

ST. PETER'S PARISH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2010

			<u>MASSES</u>
MON	JAN 11	7:00pm	INT OF THELMA BALTZELL
TUE	JAN 12	8:00am	INT OF KATHY THIELEN
WED	JAN 13	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
THU	JAN 14	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
FRI	JAN 15	9:00am	ELANOR & MARION ARRIGO
SAT	JAN 16	8:00am	INT OF ESTER HEIDERMAN
		5:30pm	INT OF FR RAY HARRIS
SUN	JAN 17	7:15am	INT OF MARIANNE NASON
		9:00am	LEO CARLIN
		11:00am	INT OF ROYED KIM
		5:45pm	PARISHIONERS

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*COLLECTION	\$18,314.00	\$	18,399.95	2,493.00
*POOR BOX	\$ 721.00	\$	386.30	256.00
*CHURCH MORTGAGE MO.	\$		6,335.00	1,687.00
*CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	\$37,701.95			
*MARY MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY	\$1,607.95			

JANUARY 16 & 17

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>
JAN 16 5:30pm	J & M & P DuBOYCE	ROLFS & LAWRENCE
JAN 17 7:15am	HUTCHISON & LEE & ROSENBERG	JACKSON & GRIBEN
9:00am	HEILAND & A & B RICE	NAU & DeNARDIS
11:00am	L DIGREGORY & A & S SUPROCK	THOMPSON & GILL
5:45pm	J & P & T RUBELING	YOUTH

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

IS 42: 1-7; ACTS 10: 34-38; LK 3: 15-22

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

IS 62: 1-5; 1 COR 12: 4-11; JN 2: 1-11

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Rita Scaglione, wife of Emery Scaglione; Laura Ragan, mother of Lauren Oddo

EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet January 14th at 7:00pm in the basement meeting room of the REC. Please call Sandy Ballantine at 301-865-1542 or email at sanball@aol.com if you have questions or cannot attend.

THE SIGN OF PEACE: At the sign of peace we convey peace through Jesus Christ before we share Holy Communion. Remember that there is no single gesture required for this sign. Many people prefer to shake hands while others offer a simple bow. During this time of increased flu activity, please be guided by common sense. No matter the sign offered, the peace of the Lord be always with you+is appropriate along with the response %men+.

ON THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD WE BEGIN NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK.

Renew your baptismal commitment as you consider your call to serve God in your particular vocation. Hopefully some of you will hear a call to priesthood, diaconate or religious life and will be open to that possibility. If you would like to inquire further, please contact the Office of Vocations, Fr. Gerry Francik at 410-547-5426.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are in loving memory of Bill Oliver, joined in marriage with Pat on January 10, 1970

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER- We really need volunteers to help in expediting the removal of snow & ice from the parking lots and sidewalks, steps, etc. More people and a few hours of volunteering would go a long way toward reducing the incidence of injury because the paths could not be cleared sufficiently. We would like to create a Phone-Tree for this purpose for any future snows. Any help (and tools) will be greatly appreciated. I may even have coffee & cocoa ready for you! Please call 301-898-5111 x12 to volunteer for this important need. Fr. Jason

THE THRIFT SHOP is accepting donations again. We can use clean winter clothes especially mens and girls clothing and infants clothes. If at all possible hold your summer donations until March. Thank You!

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 still have the 12 midnight Monday into Tuesday and 4am early Saturday. Please call Linda at 301-829-2888 or Diane 301-898-0833 to take the hour.

Happy New Year to all of our Adoration families! Winter weather is always challenging, we normally follow school weather closings; however, one's own best judgment should always be considered.

BIRTHRIGHT THANKS EVERYONE for their generous Christmas donations! Many mothers and newborns will be helped because of St. Peter's families! God bless you!

SIGN-UPS FOR THE D.C. LIFE MARCH BUS for Friday, January 22nd will be in our church narthex this weekend and next. We have a coach bus which seats 56, cost will be \$8 at departure, leaving at 10am from the Parish Center parking lot. Please call Linda for info or to reserve a seat 301-829-2888.

THE LETTER TO SENATOR MIKULSKI inserted in this weeks bulletin about the Health Care Reform Bill can be signed and sent out. ALSO, Senator Cardin has the same address and the body of that letter can be copied and sent to him. Thanks!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
JANUARY 10, 2010

ADULT MINISTRY

Carolyn Nolan: cnolan@archbalt.org

THIS WEEK'S MARRIAGE TIP: Ask your spouse if there's one little annoying habit that he/she would like you to change about yourself. You don't HAVE to do it, but the best part of a New Year's resolution might be making an effort to please the one you love most.

