

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 7, 2010

Monsignor Karl's Korner



We all know when we have our throats blessed for the Feast of St. Blaise, that Lent is just a few weeks away! I thought with the dreadful weather we have been having and that winter is far from losing her force, I will get this Korner message in!

Archbishop Donald Wuerl has once again asked all priests to be in the forefront of Lenten obligations and rituals in the Archdiocese. *"The Light is On for You"* has been an annual theme in the Archdiocese for the last three years, and one that has worked well. Ideally, the day picked by His Excellency, was Wednesday evenings for one hour of confessions. We did in fact, give it a try at St. George two years ago, but found it was just Monsignor and his faithful Guardian angel alone in the confessional! Last year, by "Divine Inspiration", we chose to do this after Sunday Masses – to hear confessions, and "by George" it was very successful. The way I figured, I heard the confessions of at least 75% of the parish during the five Sundays of Lent. I know this to be true by how "holy" everyone was for Easter! All kidding aside, I will employ the Archbishop's request, *"The Light is On for You"* on the Sundays of Lent, after all the Masses this year. What is going to be nice is that hopefully, we will be using our new confessional either the first or second Sunday of Lent. I say that because we are still tweaking a few things to make the environment safe and pleasant for both saint and sinner alike.

The Archbishop has also asked me as Dean, to seek out a parish in the St. Mary's County deanery to sponsor a Eucharistic pilgrimage, where folks can gain graces during the Wednesdays of Lent and worship before the Blessed Sacrament and to view a visual display of famous Eucharistic miracles within the history of the church. What I believe the Archdiocese is trying to do is illustrate the grace of Eucharistic devotion with the sacrament of Penance. Why? Because some of the greatest priest-confessors would always send their people to pray before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament by which the penitent would be more open to the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and make a more sincere confession. I will let you know once we learn of the pastor who will sponsor this event and a parish that is near a major road so as to be accessible to drivers, especially at night.

Along with this great opportunity of the sacrament of confession we will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent, which will culminate with the living Stations of the Cross the last Friday before Palm Sunday. Again, I write this as an early reminder that we can make plans to have a joyful and beautiful Lent as we strive to perfect ourselves in some little way and thus win the favor of our Lord Jesus Christ, who loves us all.

The New "Calm-Down" Room

Next to our newly renovated Reconciliation Room, which affords face to face and private screen confessions, is our new "calm-down" room. This room, formerly called the "cry room", is no more. The "calm down room" is intended for parents to take their little ones to calm them down and then return to the main church once that is done. Sometimes it takes the entire mass to accomplish this, and this is fine, but once your little one is "calmed down", bring him/her back into the main church, Let's see how this works. I like the word 'calm' vs. 'cry' room. I love to see the little ones at mass, whether in the calm-down room or inside the main church.



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon., Feb. 8 St. Jerome Emiliani
 St. Josephine Bakhita
Wed., Feb. 10 St. Scholastica
 Thur. Feb. 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Feb. 8	9:00 AM	Doris Bean
Tues., Feb. 9	9:00 AM	Jack Scrivener
Thur., Feb. 11	9:00 AM	Rev. Thomas Sheehan
Fri., Feb. 12	9:00 AM	Elizabeth Ervin
Sat., Feb. 13	5:00 PM	Joe Browne
Sun., Feb. 14	8:30 AM	John and Rosine Hodges
Sun., Feb. 14	11:00 AM	Parishioners

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory January 31, 2010

General Collection (snow weekend)	\$700.01
Vestibule Fund	165.00
Poor Box	48.60

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

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, 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. Victims and survivors of the earthquake in Haiti. Charles Andrews, Richard Bowen, Sarah Burch, Byrn, Betty Coffman, Shannon Copp, Benjamin Countess, Caroline Countess, Arielle Davis, 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, Sue Hoag, Mary Ann Hulth, Barbara Hunter, 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, Matthew Thomas, Dewayne Thompson, Jennie Umas, Rose Varela, Tom & Liz Warren, Elizabeth Weatherly, Gracie Webb, Bette Werner, Eugene Wright, Bob Ziebol.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2010
In-Pew Solicitation – February 6/7
"I Will Give You Thanks, O Lord"

PARISH CALENDAR

Feb. 6/7 Blessing of Throats, after masses
Sun., Feb. 7 C.C.D. and R.C.I.A., 9:30AM
Mon., Feb. 8 Call by this date to reserve a space with Scripture Study Groups starting Mar. 2/4.
Wed., Feb. 10 Cantor & Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 & 7 PM
Thur., Feb. 11 Care Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM, C.Center
Sat., Feb. 13 Rosary Devotion, 4:30 PM, in Church
Wed., Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday – Mass and Distribution of ashes 9 AM and 7 PM.
Fri., Feb. 19 Lenten Stations of the Cross, 7 PM

C.C.D. NEWS

Sun., Feb. 7 Meeting for parents of 2nd grade students preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:45 AM, Comm. Center
Sun., Feb. 7 “Teen Timeline” for high school teens, 6-7:30 PM, Community Center. Bring a friend and come to smile, laugh and learn!!

