, P. Browne & G. Holden, D. Adams & G. Holden, A. Fenwick & M. Goldsmith,

**Meals on Wheels, Feb. 5, 6, 7:** L. Quade, E. Raley & L. Moreland, J. McKay

**Altar Preparation, Feb. 9:** R. Keatley