Visit: www.foryourmarriage for you more ideas!

Baptism Prep Classes - meets on Tuesday, January 19th, & February 16th 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.)

ANNULMENTS – If you are interested in beginning the petition for an annulment, call Carolyn at 301-898-5111 for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Anne Mason: amason@archbalt.org

Important Dates:

JANUARY CLASSES:

- Mondays: 11th & 25th
- Tuesdays: 12th & 26th

Reconciliation:

Reconciliation Family Event: Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 10AM – 12noon.

Reconciliation Family Celebration: Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 23, 2010 @ 7PM.

First Eucharist:

Celebration: You may begin to call & schedule your child's First Eucharist beginning Monday, January 4th. The dates are Saturday, May 8th or May 15th @ 10:00AM. There will be NO individual celebrations this year. Everyone MUST participate in the group celebrations.

Parent Prep: Please remember to call & schedule attendance at one of the parent prep sessions on March 4th, 11th or 19th. There will be NO make-up sessions – you must attend one of the many scheduled sessions.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Harry Ford: hford@archbalt.org

JC's Gang and Jr.SPY meet Sunday night. SPY does not meet. All youth ministry meets on Jan.17th.

Registration for **Mount 2000** is closed.

Parents are reminded to pick up their teens from the **SPY retreat** at 1:30 PM.

SPY Core Team meets Thursday, Jan. 14th at 7PM in the Parish Office Building

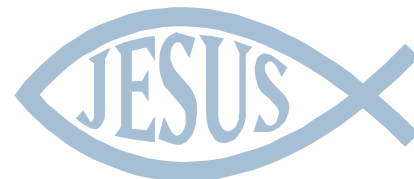
The Rally for Life Youth Mass will be on Thursday, Jan 21st at 7PM in the Church. Bishop Rozanski and Fr. Jason will be the celebrants. This is a great opportunity to witness our respect for life.

Confirmation program begins on Jan. 23rd. Please be sure that you are registered for the program so that you can receive information

Appalachia Workcamp is July 11th-17th. Cost to be determined. We will have fundraisers to help lower your cost.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

- * If Frederick County Public Schools **are closed** we **do not** have sessions for children or adults.
- * If FCPS **close early** we **do not** have sessions for children or adults.
- * **Youth Ministry** tune into WTTR and WFRE ó decisions will be made as early as possible.
- * Announcements will also be on radio stationsí WTTR and WFRE after 3PM Monday through Friday.



New Year's Resolutions for Couples

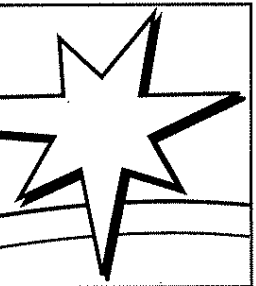


What can you do for your marriage in 2010? Try making a New Year's resolution to improve your relationship. Here are some ideas to get started:

1. Agree to go out for regular dates--weekly or, at least, monthly. See Weekly Dating Tips at: www.foryourmarriage.org/interior_template.asp?id=20399045
2. Would you like to improve your communication skills? Start by taking one or more of our Marriage Quizzes at:
http://www.foryourmarriage.org/interior_template.asp?id=20398978
3. Draw up your 2010 household budget together. Discuss spending priorities, including charitable donations. Before you start, read our article on Finances at: http://www.foryourmarriage.org/interior_template.asp?id=20398723
4. Set aside a regular time each week to pray together. If couple prayer seems awkward at first, read Who me, pray? With her? at:
http://www.foryourmarriage.org/interior_template.asp?id=20398843
5. Resolve to read at least one book on how to strengthen your relationship. Unsure where to start? Browse through the archived book reviews at:
http://www.foryourmarriage.org/interior_template.asp?id=20398910
6. Dust up your religious education. Read a brief summary of what the church teaches about marriage. Why is marriage a sacrament, as well as a vocation? What is marital spirituality? See About Catholic Marriage/Catholic Beliefs at: http://www.foryourmarriage.org/interior_template.asp?id=20398784
7. While it's important to strengthen the marriage relationship, marriage is also a sacrament of service, given not just for the couple's good, but for the good of their family, community, and the Church. Resolve to do at least one service activity this year, as a family or a couple. Perhaps it's bringing canned goods to the local food pantry on a regular basis or helping out with a parish fundraising project.