Sat., Feb. 13 Reconciliation Retreat, 9AM-12 Noon.
Sun., Feb. 14 No C.C.D/R.C.I.A. – President’s Day
Sun., Feb. 28 Confirmation Assessment, 9:45 AM



LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY announces the study of **The Gospel of Luke**, beginning **Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 10 AM** and **Thursday, March 4 at 7 PM**. New people wishing to join, please call Carol Fugate, 301-994-3659 before **February 8** for adequate supplies to be ordered. Enjoy fun and fellowship. No bible knowledge necessary to benefit!

Offer a “Testimony of Charity” at Catholic Lobby Night February 15, 2010

Join Maryland’s bishops and hundreds of fellow Catholics on Presidents’ Day – **Monday, February 15** – for the 26th annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis, where this year’s theme of “Testimony of Charity” is drawn from Pope Benedict’s recent encyclical, Lobby Night is an advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including: support for pregnant women, poverty, Catholic schools, and marriage. Registration is required. Visit www.mdccathcon.org or call the Maryland Catholic Conference at 410-269-1155/301-261-1979.

SCHEDULES:

	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/ CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat., Feb. 13 5:00 PM	G. Holden J. Holden	B. Carpenter	P. Browne J. Heather	J. Scrivener	J. Adams Volunteer	First: Jer 17:5-8
Sun., Feb. 14 8:30 AM	M. Emmerich M. Emmerich K. Waldron	B. Carpenter Choir	J. Lenderman B. Walker	Deacon L’Heureux K. Garner (Choir)	W. Blackwell D. Adams	Second: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
Sun., Feb. 14 11:00 AM	A. Hills K. Hills E. Robison	B. Carpenter B. Goldsmith	E. Andrews R. Robison	A. Taylor	J. Mason R. Cutchember	Gospel: Lk 6:17, 20-26
Wed., Feb. 17 9:00 AM		B. Carpenter	P. Browne A. Fenwick	Deacon L’Heureux		Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Wed., Feb. 17	E. Carpenter E. Carpenter	B. Carpenter B. Barnes	J. Carpenter D. Orwig	Deacon L’Heureux	Volunteer Volunteer	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Daily Mass Lectors, Feb. 8, 9, 11, 12: C. Galli, N. Neel, D. Adams, D. Orwig
Meals on Wheels, Feb. 9, 10, 11: P. Bowes & M. A. Goddard, J. Knott & M. A. Springer, M. Redman & R. Keatley

Altar Preparation, Feb. 13: P. Browne

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Fundraising for Little Flower School:

EZ Money Raffle: \$2,500 Grand Prize. \$1,250 in other prizes. \$25.00 per ticket. Drawing at LFS **Italian Night, February 12, 2010**. Info: N. Szewczyk, 301-863-2840

Annual Benefit Auction, Sat., Feb. 27 Tickets are \$30 per person or \$45 per couple (includes a fully catered dinner by Catering Plus and Chef Al Porter.) Auction tickets only are available for \$15 per person/\$25 per couple. Doors open at 5:30 PM for dinner, followed by the 7 PM silent auction and 8 PM live auction. Items up for bid may be viewed at www.lfsauction.webs.com. For more info, contact Little Flower School, 301-994-0404.

“500 Club” memberships 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. Cost: \$100/year, payable quarterly or annually. Info: C. Damon, 240-398-0157

Mulch Sale Annual Spring Mulch Sale, March 20, 2010. 3 cubic foot bag of hardwood mulch, \$3.85. Delivery of orders of 20 bags or more to St. Mary’s County, North of St. Mary’s City and South of Route 234. Pick up or orders outside this area, 7 AM-2 PM. All orders must be received by **March 5**. For more info or to order, call Susan Hammel, 301-862-4861 or kachmannj@verizon.net.

AREA NEWS

Fri., Feb. 12 Middle School Catholic Teens Dance and Social, hosted by St. John’s School, 7-10 PM, at Msgr. Harris Center. All middle school CCD and Catholic School students are invited to attend. For more info: Carolyn Selby, 301-373-3163 or Debbie Dugan, 301-373-5212.

Sun., Feb. 14 All You Can Eat Breakfast, by Valley Lee 2nd Dist. F.D. & RS Auxiliary. 8-11 AM. Adults \$8; \$4 child 5-12; 5 and under, free. Delicious food.

Mon., Feb. 15 Red Cross Blood Drive, Valley Lee F.D. & R.S., 2 – 7:30 PM. Theme: *Recycle Life* - donating blood is like donating a part of yourself. To schedule an appointment or need information, call 1-800-Give Life; however, walk-ins are welcome.

Tues., Feb. 16 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5-7 PM. Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage links, assorted juices, milk, coffee. \$6 adults; \$3 kids 6-12 years. Under 6 Free.

