

**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

Last week's earthquake in Haiti reminds us of the fragility of life. People's response to the special offering we had was most generous. The earthquake coincided with the same week that our government officials begin their General Assembly here in the State of Maryland, the same week that our nation focuses on Life Issues with the Right to Life March in Washington. It is the same week that we remembered the concern for all people no matter their race, culture, gender or creed on MLK Day. This Monday, our city gathers at the Cathedral of Mary, Our Queen to speak out against violence. The care for the human person from the womb to the tomb is so evident and necessary everyday. Laws are enacted unfortunately that do not always place the care of the person as paramount. How do we assure that the people of Haiti are cared for beyond the immediate need of this tragedy; how do we make sure that violence ends in our streets; how do we make sure that people have their rights to live with dignity?

We all have an obligation to keep ourselves informed on what decisions are being made in our name as lawmakers make decisions and promulgate legislation.

We have an opportunity on Monday, February 15, 2010 at attend LOBBY NIGHT 2010 in Annapolis form 3 -8 pm. Check out the Maryland Catholic Conference website for more details. www.mdccathcon.org.

Sincerely,



Rev. Patrick M. Carrion
Pastor

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK Rosemary Campbell, John Campbell, Mary Maka, Mark Wodarksi, Michael Hunt, Gladys Shell, Marty Taylor, Tony Kirkland, Denise Holland, Angela Zepp, Henry Salvato, Dorothy Parks, Butch Lanasa, Agnes Schreiner, Rose Lewandowski, Ann Cloonan. Ava Wooster.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
January 24, 2010**

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 – 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 –
Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has
anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.*
-- Luke:18a

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 25

Quilters 5pm GCL
Religious Ed 6:15-7:30 pm CCS
Cub Scouts 6:30 pm GCS
Boy Scouts 7:00 pm GCS

Tuesday, January 26

Sunday Reading Reflection 9:00 am GCL
Federal Hill So Neighborhood Mtg.
6:30-8:00 pm HCH

NO RCIA

Wednesday, January 27

Playgroup 9-10:30 am HCH
Contemporary Music Rehearsal 7 pm GCR
NA Meeting 7:30 pm GCH

Thursday, January 28

Toddler Playgroup 8:30-10 am GCL
Bible Study – Gospel of Luke 7 pm HCH

Friday, January 29

Saturday, January 30

Bus Assignment 5:30 pm - Julie Tasillo

Sunday, January 31

Bus Assignment 9:00am – Phil Huber
CLOW 9 am HC / 11 am GC HCH

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.

James Boric
Mount St. Mary's Seminary
First Theology

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

vocations@archbalt.org

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

**Email [-cmccain@archbalt.org](mailto:cmccain@archbalt.org)
Fax410-752-2702 Carol McCain**

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION -

	OFFERTORY	RETIRED PRIESTS	HAITI COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
January 16/17, 2010	\$7,056.53	\$1,916.75	\$ 938.09	535
January, 2010 EFT	\$5,741.09	\$ 137.67	\$ 449.67	55 participants

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

WINNER: OLGC Week 3 of the 10 Week Investment Club: Winner: Buddy Young / Seller: Angie McMullen

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

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

DAY	DATE	PARISH	TIME	MASS INTENTION	
Mon.	Jan. 25	St. Mary	8:00 am	Philip Klima	Conversion of St. Paul
Tues.	Jan. 26	Holy Cross	8:00 am	Jean M. Yednock	St. Timothy & St. Titus
Wed.	Jan. 27	St. Mary	8:00 am	Gerald McCarron	St. Angela Merici
		Good Counsel	7:00 pm	Edward & Dorothy Znaniec	
Thurs.	Jan. 28	Good Counsel	8:00 am	Chester Wisniewski	St. Thomas Aquinas
Fri.	Jan. 29	Holy Cross	8:00 am	Maryann Humm	
		Good Counsel	8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours	
Sat.	Jan .30	Holy Cross	8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours	
		St. Mary	5:30 pm	Jim Williams (82 nd Birthday)	Readings: Hymnal #991
Sun.	Jan. 31	Holy Cross	9:00 am	Earl E. Eppard (Anniversary)	1 st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
		Good Counsel	11:00 am	Rosa Soares	2 nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13
		Holy Cross	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH CONFIRMATION PREPARATION - First meeting for Candidates and their parents / guardians is on Sunday February 7, 2010 after 11 AM mass in the library of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Young people in 8th through 10th grade, that wish to be confirmed, and their caregivers are welcome for this meeting. If you have not yet registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Dorris van Gaal.

