

JANUARY 27, 2008

	GOAL	ACTUAL	EFT FIG.
*COLLECTION	\$15,480.00	\$14,903.00	\$1,895.67
*POOR BOX	\$ 673.00	\$ 527.05	171.00
*BUILDING FUND MO. Total (Sappington Hall)		\$ 6,440.00	266.25
*CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: \$41,838.75			
<i>OUR BEST COLLECTION – THANKS!</i>			

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: As we thank Our Lord in this New Year for His continual presence with us, we thank so many for helping us to honor Him with Perpetual

Adoration, and we invite others to join us. We need people who can do the 12 noon hour Saturdays. If you can take the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Saturday at 12 noon to 1pm for prayer each month, please let us know. Also, if you could be a sub for us, please let us know, call Linda at 301-829-2888 or Diane at 301-898-0833. Thank you!

100,000 LETTERS FOR LIFE: There are more than 30 crisis pregnancy centers in Maryland that support pregnant women in need. These centers receive no support from the state, even though they provide highly-specialized crisis intervention counseling not available through any existing public program. Yet \$20M/year are spent on abortions and other 'family-planning' services. The Maryland General Assembly will consider legislation during the 2008 session that would establish a program to establish a program to help these centers assist pregnant women in need. Our parish will hold a letter writing campaign after Masses on Feb. 9th & 10th to urge lawmakers to support this initiative. Please plan now to participate. Sponsored by St. Peter's Knights of Columbus & Right- to Life Committee.

A BIG THANKS to all who came to the March for Life and to all who prayed for its success. Thanks to the Knights for their participation and donation for the bus. Please continue to keep the Life Issues in your daily prayers. God Bless!

MARYLAND PRIMARY, to pick our presidential candidates, will be Tuesday, February 12th. All registered Republicans and Democrats should exercise their God given right and cast their votes in this early decision process. (Independents don't vote in MD's primaries). Please keep the elections in your prayers.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Enjoy this unusual quiet K of C week, everyone will be real busy very soon. ...Tuesday, Feb. 5th is our sponsorship of the parish Pancake Supper and the council will be sponsoring three Lenten Meals on Feb. 15th, 29th – our auxiliary, and on March 14th. ...DGK Jim Zik has begun the process of preparing for the 2008-09 fraternal year. Many of our men have been carrying the council over the past five years and now is the time for a few new men to step up to take on some of the leadership roles the council will need. ...At this time five years ago our council was being formed. March will mark our fifth anniversary as an established council. The Officers are planning a celebration to mark our five years of outstanding growth, progress and the efforts of the membership. More to come later via e-mail. ...**Have you rendered your council dues? The grace period will soon pass!!!** ...Want to become a First Degree Team Member? Call Jim Conko 301-831-3167. ...Mark your calendars for the Feb. 16th. The council had six men advance to second degree knighthood on Jan. 12th. ...Fourth Degree candidates—the "Meet The Candidates" reception has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 16th at St. Michael's at 1:30pm in their gym. There is still time to submit an application. Contact Bob Droter, 301-865-4565. ...for more council information, visit us at st.peterskofc.home.att.net/

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK- Theresa Pirrone, Robert Flaherty, Glen Morrison, Mary Hunt, Jason Bates, Marilyn Hall, Steve White, Harry Blanchard, Tom Weedon, Chris Roby, Denis Ellis, Sandy O'Donnell, Justin Offutt, Connor & Ciena Rutledge, Marjorie Jones, Fr. John Carter, Tom Arnold, Fr. Wayne Funk, Carla Carlson, Faith Frazier, Myrtle Carlin, Ruth Bellamy, Arlo Cummins, Rose France, Kayla Zeillinger, Steven Nagy, Lydia Cook, David Foster, Neil Petroski, Ruth Seilhamer, Rosita Berger, Joey Offutt, Mary Shaw, Ellen Michalski, Tom McKoy, Ann Fowler, Don Fowler, Jr., Bill Kiser, Rachel Dombroski, Renee White, Katie Frey, Shannon Obermeyer, Rob Compton, Jaime Statler, Heidi Burt, Lindsay Wilson, Baerbel Cooper, Regina Galie, Lisa Baird, Joani Gais, Julie Woods, Gemma Wease, Nancy Habicht, Linda Seifert, Rita Boyd, William Klipper, Gini Madine,

