

Parish Worship



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. - Lk 9:35-36

Prayer Group During Lent please consider joining the Harp of the Spirit Prayer Group as we reflect on the "Tender Mercy of our God" (Luke 1:78) through a Life in the Spirit Enrichment Series based on prayer, personal sharing and scripture readings. The group meets Tuesday evenings 8:00pm-9:30pm in the school library

Scripture Study: The Scripture Sharing Group meets on Wednesdays, 9:00-10:30 am in the Cry Room. During Lent the group will examine how the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah are fulfilled in the New Testament by Jesus. We will also continue with the study of the letter of 1 Peter. All are invited to join the group whenever your busy schedules allow.

Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children's Liturgy of the Word, all children K- 4th grade are invited to participate in this program, where the Gospel is explained at their level during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



Parish Prayer Support: A Prayer Intention Book is located in the back of the church. Please list your personal requests and remember the needs of others as you pray. Also, daily prayer support is available through the telephone Prayer Chain. Contact Edie Fafard (301-937-1048) or MM Teague (301-937-3999) to begin this process. Your privacy is always respected.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturdays: 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.
Additional Confessions will also be offered every Wednesday evening of Lent from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
During Lent Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Ministries March 6th and March 7th

	Sat. March 6 5:30 p.m.	Sun. March 7 8:00 a.m.	Sun March 7 10:00a.m.	Sun March 7 12:00 p.m.
Clergy	Fr. Quill Schwartz	Fr. Quill Dcn. Wolfe	Fr. Wimmer	Fr. Wimmer Br. Frank
EOM	M. Femiano R. Taylor J. Deane C. Schwartz D. Lynch S. Mongeon J. Truman	J. Landicho C. Landicho J. Brady L. Masters R. Balbago J. Dillon R. Swerczek	J. Carroll E. Carroll D. Sutton R. Bernard K. Murray A. Miller P. McGarvey	T. Guzenhauser L. Marshall P. Downey K. McGeehan D. Duncan B. Raab M. Seaman
Lector	Chris Schwartz	Roland Forbes	Cecilia Maloney	Tony Visk
Altar Servers	Zacharia Mc Connel	Ojo Gurwah	Harrell O' Brien	Ganthier Visk
Music	Cantor	Instrumental	Contemp. Choir	Folk

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, February 28

- 5:30 P.M. > Fr. Tom Kane (The Kutyba Family)
- 8:00 A.M. All Members of the Parish
- 10:00 A.M. Eleanor Sines & Family (Christine Ott)
- 12:00 P.M. > Alva & Warren Phelps (The Phelps Family)

Monday, March 1

- 8:15 A.M. > Fr. Kane (The Borocho Family)

Tuesday, March 2

- 7:00 A.M. Paul Scanion (Ceil Maloney)
- 8:15 A.M. > Anthony Borocho Sr. (The Borocho Family)

Wednesday, March 3

- 8:15 A.M. > Catherine & Paul Dooley (The Murray Family)

Thursday March 4

- 7:00 A.M. Claudia Romeo (Carol Kling)
- 8:15 A.M. > Fr. Tom Kane (The Borocho Family)

Friday, March 5

- 8:15 A.M. > Alva Phelps (The Phelps Family)

Saturday March 6

- 8:15 A.M. > All Souls in Purgatory (Our Ladies Prayer Group)

Sunday, March 7

- 5:30 P.M. > Alex & Catherine McGeehan (Adrienne McGeehan)
- 8:00 A.M. All Members of the Parish
- 10:00 A.M. Mary Shipley & Family (Christine Ott)
- 12:00 P.M. > Alva & Warren Phelps (The Phelps Family)

Please pray daily for the special needs of our Parish Community. Pray for the sick of the parish and, those listed in the Parish Prayer Book, that they may know God's healing love. Please remember all those who have died.

Names of the sick are listed in the Intentions for three weeks. For long term illness, or other serious concerns, please list your prayer need in the Prayer Book in the back of the church, which is used in prayer by the priests, the prayer group, and individual parishioners.

Parish News

Bulletin Deadline – noon Monday ***IN WRITING***, (holiday weekends are published a week in advance) either by email, fax, mail, or delivery to the rectory. When space is limited, emailed content gets first priority. See the bulletin cover for contact information.

