

# ST. PETER'S PARISH SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 11, 2010

		<u>MASSES</u>			
MON	APR 12 7:00pm	FLOWER MEMORIAL			
TUE	APR 13 8:00am	FLOWER MEMORIAL			
WED	APR 14 8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE			
THU	APR 15 8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE			
FRI	APR 16 9:00am	FLOWER MEMORIAL			
SAT	APR 17 8:00am	JIM LEE			
	5:30pm	INT OF ELEANOR METZGER			
SUN	APR 18 7:15am	FRENCH FAMILY LIVING & DECEASED	<b>GOAL</b>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>&amp; EFT FIG</b>
	9:00am	EDDIE MEUSE	*COLLECTION	\$ 18,314.00	\$ 29,850.15
	11:00am	INT OF ARLINE ETZLER	*POOR BOX	\$ 721.00	\$ 557.00
	5:45pm	PARISHIONERS	*CHURCH MORTGAGE MO.	\$ 6,867.00	1,687.00
			*GOOD FRIDAY	\$ 1,724.00	

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### APRIL 17 & 18

	<b>MASS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>
APR 17	5:30pm	A & J & M DuBOYCE	LEVASSEUR & OLIVER
APR 18	7:15am	J & P & T RUBELING	KUTLIK & HAYES
	9:00am	BISHOP & C & E GAUDLIP	GAUDLIP & CLEMONS
	11:00am	GORDON & J & S MOXLEY	SIMMONS & LILLY
	5:45pm	C & Z RATCHFORD & POLLAK	YOUTH: BALLANTINE & CLESTER

**NEXT WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION** will be for the Catholic School Education

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

ACTS 5: 12-16; RV 1: 9-19; JN 20: 19-31

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

ACTS 5: 27-41; RV 5: 11-14; JN 21: 1-19

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:** James Couillard, father of Steve Couillard

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** to attend a Pro-Life Speaker, Deacon Paul Schenck, Director of the Diocese of Harrisburg, will speak in the Birch Library on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am on Politics Aside: The Future of Abortion! It should be good!! There will be a free will offering to Defend Life.

**COME AND PRAY WITH US** at the Frederick Abortion Clinic on Sat., April 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4pm. Sign up for an hour after Mass today or call Kathy Baer 301-845-0243.

**FRONT OFFICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED** for Friday afternoon 1:00-5:00pm. Also, it would be helpful to have a few more front office subs. Call Priscilla 301-898-5111 ext. 12 if you can volunteer.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP BEAUTIFY THE PARISH**

**CAMPUS:** St. Peter's Landscape Committee is looking for parishioners to help us keep the gardens on our parish campus looking their best. We are establishing an email list of volunteers willing to donate a Saturday morning or a few hours during the week in the evening. All volunteers who provide their email address will receive emails with actual dates and if your schedule permits, you can join the group on the designated day or days/evenings. Email sign-ups will be in the Church narthex and in Sappington Hall after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. You can also email Ruth Riley at [rileysonalmeria@yahoo.com](mailto:rileysonalmeria@yahoo.com).

**"HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD"** – Volunteers needed to give glory and praise to God by helping to clean and maintain the beauty of His House. Much help is need, if interested please call Diane at 301-898-0833.

**CROSSING GUARD VOLUNTEERS:** We are still looking for more crossing guard volunteers. They must be at least 21 years old. Call Phil Burr 443-604-0508 or Rick Gaudino 301-865-1457 if you can donate your time or have questions.

**CALL FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** Pastoral Council elections will be held over the third weekend in May. There will be three vacancies that need to be filled so we need a minimum of six candidates. Please give prayerful consideration to running for office or nominate someone you feel has a calling to this ministry. This is an exciting time for our Parish and we need your involvement, thoughts and ideas. Contact Mike Horrigan at 410-549-1463 or email him at the [horrigans@comcast.net](mailto:horrigans@comcast.net) if you have questions or wish to make a nomination.

**NEW YORK TRIP:** If you are on the fence about joining us for our New York Trip on June 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>, the deadline has been extended to May 9<sup>th</sup>. Call Laura to make your reservation. 301-898-5111 ext. 13. See our flier in today's bulletin.

