

ST. PETER'S PARISH

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2010

			<u>MASSES</u>
MON	DEC 27	7:00pm	FLOWER MEMORIAL
TUE	DEC 28	8:00am	FLOWER MEMORIAL
WED	DEC 29	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
THU	DEC 30	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
FRI	DEC 31	9:00am	FLOWER MEMORIAL
SAT	JAN 1	10:00am	FLOWER MEMORIAL
		5:30pm	FLOWER MEMORIAL
SUN	JAN 2	7:15am	PARISHIONERS
		9:00am	FLOWER MEMORIAL
		11:00am	FLOWER MEMORIAL
		5:45pm	FLOWER MEMORIAL

			<u>GOAL COLLECTION & EFT FIG</u>
*COLLECTION	\$18,314.00	\$13,064.95	\$2,493.00
*POOR BOX	\$ 721.00	\$ 372.00	
*CHURCH MORTGAGE MO.	\$ 7,372.00	\$1,687.00	
*CATHOLIC SCHOOL ED	\$1,182.50		

JANUARY 1 & 2

		<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>
JAN 1	10:00am		ROSENBERG & A & S SUPROCK
	5:30pm		J & M & P DuBOYCE
JAN 2	7:15am		BUCHHEIT & A & K RILEY
	9:00am		A & N HARTLEY & HUTCHINSON
	11:00am		DIGREGORY & GORDON & N MOXLEY
	5:45pm		C & G & L MOCHI

<u>LECTOR</u>
GAUDLIP & LAWN
LEVASSEUR & LAWRENCE
GRIBEN & JACKSON
PUGH & KLINE
MOXLEY & SIMONS
YOUTH

BLESSINGS TO ALL IN THE NEW YEAR

NO MASS Sunday evening, December 26th at 5:45pm.

MASS - THE FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD January 1st will be at 10:00am on Saturday.

PARISH OFFICES will be closed New Years Eve, Friday, December 31st.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

SIR 3: 2-14; COL 3: 12-17; MT 2: 13-23

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

IS 60: 1-6; EPH 3: 2-6; MT 2: 1-12

CALLING ALL SCOUTS: We would like to have Boy Scouts, Cub scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies, and their Adult Leaders participate as Altar Servers, Ushers, etc. at this years Scout Sunday Mass being held February 6th at 9:00am. Fr. Jason will be presenting the Religious Emblems at the Scout Sunday Mass. Please contact John Dirndorfer at 410-868-6336 or jdirndorfer@trafficgroup.com.

FRONT OFFICE VOLUNTEER SUBSTITUTES NEEDED for any day of the week, morning 9am-1pm or afternoon 1-5pm. (make your own schedule, when you are available for what day or days, morning or afternoon). You could be called on only when our regular Receptionist is unable to come in. If interested call the Parish Office 301-898-5111.

NO GIFT CARD SALES this weekend, December 25th & 26th.

THE BIRTHRIGHT GIVING TREE Unwrapped gifts – please return them next weekend – January 1-2, for the needs of area moms in crisis pregnancies. Thanks so much for your generosity!

THE THRIFT SHOP is not accepting donations except for winter clothing until after Christmas and NO household items. (ONLY WINTER CLOTHING ACCEPTED) Please do not leave items outside building if shed is full. Thank you!

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.

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will NOT meet till after the holidays. Our next meeting will be January 5th, 2011.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Christ our Savior is born! Come Let us adore Him in His Blessed Sacrament, God with us, Immanuel! All are invited to visit Jesus in His Sacramental Presence between 9am – 7pm daily in our Eucharistic Chapel! With the ever present need for prayer in our lives and our world, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration offers special and real time with Jesus! We need people for these hours weekly: **alternate Sunday at midnight into Monday.** Please call Linda 301-829-2888 or Diane 301-898-0833 to take an hour, to sub or for more information. We especially need late night subs.

BUS FOR THE D.C. MARCH FOR LIFE is Monday, January 24th, 2011. We will be taking sign-ups immediately after the holidays, starting January 8/9.

