

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 13, 2008

A Fresh Perspective on Today's Readings from Guest writer, Rev. William J. Reilly

"Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in His footsteps ... by His wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls ... 'I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly.'"

Last week we listened to Peter speak on Pentecost. Today he has sent you a letter, encouraging all in your sufferings and difficulties to unite yourself to Jesus in His suffering.

Pope John Paul also sent a letter to us, teaching that we should join our sufferings to the redemptive suffering of Jesus Christ. When a negative medical report might lead us to say "Why me?", when the tragedies of natural disasters or the inhuman ravages of war remind us of our fragility and weakness, perhaps the only hope is to unite our sufferings with the Paschal Mystery. But we also are called to alleviate the suffering of humankind. The parable of the Good Samaritan speaks of compassion. The corporal works of mercy, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, welcoming the immigrant and refugees are signs of action in behalf of others to make their lives better.

St. Paul spoke about himself when he wrote "It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of His body, the Church."

We can offer our aches and pains, difficulties and problems as did Paul in his imprisonment and chains. We can offer our joys as well as sorrows, our hopes and anxieties for the building up of the body of Christ. We never forget that He came that we might have life and have it in its fullness. For some it might happen as we accept part of their suffering.

We suffer with Him to have life in Him. From the cross flows the gift of Easter and new life!

HUNGER TO HOPE

APRIL 12-13, 2008



THIS WEEKEND, on Good Shepherd Sunday, we join parishioners from throughout the Archdiocese of Washington in a **food drive**, helping those in need as a visible sign of our faith as we prepare to welcome Pope Benedict XVI, the Shepherd of the Universal Church. Donations will benefit the DC metro **and southern Maryland areas.** Food will be picked up April 13-15 at

locations throughout the archdiocese. Thank you for bringing your donations today.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Apr. 14	9:00 AM	B. Eugene Purcell
Tues., Apr 15	9:00 AM	Tommy Poe
Thur., Apr. 17	9:00 AM	Pope's Visit
Fri., Apr. 18	9:00 AM	Fr. Mark Ervin (L)
Sat., Apr. 19	5:30 PM	Anna Mae Casciotti
Sun., Apr. 20	8:30 AM	Rudolph Robinson Family
Sun., Apr. 20	11:00 AM	Joe Browne

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory April 6, 2008

General Collection	\$4,348.90
Vestibule Fund	2,202.00
Easter	25.00
Poor Box	41.05
Identifiable Gifts: 130	
1 st Sunday April 2007	3,971.56

*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, Hilda Mowery, John Mundie, Sandy Mundie, Loretta Rule, Marian Slade, 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, Sister Louise Dowgiallo, OSB, George Fairfax, Ruth Farr, James Forrest, John Gateau, Paul Greenwell, Judy Guffey, Jack Gumtow, Michelle Hickie (in Qatar), Frank Holland, Nancy Carol Hodge, Alice Jarboe, Teresa Johnson, Bill Keeton, Vivian Keeton, Teri Kehr, David Kliber, Rita Koegel, Lois Krzeski, Ann Lancot, Gilbert Lawrence, Doris Mattingly, Dee Mauer, Beverly McKay, Neal O'Donnell, Jr., Pat O'Donnell, David Peixeira, Michelle Perry, John Pierce, 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, Sister Rose Bernard Tarleton, Francis Taylor, Jr., Vickie Trossbach, 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.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FATHER

Lord, Source of eternal life and truth, give to Your shepherd, Pope Benedict, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build Your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

PARISH CALENDAR

- Tues., Apr. 15** Scripture Study, "The Book of Job",
10 AM, Community Center
- Wed., Apr. 16** Cantor & Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 & 7 PM
- Thur., Apr. 17** Scripture Study, 7 PM, Comm. Center
- Sat., Apr. 19** Parish Clean Up Day, 9:00 AM
Rosary Devotion, 5:00 PM
- Sun., Apr. 20** C.C.D. Classes, 9:30 AM
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 12 – 12:45pm,
Church
- Fri., Apr. 25** Deadline to register names for married
couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 50+
years of marriage for Jubiliarian Mass on June 8,
2008. Call the church office for information.