**GABRIEL NETWORK NEEDS:** Baby boy and baby girl clothes. Also, special request for boys 3T & 4T summer clothes. If you can help call Catharine Martin 301-865-9089.

**GARDEN TEA PARTY** – You are invited to the Flower Ministry's **Garden Tea Party** which will be held May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. Admission is \$18 (Seniors \$15 and Children 10 and under \$10). Potted Plants and Floral Arrangements will be for sale. There will be a Silent Auction with items you don't want to miss. A three course tea will be served along with a program Flowers in Your Home. The program will demonstrate some fast, easy, and inexpensive ways to have flowers in your home all year. All proceeds to benefit the Flower Ministry to beautify our lovely church throughout the year. Tickets will be on sale after Masses on weekends of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> or you may contact one of the members of the Ministry. Bring Mom out for an early Mother's Day outing. Tickets are limited.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**  
**APRIL 11, 2010**

**ADULT MINISTRY**

Carolyn Nolan: [cnolan@archbalt.org](mailto:cnolan@archbalt.org)

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Harry Ford: [hford@archbalt.org](mailto:hford@archbalt.org)

**THIS WEEK'S MARRIAGE TIP:** "Marriage, families, all relationships are more a process of learning the dance rather than finding the right dancer." (Paul Pearsall) Although some people inherit a talent for relationships, some skills can be learned.

Visit: [www.foryourmarriage](http://www.foryourmarriage) for you more ideas!

- **Baptism Prep Classes** - meets on Tuesday, April 20 or May 18 from 7 – 9 pm in the lower level of the Parish Office Bldg. 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.)
- **MARRIAGE & ANNULMENTS** – The Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will offer an evening presentation on the Church's teaching on marriage, divorce and annulments at **St. Peter's on May 19 from 7-9 p.m. in the Birch Library.** Learn how the healing grace of Jesus can bring new hope and new life. Please join us!

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Anne Mason: [amason@archbalt.org](mailto:amason@archbalt.org)

† **Religious Education News:**

- **APRIL CLASSES:**

- Mondays: 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesdays: 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

† **Sacramental Prep:**

- **First Communion Celebration:** The dates and times for practices are:
  - **May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Practice will be Thursday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>** @ 7PM in the church.
  - **May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Practice will be Thursday, **May 13<sup>th</sup>** @ 7PM in the church.
- **Family First Eucharist Day:**
  - ❖ April 17 @ 10am – Required for children celebrating First Communion. Bring your book – meet in the church!

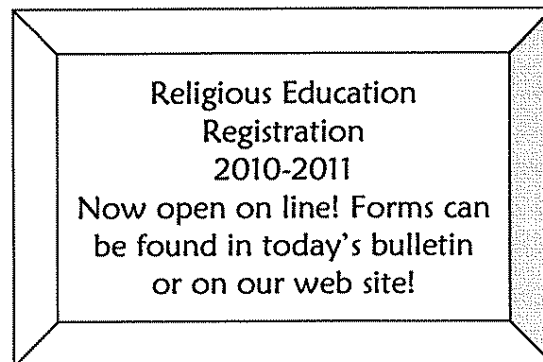
† **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sundays 9am Mass: Children (**Ages 5 - Grade 5**) are invited to participate in breaking open the Word each week.

† **VBS:** June 21-25 . . . Join us for "High Seas Expedition" . . . Registration now open – see parish web site for details.