<i>A Quick Look Ahead</i>	
Mar. 7	Food Collection
Mar. 19	Feast of St. Joseph—School Mass 8:15 a.m.
Mar. 22	Lenten Reflection: Br. Frank will speak on “Walking with St. Francis and St. Clare through Lent”
Mar. 24	Project S.A.V.E for 5 th & 6 th Graders
Mar. 28	Palm Sunday

Snow Removal: Just to keep you informed, our snow plow company has continually done a remarkable job in unbelievable circumstances to date with plowing our lots. At this time we have spent over \$15,000.00 in snow removable for the safety of our parishioners.

Gwenn Olive: Will continue to offer pastoral counseling using psychological principles and a spiritual background. An opportunity to walk with someone in their life-spiritual journey. Sessions are conducted in the rectory and are confidential. Charges are based on a sliding scale. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and a deep spirituality. She continues her wonderful work.

Attention: 5TH and 6TH Grade Students and Parents: PROJECT S.A.V.E. (Archdiocese Catechesis on Human Sexuality) will present two puberty education workshops for our 5th and 6th grade students and their parents or guardians. “For Girls Only-Know Your Body Class” for Mothers/Daughters and “For Boys Only-Know Your Body Class” for Fathers/Sons will be held concurrently on Wednesday, March 24th from 7:00-8:30pm in the school. Mrs. Mary Lee O’Connell, a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner and approved Archdiocesan facilitator, will teach the girl’s workshop; the boy’s workshop will be taught by Mr. Joaquin Trejo from the Archdiocese Office of Family Life. Registration forms will be sent home with students

Food Donations: Contributions of food may be brought to the church the weekend of March 6th and 7th to help us feed the hungry in our neighborhood. Please drop your donations in the Altar Servers Sacristy. The pantry is also in need of personal items, paper products and toiletries such as toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper and paper towels. Please be sure to mark them “Pantry”



Thank you for your generosity and kindness!!!!

Easter Flowers

There are envelopes in the foyer of the church for parishioners wishing to make a donation for our Easter Flowers. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one.



Archbishop's Appeal

I WILL GIVE
YOU THANKS,
O LORD
PSALM 138:1

If you missed the opportunity to make a Pledge to the Archbishop's Appeal at our recent In-Pew Champaign, please take a Pledge Card located in the racks in the Pews. The completed Pledge Cards should be taken to the Rectory Office.

Run for Vocations 2010 - Marine Corps Marathon & 10K on October 31: You are invited to join the “Run for vocations” team. All levels of runners and walkers are most welcome. This is a unique experience to support our seminarians, get into shape, accomplish an amazing goal, and meet new people. For more information and to register go to www.dcvocations.org or call Jenny Mulhare at 301-853-4580.

We are also looking for leaders to organize parish teams for the Marathon and 10K race. If interested, please contact Msgr. Rob Panke at vocations@adw.org.

National Gallery of Art – Exhibition: Religious artists of 17th-century Spain created arrestingly realistic sculptures and paintings that still have the power to shock the senses and stir the soul. From February 28 through May 31, 2010, the National Gallery of Art on the National Mall will be the only U.S. venue for a major exhibition revealing the relationship between these art forms in The Sacred Made Real: Spanish Painting and Sculpture, 1600-1700. Many of the sculptures have never been exhibited away from the Spanish churches, convents, and monasteries where they continue to inspire many. For more information on the exhibition, scheduled events, and to plan your visit, go to www.nga.gov/sacred. To schedule tours, please contact Arlette Raspberry at 202-842-6247 or araspberry@nga.gov.

Stewardship

FY Jul 2008/Jun 2009		Income	Estimated Expenses	Difference
Feb. 21 2010	Offertory	\$11,517.18	8,650.00	\$2,867.18
	Mortgage	\$1,432.00	3,500.00	-\$2,068.00
Jan 2010	Offertory	\$43,428.49	37,500.00	\$5,928.49
	Mortgage	\$9,443.34	15,111.38	-\$5,668.04

Offertory envelopes for January were mailed out to 772 registered parishioners, and were received from 434 registered parishioners.

Religious Education

Lenten Penance for religious education students in grades 3-7 will be **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, at 7:00 p.m.** Religious education students in 8th grade will have the opportunity for Lenten Penance on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10.**

The 2010 Confirmation Class is asking for donations of old magazines to use in a project during their retreat in April. Please consider donating your old volumes of Newsweek, Time, The Economist, Sports Illustrated, etc. The students will look for "real life" images that exemplify the Gifts of the Holy Spirit they will receive through Confirmation.

