

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
January 10, 2010



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

“I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John preached; of the way God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil, and God was with Him”... “You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests.”

Peter used a gathering in the home of Cornelius to give a profound talk and teaching. In a few short words he tells of Jesus' call, mission, His giftedness with the spirit and power or grace. Because of these attributes, He launched His mission of teaching, healing and doing good works. Rather than stating that He is the Son of God, Peter indicates that God accompanied Him.

The mission of Jesus has moved from Galilee to an entire world. Others have been chosen to continue His ministry. In this 'year of the priest' we acknowledge the unique role in continuing this same work of Jesus, most especially in providing the Eucharist. Yet the preaching, teaching, healing, all the good works are part of the life of our church and are the responsibility of all the baptized. When we observe the life of the church today providing education, health care, family support and all the corporal works of mercy, we discover the mission of Jesus at work among us.

As Peter described the life and times of Jesus, may we observe how this same mission continues today. May we see our role in continuing the work of Jesus, going about 'doing good works.'

From: HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

National Collection for the Black & Indian Missions
January 16-17, 2010

Support for this collection assists missionaries, priests, sisters, catechists and devoted faithful working side-by-side in parishes and missions among the African American and Native American people, sharing the Gospel. Many churches and schools depend on the annual evangelization grants to continue their local programs and pastoral activities. Last year's collection provided support to some of the neediest people in 134 dioceses across the United States, from the inner cities of the rural South to the cold Alaskan wilderness. Please consider joining in the important work of evangelization.

FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

Wed., Jan. 13

St. Hilary

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 11	9:00 AM	Helen Ferguson
Tues., Jan. 12	9:00 AM	Michael Fields
Thur., Jan. 14	9:00 AM	Marguerite McGill
Fri., Jan. 15	9:00 AM	Mary Gale Adams
Sat., Jan. 16	5:00 PM	Frances Gates (L)
Sun., Jan. 17	8:30 AM	Doris Bean
Sun., Jan. 17	11:00 AM	St. George Parishioners

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory January 3, 2010

General Collection	\$4,543.09
Vestibule Fund	1,252.00
Christmas	245.00
Feast of Solemnity of Mary	290.00
Black and Indian Missions	20.00
Poor Box	85.00
Identifiable Gifts	129
1 st Sunday of January, 2009	\$4,348.00

***Tithing--Sacrificial Giving-- Joyfully giving thanks to God.
Gratitude for your faithful parish support.***

Statement of 2009 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, Louise Adams, Ellen Andrews, Thomas Barnes, Agnes Geneva Blackwell, Catherine Briscoe, Ann Clayton, Alice Countess, Paul Dickens, Joan Dorsey, Mary Dyson, Kristin Hibbs, Gail Holden, Dorothy Lampkin, Alverta Lawrence, Mary Nellie Lawrence, Frances Morgan, Hilda Mowery, John Mundie, Gloria Robinson, Marian Slade, infant Christian Joshua Taylor, Arianna Tiger.


Others in need of our prayers (requested by parishioners):

All members of our military and their families, Charles Andrews, Kyle Bennett (in Iraq), Richard Bowen, Sarah Burch, Betty Coffman, Shannon Copp, Benjamin Countess, Caroline Countess, Phyllis Davis, Ronald Dews, Fran Dicus, Ray Dicus, Julie Marable Donaldson, Diane Dorsey, Sister Louise Dowgiallo, OSB, George Fairfax, Ruth Farr, John Gateau, Mary Gavarinski, Paul Greenwell, James Gross, Judy Guffie, Jack Gumtow, Margaret Hankla, Sue Hoag, Mary Ann Hulth, Wendy Jackson, Cathleen Johnson, Bill Keeton, Vivian Keeton, William Kelmickis, Lois Krzeski, Cathy LaBelle, Lee Lancaster, Ann Lanctot, Dr. Claude Lanctot, Lovetta Lawrence, Danny Mahoney, Joseph Martin, Doris Mattingly, Dee Mauer, J. P. McCord, Barbara McDonnell, Maria McGuigan, Beverly McKay, Beth Meister, Vicki Moak, Margaret Murray, David Peixeira, John Pierce, Donna Poudrier, Tom Puckett, Eleanor Raley, Sharon Redman, Tony Reeves, Carol Rice, Mary Sue Robinson, James Ronan, Loretta Rule, Nancy Schmidt, Raymond Schmidt, Hunter Scott, Ami Shah, Evaon Shroeder, Palma Sileo, Sister Mary Rebecca, RSM, Sister Rose Bernard Tarleton, Dewayne Thompson, Jennie Umas, Rose Varela, Tom & Liz Warren, Elizabeth Weatherly, Bette Werner, Eugene Wright, Bob Ziebol.

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.



PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun., Jan.10** C.C.D. and RCIA/Adult Update resume.
- Sun., Jan 10** “Teen Timeline” for high school teens, 6-7:30 PM, **Community Center.** Bring a friend and come to smile, laugh and learn!! 
- Wed., Jan. 13** Cantor & Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 & 7 PM
- Thur., Jan. 14** Finance Committee Meeting, 7 PM
- Sat., Jan.16** Rosary Devotion, 4:30 PM, in Church
- Fri., Jan. 22** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the March for Life, 10AM-3PM.
- Mon., Jan. 25** Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 PM

MARCH FOR LIFE NEWS

Please plan to attend the **37th Annual March for Life on Friday, January 22, 2010** in Washington, D.C. We mourn the loss of 51,000,000+ preborn innocent babies who have lost their lives since the tragic Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion for ALL nine months of pregnancy.