HEALING PRAYER TEAM – Whether it is spiritual, physical or emotional, we all have times we need to ask the Lord to bring us to wholeness. St. Peter's parish has a trained and dedicated prayer team available to pray with individuals seeking the Lord's healing presence. Confidentiality is strictly maintained. For more information or to schedule an

appointment please contact Rose Grimes at 301-829-0901. The prayer team is accountable to Fr. Jason Worley.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13290: Membership – On March 3, 2011, our council will be eight years old. Ask a fellow Catholic man to become a Knight of Columbus in 2011.Thinking of joining the FOURTH DEGREE, the next exemplification will be on April 9th. You can get an application at a council meeting or by contacting Faithful Admiral Jim Conko at 301-831-3167. ...**Programs** – Pray for our parish seminarians and their continued success. The council financially supports our parish seminarians through our Order's RSVP program; ... January events will include our scholarship program, the ending of our Poster Contest; supporting the Pro-Life March in Washington, DC; and our Family Dance event.**Name badge and pin Sunday is January 2nd**. ...**Reflections** – As 2010 comes to an end and we reflect back over the many successes our council has had we must also give a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Laura Nisonger who has been a part of our 8 years of success at St. Peter's and has guided many of our efforts helping the council become a recognized council in the State of Maryland and in our Nation. We will miss you Laura and pray for your continued success. The officers and members of St. Peter the Apostle Council 13290 wish you well! ...To the parishioners of St. Peter's ... **Happy New Year to all from the Knights!**

PARISH NURSE NOTES: "...You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35 NLT

Christmas gifts are a fun part of the holidays but people sometimes forget to consider the appropriateness of the gift. When giving to a child, think of the developmental stage first. Make sure the gift will not cause choking or physical harm because of small parts, strings, sharp edges, or any projectiles. Challenge a child with educational toys but match the gift to his grade level to prevent frustration from too advanced material. Consider other ages of other children in the family and give instructions to prevent harming siblings. Part of giving is being thoughtful to and considerate of the receiver. Blessed Christmas!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK - Mary Unglesbee, Tom and Mary Ellen McKoy, Myrtle Carlin, Sandy McDermott, Judy & Beth Churco, Ann Fowler, Baby Hope, Joshua Wade, Marilyn Hall, Carmela Kaspersky, Marsha Lawn, Lydia Cook, Angie Moriarty, Michael Marley, Cheryl & Helen Pohlit, Fred Moxley, Preston Scieek, Cheryl & Helen Pohlit, Len Bainbridge, Francis Henderson, Stephen Horn, George Kirk, Regina Moran, Marie & Declan Stone, Denis & Richard Ellis, Marta Locklear, Max Orbin, Diane Leonard, Anna Dorsey, John Feuz, Joe Roskowsinski, Lula Converse, Rob Player, Bea LaNeve Sharon Baker, Will Orbin, Ken Van Horn **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 for Pre-K-8th grade for the 2011-12 school year are currently being accepted. New student registration forms may be downloaded from the St. John's website www.sjrsc.org. Regional parishioners receive reduced tuition rates. For a tour of the school, contact Jean Wright at 301-695-9358 for more information or jwright@sjrsc.org.

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL, EMMITSBURG – OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, January 11th, 7 to 8pm & Wednesday, January 12th 10am to 1pm. For more information or to schedule a

school tour, call 301-447-3165 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB Are you single? Interested in meeting people and developing new friendships? The Catholic Alumni Club, a social organization of professional single Catholics is looking for you! Our monthly activities include dinners, movies, cultural and sporting events, picnics, dances, religious, and charitable activities. For more information visit our website at cacbaltimore.org or call 410-580-1250.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN will be celebrated at Shrine of St. Alphonsus Church, 114 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, MD 21201 on January, 2011 at 12:10pm Mass with Veneration of Relic. On January 8th, 2011 – lecture at 3:00pm, "Missionary Spirit of St. John Neumann" will be presented by Msgr. Arthur Bastress, followed by Mass in the Tridentine Rite as celebrated by St. John Neumann in 1852.

