

Mass for the Intentions Week

August 2nd, 2010—August 8th, 2010

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	8:00am	Rev. Luciano Caimi +
Wednesday	8:00am	Holy Father
Thursday	8:00am	All Priests
Friday	8:00am	Catholic Church
Saturday	5:00pm	Thomas George +
Sunday	7:00am	John Countiss +
	9:00am	Holy Face
	11:30am	Parish Intentions



Bulletin Board

Monday	7:00pm	Rosary
Wednesday	6:30pm	TOPS Meeting
	7:00pm	Choir

Weekly Readings:

(Mon) St. Eusebius of Vercelli Jer. 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21

(Tues) Jer. 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36

(Wed) St. John Mary Vianney, priest Jer. 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28

(Thurs) Basilica of St. Mary Major Jer. 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23

(Fri) Transfiguration of the Lord Dn. 7:: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt. 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36

(Sat) St. Sixtus II, pope Hb. 1:12-2:4; Matthew 17:14-20

(Sun) Wis. 18:6-9; Heb. 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48



COLLECTION

<u>July 25, 2010</u>	<u>July 26, 2009</u>
Offertory \$6,669.00	\$6,656.00
Latin America \$756.00	\$ 932.00
Poor Box \$93.00	\$ 153.00
Votives \$52.00	\$ 26.00

Your commitment and generosity to the support of our parish is deeply appreciated.

EASY WORDS, HARSH WORDS

“If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,” we hear today (Corinthians 3:1). “Think of what is above” as well. Easy to comprehend. Good advice. Only common sense. But the ability to seek and think of what is above, Paul tells us, comes only at a price. In order to have truly died so that our life of glory is with Christ in heaven, we must put to death—as Christ was put to death on a cross—all those things about our life “below” that impede our living for Christ and with Christ as our all in all. We cannot really seek and think about things above while we maintain the worst of our human passions, perpetuate our deceitfulness, and emphasize our differences. In this way we not only continue the lying to one another, but still lie to ourselves, and imagine that we can deceive God. Only in the stopping of this can we truly show forth our baptismal image: that of Christ, who is the image of the unseen God. Only then can we take off that old self and be that new creation, the image of our Creator fully restored in Christ.

There are all sorts of reverberations of these themes throughout today’s scriptures. Qoheleth (the “Preacher”) instructs us that, ultimately, everything of our life on earth is but an empty vanity when we are called from this life. Jesus shows us our true selves in the example of the man who expends all his energy to store his harvest to ensure the luxury of his future. Qoheleth, Paul, and Jesus are all of a like mind on this issue. We have been made in the image of our Creator, we believe that God’s creation is graced and good, but we need to keep this in perspective. For all creation and all creatures—humans included—will have naught for a destiny unless that destiny is joined to that of Christ. He preaches that we can be, indeed we must be, rich with treasure—but only the kind of treasure that truly matters to God.

FLOWERS—MASSES—LAMPS

If you would like to have a Mass (\$10), Sanctuary Lamp (\$5), or Altar Flowers (\$50) dedicated in someone's memory or honor, please call the Rectory at 301-994-0525 during normal business hours.

LFS 500 Club

What is it? The LFS 500 Club is a monthly raffle where you can win prizes valued at \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50, and a second drawing of \$50. In December 2010, there will be an additional drawing for \$500!! Each ticket cost \$100 and is good for a year from the month you buy it. You may also pay quarterly. Contact the LFS 500 Club chairperson(s): Colette Damon cdamon@amelexinc.com or 240-398-0157

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

8/3	Officers' Meeting	7:30pm
8/17	General Meeting	7:30pm

We invite all Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, to join in our work, fun, and fraternalism shared by over 1.8 million members of the Order. For more information about the Knights of Columbus and how to become a Knight, call Grand Knight John Bergin at 301-737-1493.

