



**WORDS FROM OUR HOLY FATHER,
BENEDICT XVI:**

**Our Lady of Lourdes, (France) –
Feast, February 11, 150th Anniversary**

“If Lourdes leads us to reflect upon the maternal love of the Immaculate Virgin for her sic and suffering children, the next International Eucharistic Congress will be an opportunity to worship Jesus Christ present in the Sacrament of the altar, to entrust ourselves to him as Hop that does not disappoint, to receive him as that medicine of immortality which heals the body and the spirit. Jesus Christ redeemed the world through his suffering, his death and his resurrection, and he wanted to remain with us as the ‘bread of life’ on our earthly pilgrimage. ‘The Eucharist, Gift of God for the Life of the World’: this is the theme of the Eucharistic Congress and it emphasizes how the Eucharist is the gift that the Father makes to the world of His table, provoking in his disciples loving care for the suffering and the sick, in whom the Christian community recognizes the face of its Lord. As I pointed out in the Post-Synodal Exhortation ‘Sacramentum caritatis,’ ‘Our communities, when they celebrate the Eucharist, must become ever more conscious that the sacrifice of Christ is for all, and that the Eucharist thus compels all who believe in him to become “bread that is broken” for others’ (n. 88). We are thus encouraged to commit ourselves in the first person to helping our brethren, especially those in difficulty, because the vocation of every Christian is truly that of being, together with Jesus, bread that is broken for the life of the world.”

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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 **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 20, February 27, March 5, March 12 and March 19.**

**Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe
February 16-17, 2008**

Catholics in the United States have an opportunity to be a “light” to our brothers and sisters in need, to help build parishes and ministries through this collection to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation will support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and the spreading of the Gospel message through the mass media. In all, this collection directly assists the church in 28 countries, including Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan and Moldova. *Thank you for your help and understanding.*

Church Regulations Regarding 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.

Thurs., Feb. 21 St. Peter Damian
Fri., Feb.22 The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
Sat., Feb 23 St. Polycarp

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Feb 18	9:00 AM	Charles Mowery
Tues., Feb. 19	7:00 PM	Rev. Michael Kidd
Note: No 9AM Mass Tues. All invited to attend 7:00 PM)		
Thur., Feb. 21	9:00 AM	Bob Crisp
Fri., Feb. 22	9:00 AM	Fred Bowles
Sat., Feb. 23	5:30 PM	Gonzie Knott
Sun., Feb. 24	8:30 AM	Mildred Wince
Sun., Feb. 24	11:00 AM	Marguerite Hagins

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory February 10, 2008

General Collection	\$3,669.62
Vestibule Fund	\$442.50
Ash Wednesday Alms	\$153.76
Poor Box	\$67.12
Identifiable Gifts	124
2nd Sunday, February 2007	\$2,855.00
<i>Sacrificial Giving (Tithing) – Joyfully giving thanks to God.</i>	

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, 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 Lancot, 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, Lillian Springer, John Stone, Sister Rose Bernard Tarleton, Jennie Umas, Carol Weber, Sue Wolhert.

DECEASED Please pray for the souls of retired **Deacon Paul J. Abbate**, who served St. Joseph Church, Pomfret, MD and **Mr. Wadsworth Branch**, father of Rev. Leslie A. Branch, retired and resident of Carroll Manor, Washington, D.C. *May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Little Flower School, thank you for your recent support of the 120th Anniversary Benefit Auction. Your contributions resulted in a gross profit of \$27,000. The event was successful beyond expectation. The proceeds from the auction will go towards the renovation of the school's bathrooms and the gym. We find inspiration and hope in the continued generosity of giving community that is St. George.

AREA NEWS

- 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.
- Fri., Feb. 22 Lenten Seafood Dinner, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park, 4:30 – 7 PM.** Prices and menu varies. Call 301-863-8144 for info.
- Sat, Feb 23 Swing and Ballroom Dance,** at Little Flower School Gymnasium, Cost - \$8/person, \$15/couple, \$5/student or senior. Lesson 7-8pm, Dance 8-11pm. Bring a snack to share, Dancing will be to recorded music. Sponsored by Holy Face K of C.
- Fri., Feb. 29 Comedy Show,** co-sponsored by Holy Face Knights with Pax River Officer's Spouses Club (PROSC). Comics live from the DC Improv—Jay Hastings, Jon Mumma, and Justin Scheigel. Complementary appetizers/desserts. Beverages, beer & wine may be purchased. Must be 18 or above. \$15/person in advance, \$20 at door. Call Debbie Hammond, 301-862-4275 or 301-862-9570.

PARISH CALENDAR	
Mon., Feb. 18	Passion Play Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, C.Center
Tues., Feb. 19	Road to Resurrection Mass at St. George, 7 PM.
Wed., Feb. 20	Cantor & Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 & 7 PM “The Light is On For You” Confessions, 7-8 PM. Church office.
Thur., Feb. 21	Altar Server Meeting, 7 PM. (mandatory)
Thur. Feb. 21	Spiritual Enrichment meeting, 7PM, C. Ctr.
Fri., Feb. 22	Stations of the Cross and Mass, 7:00 PM
Sat., Feb. 23	Altar Server Meeting, 12 Noon, Church (if Feb. 21 meeting was not attended).

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.



Arimathean Ministry Forming

Our parish is in the process of forming a ministry to assist at funerals. For each funeral, we will be in need of 1. Hospitality minister to handle the reception, 2. A lector to read at the funeral mass, 3. A Eucharistic Minister to serve at the funeral mass, and 4. Two altar servers to assist at the funeral mass. There will be a meeting for those interested on **Thursday, February 28th at 6:30pm**.

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 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**

NEW BIBLE STUDY CLASS TO BEGIN AT ST. GEORGE

Come join us this spring as we study **The Book of Job**. Classes begin:
Tuesday, April 1, 10am - 11am or
Thursday, April 3, 7pm - 8pm
 in the church Community Center.



Classes end **Tuesday, May 27** and **Thursday, May 29**. Please call Carol Fugate, 301-994-3659 for information or to **sign up by Monday, March 10**. If you call between February 29 and March 9, your call will be returned on March 10.

SCHEDULES	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat., Feb. 23 5:30 PM	M. Bowes K. Fann	B. Carpenter B. Barnes	R. Fann D. Fann	J. Carpenter P. Bowes A. Fenwick	J. Adams Volunteer	First: Ex 17:3-7
Sun., Feb. 24 8:30 AM	C. Rodgers A. Rodgers G. Holden	B. Carpenter S. Dent	J. Blackwell D. Orwig	B. Adams G. Holden K. Garner	W. Blackwell J. Rodgers	Second: Rm 5:1-2, 5-8
Sun., Feb. 24 11:00 AM	E. Spore O. Spore	B. Carpenter J. Carpenter	P. Browne T. Galligan	C. Tomaszewski M. Olson M. Olson	K. Hills M. Kibler J. Mason	Gospel: Jn 4:5-42

Daily Mass Lectors, Feb. 18,19, 21, 22: C. Galli, J. Blackwell, P. Browne, M. Goldsmith
Eucharistic Ministers, Feb. 18,19, 21, 22: D. Adams & G. Holden, A. Fenwick & M. Goldsmith,
 C. Galli & D. Adams, J. Blackwell & D. Orwig
Meals on Wheels, Feb. 19, 20, 21: V. Royston, V. Worch & P. Walker, J. Dunphy
Altar Preparation, Feb. 23: K. Britton