RETREATS FOR COUPLES at Priestfield, WV Spiritual Center. Dates to choose from in 2011: February 25-27; March 4-6; March 11-13; March 18-20; March 25-26; April 29-May 1. All begin at 6pm Fridays and end after lunch on Sundays. Donation \$165/person, but give what you can. Each weekend is led by a priest skilled in married couples' retreats. Call Frank Galleone, 410-252-5355 for more information or to register.

"RED CARPET ROSE FORMAL!" The St. John Respect Life Ministry invites you come to the St. John's Church Portico, 43 Monroe St., Westminster, MD 21157 to take a stroll down the red carpet and enjoy an evening of formal extravagance with the teens and college-age young adults of Carroll and Frederick County on Sat., January 8th from 7-11pm. The evening will include an hour dance lesson followed by an open dance floor, light hour d'oeuvres and a gift bag for everyone. Formal attire; Ladies, a dress or gown, gentlemen, a suit or tux. Please remember to dress modestly. Tickets are only \$10 each. For more information or tickets call John Richards at 443-605-6538. All proceeds to benefit the new Tender Care Pregnancy Center opening in Westminster."

VOCATION WEBSITE: Check out the Archdiocese of Baltimore Vocation Office website at www.becomeapriest.org. Learn more about becoming a priest from the seminarians by viewing their blogs on the seminarian pages. Check the calendar of events to learn about discernment activities.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS: Suffering post-abortion stress? Don't suffer alone. Many have found true freedom and healing. You can too! Rachel's Vineyard weekends fun from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. This is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend is a very specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is also an opportunity to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt, and grief. Upcoming date is Jan. 7-9, Marriottsville, MD. For further information go to www.Project-Rachel.net or ProjectRachel@archbalt.org or you may call 1-800-286-4224/410-625-8491.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS: The Knights of Columbus award several scholarships each year for both college and high school students. For information on scholarships available, please write to: Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus, 10915 Stand Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117, or visit www.kofc-md.org. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1, 2011.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
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ADULT MINISTRY

Carolyn Nolan: cnolan@archbalt.org

THIS WEEK'S MARRIAGE TIP: Sit down together with your spouse in front of the Nativity with something warm to drink. Talk about how your faith has sustained you this past year. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for each other and for your family.

For more marriage ideas: www.foryourmarriage.org

- **Baptism Prep Classes** - meets on Tuesday, Jan 18 or February 15 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.)
- **Matthew Bible Study** is on break for the holidays. Classes resume on Jan. 4 & 5, 2011.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Anne Mason: amason@archbalt.org

- **Nana Anne's Little Lambs:** New program for Pre-K ages 2-4. *Winter* is January 25th @ 10AM – RSVP to sjohnston@archbalt.org
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes resume January 3 & 4, 2011.
- **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST:** Deadline extended to December 21st – turn completed poster in to collection box in Narthex of church.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:**
Parent/Child are required to attend the following:
 - ▷ **Parent/Child Session:** March 3rd from 7-8:15PM in PC or **Parent/Child Make Up Session:** March 10th from 7-8:15PM in PC.
 - ▷ **"Getting Ready for My First Communion:** March 5th from 10AM – 12Noon in the Church
 - ▷ **Enrollment Mass:** March 6th @ 9AM Mass



Sailing through the Scripture
This week's Gospel Reflection: *Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

Children: How is your family holy?
Teens: What changes can you make to better listen to God's voice in your life?
Adults: Name three new ways your family can grow in holiness and implement those ideas this coming year.

YOUTH MINISTRY

(Kenn deMoll kdemoll@archbalt.org)

There will be NO Youth Ministry or 5:45pm Mass on Sunday, December 26th! Merry Christmas!

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn

Trader: This Christmas season, don't miss out on seeing this awesome movie! We are renting out an ENTIRE theater for just our youth group! How cool is that? We will be seeing the movie on Wednesday, December 29th at 2:00pm. The cost is \$8.50 a person and is open to all friends and family of youth ministry! Tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis! High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers welcome!

