



The Pastor's Corner

From the desk of Monsignor Karl

As I look at our lonesome thermometer marking the progression of our Vestibule Fund, we have a considerable distance to go to reach our \$350,000 goal! We have collected to date \$125,000 which is a good beginning. We have already received two large gifts which jump started this capitol campaign and for this, I am grateful to those parties. I know this is the Holy season of Lent but I thought we should get going ASAP, on this project for two very important reasons:

First, and foremost, we desperately need a foyer-gathering place for worshipers. As you well know I put an identical foyer at our sister parish Holy Ghost, Issue, Maryland. When the idea was first presented to the folks they were negative or indifferent. However, when things were finished you would have thought we built the Sistine Chapel in Rome. Subsequently, the foyer is used for celebrating Baptisms, funeral entrance Rites, a small book store, and of course nice new bathrooms! In short, no complaints.

Second, and most practically, the longer it takes us to raise the money, the more the building material is going to cost us, as most products are petroleum based. What I am saying is that the \$350,000 figure will most certainly go up higher, which is fact not fiction.

I am asking you once again to go over and beyond the call of duty and reach deep into your hearts and pockets. I would ask each family to give \$500 to bring us at least half way to our goal of \$350,000. This donation could be given over a year and can involve an entire family giving what they can. I will put my money where my mouth is – I am going to lead off by giving \$500, which is part of my salary, to the St. George Vestibule Fund. I am now challenging you to match me or to go over my offer.

My dear parishioners, the fund raising is the most difficult part of this capital campaign, and until we get all the money, 100% of it, only then will we begin construction. I am excited about this project which by the way is exempted from the 12% Archdiocesan tax. All monies go to the fund! I have opened a Money Market account at Chevy Chase bank where we are getting superior rates. Hence, we are in a crucial beginning of our project and can only get it done with the rest of the "Team St. George" on board with this important renovation of God's House. May God touch your hearts to get this new "church area" completed in the next two years.

This is a very generous parish and I am confident that we will get this done and continue building parish pride. Thank you for whatever you can do. May God's richest Blessings fall upon our parish.

Msgr. Karl

The Light is On For You"
Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

Because of choir practice in the church, Msgr. Karl will be in the church office for confessions. Please come to the sacristy door, at the rear of the church. **Please note – Confessions will not be held at St. George on March 19 due to the deanery-wide penance service to be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church that evening at 7:00 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is the last call for confessions during Lent!**

Sat., Mar. 8

St. Joseph,
 Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Mar 10	9:00 AM	Tommy Poe
Tues., Mar 11	9:00 AM	
Wed., Mar 12	6:00 PM	The Parishioners
Thur., Mar 13	9:00 AM	Henry Boothe
Fri., Mar 14	9:00 AM	Mary Magdalene Cullison
Fri., Mar. 14	7:30 PM	
Sat., Mar. 15	5:30 PM	Rev. Robert B. Riedel
Sun., Mar. 16	8:30 AM	Aliene Springer
Sun., Mar 16	11:00 AM	John Mitchell & James Queen

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

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

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory March 2, 2008

General Collection	\$4556.50
Vestibule Fund	1797.00
Poor Box	36.00
Identifiable Gifts	135
1 st Sunday, March 2007	\$2716.00

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, 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 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, 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, Teresa Johnson, Bill Keeton, Vivian Keeton, Teri Kehr, Rita Koegel, Ann Lanctot, Gilbert Lawrence, Doris Mattingly, Dee Mauer, Beverly McKay, Neal O'Donnell, Jr., Pat O'Donnell, 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.

Papal Mass Information – All those who have signed up to attend the papal Mass to be held in Washington, DC on **Thursday, April 17** are to be at **Holy Face Church** in Great Mills, MD, **no later than 4:45am** in order to meet the bus. There are still a few tickets available, please contact the parish office if you are interested in attending.

PARISH CALENDAR

Mon., Mar 10	Passion Play Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, C.Center
Wed., Mar 12	6:00PM, Concluding Mass for the Novena of Grace Cantor & Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 & 7 PM "The Light is On For You" Confessions, 7-8 PM. Church office.
Fri., Mar 14	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.

GOLGOTHA



This week is your final opportunity to reserve premium seats for our annual **Passion Play!** Tickets will be available at the door, however, premium seating will most likely be already taken. 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 11 – St. Peter's Church, St. Inigoes
Wednesday, March 19 – Penance Service, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park

EASTER FLOWERS



As in the past, donations may be made to the Easter Flower Fund in memory of your deceased loved ones. This listing will appear in the Easter Bulletin. Please return the "Flower Offering" envelope (found at the doors of the church) no later than **Sunday, March 16**.

Welcome to all who are visiting our Church this weekend. If you are new in the area and wish to register as a parishioner, Census Forms for this purpose may be found in the vestibule. Please fill out and leave with and usher, or place in the collection basket.

SCHEDULES	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/CANTOR	LECTORS
Sat., Mar 15 5:30 PM	D. Byrne J. Lynch	B. Carpenter B. Barnes	P. Browne T. Galligan
Sun., Mar 16 8:30 AM	C. Rodgers A. Rodgers N. Browne	B. Carpenter	D. Adams J. Carpenter
Sun., Mar 16 11:00 AM	K. Hills A. Hills E. Spore	B. Carpenter B. Goldsmith	M. Goldsmith R. Baliko

Daily Mass Lectors, Mar. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14: D. Adams, N. Neel, **C. Galli**, C. Galli, A. Robertson
Eucharistic Ministers, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14: G. Holden & A. Fenwick, C. Galli & J. Blackwell,
M. Goldsmith & D. Orwig, P. Browne, & G. Holden, D. Orwig & M. Goldsmith
Meals on Wheels, Mar. 11, 12, 13: R. Errington, B. Adams, M.A. Rymer
Altar Preparation, Mar. 15: M. Goldsmith

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS

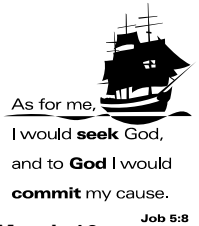
Little Flower School will be accepting applications from parishioners of St. George who wish their children to attend the 2008-2009 school year. Registration will be held from 9am-11am or by appointment from **March 5-March 19**. If you have any questions about the school or registration, please call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

AREA NEWS

- Fri., Mar. 14 70th Annual Lenten Fish Fry, Our Lady of the Wayside Church, 5-8pm.** \$8/adults, \$6/children ages 6-12, free for children 5 and under. Menu includes fried fish, french fries, green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll and iced tea. Dessert also available, sold separately.
- Fri., Mar. 14 Lenten Seafood Dinner, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lexington Park, 4:30-7:00 PM.** Carryouts available. Menu and prices vary. 863-8144
- 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.
- Sat., Mar 15 Swing and Ballroom Dance, LFS Gym, Beginner Lesson 7-8pm, Dancing 8 – 11pm.** Adults - \$8/person or \$15/couple, Students & Seniors - \$5/person. Please bring a snack to share. Info: 301-862-9570

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.**



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READINGS
Deacon L'Heureux P. Bowes R. Slade	J. Adams Volunteer	First: Is 50:4-7
Deacon L'Heureux G. Holden K. Garner	W. Blackwell J. Rodgers	Second: Phil 2:6-11
Deacon L'Heureux B. Goldsmith C. Norris	J. Mason M. Kibler	Gospel: Mt 26:14-27, 66

