



The Pastor's Corner

My dear parishioners,

In just a few weeks our Holy Father will be making his first pastoral visit to the United States of America! In the words of the church Fathers, "This is Peter". Pope Benedict XVI, will be with us in Washington, D. C. April 17, 2008 at the new stadium. The Archdiocese of Washington has been hand picked as the host diocese whereas Catholics from all over the United States will be present. It is times like this where I can say I am proud to be a Roman Catholic from the Archdiocese of Washington. I can vividly remember that September morning in 1979 when His Holiness John Paul II the Great, was saying mass in front of the Smithsonian Institute and the tens of thousands of Catholics who attended that blessed event. To be part of the thousands and to participate as one of the Deacons was nothing short of a once in a lifetime experience.

Well, we all have a chance to see our Holy Father, to pray with him and to support him with our prayers and actual representation. Yes, members of St. George will be there representing the parish and the archdiocese. There are a few facts and details I would like to update you with this critical planning period. This entire event is a Herculean task of details from that of security to seating and audiences.

First, we have to determine who would like to go, times of departure, transportation issues, and from the Archdiocese, just how many people we will be taking on the bus. Hence, I will be posting a sign-up sheet of how many would like to attend. However, I must be clear that only the following can sign up:

- Only active-registered, St. George parishioners
- If you sign up per household, give names of persons
- I would discourage the bringing of small children for two reasons:
 - We will leave about 6:00 a.m. and return in the late afternoon
 - The weather could be nasty, as April can be

I will be putting out the sign up sheet for one week, and look at the interest; secondly, will contact a bus company (unless someone in the parish can get us a good deal); thirdly and most importantly, I will have to see how many tickets the Archbishop will give us. I will find this out very soon. If our list is more than the allotted tickets I will then use a lottery system to draw the lucky winners. We'll see!

This is indeed an historic event that is in fact a once in a life time experience and I will do my very best to get as many tickets as lies in my power. Let us begin to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, for his safety, health and pastoral wisdom.

Rev. Msgr. Karl A. Chimiak

"The Light is On For You"

If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament of reconciliation, 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, March 5, March 12 and March 19, 7:00 – 8:00 PM.** Because of choir practice at that time Msgr. Karl will be in the church office for confessions. Please come to the sacristy door, at the rear of the church.

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 3	St. Catherine Drexel
Tues., Mar. 4	St. Casimir
Fri., Mar. 7	St. Perpetua & St. Felicity
Sat., Mar. 8	St. John of God

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Mar 3	9:00 AM	Virginia Kennedy Hayman
Tues., Mar 4	9:00 AM	Rev. Matthew Grant
Thur., Mar 6	9:00 AM	B. Eugene Purcell
Fri., Mar 7	9:00 AM	Phyllis Browne (L)
Fri., Mar. 7	7:30 PM	Souls in Purgatory
Sat., Mar. 8	5:30 PM	Henry Boothe
Sun., Mar. 9	8:30 AM	Howard Britton, Sr.
Sun., Mar 9	11:00 AM	Violet Smith

Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier – March 4-12

This powerful Jesuit novena will be said each day following the 9 AM mass, and will conclude with a special 6 PM mass and novena prayers on March 12. All invited to attend.

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory February 24, 2008

General Collection	\$3,186.55
Vestibule Fund	400.00
Church in Eastern Europe	10.00
Poor Box	71.45
Identifiable Gifts	125
4 th Sunday, February 2007	\$2,716.00

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

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 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, Palma Sileo, Gene Springer, John Stone, Sister Rose Bernard Tarleton, Jennie Umas, Carol Weber.

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.

DECEASED Please pray for the souls of **Mr. John Pennington**, father of Rev. Msgr. John Pennington, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Silver Spring, and **Mrs. Gretta Draper**, wife of Deacon Harry R. Draper of Church of the Incarnation, Washington, D.C. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

PARISH CALENDAR	
Mon., Mar 3	Passion Play Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, C.Center
Mon., Mar. 3	Lector's Workshop, 6:30 PM, Church (Interested readers welcome to attend.)
Wed., Mar 5	Cantor & Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 & 7 PM "The Light is On For You" Confessions, 7-8 PM. Church office.
Fri., Mar. 7	First Friday Eucharistic Adoration. Holy hour following 9:00 AM Mass
Fri., Mar 7	Stations of the Cross and Mass, 7 PM

ALTAR SERVER NEWS

Servers who attended the recent meeting conducted by Msgr. Karl will be installed soon. Please watch the bulletin for time and date. Any young people, (grade five and above), interested in serving may call the church office to have their name added to the list. 301-994-0607.