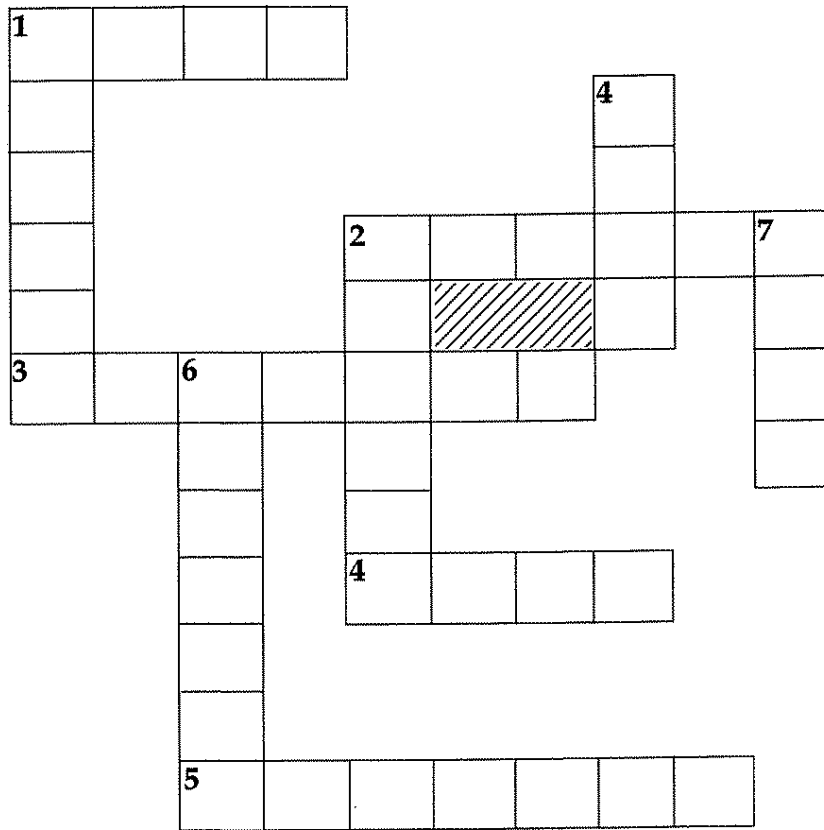
† **Project Haiti/Chile:** So far we have collected **\$243.80** – great job! We will continue to collect pennies for the earthquake victims in Haiti and Chile.

All Youth Ministry meets tonight.

- **High School Youth Day at the Mount!** Save The Date! Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> Watch for details to follow.
- **APEX concert for Middle School Youth** has been rescheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Timothy's from please mark your calendars for this fun filled event! Permission slips available at JR SPY this Sunday.
- **Middle School Fun Night** for all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders is May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at Mount St. Mary's. Watch for details. Permission slips available at JR SPY this Sunday.
- **Appalachia Workcamp** is July 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Cost to be determined. We will have fundraisers to help lower your cost.



# A CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR EASTER



**Across**

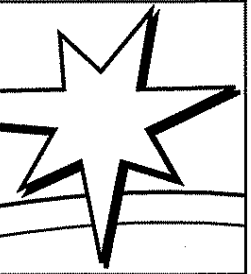
1. Common symbols of Easter.
2. Place we go to for Easter Mass.
3. All of nature has a \_\_\_\_\_ in spring.
4. Place where Jesus was buried.
5. The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on Easter Sunday.

**Down**

1. The feast celebrating Jesus' Resurrection.
2. The one who rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.
4. Name of the woman who went to the place where Jesus was buried.
6. During the Easter Vigil, we renew the promises of our \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Christ's Resurrection gives us \_\_\_\_\_ in new life.



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April 2010

## Saint Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Anne Marie Mason, Coordinator of Religious Education



### Thoughtful Moments

#### Giggly prayer

Formula prayers help children learn to pray but trying spontaneous prayer is important, too. Don't worry if they get a little silly the first few times. Suggest a few deep breaths and start again.

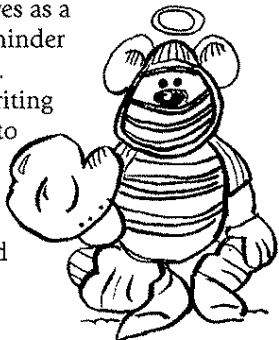


#### God's personal love

Each of us was made by a loving creator who knows and calls us by name. He knows how many hairs are on our heads and the concerns we hold deep in our hearts. No matter your child's IQ, athletic abilities, popularity, or the condition of his room, he has great value in God's eyes. Remind your child that God made him, knows him, and loves him for exactly who he is – even more than you do.

#### Love notes

It's one thing to talk with your child, but writing down your feelings serves as a tangible reminder of your love. Consider writing a love note to your child. It's something she will read again and again.



## Show children how faith is done

Sharing our Catholic faith with our children in even simple ways can have an amazing impact on their lives. Not only do we serve as spiritual role models, we demonstrate how they can incorporate their own faith into daily life.

**Blessings** - Tracing a cross on a child's forehead while saying a blessing is a great way to reassure them that God will watch over them even if you are not there. Consider giving a blessing before bedtime or before they leave for school.