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Registration at Little Flower School is open to all interested families. It is on a first-come, first serve basis now and throughout the summer. Registration hours are from 9-11 am or by appointment. When registering new students, please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate and immunization records. If you would like to receive documents by mail, please call the school to request a packet or download the registration documents online at www.LittleFlowerCatholic.org. Questions may be directed to the office at 301-994-0404.

AREA NEWS

- Sun., Apr. 13** Separated & Divorced Catholics Meeting, 7 pm, Sacred Heart Ch, LaPlata. Info: Mary, 301-632-5610.
- Mon., Apr. 14** *Prove-it: A Discussion for High School Teens*, St. Aloysius Rectory Rel. Ed office, 7-8:30 PM. Info & sign-up: Leonard Wathen, 301-475-8064.
- Sat., Apr. 19** 13th Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice Governmental Center in Leonardtown. Rain or shine. 9AM. More information and Registration available on line www.runforhospice.org.

St. Mary's Ryken High School is hosting its first annual **Fine Arts Camp for 10-13 year olds**. The camp runs from 9am-5pm, June 23-27, with a final performance at 7 PM on the 27th. The camp offers chorus, "Pop" vocals, decorative arts, modern dance, ballet, and comedic acting. The total cost is \$325. Space is limited to 60 students, reserve today. Janis Paulson, Janis.paulson@smrhs.org or call 301-848-8813.

Catholic Standard Essay Contest High School Seniors have a chance to win a \$2,000 College scholarship and your article published in the Catholic Standard. Topic: **The theme of Pope Benedict XVI's Washington visit is "Christ Our Hope". What does this phrase mean to you as a young Catholic in 2008?** Call church office for info: 301-994-0607.

CELEBRATE WITH US

THE FEAST OF ST. GEORGE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008
Special Mass at 9:00 A.M
Coffee and Pastries after Mass



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Children's Choir will sing for the May Crowning and Mass on Sunday, May 4th at the 8:30am Mass. New members are always welcome and should plan on attending the practices on April 20th and 27th following the 11am Mass until 12:45pm in the church. If you need more information, please call Mrs. Carpenter @ 301-997-0641.

HELP WANTED

Spring Clean-Up Day, Saturday, April 19 - Please help us get a **BIG** job done in record time! Bring rakes, brooms, chain saws, wheelbarrows, etc. Come at 9:00 AM (or whatever time works into your schedule.) We hope to finish up with lunch at 12:30 PM. *Many thanks !!*



Please note: Old grave decorations or items that will make mowing difficult will be removed from the church cemetery. It is important that we keep the cemetery as clean and free of obstacles as possible. Please remove any items that you would like to keep. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Be a St. George Parishioner -- Register Today
Census Forms are in the rack beneath the small bulletin board (Church front entrance)

SCHEDULES	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/ CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat., Apr. 19 5:30 PM	K. Anderson R. Anderson	B. Carpenter J. Heather	R. Fann D. Fann	Deacon L'Heureux J. Scrivener T. Galligan	G. Adams Volunteer	First: Acts 6:1-7
Sun., Apr. 20 8:30 AM	R. Walter K. Walter C. Rodgers	B. Carpenter -----	J. Blackwell D. Adams	B. Adams L. Walter M. A. Goddard	T. Goddard B. Thompson	Second: 1 Pt 2:4-9
Sun., Apr. 20	J. Shotwell N. Shotwell E. Spore	B. Carpenter C. Kolman	E. Andrews N. Knott	P. Browne B. Goldsmith M. Goldsmith	M. Kibler J. Mason	Gospel: John 14:1-12

Daily Mass Lectors, Apr. 14, 15, 17, 18: A. Fenwick, N. Neel, D. Orwig, A. Fenwick
Eucharistic Ministers, Apr. 14, 15, 17, 18: D. Adams & M. Goldsmith, J. Blackwell & P. Browne
 C. Galli & P. Browne, D. Orwig & G. Holden
Meals on Wheels, Apr. 15, 16, 17: MA Hammett & MJ O'Connor, J. Huckel, L & B Beauverd
Altar Preparation, Apr. 19: K. Owens