Colleen Dean, Andrew Illig, Dick Puerzer, Cameron Perrus, Christina DiGregory; Kelly Carpenter; Charlotte Ratcliffe; Lisa Mintmier; Nelson McClure, Charles Crotty, Rich Pargo, Tina DeLuca, Charles Guarnieri, Dorothy Delair, Linda Holmes, Ronald Best, Joanne Racheff, Dina Strauss, Yolanda Groves, John Howell, Benjamin Larrick, Jessica & Karen Connray, Ginny Bart, K. Lopresti, Ciena Rutledge, Brian Dudley, James Christopher Wahl

Names will be kept on the prayer list for 1 month from the time they are requested. At the end of that time, you may renew your prayer request by calling the Parish Office. Anyone wishing to receive Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH: For the safety of the construction workers working on the church.

KINKLINGS FOR SALE on Feb. 2nd, \$6.00 dozen to benefit Libertytown Volunteer Fire Co. Auxiliary. To order call Rosie 301-898-7385.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & OPEN HOUSE Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg on Sunday, Jan. 27th, 12N to 5pm. Cost \$7 adults, children 3-10 \$4, 2 and under eat free. **Open House** – meeting starts at 1pm with tours and school program information. call 301-47-3165. Additional info 301-447-3165.

VISITATION ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE, Frederick is for current and prospective parents on Tues., January 29th 10am-2pm. Visit our campus during a school day and see what makes this all-girl school so special. Applications are being accepted for fall enrollment for grades Pre-K – 3 to 8. For more info call 301-662-2814 or thevisitationacademy.org

ST. JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Please join us during Catholic Schools Week at our next Open House on January 30, 2008 from 9am until 1pm. We are currently accepting applications for new students in Pre-K through 8th grade for the 2008-09 school year. Registration forms are available on the school website www.sjrsc.org. For more information about admission requirements, or to arrange a tour of the school, contact Jean Wright, Director of Development and Admissions, 301-695-9358. **ALSO - PARENTING FOR POSITIVE SELF-ESTEEM** – Join us Feb. 7th, 7pm at the school on Opossumtown Pike for a program presented by Dr. Patricia McCormack, IHM, nationally recognized educational consultant on child development. Learn what really works in building a partnership with parents, teachers and faith community to help children in the lifelong process of soul formation.

ST. THOMAS MORE ACADEMY, located at 3989 Buckeystown Pike, invites all interested families to the Catholic School's Week Open House from 9am-1pm on Wednesday, January 30th. For more information about our preK-8 program, visit www.stmamd.org or phone 301-874-90014.

ST. MARIA GORETTI HIGH SCHOOL, HAGERSTOWN, MD will hold an open house Thursday, Jan. 31st 6:30-8:00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to meet the faculty and staff and tour the facilities. Call 301-739-4266 for directions and any other information or visit www.goretti.org.

"MARRIED COUPLES" RETREAT at Priestfield, WV on the weekends of Feb. 22nd, Feb. 29th, Mar. 7th, Mar. 14th, and Apr. 25th. For more information call Elaine 410-252-5355.

BISHOP'S SCHOLARSHIP TO MT. ST. MARY'S: The Archbishop Edwin O'Brien Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship provided by Mt. St. Mary's University to a student from the Archdiocese of Baltimore in the amount of \$15,000. Applicants for the scholarship must be accepted as a freshman to the university, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and 1100 SAT (CR and Math), and submit a 500 word essay with their scholarship application. Deadline is Feb. 1st. For more information visit www.msmaryedu/bishop or call 1-800-448-4347 To schedule a campus visit.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
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ADULT MINISTRY