CONFIRMATION OF ADULTS CCSB is offering preparation sessions for adults who are Catholic, but have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation. Maybe you are planning to get married in the Catholic Church, but you have not yet received the sacrament of confirmation? Or, you have just been asked to become a Godparent, but you are not confirmed. Then this is your opportunity to reconnect to the community and prepare yourself for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please call the office or email Dorris van Gaal to register.

PILGRIMAGE - Coming up for young adults, on March 27th (the Eve of Palm Sunday) Palm Sunday is the day in which the Catholic Church celebrates the Young Church. The Archdiocese of Baltimore celebrates this through organizing a day's pilgrimage in Baltimore City. More details for registration will follow. If you are interested (ages 17 - 35) please contact Dorris van Gaal.

SENIOR VALENTINE SOUP AND SANDWICH – Monday, February 1, 2010,-- from 12 – 2pm in Good Counsel's Hall. Music will be provided by Gary Baykowski. For tickets call Sophie Ellenberger, 410-685-8728. Donation \$5.00

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREEN: Sally Lewis, RN, our parish nurse will be available at the Senior Soup & Sandwich on February 1 to hold blood pressure screenings from 1 – 2 pm.

INFO ON THE DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

GOSPEL OF LUKE will be proclaimed most Sundays in Ordinary Time and in Lent. Reflecting on and Praying with the Gospel continues this Thursday, January 28, 2010 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) or Matt Bjonerud (Bjonerud@gmail.com) or Sherrie Timmes (STimmes@aol.com)

OPEN HOUSE

MOTHER SETON ACADEMY (MSA) will hold an Open House on **January 30, 2010** from 12-3 for students entering 6th grade. MSA is an all-scholarship Catholic middle school in Baltimore City that serves low income families with rigorous academics, an extended school day, and a graduate support program. MSA is located at 2215 Greenmount Avenue, 21218. Info (410)563-2833; visit www.mothersetonacademy.org.

ST. PHIL NERI, 6401 S. Orchard Road, Linthicum, will be holding two Open Houses: Sunday, Jan 31, 2010 from 10:30 am to Noon and Thursday, Feb 4, 2010 from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Families will receive a tour of the campus, have an opportunity to speak to faculty and administration one-on-one, and receive registration information. Applications for 2010/2011 school year will be accepted for grades PreK thru 8. For questions, Cecelia Hildebrand, Development Director at 410-859-1212, x 206 or www.st.philip-neri.org

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.

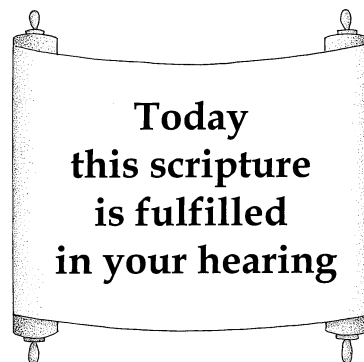
The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

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 supports several our education ministries with direct donation to it. Our properties has benefit with funding for asbestos removal, roofing repairing or replacement. This past year alones 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.



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Catholic Community of South Baltimore Listening Project Insert#2

The Pastoral Council initiated this Listening 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.

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?*

You may be receiving a call from one of the ‘listeners’ inviting you to be part of the process. If you are willing to participate, an agreed upon time and location will be established. The meetings can occur in someone’s home or on church property what ever is most comfortable for all concerned. Obviously, the ‘listeners’ can not visit the 1000 families of the Community. It is hoped that those visited represent a cross section of the full community.

If you wished to be assured a visit, you are welcome to send your name, phone number, email address and the best time to be reached so that a ‘listener’ can contact you for a visit. Send your information to Laurie Latuda (410-385-2601, lmLatuda@aol.com) or Josh Beale (301-524-8077, jib8187@gmail.com). 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. It will take several months to visit the target number of at least one hundred parishioners. The valued reflections shared during these visitations will be gathered together to guide the council and staff.

*These last years the Pastoral Council has
promulgated the Mission Statement to give us direction,
created the Mapping the Mission Endowment to live 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.*

If you missed Listening Project Insert #1. please access the website

www.southbaltcatholic.org