

ST. PETER'S PARISH

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

JANUARY 15th, 2012

MASSES

MON	JAN 16	7:00 pm	INT OF MARIE HALL			
TUE	JAN 17	8:00 am	EDITH HEIDERMAN			
WED	JAN 18	8:00 am	PARSHIONERS			
THU	JAN 19	8:00 am	No Mass or Communion Service			
FRI	JAN 20	9:00 am	ZACHARY WARFIELD			
SAT	JAN 21	8:00 am	JOSEPH ROMANO			
		5:30 pm	HERESA LYNCH LAWRENCE & MARY LYNCH WOSTENEY	GOAL	COLLECTION	& EFT FIG
SUN	JAN 22	7:15 am	ANDREW WR LAWLOR	\$17,931.00	\$16290.45	\$4,230.00
		9:00 am	GLADYS BAUMGARDNER	COLLECTION	\$ 833.34	\$ 467.15
		11:30 am	MARY JANE SHIPE	POOR BOX	\$ 833.34	\$ 235.75
				CHURCH MORTGAGE MO (AS OF 1/8/12)	\$ 6574.40	\$1,710.00

 JANUARY 21ST & 22ND

	<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>
JAN 21	5:30 pm	A & N HARLEY & PLAYER	OLIVER & DUBOYCE
JAN 22	7:15 am	BUCHHEIT, GILL & SMELLER	GRIBEN & JACKSON
	9:00 am	B, G & M MOCHI	VAUGHAN & PUGH
	11:30 am	DIGREGORY, ROSENBERG & WROTEN	THOMPSON & BALLANTINE

THERE WILL BE NEITHER a Communion Service nor Mass on Thursday, January 19th.

NEXT WEEKEND the second collection will be for Archdiocesan Priests' Extraordinary Health Care

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19, 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1:35-42 (65)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20 (68)

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will meet this Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel

WE PRAY IN HOPE that God's healing power may touch those who are sick, especially Joe Wirfs, Richard Ellis, Ellen Burns, Norman Avery, Joshua Wade, Marilyn Hall, Herb Worley, James C Brennan, Len Bainbridge, Rob Player, Ann Fowler, Dottie Dayton, Sean Mulvey, Susan D Aud, Susan K Aud, Carole Barber, Joseph Gruodis, Jean Harley, Carole Schaub, Donald DeRidder, Andrew Kearney, John Nau, Jess Gold, Debbie Lutman, Fr. Ray Harris, Karen Misorek, Andrew Lee, Alice Insehner, Donald Gordon, Richard Mills, Daniel Nisonger, Jerry Beller, David Foster, Cameron Foster

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 emailing or calling the Parish Office.

***Anyone wishing to receive Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick please call the Parish Office.

FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED: Dependable and reliable men and women needed to help in the Food Pantry one hour per week from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm every Friday. If you can help, please call the parish office at 301-898-5111

DAY OF REFLECTION: All Liturgical Ministers (Altar servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans, Ushers, Greeters, and Crossing Guards) are being asked to attend a "Day of Reflection" to be held on Sat., Feb. 4th. The day will begin with Mass at 8:00 am, followed by scripture readings & talks, discussions about our liturgical ministries and their roles in our church now and into the future, and Adoration & Benediction. The day should conclude at 12:00 pm and both Deacons John and Jerry will lead our reflections & prayers. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this very important liturgical session.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Come Let us Adore Him! What a nice beginning for the New Year, a visit to our Eucharistic Chapel, 9 am- 7 pm daily! We need a person to alternate midnight, Monday into Tuesdays. Please call Linda (301-829-2888) or Diane (301-898-0833).

DC MARCH FOR LIFE BUS: Monday, Jan 23rd, 10 am thru 6 pm. Meet at Sappington Hall at 9:30 am. We will attend 11:30 am Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and then go to the march. We will leave for home at 4 pm. Please bring a bag lunch, a drink, and dress for the weather. Cost is \$5 per person, \$30 for families of 6 or more. Sign-ups in Nartex this weekend--there are still seats available on the bus! Call Linda at 301-829-2888 for info or to reserve a seat.

BLOODMOBILE: Tuesday, January 24th at the Libertytown Fire Hall from 3pm to 8pm. Call Jackie at 301-829-0344 to schedule your donation. St. Peter's Blood Drives this year are all on Thursdays in Sappington Hall, i.e. March 29, June 7 & November 1. Thanks for your generous giving of the gift of life!