- **BAPTISM PREP CLASSES** - For parents meets on Tuesday, February 19th or Tuesday, March 11th from 7 – 9 PM in the Birch Library. You need only one godparent and this person must be Catholic; to have celebrated Confirmation; is at least 16 years of age, and is practicing the faith (attending mass each week and celebrating the sacraments).
- **ANNULMENTS** –If you would like information on annulments, contact Carolyn at 301-898-5111 x 14.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:**
 - ✠ **January Sessions:**
 - Jan 27* (Pre-School – Grade 2)
 - Jan 28 *(Grades 3-5)
 - *This is revised from the original calendar. No Class on January 20-21!*
- **RECONCILIATION INFORMATION:**
 - ✠ Family Day – February 23rd from 9am – 12Noon.
 - ✠ Service – February 26th @ 7PM.
 - ✠ Volunteers – If you would like to help our team join us Sunday, February 3rd for a brief meeting. Help with “hospitality” is needed!
- **FIRST EUCHARIST INFORMATION:**
 - ✠ Celebration Dates – Call Stacy (301-898-5111, ext. 18) to reserve your date.
 - ✠ Parent Meetings:
 - First Time Parents – March 4th or March 6th and March 11th.
 - Repeat Parents – March 13th
 - All sessions begin and 7PM and end at 9PM – the sessions are geared for adults.**
- **PRESCHOOL PROGRAM:** Both sessions are now filled – please consider joining us next year.
- **VOCATION PRAYER CARD CONTEST:** Any 5th grader interested in participating in the contest should contact the office. All entries are due March 1st by the 5:30 mass. (Religious Ed students are all participating – check your child's folder for details.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation Theme for this Session:
Proclaiming God's Word

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Confirmation will reflect on the necessity of listening and responding to God's word. It is in the Liturgy of the Word that we learn how to be both hearers and responders to God's offer of Grace. How do we as a parish listen attentively to God's Word and respond accordingly?

- **ALL YOUTH MINISTRY MEETS TONIGHT!**
- **PARENTS:** Save time & gas – feel free to stay in the Birch Library during Youth Ministry.
- **CONFIRMATION:** Small Groups will meet this Wednesday, January 30th from 7-8:30PM. Please make sure and bring all your materials to the meeting.
- **SPY ANNUAL SUPERBOWL SUB SALE:** Volunteers needed to help make subs, Saturday, February 2nd from 10AM – 12Noon in Sappington Hall. Help also needed to sell subs after all Masses on Feb 2nd and 3rd!
- **SPY FRESHMAN & SOPHMORES:** Interested in developing your leadership skills? Ask about attending Cornerstone on April 4th & 5th. Cost is \$50.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- * Check the main page of our web-site www.stpeter-libertytown.org
- * If Frederick County Public Schools are closed...we **do not** have sessions for children, parents, or Adult Ed.
- * If FCPS close early...we **do not** have sessions for children, parents, or Adult Ed.
- * Saturday & Sunday Programs...tune into WTTR and WFRE – decisions will be made early in the morning for Pre-school through Grade 5 & by 2PM for Grades 6-12.
- * Announcements will also be on radio stations...WTTR and WFRE after 3PM Monday through Friday.

Just Before Lent

Shrovetide. The time just before Lent is called Shrovetide, a time when people are celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare for Lent. The name *Shrovetide* comes

from an old-fashioned verb that means “to forgive sins through the sacrament of Reconciliation.”

That verb is *shrive*, and its past tense is *shrove*.

Pancake Day. The day before Ash Wednesday is sometimes called Pancake Day because

pancakes were a favorite food for the day. In times past, eggs and butter were foods forbidden

in Lent because they are animal products. But both eggs and butter could be used to make pancakes. Thrifty people, therefore, used up their eggs and butter by making pancakes the day before Lent began.

Mardi Gras. These words are French for “fat Tuesday.” The day is called “fat” because people will eat lots of rich foods to get them out of the house before the Lenten fast begins. The term *Mardi Gras* has also been given to the carnival celebrations that occur just before Lent in New Orleans and other cities all around the world.