Scrip

Gifts cards are available for purchase after each of the weekend Masses or at the Rectory on Tuesday-Friday, 8am to 3pm. This fundraiser helps us subsidize Little Flower School. We buy the cards at a discount and sell them at face value, thus earning a profit of 1 to 15% on each card sold. Don't forget when you are making your vacation plans this summer that we may purchase gift cards to several motel/hotel chains. Proceeds for the month of July were \$260.37; thanks to all you make this possible.

Religious Education

301-994-0525

The Religious Education Program is looking for volunteers to co-teach for next year's classes. If you can help, please call the rectory.

The Children's Liturgy at the 9am Sunday Mass is in need of additional volunteers. If you can assist with this program, please contact the rectory.

Registration for next year's Religious Education program has begun. If you did not receive a packet in the mail, they are available in the back of the church.

Director of Catholic Religious Education, Part time. This position at Holy Face is to coordinate and oversee the religious education of our pre-kindergarten through 8th grade students and our sacramental programs. An MA degree in Theology, Religious Studies, Religious Education, or equivalent knowledge and related field experience is required. This position may be expanded into a full time requirement based on the potential for additional duties such as Youth Ministry and Adult Faith Formation. Willingness to work collaboratively with other professional staff and volunteers is a must. Salary will be commensurate with education and experience. Contact Fr. Calis at the Rectory Tuesday-Friday, 8am to 3pm if you are interested in applying for this position.



Register Now!!!

You must be registered in order to vote in this fall's elections, which will include races for governor, U.S. House and Senate, and the Maryland General Assembly. Basic requirements include being an American citizen, a Maryland resident, and at least 18 years of age by the next general election. The deadline to register to vote in Maryland's primary election is Tuesday, August 24th. Visit www.elections.state.md.us or www.mdcathcon.org or call the Maryland State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-8683 to learn more.

Things to Remember:

- ❖ **Box tops for Education** may be dropped in the box in the back of the church.
- ❖ **Labels for Education** may be dropped in the Campbell's Soup container in the church stairwell.
- ❖ **Senior Bingo** will be held on August 19th from 11am to 2pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.



Pray for Our Sick

Please include the following people, as well as all of our family and friends who are not well in mind, body, or spirit in your prayers, especially: John Evans, Lee Russell, Helen Langley, Santiago Martinez, Janice Barnett, Joe Fuchs, Ann B. Taylor, Mike Wheeler, Paul Greenwell, Rita Abell, Richard Beall, Katie Viagensus, Bozena Pait, Barbara Engle, Delores Gatton, Andrew Sharp, Taylor Love, Dick Russell, Jake Langley, and Peggy Wilson. Call the Rectory to have names added to or removed from our list.

Families Needed

Families are needed to provide room and board to international students (high school and middle school) who will attend private Christian schools during the 2010-2011 school year. Reimbursement: \$1000 a month. A background check is required for a preliminary application. Please contact Dan Sullivan at 301-247-9413.

YARD SALE

The 2nd District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad will host a Yard Sale on Saturday, September 25th from 8:30am until 1pm at the Fire House in Valley Lee. Clean out your home and reserve a table for \$10. Call Georgia Wheeler at 301-994-1960.

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast

Where: 2nd District Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Building, Valley Lee

When: Sunday, August 8th
8am to 11am

Cost: \$8-Adults, \$4-Children 6-12; Children Under 6

Parish Council Vacancies

The Parish Council is looking to replace two members in September and is currently asking anyone who would be interested in running for these positions to contact the Rectory during normal business hours (Tues-Fri, 8am to 3pm). We are asking each potential candidate to supply a brief biography and a picture. The Parish Council generally meets once a month on the first Thursday of the month so this requires very little time commitment. The function of the council is to advise the pastor on routine matters and special challenges facing us as a parish community. The Council is always looking for fresh faces and new ideas; don't be hesitant to step forward. You might be the perfect person to help this group support our new pastor.

