



Mon., Feb. 11 Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Thurs., Feb. 14 St. Cyril  
 St. Methodius

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mass Schedule Change:** The 9am Mass scheduled for Monday, February 11 is cancelled due to a parish pilgrimage to the Shrine.

Tues., Feb. 12	9:00 AM	Bertille Cooper
Thur., Feb. 14	9:00 AM	Jeanette Floy
Fri., Feb. 15	9:00 AM	John & Rosine Hodges
Sat., Feb. 16	5:30 PM	Ross & Hattie Clayton
Sun., Feb. 17	8:30 AM	Tommy Poe
Sun., Feb. 17	11:00 AM	Ella Blackwell

**PARISH FINANCE**

**Offertory February 3, 2008**

General Collection	\$3816.00
Vestibule Fund	\$1289.00
Donations	\$2225.00
Poor Box	\$36.00
Identifiable Gifts	129
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday, February 2007	\$4037.00

*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, Rose Surrite, 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 Gumtow, 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.

**Thoughts from HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J.Reilly**

"If death began its reign through one man because of his offense, much more shall those who receive the overflowing grace and gift of justice live and reign through the one man Jesus Christ. To sum up, then, just as a single offense brought condemnation to all men, a single righteous act brought acquittal and life."

Lent is all about dying and rising. We begin a time period leading to the Paschal Mystery, the dying and rising of Jesus. We wish to die to many things – sin and selfishness expressed through our pride, lust, evil desires, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth. These sins are real in our world and unfortunately in our lives. Maybe it's been a time since we saw a list of the capital sins. Lent is the proper time to stop, look and listen and root them out of our lives.

As we do so we rise to a new life of grace in the Lord. The gift of justice speaks of my right relationship with God and with others. Jesus offers me this grace and invites me to accept this gift. The second beatitude "Blessed are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled" is directed to me, I ask forgiveness for my sins, for which I am truly sorry. I realize that they cause a separation from God and cause me great harm.

Beginning this first week of Lent I ask the grace of repentance for my sins and those of humankind and resolve to use the gift Jesus gives me for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

"Blessed are the sorrowing, they shall be consoled."

(May we suggest that you take this verse and repeat it as your slogan or mantra this entire week.)

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**Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence**

Abstinence from meat (meat or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

**"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 **7:00 – 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.**



## ALTAR SERVER NEWS

There will be a **mandatory** meeting for all current altar servers to review new procedures. This meeting is a **must**, therefore there will be two opportunities to attend – **Thursday, February 21 at 7pm** and **Saturday, February 23 at 12pm**. All current servers must attend one of the two dates.

The Serra Club of Southern Maryland will hold a **Recognition Mass for Altar Servers** on **Saturday, February 23 at 11am** at Sacred Heart in La Plata. A hot dog lunch for families attending will follow the mass. Servers should bring the vestments they wear for their parish. Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday, February 11 (301-994-0607).

### PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Mon., Feb. 11</b>	<b>Passion Play Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, C.Center</b>
<b>Wed., Feb. 13</b>	<b>Cantor &amp; Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 &amp; 7 PM</b> <b>“The Light is On For You” Confessions, 7-8 PM. Church office.</b>
<b>Thur., Feb. 14</b>	<b>Spiritual Enrichment meeting, 7PM, C.Ctr.</b>
<b>Fri., Feb. 15</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross and Mass, 7:00 PM</b>

### The Road to Resurrection

Each Tuesday during Lent, a Mass will be held at different parish in St. Mary's County at **7:00pm**. All are invited to attend.

**Tuesday, February 12 – St. John's Church, Hollywood**  
**Tuesday, February 19 – St. George Church, Valley Lee**  
**Tuesday, February 26 – St. Michael's Church, Ridge**  
**Tuesday, March 4 – Holy Face Church, Great Mills**  
**Tuesday, March 11 – St. Peter's Church, St. Ingoes**  
**Tuesday, March 18 – Penance Service, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park**

### Letter Writing Campaign

The Maryland Catholic Conference and the Catholic Archdioceses of Wilmington, Baltimore, and Washington, as well as the Maryland District of Knights of Columbus, is sponsoring a letter writing campaign in each Maryland Catholic parish to promote legislation for funding of pro-life, pregnancy assistance alternatives. Letters will be directed to individual Maryland elected officials to show their constituent's support state funding of pro-life programs. This endeavor will take place at St. George this weekend. Please participate.

SCHEDULES	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/CANTOR	LECTORS
<b>Sat., Feb. 16</b> <b>5:30 PM</b>	K. Anderson R. Anderson	B. Carpenter J. Heather	C. Galli A. Fenwick
<b>Sun., Feb. 17</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	R. Walter K. Walter C. Rodgers	B. Carpenter D. Orwig	D. Adams L. Rose
<b>Sun., Feb. 17</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	E. Capstaff J. Capstaff N. Shotwell	B. Carpenter E. Raley	R. Robison N. Knott

**Daily Mass Lectors, Feb. 11,12,14,15:** C. Galli, N. Neel, A. Fenwick, P. Browne  
**Eucharistic Ministers, Feb. 11,12,14,15:** G. Holden & P. Browne, J. Blackwell & C. Galli, D. Orwig & D. Adams, A. Fenwick & M. Goldsmith  
**Meals on Wheels, Feb. 12,13,14:** G. Crawford, J. Knott & MA Springer, L&B Beaverd  
**Altar Preparation, Feb. 16:** K. Owens

## AREA NEWS

**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.

**Fri., Feb. 15 Lenten Seafood Dinner, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park, 4:30-7 PM.** Prices will vary. Carry-outs available. Info: 301-863-8144.

**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.

**Mon., Feb. 18 Annual Lobby Night in Annapolis.** Info: 301-853-5341.

**Sat, Feb 23 Swing and Ballroom Dance,** at Little Flower School Gymnasium, Cost - \$8/person, \$15/couple, \$5/student or senior. Lesson from 7-8pm, Dance from 8-11pm, Bring a snack to share, Dancing will be to recorded music, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

**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.

### Aid for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Baskets will be at the doors of the church next weekend for the Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Thank you for helping to spread the radiant light of love through your support of this collection.

SCHEDULES	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READINGS
<b>Sat., Feb. 16</b> <b>5:30 PM</b>	K. Anderson R. Anderson	B. Carpenter J. Heather	C. Galli A. Fenwick	R. Baliko J. Scrivener T. Galligan	G. Adams Volunteer	First: Gen 12:1-4a
<b>Sun., Feb. 17</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	R. Walter K. Walter C. Rodgers	B. Carpenter D. Orwig	D. Adams L. Rose	R. Rose L. Walter MA Goddard	T. Goddard B. Thompson	Second: 2 Tim 1:8b-10
<b>Sun., Feb. 17</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	E. Capstaff J. Capstaff N. Shotwell	B. Carpenter E. Raley	R. Robison N. Knott	Deacon L'Heureux B. Goldsmith M. Goldsmith	H. Young R. Cutchember	Gospel: Matt. 17:1-9