BABY CRIB needed for Gabriel Network mom. Please call Catharine Martin 301-865-9089 if you can donate.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
January 15, 2012



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
George Brunner:
gbrunner@stpeter-libertytown.org

JANUARY CLASSES:

January 22nd & 29th (No Class on January 15th (MLK))

SACRAMENTAL PREP 2011/2012

- First Eucharist Preparation Meetings & Workshops for **Parent & Child!**
March 3rd: Saturday Workshop Experience from 9AM-Noon. **(For Parent & Child)**
March 6th: Tuesday from 7:00-8:15PM . . . **(For Parent & Child)**
March 13th: Tuesday from 7:00-8:15PM . . . **(For Parent & Child)**
Parents will go over guidelines and procedure for First Communion.

All meetings are required per Archdiocese of Baltimore Sacramental Guidelines and both parent & child need to be present at the meeting.

NEW THIS LENT - ST PETER'S LENTEN

REFLECTION BOOKLETS: A fun activity for the entire family. Each family will have an opportunity to write a reflection on a daily Lenten reading, just one piece of the puzzle. To complete the puzzle, the reflections will be compiled into one booklet for distribution to all religious education families. Please check your email for more information!!!

ADULT MINISTRY

Carolyn Nolan: cnolan@stpeter-libertytown.org

Marriage Tip: "It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized..." (Mk 1:9) How much do you know about your beloved's early life (birth place, religious rituals, family traditions)? Even if it's old news, reminisce or share the history with your kids.

Visit: www.foryourmarriage.org

Baptism Prep Classes - meets on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 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.)

Celebrating the Lectionary - We will gather to study and reflect upon each Sunday's readings and how they can apply to our lives. Classes began on January 8th & run concurrent with Children's Religious Education & meets in the Birch Library. Registration is now open-contact Carolyn Nolan. Cost is \$20.



YOUTH MINISTRY
Kenn DeMoll: kdemoll@stpeter-libertytown.org



Reminder there will be NO YOUTH MINISTRY this weekend, January 15th (Happy MLK Day!)

EDGE: Welcome to the Party (Education: Introduction to the Sacraments): January 22nd:

LIFE TEEN: January 22nd: March 4 Life Lock-In - Time TBD / January 23rd: March 4 Life

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT MASS & CONSULTATION

With **Bishop Mitchel Rozanski**

WHEN

Sunday, Jan. 29th

4:30 - 7:30pm

WHERE

Basilica of Baltimore

409 Cathedral Street
Baltimore, MD

**Please join us for a very special
consultation! Food will be provided!**

Currently there is a Parish Planning Initiative occurring in the Archdiocese. *Building Up the Body of Christ*, will assist both parishes and the Archdiocese in planning for the future.

The office of Research and Planning is conducting a listening session after mass.

Across the street from the Basilica at the Catholic Center

Brought to you by the Archdiocese of Baltimore Young Adult Council



Introduction

Many years ago, a young family was compelled to travel, with uncertain transportation, to a city some distance away, to fulfill a civic duty. They were newly-weds – she was a teenager and was pregnant, but not with his child. Despite their challenging circumstances, her husband lovingly and faithfully embraced his wife and the expected child. When they arrived at their destination, they were not able to obtain lodging in the bustling city; no one would give housing to the girl who was clearly on the verge of childbirth. Eventually, they found a barn where she gave birth to her baby, a boy. Because of violence brewing in their hometown, prompted by political unrest, the young family fled shortly after the child's birth to another country to wait out the danger.

We are all familiar with the story of the Holy Family; perhaps too familiar. Although we hear this Gospel story every year, do we forget that this scenario is played out over and over, every day, in the lives of millions of people? It is now that we must ask ourselves: Like the innkeeper who failed to recognize Christ, are we failing to recognize Christ in our neighbor in need?

The Grim Statistics

Maryland is one of the wealthiest states in the nation, and yet Marylanders are struggling in ways not seen in decades to find employment, to secure housing and to feed their families.

While the recession may technically be over, unprecedented poverty, hunger and unemployment persist. Census estimates show that, in Baltimore alone, one in four residents lives in poverty – a 20 percent increase over one year.¹ One out of every five Maryland households with children reported not having enough money to feed themselves or their families at times during the 2009-10 period.² Nearly 700,000 Maryland families receive food assistance through the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as food stamps) – more than the entire population of the city of Baltimore.³ Further, more than 10,000 Marylanders are experiencing homelessness according to 2010 estimates.⁴

Thousands of our brothers and sisters who are homeless experience the daily reality of a life in crisis: not sure from where their next meal will come, not knowing when their next storm will hit, and desperately hoping to find housing or shelter by the time winter arrives. Even families who have housing live paycheck-to-paycheck, knowing that any one unexpected event – a small emergency repair, a health crisis or a car accident – could bring economic disaster.

