

**Catholic Community of South Baltimore  
Mission Statement**

The Catholic Community of South Baltimore joins together three historic urban parishes to be a beacon of Christ's Light in our neighborhoods and beyond. Entrusted with this Light at Baptism, we go forth celebrating the Sacraments, proclaiming the Gospel, and serving the People of God.

Dear Parishioners

This week is Christian Unity Week where Christians everywhere focus on the *unity* in their faith in Jesus Christ versus their *diversity* in governance and rituals. This year in Baltimore City, Christian denominations and people of non Christian religions will be gathering on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul ( Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00 pm ) at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen to celebrate within the Octave of Unity. The focus of the week will be to promote peace and speak against the violence that plagues our world, our city and even within our homes.

The prayer service is planned for people of all good will to pray together to denounce the epidemic of violence that plaques us. Violence affects us all even if we do not experience on our street or in our home directly.

People of faith have the opportunity to make a profound statement to the entire region that we will not sit idle while violence destroys us. All Catholics of the Archdiocese of Baltimore are invited and encouraged to attend.

If you think you might be going, call the office so the Cathedral knows how many people to expect.

Sincerely,



Rev. Patrick M. Carrion  
Pastor



**SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
January 17, 2010**

Isaiah 62: 1-5 - 1 Cor. 12: 4-11 - John 2: 1-11

*Nations shall behold your vindication,  
and all kings your glory.*

-- Isaiah 62:2

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Monday, January 18– Martin Luther King , Jr. Day**

Quilters 5pm GCL

**NO Religious Ed 6:15-7:30 pm**

Cub Scouts 6:30 pm GCS

Boy Scouts 7:00 pm GCS

**Parish Office Closed**

**Tuesday, January 19**

Sunday Reading Reflection 9:00 am GCL

Girl Scouts 6:30 – 7:30 pm GCS

RCIA 7-8:30 pm 1419R

**Wednesday, January 20**

Playgroup 9-10:30 am HCH

Contemporary Music Rehearsal 7 pm GCR

NA Meeting 7:30 pm GCH

**Thursday, January 21**

Toddler Playgroup 8:30-10 am GCL

Bible Study – Gospel of Luke 7 pm HCH

**Friday, January 22**

**Saturday, January 23**

Bus Assignment 5:30 pm - Mike Eaton

**Sunday, January 24**

Bus Assignment 9:00am – Renee Kovalcik

CLOW 9 am HC / 11 am GC HCH

New Parishioners Orientation 6 pm HC

**DECEASED:** Please pray for all the deceased, especially, Phil Klima. May his soul and all the souls rest in the peace and presence of Jesus.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** Rosemary Campbell, John Campbell, Mary Maka, Mark Wodarksi, Michael Hunt, Gladys Shell, Marty Taylor, Tony Kirkland, Gary Murray, Denise Holland, Angela Zepp, Henry Salvato, Dorothy Parks, Butch Lanasa, Agnes Schreiner.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR  
ANNOUNCEMENTS – 12:00 NOON MONDAY**

Email – [cmccain@archbalt.org](mailto:cmccain@archbalt.org)

Fax410-752-2702 Carol McCain

## STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION -

	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Poor Box</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
January 9/10, 2010	\$6,950.11	\$ 147.50	603

**Holy Cross, St. Mary's and Good Counsel envelopes are exchanged with the proper parish.**

**WINNER:** OLGC Week 2 of the 10 Week Investment Club: Winner: Pete Bianca / Seller: Same

**TAX TIME -** Anyone needing a 2009 contribution statement for income tax purposes is asked to call the parish office. Statements will be mailed upon request.