**Prayer** - Pray together before meals, at bedtime and for special intentions like a big test or a sick friend.

**Symbols** - Hang up at least one

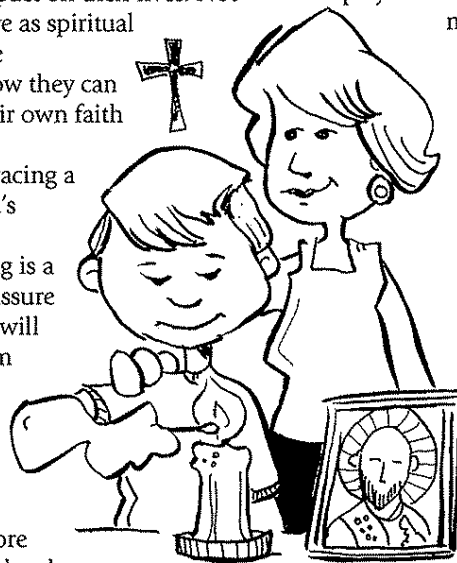
crucifix in your home. During Advent, put an Advent wreath on the table.

Display a nativity scene to show the real meaning of Christmas. For Lent, place purple in your home as a reminder to repent, a bowl to collect change for almsgiving, and a candle to symbolize baptism and rebirth.

**Pictures** - Remember the Holy Family is part of ours, as are the saints. Find a place to have images of them in your home.

**Actions** - Let your children "catch" you living your faith. Attend mass each week and holy day,

and go to Confession. When others are in need, reach out to them and find opportunities for your children to help as well.



### Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics believe in absolution?

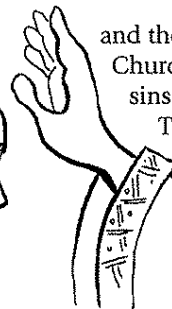
During his public ministry, Jesus not only forgave sins, he dined and consorted with the forgiven, thus drawing them back into the community from which their sins alienated them.

When we sin, we alienate ourselves from God



and the Church. Jesus gave the Church the power to pardon the sins of those who were penitent.

Through the priest during the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, God grants us "pardon and peace," absolves us of our sins, and welcomes us back.



## Is your child called to religious life?

When a child shows an inclination toward the priesthood or religious life, parents can be unsure what to do next. Try these ideas to help your child discern God's will for him or her:

**Serve at Mass** – Children can learn about Church service by serving during Mass. They can become altar servers or lectors, for example. Your pastor may have ideas about other appropriate opportunities.

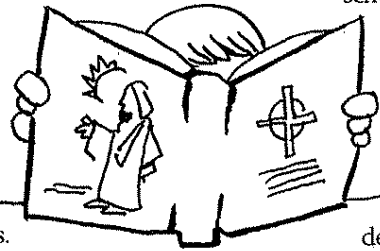
**Get active in the Church community** – Catholic schools do a great job of building community while

children are in the formative years. If your parish doesn't have a school, make religious education classes and church-based youth activities a priority.

**Pray about it** – God speaks to us in prayer. Pray together at home or in the real presence of Christ at church.

**Be informed** – Explore books about saints, priests and other religious. That's a great way to see that religious life can be both demanding and rewarding.

**Leave it in God's hands.** He ultimately chooses. Our job is to encourage, educate, and cooperate with his will.

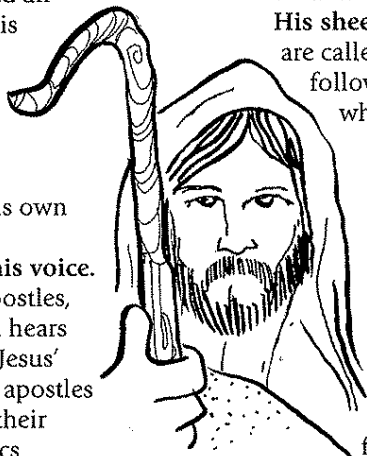


### Scripture LESSON

### John 10:27-30, Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

In the story of the sheep and the shepherd, Jesus used an image familiar to his listeners. Many depended upon sheep for their livelihood. Jesus described three characteristics of his own sheep.