Love through Justice

As Catholics, we encounter Christ Himself in the Eucharist – the physical Christ, just as present and real as the Christ Child in the arms of His mother. We also encounter Christ in our interactions with others. Just as we show our love for Him by spending time with Him and giving ourselves to Him,

WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY? A STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS OF MARYLAND JANUARY 2012

so too must we spend time and give of ourselves to those in need. As Christ constantly calls us to remember, “[A]men, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (*Matthew 25:40*)

Loving those among us who are struggling, poor, unemployed or homeless is not merely something that we do out of the goodness of our own hearts. Rather, it is an obligation and a requirement of true justice. Love, which we understand to be the very definition of Christian charity, is the justice that we owe to those struggling during these difficult economic times. In fact, the whole of our duty and responsibility as Catholics can be reduced to the one word – love.

To administer love through justice, we as Catholics and citizens of Maryland can give of our time, resources and voices by volunteering at soup kitchens, donating food to local food banks, contributing our monetary resources when possible to parishes, faith groups and charities that work to empower those who are suffering and participating in countless other ways to serve the needs of the poor.

The concept of subsidiarity – the principle of Catholic social teaching that individuals bear primary responsibility for attending to duties they can perform themselves – instructs that we cannot wash our hands of the work of caring for the poor by simply asking the government to do it. However, the government has a crucial role to play; and part of our responsibility is to be sure that our leaders take action when they must.

Outreach through Catholic Parishes and Institutions

Maryland's Catholic community, through the work of its parishes and institutions, has taken seriously its responsibility to empower and uplift those in need, and through its parishes and institutions comprises the state's largest non-governmental provider of social services.

Catholic Charities of Baltimore serves 160,000 individuals and families each year, and over the last four years, the agency has seen unprecedented need. For instance, there has been a 41 percent increase in meals served from 248,000 in fiscal year 2007 to 349,000 in fiscal year 2011. Catholic Charities of Washington, which serves Washington, the Maryland suburbs of D.C. and counties in Southern Maryland, provided services last year to more than 105,000 persons at 77 programs in 53 locations. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington served a record-breaking 120,000 individuals and families in the State of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore in fiscal year 2011. From January through June 2010, the agency fielded 31,833 calls for help with basic needs alone.

Maryland's six Catholic hospitals provide generous outreach to those in need of healthcare, which includes more than \$62 million in charity care to the uninsured and underinsured as part of the total \$155 million they provide in community benefit funding.⁵ Hundreds of other Catholic agencies and parishes continue to work to provide food, shelter, clothing and other basic necessities to those in need.

The Role of Government

However, as private citizens, community members and parishioners, we have only a limited capacity to meet the needs of those who are poor, hungry, homeless and vulnerable. Thus, our Catholic duty requires that we, as citizens of Maryland, make a public call to our local, state and federal governments to urge them to make decisions, pass legislation and appropriate public money in a manner that is charitable, just and reflective of our shared human dignity. This is not to ignore a serious fiscal crisis faced by many local, state and federal government agencies. It is most unfortunate, however, that too often the poorest in our midst are the first to experience severe effects of such government crises.

Along with offering relief for the poor, governments at every level must take greater steps to ensure that economic and tax structures enable small business owners and others to create the jobs and increase employment opportunities so necessary to providing independence to individuals and families.

Maryland's state administrators and members of the General Assembly have a moral obligation to act justly by enacting laws, appropriating funds and executing policies in a manner that uplifts the most vulnerable. As constituents, we should encourage the women and men we elect to make decisions that reflect moral principles, especially concerning housing, hunger, medical needs and employment.

As Catholics, we must urge our lawmakers to apply the principles of justice and respect for human dignity to their moral considerations about how the state prioritizes public spending. As many faith groups have echoed

nationwide during these challenging times, we Catholics also remind the Maryland General Assembly that the budget is a moral document that reflects the public's priorities. Public policy makers should make decisions that reflect a love of preference for the poor and thus should first consider how a policy affects the poor.

We encourage the Governor to propose and the General Assembly to enact a state budget that provides sufficient funding for social safety net programs for the poor and vulnerable, particularly families with children and persons with disabilities. These social safety net programs are important mechanisms for maintaining a civil society in which the vulnerable are included, cared for and loved.