## LITURGICAL LIFE

**REVIEWING THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE.** The present schedule is: Monday – Friday @ 8 am and Wednesday @ 7 pm. The staff heard from a few people this past week that saw a value in providing an earlier mass (7am) several days per week for those who would go to work from mass. Others suggested a mid day mass for the lunch time crowd and others advocating keeping at least one evening mass. **Do you have a thought on what would be helpful to you?**

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

- HC – In Loving Memory of Bernard & Maria Ebkens (Anniversary) from Kay Ebkens
- SM – In Loving Memory of Mike O'Hara (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) from Charlene DePasquale

(Due to scheduling needs, some weekday masses may become a communion service; any scheduled intention will be rescheduled)

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PARISH</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MASS INTENTION</b>	
Mon.	Jan. 18	St. Mary	8:00 am	Peter Judge	
Tues.	Jan. 19	Holy Cross	8:00 am	Maryann Humm	
Wed.	Jan. 20	St. Mary	8:00 am	Philip Klima	St. Fabian, pope, St. Sebastian
		Good Counsel	7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Hours	
Thurs.	Jan. 21	Good Counsel	8:00 am	Chester Wisniewski	St. Agnes
Fri.	Jan. 22	Holy Cross	8:00 am	Albert Stepowany	St. Vincent
		Good Counsel	8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours	
Sat.	Jan. 23	Holy Cross	8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours	
		St. Mary	5:30 pm	People of the Parish	<b>Readings: Hymnal #988</b>
Sun.	Jan. 24	Holy Cross	9:00 am	Josephine M. Monti (29 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
		Good Counsel	11:00 am	Irene Campbell	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
		Holy Cross	5:00 pm	Sabatino Melaragno	Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our Christian Community Maura Regina Flynn who was baptized at Our Lady of Good Counsel last weekend.

**RADIO MASS:** Radio Mass of Baltimore broadcasts the Mass live every Sunday morning from the Chapel of Grace at St. Ignatius Church at 9:30 am on WBAL 1090 on the AM dial. Donations for our ministry are gratefully accepted – Contact us at 410-539-7812 or our web-site: [www.radiomass.org](http://www.radiomass.org).

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS MONDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, IN OBSERVANCE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.**

### **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS AND RECEPTION**

All married couples and their families are invited to this annual Mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen with Archbishop O'Brien at 3:00 pm, followed by a reception in the Parish Center. No tickets are needed, but couples celebrating 25 or more years who plan to attend the **Feb. 14** Mass may register to receive special recognition at 410-987-8407. The Longest Married Couples from each parish will be honored. Co-sponsored by World Wide Marriage Encounter and the Archdiocese of Baltimore Division of Evangelization and Catechesis.

<p><b>REGISTER WITH US:</b> Are you a registered parishioner? If you live in the area and are attending Mass at our parishes, we ask you to please register with us.</p>
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## INFO ON THE DATES TO REMEMBER

**GOSPEL OF LUKE** will be proclaimed most Sundays in Ordinary Time and in Lent. Reflecting on and Praying with the Gospel will begin this Thursday, January 21, 2010 and run six consecutive Thursdays from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Holy Cross Hall. Grow in faith and meet other parishioners. For info, please contact Dorris Van Gaal ([dorris.vangaal@archbalt.org](mailto:dorris.vangaal@archbalt.org)) or Matt Bjonerud ([Bjonerud@gmail.com](mailto:Bjonerud@gmail.com)) or Sherrie Timmes ([STimmes@aol.com](mailto:STimmes@aol.com))

**BRING SCRIPTURE TO LIFE –Friday evening in Lent March 12, 2010 –CCSB is the host of a live performance of the Gospel of Luke.** In the oral tradition of proclamation from the time of the Apostles, Luke's Gospel will be presented 'word for word' in its entirety in an experience of prayer and music. There is much to be gained by the hearing of an entire Gospel, without commentary, without expounding on the text but letting the story unfold in a connected way from beginning to end. While each line has a meaning, the Gospel as a whole also has a meaning and makes points that are not heard in a fragmented reading.

**THE SHACK** by William Young. Spend a few Lenten Wednesday evenings after mass at Good Counsel – March 3, 10, 17 to discuss the *THE SHACK*. 'Where is God in a world so full of unspeakable pain? Where do we go to find comfort for the Great Sadness of our lives? How do you forgive the unforgivable?' Seminarian Jason Feigh will lead the discussion.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**THE BALTIMORE STATION** ([www.baltimorestation.org](http://www.baltimorestation.org)) operates a transitional residence near Federal Hill for homeless men recovering from addiction. The Station provides the men self-help strategies, job training, employment counseling, medical and legal assistance in a safe and supportive environment. These men are given encouragement that promotes their ability to recover, regain self-sufficiency, and become a part of society again.