“Seek and you will find: knock and the door will be opened to you.” If you are seeking more intimacy and harmony in your marriage, all you have to do is knock on this door and enrichment will be granted unto you. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Sep. 24-26 and Nov. 12-14. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at: dc.wwme.org or call 301-541-7007, or email: wwme@whalenfamily.com.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America! Your generosity has made a difference by funding pastoral programs that will nurture the faith and strengthen the Church. Thank you for keeping faith with the Church in Latin America. To see where your donation is making a difference, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Yet another example of the ongoing flood of success stories with non-embryonic stem cells is that of three year old Alyssa Dupuis who suffered brain damage at birth that caused cerebral palsy. Her parents decided to bank her umbilical cord blood which was recently given to Alyssa via stem cell transfusion. Immediate positive results were seen and at last report this little girl, according to her mother, is “about 85% cured from cerebral palsy.” *NRL News*, Feb-March, 2010

St. George Annual 2010 Crab Cake Dinner

This country dinner will be served family style on Sunday, August 15th from noon until 5pm. The cost for adults is \$23, Children 6-12 years of age are \$10, children under 6 are free. All carryout meals are \$23. The menu includes crab cakes, fried chicken, baked ham, and all the trimmings. For additional information, call 301-994-0607.

Youth Ministry

Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, along with 3 other parishes in our county, will be offering a Theology of the Body TEEN program this fall at the IHM Old Rectory on Sunday afternoons.

If you are interested in helping or getting trained for youth ministry catechesis, please check out the website (www.thegorettigroup.org) for the Goretti Group to find a link to Chastity Leadership Training which will be held in San Diego, CA August 13-15. Scholarships for this training may be available for qualified participants. Contact Janet Harmon at www.ihmrcc.org or 301-863-8793.

Children's Day Saturday, Aug 7th 11am to 2pm

The St. Clement's Island Museum in Colton's Point invites kids and parents for games, crafts, demonstrations, magic show, and more. Free t-shirts for the first 100 kids! 7th District Optimists will provide bike giveaways, kiddies' tractor pull and 50-cent per item lunch menu! Free admission. Bring your camera for a photo with Pinch, mascot of the So. MD Blue Crabs, from noon to 1pm! Call the museum at 301-769-2222 for more information.



Lending Library

There are many items from the lending library that have been borrowed without being signed out. If you have any of them, please return them. Please remember when borrowing items to take the index card from the sleeve on the item, fill it out, and place it in the index card box. Thank you.

Regrettably, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in cancelling the Religious Appreciation Dinner scheduled for Sunday, August 1st at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Fellowship Hall. However, they are rescheduling for Sunday, October 17th. Hopefully, this will be a better time for our parish priests and deacons. Please mark your calendars early!

Skyline Potomac Cruise

The Catholic Alumni Club of Washington, an organization of single Catholics in the Greater Washington area, is sponsoring a very special Skyline Potomac Cruise aboard the "Cherry Blossom" ship on Saturday, August 21st from 8:15pm to 11:30pm. The boat departs from the City Marina in Old Town Alexandria. Music is by Ultrasound DJs; appetizers and beautiful vistas included. Tickets are \$47 (\$25 for students with ID) and must be purchased in advance. To RSVP and for information, contact Lynn Sorbara at 301-466-2556 or email: dance@dcsinglecatholicpro.org or visit us at www.DCsingleCatholicPro.org.

Crafters Wanted

Our Lady of Mattaponi Retreat Center in Upper Marlboro is now taking table reservations for their annual **Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 23rd** from 10am-3pm. Funds raised at this event provide scholarships allowing area youth, throughout the Archdiocese of Washington to attend and benefit from retreats offered here. Mark your calendar now. With crafts, raffles, silent auctions, mums, produce, baked goods, religious goods, games, pumpkin patch, and pony rides this festival is fun for the whole family. For additional information, or to reserve a table, please call 301-952-9074.



The Sunday school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole."