

**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

If anyone was at St. Mary, Star of the Sea on Christmas Eve or any Saturday night mass since then, you may have noticed that the sanctuary is a little brighter than usual. In December, Mr. John Kowalski, the owner of the building behind the church (the original convent) on Battery Avenue erected several spot lights on the back of his building to illuminate the beautiful stained glass in the sanctuary from the outside. We are so thankful to Mr. Kowalski. The parish asked his permission to erect the lights, not only did he grant permission, he donated the services and is absorbing the cost of the lighting every time we turn the lights on.

We are most grateful to him for his generosity.

Sincerely,



Rev. Patrick M. Carrion
Pastor

OPEN HOUSE

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

ASCENSION SCHOOL, 4601 Maple Avenue, Halethorpe, Md 21227, invites new and prospective students and their families to our Open Houses on **Sunday, January 31, 2010**, from 9:00am - 12 noon and **Tuesday, February 2, 2010** 8:30am - 2:00pm. For additional information please call 410-242-2020 or visit our website at www.ascension-school.org

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
January 31, 2010**

Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19 - 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 -
Luke 4: 21-30

*Faith, hope, and love remain, these three:
but the greatest of these is love.*

-- 1 Corinthians 13:13

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 1

Senior Soup & Sandwich 12 pm GCH
Quilters 5pm GCL
Religious Ed 6:15-7:30 pm CCS
Cub Scouts 6:30 pm GCS
Boy Scouts 7:00 pm GCS

Tuesday, February 2

Sunday Reading Reflection 9:00 am GCL
Girl Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm GCS
RCIA 7-8:30 pm 1419 R

Wednesday, February 3

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

Thursday, February 4

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

Friday, February 5

Dinner at the Station 5:30-7 pm
Belles Meeting 7pm GCH

Saturday, February 6

Bus Assignment 5:30 pm - John Celeste

Sunday, February 7

Bus Assignment 9:00am - Chuck Wright
CLOW 9 am HC / 11 am GC

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.

**Edwin Capacho-Medina
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

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION -

| | OFFERTORY | HAITI COLLECTION | ATTENDANCE |
|---------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| January 23/24, 2010 | \$8,539.71 | \$ 3,374.56 | 598 |

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

WINNER: OLGC Week 4 of the 10 Week Investment Club: Winner: Stanley Pawlowicz / Seller: Clara Furman

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. | Feb. 1 | St. Mary | 8:00 am | Joseph H. Koppleman | |
| Tues. | Feb. 2 | Holy Cross | 8:00 am | Helen Monacelli | Presentation of the Lord |
| Wed. | Feb. 3 | St. Mary | 8:00 am | Philip Klima | St. Blaise, St. Ansgar |
| | | Good Counsel | 7:00 pm | Liturgy of the Hours | |
| Thurs. | Feb. 4 | Good Counsel | 8:00 am | Liturgy of the Hours | |
| Fri. | Feb. 5 | Holy Cross | 8:00 am | Liturgy of the Hours | St. Agatha |
| | | Good Counsel | 8:00 am | Liturgy of the Hours | St. Paul Miki & Companions |
| Sat. | Feb. 6 | Holy Cross | 8:00 am | Liturgy of the Hours | |
| | | St. Mary | 5:30 pm | Edward Henry Thomas, III | Readings: Hymnal #994 |
| Sun. | Feb. 7 | Holy Cross | 9:00 am | Gerald F. O'Connor | 1 st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 |
| | | Good Counsel | 11:00 am | Benjamin Furman | 2 nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 |
| | | Holy Cross | 5:00 pm | People of the Parish | Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11 |

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.

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

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.

DECEASED: Please pray for all the deceased, especially, Jenny Markowski. May her 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, Denise Holland, Angela Zepp, Henry Salvato, Dorothy Parks, Butch Lanasa, Agnes Schreiner, Rose Lewandowski, Ann Cloonan. Ava Wooster, Karen Ludwitzke, Edward Blair.