**His sheep hear his voice.** Jesus said to his Apostles, "He who hears you hears me" (Luke 10:16). Jesus' voice passed to his apostles and from them to their successors. Catholics recognize Christ's voice in those of their pope and bishops. It will guide



them safely to the pastures of eternal life.

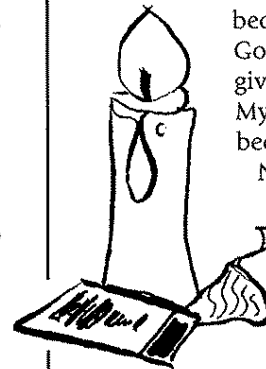
**His sheep follow him.** Catholics are called to follow Jesus. We follow out of love and we do what he asked us to do, including caring for the poor and vulnerable.

**His sheep will have eternal life.** Listening to his voice and following Jesus' commands will guide us safely to the pastures of eternal life.

**What can a parent do?** Help your children listen for Jesus' voice and follow him in the Church so they can enjoy eternal life with him.

### Parent TALK

Easter is our favorite holiday. I love it because it reminds me God is always willing to give me a second chance. My children love it because we make it fun.



New clothes signify our new life in Christ. Easter candy reminds us of the sweetness of God's love. And an Easter candle burns

all day to help us remember the light of truth that Jesus lived. It's a great day but all good things must come to an end.

Last year I realized that doesn't apply to Easter. Not only are the promises Easter brings always alive, "little Easter" comes every Sunday to remind us.

This year, our Easter candle will burn every Sunday. After Sunday Mass, we'll share a special Easter meal. I may even try to find Easter candy.

When it comes to the love of God, there's no such thing as too much of a good thing.

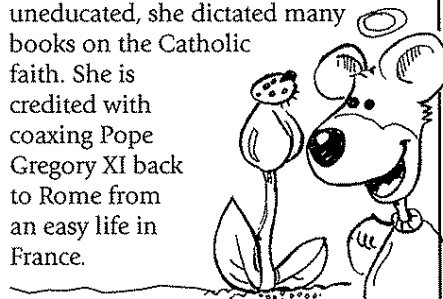
### Feasts & Celebrations

**April 4 – Easter Sunday.** The greatest feast in the Church calendar, Easter celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead. We prepare for it during Lent and Holy Week, and catechumens usually receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil.

**April 7 - St. John Baptist de la Salle (1719).** At a time when only the rich were educated, St. John devoted his life and fortune to educating the poor. He formed the Brothers of the Christian School, a successful community of

educators. Pope Pius XII named him the patron of school teachers.

**April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena (1380).** A mystic from a young age, St. Catherine had regular conversations with Jesus. At sixteen years old, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and served the poor. Although uneducated, she dictated many books on the Catholic faith. She is credited with coaxing Pope Gregory XI back to Rome from an easy life in France.



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## Faith Formation 2010-2011

Secretary for Religious Education: Stacy Johnston 301-898-5111 ext. 18 [sjohnston@archbalt.org](mailto:sjohnston@archbalt.org)

### Children's Faith Formation (Pre-K through Grade 5)

Coordinator of Religious Education: Anne Mason 301-898-5111 ext. 17 [amason@archbalt.org](mailto:amason@archbalt.org)

Classroom Model: "Celebrating the Lectionary" Includes materials

Fee Schedule:	\$70 (1 Child)	\$95 (2 Children)	\$110 (3 or more children)
Discount Fee:	\$60 ( 1 Child)	\$85 (2 Children)	\$100 (3 or more children)

(Mailed by July 9, 2010)

Cluster 1: Monday 5:00 – 6:15PM

Cluster 2: Monday 6:45 – 8:00 PM (No Pre-K offered during this session)

Cluster 3: Tuesday 6:15 – 7:30PM

Home Model (Cluster 4): Available for Grade 1 through Grade 5 Includes materials

Fee Schedule:	\$50 (1 Child)	\$70 (2 Children)	\$90 (3 or more children)
Discount Fee:	\$40 ( 1 Child)	\$60 (2 Children)	\$80 (3 or more children)

(Mailed by July 9, 2010)

Parents are required to attend a meeting (date TBD) to pick up materials and go over expectations of the program, if materials are not picked up by September 30<sup>th</sup> your child will be dropped from the program.

Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Communion: Eligible in Grade 2 (Must have completed Grade 1 religious education at St Peters or approved Archdiocesan School) Resource Fee of \$50 (includes both Reconciliation & First Communion \$25 each)

Attendance at Parents Sessions for both Reconciliation & First Communion (dates TBD) is mandatory – materials will be distributed and expectations of the programs will be discussed.

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### Youth Faith Formation (Grades 6 through Grade 12)

Fee Schedule:	\$70 (1 Child)	\$95 (2 Children)	\$110 (3 or more children)
Discount Fee:	\$60 ( 1 Child)	\$85 (2 Children)	\$100 (3 or more children)

(Mailed by July 9, 2010)

Grade 6 (JC's Gang): Meets on Sunday 7:00 – 8:30PM Downstairs in the Parish Center

Grade 7 & 8 (JR SPY): Meets on Sunday 7:00 – 8:30PM in the Parish Center

Grades 9-12 (SPY): Meets on Sunday 7:00 – 8:30PM in Sappington Hall

Sacrament of Confirmation: Eligible in Grade 10 (Must have completed Grade 9 religious education at St Peters or approved Archdiocesan School) Resource Fee of \$95

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### Adult Faith Formation

Coordinator of Adult Faith: Carolyn Nolan 301-898-5111 ext. 14 [cnolan@archbalt.org](mailto:cnolan@archbalt.org)

R.C.I.A. Resource Fee: \$50

\*\*Celebrating the Lectionary Resource Fee: \$20

\*\*\*"Celebrating the Lectionary" will meet on Monday & Tuesday evenings during our Children's Religious Education Sessions & is offered as a parent component. This is not a required component, however we highly recommend it as a way to model to your children your desire to continue your faith studies.

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### NOTES

- † Fees assist in covering the cost of materials & texts. The church does not charge for Sacraments. Please do not let fees deter you from registering your child. Call the office @ 301-898-5111 and we will work with you.
- † Children of catechists & aides are exempt from Religious Education Session fees (sacrament resource fees must be paid) as a courtesy for your assistance in the programs.

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR-** We will be needing flowers on a regular basis to beautify our church. To enable us to do this we are offering opportunities to honor special occasions for the living and deceased for \$80. Please call Lucia Kline 301-865-5243 or Mary Burr 410-861-6206 if you have questions or want to schedule a weekend. **Also**, any donations that one would like to contribute to the Flower Fund will go to the weekly beautification of our Church. All donations are appreciated.

**MEALS FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS:** If you are in need or if you know of anyone in need of temporary help with meals because of childbirth, illness, accident, surgery or an unexpected tragedy please call Rose Grimes 301-829-0901. Also, please call if you'd like your name added to our list of volunteers who prepare the meals.

**ANNUAL AUCTION:** When you are doing your Spring Cleaning, don't forget St. Peter's Annual Auction in August. We are now accepting donations.

**PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Please consider giving a weekly hour of your time to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, thanking Him for so many blessings, asking for the needs of our nation and the world. We have the 12 midnight-1:00am early Sunday morning and 3:00pm Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Please call Linda at 301-829-2888 or Diane 301-898-0833 to take an hour.

**PARISH NURSE NOTES:** The parish now has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). It will be installed in the Narthex. Please note its location in case an emergency occurs. We are offering a community CPR class Sat., Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-12N in Sappington Hall which will include adult and child CPR and AED procedure. This is an important skill to have! The class will be \$40, paid at time of class. Please call the parish office to register by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**FOUND:** Child's wallet found in church. Call to identify 301-898-5111.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13290: Membership –** New members: Mark Moran, Chris Johnson, Paul Rose, Jr., Will Barber, Art Maclarty, and transfer Andrew Frontz. Welcome to council 13290. **o Programs –** Thanks to those who helped at the Easter Egg Hunt. **o Meetings –** District meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Bruteq Council in Emmitsburg; Council Officer meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> in the Thrift Shop Office, 7:30pm. **o Degrees:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at St. Ignatius Council in Ijamsville on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Candidates arrive by 7pm. If interested in taking your 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, get in touch with DGK Mike Bir or GK Ed Kutlik. **Reflections:** Fr. McGivney's Pastoral Concern for: the poor, the orphan, the widow, the Christian Education of Youth, and for the protection of the faith of the working man. As followers of Fr. McGivney . **We Are Called To Serve+ become a Knight of Columbus.**