So, too, the needs of the poor also require that state policymakers work to ensure adequate and affordable housing, especially in light of record foreclosures and skyrocketing homelessness. As Catholics, we are reminded that housing is a basic human right. Homelessness cannot be ignored. Housing should be made accessible to all, including those who use rental assistance and federal housing vouchers to afford housing. Unjust discrimination against these individuals – single adults, retirees, struggling families, returning veterans and persons with disabilities – creates an economic subclass of citizens who do not have equal access to housing simply because they are poor.

Call to Action

In this time of great need, we call the Catholic faithful, priests and religious, our parishes and lay faith groups, our state government and all Marylanders to provide increased time, support and resources to help the poor, to recognize the divine within them and to build a society that reflects our shared hu-

man dignity. As Catholics we are called to daily integrate our faith with our everyday world. We are called to a place where divine faith meets social action:

“The development of peoples depends, above all, on a recognition that the human race is a single family working together in true communion, not simply a group of subjects who happen to live side by side.” (Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*)

We must all do our part and put our faith into action, remembering that we meet Christ in each encounter we have with the poor.



Donald Cardinal Wuerl
Archbishop of Washington



Most Rev. Edwin F. O'Brien
Apostolic Administrator
Archdiocese of Baltimore



Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly
Bishop of Wilmington

¹ Steve Kilar, *I in 4 Baltimore residents living in poverty*, The Baltimore Sun (Sept. 22, 2011).

² Maryland Hunger Solutions, *New Data Show One in Eight Maryland Households Struggling with Hunger* (Sept. 7, 2011).

³ Maryland Budget and Tax Policy Institute, *New Figures Show Number of Recipients in Maryland's Food Supplement*

Maryland Catholic Conference suggestions for concrete ways to take action:

- Stay informed on proposals that target poverty issues, and contact your lawmakers. Visit www.mdccathcon.org, and click on “Catholic Advocacy Network” to receive email updates.
- Contribute your time, talent and resources by contacting the Catholic Charities in your diocese:
 - o **Archdiocese of Baltimore:**
www.cc-md.org
410-547-5553
volunteer@cc-md.org
 - o **Archdiocese of Washington:**
www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer
www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/donate
202-772-4394
 - o **Diocese of Wilmington:**
www.cdow.org/charities.html
410a-651-9608
877-225-7870
(24-hour Pregnancy Counseling Hotline)
director@ccwilm.org
- Attend Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis on Monday, February 20, 2012, and urge state lawmakers to support just legislation impacting the less fortunate. Visit www.mdccathcon.org or call 410-269-1155/301-261-1979 to register.
- Participate in activities organized by the U.S. Bishops during their Poverty in America Awareness Month in January. Learn more at usccb.org.

Program Now Exceeds the Population of Baltimore City (Sept. 22, 2011).

⁴ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, *HUD's 2010 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations*.

⁵ *Maryland Hospital Community Benefits Report FY 2010* (June 2011).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PARTICIPANTS AND SUPPORTERS:

Please join us for our new monthly one hour prayer vigil at the Abortion Clinic on Tollhouse Ave in Frederick, Every 1st Sat of the month from 9 am-10 am, for Rosary and prayer for the unborn. The next time will be Saturday, February 4th at 9 am. Call Catharine Martin at 301-865-9089 with any questions.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROSARY CRUSADE: We warmly invite you to join us in heartfelt prayer and beautiful sacred music at our monthly Rosary Crusade, **Sat., Jan 21, 2012 from 1:00-2:00 pm**, at the Gazebo in Baker Park, right off West 2nd Street near the Band Shell in Frederick, MD. Bring your family, (lawn chairs) and invite others to pray with us! Come, rain or shine! Questions: call Pat Oliver at 301-845-8253. Next Rosary Crusade, Feb. 11, 2012, at 1:00pm, at the Gazebo. "Everything begins with prayer." Mother Teresa

SUPPORT GROUPS AT THE COUNSELING CENTER AT STELLA MARIS: The Counseling Center at Stella Maris, 2300 Dulaney Valley Road, Timonium, is offering the following support groups. Registration required prior to start dates - call 410-252-4500, extension 7291.