Our **Passion Play** is fast approaching! This year's performance of "Golgotha" will be presented on **Sunday, March 16** in the Community Center at **5:00 PM**. This special presentation is being directed by Nick Browne, one of our own parish youth. **Call the church office now if you wish to reserve seating for our parish's final performance of Father Mark's handiwork! 301-994-0607.**

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, March 4 – Holy Face Church, Great Mills**
- Tuesday, March 11 – St. Peter's Church, St. Inigoes**
- Tuesday, March 18 – Penance Service, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park**

St. George Catholic Church Softball Team! St. Mary's County Recreation, Parks and Community Services is sponsoring a Church Softball League for adults 18 and older. All games are held at Chancellors Run Regional Park and begin in May. All teams are guaranteed 10 games. If you are interested in playing or participating please sign up on the flyer posted in the church vestibule or contact Lisa Quade (301-994-2658) or lquade@md.metrocast.net



LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Little Flower School will be accepting applications from parishioners of St. George who wish their children to attend the 2008-2009 school year. Registration will be held from 9am-11am or by appointment from **March 5-March 19**. If you have any questions about the school or registration, please call the school office at 301-994-0404.

AREA NEWS

- Fri., Mar. 7 Lenten Seafood Dinner, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lexington Park, 4:30-7:00 PM.** Carryouts available. Menu and prices vary. 863-8144
- Sun., Mar. 9 Open House, St. Mary's Ryken, 12-3PM.** Info on admissions, scholarships and financial aid will be available. Contact Admissions Office, 301-373-4183 or visit www.smrhs.org.
- Sun., Mar. 9 Archbishop Wuerl will speak on "The Role of Peter in the Church Today", 3 PM, Church of the Little Flower, 5607 Massachusetts Av., Bethesda.** Ample free parking. For more information: 301-320-4538.
- Sat., Mar. 15 Discover Teaching at Catholic Schools! Catholic Schools Job Fair, 9am-noon, Trinity University's Trinity Center, 125 Michigan Av., NE, Washington.** Bring your resume and your enthusiasm! Info: 301-853-4552 or visit www.CatholicSchoolsWork.org
- Sat., Mar. 15 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, sponsored by Our Lady's Church, Medley's Neck, held at Father A. White School, Leonardtown, 3-8 PM.** Menu: Corned beef, ham, cabbage, potatoes, rolls, beverages. (Hot dogs, chips, beer, Irish coffee sold separately). Advanced sales \$10. Door \$12, Children \$5. Info: 301-475-8403.
- Sat., Mar. 15 St. Patrick's Day Dance, Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 7-11pm.** \$20/person; \$40 couple. Music by T's DJ Service. BYOB. Corned beef and ham sandwiches available for purchase. Info: Paula or Joe at 301-884-5095.

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

Thursday, April 3, 7pm - 8pm

in the church Community Center.

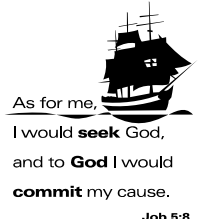
Classes end **Tuesday, May 27** and

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., Mar 8 5:30 PM	K. Anderson R. Anderson	B. Carpenter J. Heather	M. K. Piippo C. Galli	R. Baliko J. Scrivener P. Bowes	G. Adams Volunteer	First: Ez 37:12-14
Sun., Mar 9 8:30 AM	R. Walter K. Walter M. Maras	B. Carpenter S. Dent	N. Neel K. Owens	Deacon L'Heureux L. Walter M. A. Goddard	D. Adams B. Thompson	Second: Rom 8:8-11
Sun., Mar 9 11:00 AM	J. Shotwell N. Shotwell A. Hills	B. Carpenter C. Kolman	P. Browne E. Andrews	J. Carpenter M. Olson M. Olson	J. Mason M. Kibler	Gospel: Jn 11:1-45

Daily Mass Lectors, Mar. 3, 4, 6, 7: A. Robertson, J. Blackwell, D. Orwig, M. Goldsmith

Eucharistic Ministers, 3, 4, 6, 7: M. Goldsmith & A. Fenwick, G. Holden & N. Neel

D. Adams, & C. Galli, P. Browne & D. Orwig

Meals on Wheels, Mar. 4, 5, 6: P. Bowes & M.A. Goddard, J. Huckel, L. & B. Beauverd

Altar Preparation, Mar. 8: C. Cantrill

Some new ministry schedules remain on the small bulletin board. Please take your copy today.