Article from: For Your Marriage – An Initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at <http://www.foryourmarriage.org/home.asp>

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

January 2010

Saint Peter the Apostle Church

Anne Marie Mason, Coordinator of Religious Education



Thoughtful Moments

Special Sacraments

Most Catholic adults remember their First Communion and First Confession with surprising clarity. If your child, or someone close to your family, is receiving these Sacraments for the first time this year, share your memories as testimony to how special these Sacraments are to every Catholic.



Responsibility

Allowing our children to handle some of their own age appropriate problems builds confidence and life skills. For example, if your child forgets to set the table for dinner, sit down to a bare table and let her scramble for plates. Making lessons memorable help them last.

Name of names

In January we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). In fact, the English letters IHS – representing the first three Greek letters in Jesus' name – used to be written over the doors of Christian homes.



6 ways to have a Happy New Year

A new year is a chance to embrace change and start new. This year, as you make your personal resolutions, why not also set goals for your family that will strengthen and nurture each member.

- 1. Eat healthier.** Medical journals report that nine million children in the United States are obese or overweight. This year, try to avoid serving junk or overly processed foods and sit down together to average sized portions of fresh, healthy foods.
- 2. Stay calm.** Words can heal or hurt. Resolve to avoid yelling and use only kind words.
- 3. Monitor input.** Children absorb what they see and hear. Restrict what

your child watches on TV or plays on the computer.

- 4. Keep moving.** Go on family walks, bike rides, or go roller blading together. Find fun ways to get family exercise and spend more time together.
- 5. Read together more.** Reading together at any age can increase attention span and provide time for closeness. Why not combine two great activities and read together from the Bible?
- 6. Seek the Sacraments.** Our souls need Sacraments the way our bodies need nourishment. Through the Sacraments Jesus instituted, the Holy Spirit dispenses a share of divine life with each encounter. Resolve to receive Confession regularly as a family and let nothing come between you and the Eucharist on Sunday.

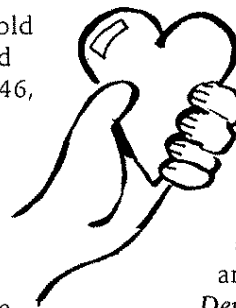


Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why do Catholics perform works of charity?

While on Earth, Jesus told us to care for the poor and needy. In Matthew 25:31-46, he said there is a great reward for obedience and a terrible punishment for neglect.

As a result, "The exercise of charity became established as one



of (the Church's) essential activities, along with the administration of the sacraments and the proclamation of the Word ... the Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word" (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*).

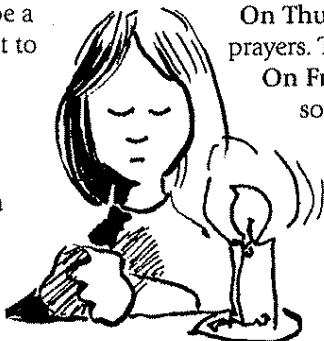
Make family prayer enjoyable

Gathering for family prayer doesn't have to be a chore. Try doing something different each night to keep it fun and fruitful. For example:

On Monday, sing your favorite hymns from Mass together. Let each person pick one.

On Tuesday, ask everyone to offer a prayer request that benefits someone else. Then pray a decade of the Rosary for all of the intentions.

On Wednesday, read together from Scripture. Pick a book, such as a gospel, and read a chapter each week. Then talk about what it means.



On Thursday, take a few minutes to write individual prayers. Then pass them around or read them out loud.

On Friday, light a candle and let each person share something good about the week. After each blessing, respond with praise such as, "For this, we thank our loving God."

On Saturday, review the Mass readings for the next day (find them at www.usccb.org) and talk about their meaning.

On Sunday, attend Mass as a family. It's the very best family prayer.

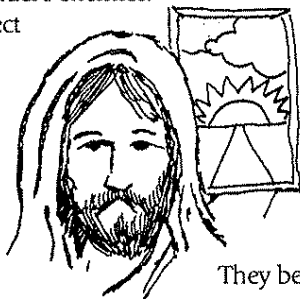
Scripture LESSON

**Luke 4:21-30,
Hear it, live it**

From the time God promised a Messiah, people imagined a marvelous king who would defeat Israel's enemies. They certainly didn't expect someone ordinary or someone they already knew.

Still, when Jesus' friends and neighbors heard what was said about his amazing deeds, they were ready to believe in him. They became excited when he read Isaiah's prophesy about the Messiah and announced that it was actually about him.

Then everything changed because Jesus had some hard messages for them. He warned that their expected blessings



wouldn't automatically come to them.

God's people have lost their chosen place in the past because they didn't listen to his prophets and change their ways. His friends became furious when Jesus mentioned God's grace to the Gentiles because the Israelites thought Gentiles were inferior to themselves.

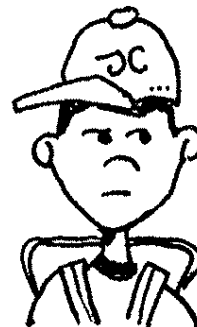
They became angry and threw Jesus out.

What can a parent do? Help children understand that although the truth isn't always easy to hear, there is no substitute for it. If we ignore the truth Jesus brought, the doors of Heaven may close to us forever.

Parent TALK

My family was all smiles as we walked

out of the baseball stadium. Having spent the day in the sunshine, eating all the popcorn, peanuts and hotdogs we could, there was little more to want.



That wasn't the case for a man sitting on the curb. He didn't speak, but

held a sign saying that he was jobless and hungry.

My Catholic faith has taught me to feed the hungry, so I told my son, Jacob, to reach into our backpack and give the man our unopened bag of peanuts because my hands were full. Jacob refused. He put his head down, kept walking, and said, "I'm too afraid." He didn't look back.

Jacob must have felt guilty because he mentioned the man in his prayers that night. Then I knew that while he may not have done the right thing this time, the seed I planted was starting to grow.

Feasts & Celebrations

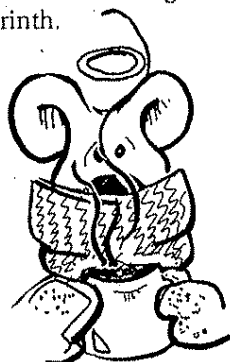
January 3 – Epiphany of Our Lord. We celebrate the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus. Epiphany is Greek for manifestation. When they honored the infant Jesus, the three wise men bore witness to the fulfillment of God's promise of a savior.

January 6 – St. John Neumann (1860). Born in what is now the Czech Republic, St. John Neumann became a priest at age 25 and traveled to New York. At 41, as bishop of Philadelphia, he reorganized the parochial school system and increased the number of

pupils almost twentyfold within a short time.

January 26 - Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st century). Timothy was a convert of Paul's and later became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth.

Titus was also a friend of Paul's who served the early Church as a peacemaker and as administrator to a community on Crete.



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PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will meet this Wednesday, January 13th, 7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13290: Council Business . Officers meeting at the Thrift Shop office at 7:30pm. • District meeting on Sat., Jan. 16th at 9:00am in Taneytown (11631). • The council store has sweat shirts, polo shirts, caps, hooded sweat shirts, vests, wind breaker jackets and lined jackets for purchase. They are on display at council business meetings. • March for Life on Friday, January, 22nd. • Join us in praying the rosary before Sunday Masses. • **Dance:** The next dance will be on Saturday, January 16th; the SWING will be featured as the lesson and will be followed by a 2 hour dance session. **Membership in the Knights of Columbus** . parish men, 18 years of age or older are encouraged to inquire about becoming a Knight. We are men of Faith choosing to serve our Church, our parish and our community by practicing our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We are men who pledge ourselves to a greater degree of practicing our Faith through prayer and through serving our parish and community as our time allows. **This is an invitation to become a Knight. For more information call past Grand Knight, Bob Droter, 301-865-4565. "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest Winners:** 1st . 3rd Graders: 1st Violet Moxley, 2nd Anna Lee & Grace Oetken, 3rd Tristan Galcik; 4th . 6th Graders: John Lindemon, 2nd Brianna Cacioppo, 3rd Elizabeth Lobello; 7th-8th Graders: 1st Mary Parsons, 2nd Elizabeth Parsons, 3rd Colleen O'Boyle. Congratulations to the winners and to all those that participated. Happy New Year from the Knights of St. Peter, Marty Nau, Chairman.