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 during our **Scripture Study** this Thursday, February 4, 2010 from 7:00 pm – 8:45 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)

LOBBY NIGHT 2010 Monday February 15 in Annapolis from 3- 8 pm. It is sponsored by the Maryland Catholic Conference. It is an opportunity to hear the issues of concern for Catholics that are before the Maryland Legislatures. The time is spent learning about the issues then speaking to your legislatures about it. For more info and registration www.mdccathcon.org 410-269-1155

ART EXHIBIT: PICTURING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST IN MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS The Walters Art Museum, 600 N. Charles Street in Baltimore, hosts The Christmas Story exhibit, **through February 28**. This exhibition draws on the extraordinary holdings of the Walters Art Museum, and an anonymous private collection, to illustrate the Christmas story in the way that it has been understood for centuries, with Books of Hours and Missals from around the Christian world. Admission is free. 410-547-9000 or www.thewalters.org.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

HOW HAS THE ARCHBISHOP APPEAL HELPED THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SOUTH BALTIMORE RECENTLY?

The Parishes have received grants from the Archdiocese last year for the following:

- ***\$15,000 New furnace in the Good Counsel convent -
- ***\$ 8,000 New roof on Holy Cross hall
- ***\$ 3,000 Painting of St. Mary's convent
- ***\$ 12,000 Program Funding for Religious Education (e.g. Vacation Bible School and other programs from The League of the Little Flower)
- ***\$ 4,600 Environmental grant for removal of asbestos

Just these figures for the past year total over \$42,000. This figure does not include the automatic rebate of 25% for any monies up to the goal (50% over any monies beyond the goal) ---- \$16,851.50. The total amount we received back from the Archdiocese was \$ 58,851.50. The total amount we gave last year to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal was \$57,396. We received back more than we gave to assist the outreach programs of the diocese.

The Catholic Community's reached 96% when we combine the goals and actuals of the three parishes. It would be great to reach 100 % of the goal this year.

This week's bulletin insert outlines in full how the monies is used. Please review it carefully as you discern what you can give to the Annual Appeal.

31st Annual SOCIAL MINISTRY CONVOCATION: PEACE, POVERTY and MOTHER EARTH – Saturday, March 6, 2010. 8:00 am – 3:00 pm Keynote Speaker: Sr. Simore Campbell, SSS: Living Faith and Justice in a Complex World. Plus Various Workshops. For information and registration, contact Glyn Bailey at 410.769.8049 / rdglbailey@aol.com or Msgr. Burke at 410.235.5136 / sfa@archbalt.org.

FATAL EMBRACE: Christians, Jews and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land by Mark Braverman; Presentation on this life long quest in the Middle East. Wednesday, Feb 10, @ 7pm at the The (Epicopal) Cathedral of the Incarnation.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
– 12:00 NOON MONDAY
Email cmccain@archbalt.org
Fax 410-752-2702 Carol McCain**

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, jjb8187@gmail.com).

If you missed Listening Project Insert #1 & #2 . please access the website

www.southbalcatholic.org

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE will change as of LENT - February 18, 2010

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| Monday: | 7 pm @ SM | This schedule allows 2 masses @ 7 am | The schedule attempts to reach out to those who go to work at a standard time between 8am – 5pm. They will be able to start their day with mass or end their work day with mass, occasionally. Hopefully, there will be additional people attending mass with this adjustment. As with the present schedule, some masses become Liturgy of the Hours due to staffing. Any intentions already scheduled will be re-scheduled. |
| Tuesday: | 7 am @ GC | | |
| Wednesday | 8am @ SM | 2 masses @ 7 pm | |
| Wednesday | 7 pm @ GC | ***** | |
| Thursday | 7 am @ HC | 3 masses in Locust Point | |
| Friday | 8 am @ GC | 3 masses in Federal Hill | |

THE CHURCH IS FIRST A SANCTUARY

Each day from 5 pm – 7 pm, St. Mary, Star of the Sea will be open for prayer.

- Maybe you have had a bad day and just need to steal away a few minutes to place your burden before the Lord.
- Maybe you have received great joy in your life and you want to thank God for these blessings.
- Maybe you just want to center your days and spend sometime with God in prayer.
- Maybe you want to offer a prayer for a friend, or the parish, or you just need peace and quiet.

This prayer effort will begin with Lent and continue after Lent as well. This will be for private prayer. There may on occasion be a wedding rehearsal and each Saturday there is mass. We welcome your comments on how to make this a sustaining ministry for the CCSB and our neighbors in Federal Hill and Locust Point.