Edmund Burke said, “The only thing necessary for evil to flourish is for good men (and women to do nothing)”. The evil of abortion is flourishing in our country and the world. What are you doing to witness to Life?

Bus transportation is available and we request a \$15 offering to help defray the cost, which is now over \$700 per bus. Two early buses will leave IHM Church in Lex. Park at **4:30 a.m.** to attend the Youth Rally and Mass, and a third bus will leave after the IHM 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call Pat Poole at 301-862-2479 or e-mail at patforlife06@yahoo.com for reservations. Buses will return at about **6:30 p.m.** Seating is limited and reservations need to be made by **Mon., January 18.** A bus is also leaving from St. Aloysius in Leonardtown at **10:00 a.m.** Please call St. Aloysius at 301-475-8064, or Chris Guy at 301-475-2166 for info/reservations on their bus..

Everyone can do something! If you can't attend the March, please sponsor a Marcher by praying for that person and making a donation for Life. Make checks payable to St. Mary's County Right to Life and send to P.O. Box 1924, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Thanks and God Bless.

Fourth Annual Respect Life Dinner, Friday Jan. 15, 5:30-9:30PM. The Fr. Sebastian deRose Council invites all personnel with base access to this free dinner. [All You Can Eat Taco Bar]. Come join us for fellowship and discussions on issues pertaining to our commitment to Respect Life—from conception to natural death. Guest speaker, Cheryl Keen, Director, CareNet Pregnancy Center. Contact Bill or Donna Waldron 301-863-2480.

SCHEDULES:

	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/ CANTOR	LECTORS
Sat., Jan. 16 5:00 PM	C. Rodgers B. Wathen	B. Carpenter	P. Browne K. Owens
Sun., Jan. 17 8:30 AM	D. Walter K. Walter R. Walter	J. Lenderman D. Orwig	H. Britton L. Rose
Sun., Jan. 17 11:00 AM	J. Newman M. Ojo E. Robison	B. Carpenter CHOIR	T. Buckler R. Robison

Daily Mass Lectors, Jan. 11, 12, 14, 15: C. Galli, A. Fenwick, D. Orwig, A. Fenwick
Meals on Wheels, Jan. 12, 13, 14: N. Heisey, B. Adams, L. & B. Beauverd
Altar Preparation, Jan. 16: J. Heather

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Memberships in **Little Flower School's "500 Club"** are currently being sold. This is a monthly raffle with prizes each month totaling \$950. Your chances of winning each month are 1 in 8. A parent will be in the back of church this weekend selling and explaining this new fundraiser to those who wish to participate and support the school.

AREA NEWS

- Sun. Jan. 10** 2nd Sunday of the Month All You Can Eat Breakfast, Valley Lee Firehall, 8-11 AM. Sponsored by the 2nd Dist VFD & RS Auxiliary. \$8 adult;\$4 child.
- Sat., Jan. 16** K of C Swing & Ballroom Dance, Little Flower School Gym. Lesson 7-8 PM; Dance 8-11 PM. Adults \$8 single; \$15 couples, Students and seniors \$5/person. Info: 301-862-9570 or 301-645-8509.
- Fri., Jan. 22** Youth Rally and Mass for Life, 7am-11:30am. Busses depart Southern Maryland from IHM at **4:30 AM.** [See notice first column.] Mass celebrated by Archbishop Wuerl and other bishops and priests.
- Fri., Jan. 22** Adult Mass and Rally, St. John the Evangelist Church. 10103 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, starting at **8:00 am** with .songs and rosary. Most. Rev. Barry Knestout, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington will preside over the **10:30 am mass.** Info: Margi Paglinawan 571-3332-0362
- Sat., Jan. 30** Southern Maryland Regional Ministry Day, St. Francis Xavier, Newtowne, 9:15am-12PM. A gathering of the pastors and parishioners of Southern Maryland to strengthen the vitality of our local parishes. If interested in attending, please notify Msgr. Karl or St. George parish office (301-994-0607).

Spiritual Opportunities

St. Mary's County Women's Retreat, , March 19, 20, 21 at Loyola Retreat House. If you have thought about taking time off to pray and meditate, come to Loyola on the Potomac and find peace and serenity for the weekend. Cost is \$225, but if you cannot pay that, they are happy to discuss alternatives with you. No one is turned away because of insufficient funds. For more information, call the Loyola Retreat House at 301-392-0801

Restorers of Mount Carmel are sponsoring a **Mini-Retreat, Saturday March 20** at Mt. Carmel 5678 Mt. Carmel Road, La Plata, MD. Day begins with mass at **8 AM, and will end at 3 PM.** Includes several talks, quiet time, confessions, rosary, benediction/exposition, breakfast snacks, lunch, beverages. Cost \$30 per person. Retreat Master: Fr. Matt Buening. Info: Suzanne Carr, 301-645-5203.