CCSB has two groups monthly that put together a meal on site, serve it to the men, and sit down and join them for dinner-- occurring on the first Saturday and the second Wednesday of each month. This activity allows us to connect with those in our community and enjoy the fellowship of our parishioners. Come join us!

Contact Anthony ([arc103@hotmail.com](mailto:arc103@hotmail.com)) for Saturdays or Diane ([dryan59@gmail.com](mailto:dryan59@gmail.com)) for Wednesdays if interested.

## THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

### WHEN I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED ME... (PSALM 138:3)

The **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** is now underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2010 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

We here in the Catholic Community are direct beneficiaries of the fund. We receive more from it than we give to it. The Appeal helps support several of our education ministries with direct donation to it. Our properties benefit with funding for asbestos removal, roofing repairing or replacement. This past year alone we received nearly \$75,000 in direct monies from grants.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "**When I called, you answered me.**" Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese serve as a sign of our gratitude not only for God's answers to our prayers but also as a sign of our recognition that all that we are and all that we have are gifts given to us by God.

Your gift will enable archdiocesan support of ministry, education, and service that touch thousands of lives not only in our Archdiocese but throughout the world.

Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be billed in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

**PRAY for VOCATIONS:** There are over 30 seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Each week we name one man for whom we ask you to pray.

**Hamilton Okeke  
St. Mary's Seminary  
Second Theology**

If you or anyone you know is interested in considering priesthood or consecrated life, please contact the Vocation Office.

[vocations@archbalt.org](mailto:vocations@archbalt.org)

## **Catholic Community of South Baltimore Listening Project**

As baptized Christians anointed with the Chrism of Salvation, we participate in the threefold ministry of Christ as Priest, Prophet, and King. Our parish Mission Statement posted on the inside front cover of the bulletin refers to this when it describes us as a community ‘celebrating the Sacraments, proclaiming the Gospel, and serving the People of God.’

\* As Priest we are a Christian people who *offer prayers* for others and make *personal sacrifices* for the community;

\* As Prophet we are the voice for the Word of God made Flesh. We proclaim *justice* for those who are vulnerable and the *comfort* of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

\* As King, we *shepherd* the lost, we *serve* the needs of others and we *lead* others to Christ.

The Pastoral Council initiated a project on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord for each of us to reflect on our baptismal call and how the Catholic Community of South Baltimore (CCSB) helps us to live that call. Though one person is baptized as an individual ‘none of us lives for oneself’ (Romans 14:7). Each person is baptized into a Christian Community and it is through the community we participate in the threefold ministry of Christ as Priest, Prophet and King.

The project invites all of us to reflect on our life as a Christian and how the CCSB helps *each of us as a person* and *all of us as a people* to live that Christian life abundantly. (I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly – John 10:10). In order to accomplish this, the Pastoral Council has invited about fifteen parishioners to visit fellow parishioners who are willing to share their reflections on the following:

1. What are the good things about the Catholic Community of South Baltimore that you value?
2. How does being a member of CCSB help you to live the gospel or bring holiness into the world? Are there things CCSB could be doing to help you do that better?
3. In what ways should the CCSB be serving the broader community (locally, nationally, and internationally) beyond our parish community?
4. Think about what specifically you would like the CCSB to look like in 5 years. What will we be doing to live out our mission that we are not doing now?
5. Is there anything else, either good things or concerns you have, that you want to express about the CCSB?

Having parishioners visit parishioners builds the bonds of community among us. Hearing from as many parishioners as possible, reminds us that each member of the community is valued.

The valued reflections shared during these visitations will be gathered together to guide the council and staff. It will take several months to visit the target number of at least one hundred parishioners. In the coming weeks, the listening team will begin contacting parishioners to schedule visits. There will be an opportunity for any parishioner who wants to be visited to be visited. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

These last years the Council has promulgated the Mission Statement to give us direction and created the Mapping the Mission Endowment to support that Mission for generations to come. This year in that same Spirit, the Pastoral Council initiates this process to guide us as we seek to live that Mission now in this present generation.