- Loss of a Loved One (Parent/Sibling) Tuesday, January 17th or Tuesday, March 13th, 2012, 7-8:30 p.m. Each is a consecutive six week program for \$120.
- Loss of Spouse or Significant Other, Tuesday, January 17th or Tuesday, March 13th, 2012 7-8:30 p.m. Each is a consecutive six week program for \$120.
- Loss of a Child, Wednesday, January 18th, 2012. Please call 410-252-4500, extension 7291, to inquire.
- Sudden Loss, Thursday, January 19th, 2012. Please call 410-252-4500, extension 7291 to inquire.
- Child & Teen Groups – Bereavement Day Camp, Saturday, March 10th, 2012 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Program cost \$140 for one child and \$80 for each additional child. A \$70 deposit is required at time of registration.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: All married couples are cordially invited to join Archbishop Edwin O'Brien for the special World Marriage Day Mass and Reception at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles Street (not the Basilica downtown), on February 12th, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couples & Precana Team Couples are invited to attend and be recognized by the Archbishop.

SEEKING OUR LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE: Our parish is participating in Worldwide Marriage Encounter's search for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. **One nominee** from each parish will be honored during a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Edwin O'Brien. Please call the Parish Office if you have been married at least 50 years no later than Jan 24, 2012.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Often we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find it is when we look for ways to make others happy that we truly become happy. As you place your gift in the poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust. Volunteers who offer confidential assistance and referrals to social services are also needed. 301-662-4676

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: We are forming a committee to generate and maintain communications for St. Peter's. Would you be willing to share your talents for writing or web design with the church? Please join the Communications Committee! Please contact Kelly McGuire

(202) 210-4575, mickeyquire@gmail.com or Robyn Jacobs (301) 471-3533, bsketlady@comcast.net

SOUND PERSON NEEDED: Have you ever thought about helping out the music ministry in ways other than singing or playing an instrument? The Youth Band, who plays primarily at the 11:30 Mass most Sundays, is in need of another person to help set up & put away the band's sound equipment before & after Mass and to monitor and maintain the sound during Mass. You will be trained and will NOT necessarily need to do this ministry every Sunday. If interested in this volunteer service and at least 15 years old, please contact Sherri Slattery at 301-898-5111.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13290: The council welcomed new member Bill Hall, 1st degree on 1/3/12... Please render your council dues this month...**Programs** - Please respond to the "help needed" chart for the family dances...**Meetings** -Council Business Meeting, Tuesday the 17th, 7:30 pm, SH...Ladies Auxiliary, Thursday the 19th at 7 pm, SH...**SpotLite** - As we move forward this new year, please consider becoming more active and/or become a co-chairman of one of our six activity areas. It is the only way to fully experience our principle of fraternity.

PARISH NURSE NOTES: *"The bed is too short to stretch out on, the blanket too narrow to wrap around you."* Isaiah 28:20 Whether related to stress, illness, or just a long day, people often have difficulty falling asleep. Establish a bedtime routine that prepares you and your mind for sleep. The room should be dark, a comfortable temperature, and quiet to allow the mind to relax. A light snack of carbohydrates (yogurt, apple, cheese, or granola) before bed may help you sleep but heavy spicy foods, alcohol, or caffeine will keep you awake. Remember a bedtime prayer for additional comfort and relaxation. What is your routine? Marybeth Terrell, mbt9507@verizon.net

CATHOLIC CRUISE TO THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN: Come and sail away on a 7 night Catholic Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Fr. John Murphy on March 25th thru April 1st on the Carnival Pride out of Baltimore. Ports of Call are Port Canaveral (Orland), Nassau (Bahamas), and Freeport (Bahamas). For further info contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or email at dpayttc@aol.com

ST JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: **Now accepting applications** for 2012/2013 school year for Pre-K 3 through 7th grade...***New bus service** to Jefferson, Brunswick, Middletown, Charles Town and Harpers Ferry...**Catholic Schools Week** - In two weeks, we'll begin our annual Catholic schools observance of what makes Catholic schools stand out from other educational options. See next week's bulletin for the schedule of events or visit www.sjrsc.org. To volunteer to help with the festivities, please contact Sheila Evers at 301-334-6277 or severs@sjrsc.org. Our open house will be held on Wednesday, February 1st from 9 am to 1 pm. We invite prospective families, local businesses, and the greater community, to see the benefits of a Catholic Education in the Frederick area.

ST. THOMAS MORE ACADEMY: PreK3 to 8th grade Catholic Elementary school in Frederick/Buckeystown. Small Classes, Classical Education – Accepting applications for all grades – Call for a tour 301-874-9014. **Bingo** every Friday and Saturday night. Doors open at 5pm, bingo starts 7 pm.