LIFE TEEN (9th – 12th Grade)

March for Life Trip: This year SPY is going to the March for Life! We will be staying the night @ St. Peter's after youth ministry. We will board a bus for the Youth Rally at the Verizon Center and then join the March to the Capital! The date of the trip is January 24th. The cost is \$5. The cut off to register is December 30th!

Mount 2000: Are you ready for an "epic" retreat? Then you should go to Mount 2000! Hosted at Mt. Saint Mary's University, this retreat features dynamic speakers, live music, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and Confession! You don't want to miss it! The cost is only \$65 a person and is due to Kenn no later than December 30th! All forms can be downloaded off our website.

STEBENVILLE 2011: Steubenville is a dynamic youth retreat that happens every summer at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. The conference features over 2,000 teens a summer plus a life changing experience! We are looking to go June 24th-26th. The total cost of the trip is \$235 but the first refundable deposit of \$75 is due by January 3rd. Sign up forms can be downloaded off our website.

EDGE (6th – 8th Grade)

January 7th – 8th: EDGE WINTER RETREAT "On

Location!" Have you ever been to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa? What about the Great Pyramids? Now's your chance as the EDGE travels around the world for our Winter Retreat! Plus, there will be great keynote talks, small groups, live music by the band "Once Jacob". Oh yeah, and did we mention we are going snow tubing at St. Liberty which is included in your retreat cost? We only have 10 spots left before we're completely filled for this retreat! Don't miss out!



The New Missal Series, Part Four: Becoming the Body of Christ

Monsignor Robert J. Jaskot

The Preparation of the Gifts and the Altar are more than the collection or the practical elements of preparing the bread and wine. This part of the Mass begins the second major part of the celebration, the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Usually a song is sung, again disparate voices are joined together into one voice of the body of Christ.

The collection is taken up from among the people. Our financial gift is a tangible sign of the sacrifice we make for Christ. Practically speaking, this collection allows the Church to do the works of Christ: to proclaim the Gospel through education and evangelization efforts, celebrate the sacraments through the efforts of the priest and other ministers, and to reach out to the poor and those in need. But our sacrifice is more than dollars and cents. It is the countless ways throughout the week that we have struggled to act like Christ, working to avoid evil and striving to do good. These we bring to the altar along with our financial gifts, all ways we participate in the Sacrifice of Christ.

All of these are symbolized by the bread and wine brought up in the offertory. Jesus took bread and wine at the Last Supper and used these elements to signify his Body and Blood. Bread is a staple of life and can provide basic sustenance. In the time of Jesus and today, bread is also a sign of God's providence. God fed his people in the desert with manna, bread from heaven. Bread is also reminder of the activity of Jesus who took the five loaves and fed thousands of people. If bread is a symbol of the basic necessities of life, wine is a symbol of all that is good, of the super-abundance of God. Wine provides pleasure and makes us feel good. Jesus worked his first miracle by turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Jesus would take these two elements, with all of their inherent and symbolic meanings and use them to make God present, His presence among us.

In the offertory, the people offer their gifts and themselves to Christ through the representatives of the people presenting the gifts of bread and wine to the priest. The priest takes the bread and wine and offers a prayer over each. He asks God's blessing to prepare these elements for the transformation God will achieve just a short while later. These prayers also summarize the way God works in the world and will change slightly in the new translation to highlight this truth.

Each prayer recognizes the element as gift: God provided the wheat and the grapes. But each element is also recognized as the product of human effort. Through that effort wheat is transformed into bread and grapes into wine. What we offer to God, then is what God gave us combined with what we have done. God will then take what we offer and transform it into the body of Christ.

This is most profoundly true of the bread and wine which will become the Body and Blood of Christ, but it is also true of those gathered. We bring our sacrifices to Mass and offer them to the father. God takes what we offer and transforms us to be the body of Christ in the world. The preparation closes with the Prayer Over the Gifts which changes with each Mass but always references the transformation of bread and wine and of those gathered.

See the General instruction of the Roman Missal (##72-75) and Chapter 4 in Father Jeremy Driscoll's book, "What Happens at Mass."