LAST CHANCE TO TRAVEL with Msgr. John Dietzenbach & Fr. Jerry Francik to Portugal and Spain this April, 2010! This 12 Day excursion is from Monday, April 19th to Friday, April 30th. The cost is \$2850 per person, to include all breakfasts, 7 dinners, all entrance fees, city taxes, etc., but does not include U.S. fuel surcharges, estimated at \$350-\$400. The cost of the trip will be due the middle of January. There are 6 seats still available. Call Laura at 301-898-5111 ext. 13 for details and more information.

THE DECEMBER GIFT CARD DRAWING WINNER is the St. Peter's Food Pantry. December gift card profit is \$896.41. Thank you to all who support this program.

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.

PARISH NURSE NOTES: January is National Birth Defects Prevention Month. One of the ways that you can help prevent some birth defects is by being your healthiest if you are considering having a child. This means always being mindful of what you eat and drink, considering changing those unhealthy habits like smoking and exercising regularly. One of the newest concerns is the hidden chemicals in the containers we use for food. Check those water and juice bottles. Are they BPA free? An easy way to know is if they are a ♻️ or ♻️+ recyclable, they are BPA free! Who would have thought hand-washing would make for a healthier baby? There is new evidence that the electronic receipts from the store . the cash register receipts have BPA on the paper. Wash your hands after you get home, this will take care of the germs and BPA you may have encountered. Simple ways to help have a

healthier Mom and baby. God Bless! Parish Nurse, Marybeth Terrell

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK - Mary Unglesbee, Tom and Mary Ellen McKoy, Deacon Mike Misulia, Ed Sadler, Myrtle Carlin, Sandy McDermott, Judy Churco, Ann Fowler, Baby Hope, Joshua Wade, Marilyn Hall, Jarrett Martin, Heather Chisholm, Anna Heslin, James & Elizabeth Hood, Keith Radtke, Timmy Myers, Elyse Weber, Cheri Riley, Carmela Kaspersky, Marsha Lawn, Gennaro Rucci, Jr., Ester Ragusa, Jacqueline Feuz, Charles Guarnieri, Mary Agnes Naill, Lydia Cook, Gabrielle Smelzer, Thomas Kleinschnitz, Faye Avery, Mike D'Amico, Andrew Illig, Cheryl & Helen Pohlit , Maureen Marley, Bill Lebherz, Neveah Wells, , Janet Bronder, Baby Stack, Shirley Ingraham, Preston Scibek, Bert Morley, Elizabeth Ann Mason, Regina Moran, Mary Smith, Dina Strauss, Carla Carlson, Anne Beach, Linda Seifert, Kim Wivell, Denise Ferguson, Janet Mulvey, John McLaughlin
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-8th grade for the 2010-2011. See our website www.sjrccs.org for more info about our school or call Admissions at 301-695-9358 to schedule a private tour. Tours are conducted daily from 9-11am. The next **Open House** will be held Thursday, Feb. 4th from 9am-1pm. Catholic Schools %dividends for Life,+ will be the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2010. The celebration begins on January 30th with a concert and performances at FSK Mall and continues through February 5th. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins about the exciting activities planned at SJRCS. **Story-time Tots** will be held Monday, January 25th at 8:45am at the school. Please call Jean Wright for more information at 301-695-9358 or jwright@sjrccs.org to reserve a spot.

FOOD OUTREACH – Angel Food Ministries is an innovative food outreach program active in Frederick County. Quality food at reduced prices . delivered to your homes or to a local distribution point . is a way to reduce the burden on families going through hard times. Dan Wagner will have Food Menus and price list available for review starting in February. Contact Dan Wagner at 301-631-6835 if you want assistance to place your food order for you or the entire family at reduced cost. This is a great way to assist families through cost savings and quality meals. More info at www.angelfoodministries.org

HANDEL CHOIR BENEFIT CONCERT in honor of Bishop Frank Murphy will be held on Sunday, January 31st at 4:00pm at St. Mary of the Assumption, 5502 York Rd., Baltimore. A reception in the church hall follows. Tickets are \$30 for premier seating and \$25 for general seating. All proceeds benefit the Murphy Initiative for Justice and Peace. For tickets and more information contact Dick Ullrich at 410-319-9472 or ullzink@comcast.net.

BOY SCOUTS INTERFAITH SERVICE: To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and to highlight scouting's ideals of %Duty to God+ and %Reverence+, the Interfaith Committee of the Baltimore Area Council will conduct a Council-wide Interfaith Service on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St., in Baltimore. The service will begin at 3:00pm. For more information, please contact Event Chairman, Deacon Charlie Hiebler at 410-547-5456 or chiebler@archbalt.org.