**Golf Tournament: Mark your calendar for Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.** The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Knights Charity Golf Tournament will take place at Maple Run Golf Tournament. Look for a registration and information flyer in up-coming parish bulletins.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CELEBRATES ORGAN DONOR MONTH:** Each organ and tissue donor saves or improves the lives of as many as 50 people. Giving the **Gift of Life+** may lighten the grief of the donor's own family. Many donor families say that knowing other lives have been saved helps them cope with their tragic loss. In 2002, my 16 year old daughter died unexpectedly and she was an organ and tissue donor; this helped my families grieving knowing that even in death her life

continues to thrive. Please stop by the Narthex after mass; this is a great opportunity to register your decision today and sign up to become an organ and tissue donor.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** During the month of February 2010, SVDP provided assistance to 2 family member with travel expenses, 5 family members with storage, 1 family member with employment, 63 with housing expenses, 30 with medical expenses, 20 with legal assistances, 4 with auto expenses, 119 with utilities for a total of 244 persons. Our clients and SVDP thank you for your generous contributions to the POOR FUND which made this assistance possible.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK -** Mary Unglesbee, Tom and Mary Ellen McKoy, Myrtle Carlin, Sandy McDermott, Judy Churco, Ann Fowler, Baby Hope, Joshua Wade, Marilyn Hall, Jarrett Martin, Heather Chisholm, Anna Heslin, James & Elizabeth Hood, Carmela Kaspersky, Marsha Lawn, Lydia Cook, Angie Moriarty, Andrea Ruseski, Patricia Huffer, Kim Wivell, Denise Ferguson, Bill Nathan, Alex Roche, Cecelia Ballenger, Bev Dean, John Grob, Maureen Case, Don Perno, Ann Willber, Carol Divver, Laura Musyt, Dr. Michelle Nanda, Eleanor Metzger, Elena Cunningham, Carol Shelton, Linda Seifert, Michael Marley, Ms. Musyt, Preston Skyback, Whitney Burgess **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.

**ST. JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL** Applications are now being accepted for Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2010-2011. See our website [www.sjrsc.org](http://www.sjrsc.org) for more info about our school. **Join us for a Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House on Tuesday, April 20, from 9-11am.** For more information call Admissions at 301-695-9358 or e-mail [jwright@sjrsc.org](mailto:jwright@sjrsc.org).

**WANTED:** Someone to carry on the A & B Religious Shop Ministry (McSherrystown, PA). A & B has just celebrated 30 years of service to the community. We (Anita & Bill) feel the time has come to allow someone else the joy of this much needed ministry. If you feel that this type of work and ministry is for you, please contact us for more details on how you can get started at 717-632-7828.

**MARRIED COUPLES RETREATS –** Join us for a Married Couples Retreat at Priestfield, WV on the weekend of April 30<sup>th</sup>. We have been running these retreats for over 35 years and the couples who attend come away feeling spiritually refreshed and enlightened. For more information call Elaine at 410-252-5355 or visit [www.marriedcouplesretreat.com](http://www.marriedcouplesretreat.com).

**PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT:** A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held June 25-27. The retreat is a confidential and emotionally safe environment for those struggling after abortion. Contact Project Rachel at 1-800-286-4224, or [projectrachel@archbalt.org](mailto:projectrachel@archbalt.org). Visit [www.project-rachel.net](http://www.project-rachel.net) or [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or call the toll-free national hotline, 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.

**VOX DOMINI CONCERT** at St. Mary's Seminary, Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. We will be hosting a concert performed by priests of the Archdiocese in order to raise money for a vocations program that brings high school students from Catholic high schools throughout the Archdiocese to visit the seminary for a day of discernment. Tickets for the concert \$25 each. Please contact seminarian Chad Zik at [czik@stmarys.edu](mailto:czik@stmarys.edu) or 240-401-3020 if you are interested.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your assistance 1 weekday every 4 weeks to work in the office from 9:30am-3:00pm to deal with people who are requesting our help. Training is required and provided. Call Ted Koss at 301-473-8914.