Parish registration and a record of **Mass Attendance at St. Joseph's** are **MANDATORY** if your child is hoping to receive First Eucharist or Confirmation this Spring! Please be sure you put your envelope (no donation necessary) in the collection basket every weekend so that we know you've been to Mass!

If you are not registered at St. Joseph's, are not receiving collection envelopes, or want to check your record of Mass attendance, please call the parish office immediately at 301-937-7183.

Mar. 3	Mandatory First Eucharist Meeting – Parents
Mar. 17	First Eucharist Retreat Registration due Confirmation Retreat Registration due Service Project Completion deadline Letter to Archbishop due
Mar. 31 & Apr. 7	Holy Week & Easter Week – No Religious Education
Apr. 14	Religious Education resumes
Apr. 16	First Eucharist Retreat – <i>St. Joseph School</i>
Apr. 24	Confirmation Retreat – <i>St. Joseph School</i>
May 1	First Eucharist Mass @ 10 a.m.
May 5	Last Religious Education Class
May 26	Rehearsal for Confirmation Mass @ 7 p.m.
May 27	Confirmation Mass @ 7 p.m.



For the month of February we would like to thank
Maaco College Park
 For supporting our parish by advertising in our bulletin



School News

Important date to remember: School will be open for a regular school day on Friday, March 12th, which was originally scheduled as an "ADW Professional Day." This will be a makeup day for our lost snow days.

The entire St. Joseph's School Community wishes to thank the generous donors of needed classroom materials from the teacher wish lists. We received many useful tools to enhance our classroom cultures of learning.

Despite the snow days, the Terra Nova test dates will remain as originally scheduled – March 17-24th.

Feel free to join the school for the Lenten observance of Stations of the Cross led by Mrs. Pappas's eighth grade class each Friday afternoon beginning at 1:00 pm in the church.



The annual Science Fair will take place on Thursday, March 4th in the St. Joseph's Parish Hall. We are pleased to host many notable scientist-judges from local government and industry posts. These men and women truly enhance the St. Joseph's Science Fair with their expert guidance for the students.



Andrew Currier
 Principal

Teen Group News

Sunday Night Teen's Discussion Group Reminder:
 We meet again the 1st Sunday, March 7th at 7PM in the CLOW Room. In our 5th Lesson we discover what happens when God gives us what we want rather than what we need. We will be taken through the highs and lows of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah, learning the lesson the children of God should have learned along the way: that there is a God and that "we are not Him." Particular attention is paid to the themes of power, popularity, and pain as we examine the lives of the kings of Israel and Judah. Don't forget to bring your Bibles! If you have any questions about the Teen Discussion Group, contact Francine Bauchan at stjostff@hotmail.com or 301-937-0944.

Social Concerns News

Pantry: We continue to need all kinds of food, cleaning and personal items. We will publish a "Wish List" that will indicate the items that are in particular need. This list will be updated as our needs change.

WISH LIST

*Juice	*Canned Fruit
*Pasta	*Pasta Sauce
*Soup	*Canned Meat
*Tuna	*Salmon
*Cereal	*Rice
*Peanut Butter	*Jelly
*Laundry Detergent	*Dish Soap
*Paper Towels	*Toilet Tissue
*Ketchup	*Mustard
Mayonnaise	Canned Milk
Pancake Mix	Syrup
Flour	Sugar
Crackers	Cookies
Snacks	Cocoa
Coffee	Tea
Body Soap	Deodorant
Toothpaste	Shampoo

* Items that are immediately needed.

Costco Cards: We would appreciate gift cards to purchase items in bulk such as canned meats, tuna, salmon, soup, canned milk, fruit, and pasta and paper products to supplement our pantry supplies. Regular grocery store and drug store cards are still very much needed.

Clothing Room: The Clothing Room is located in the parish school, behind the stage area. It will be open the fourth Saturday, of each month, from 9:00am – 10:30am, to help those in need, in our parish and local community. The dates for the clothing room are:

March 27th

Thank you to everyone for their clothing donations. We currently have a surplus of clothing and are not accepting further donations at this time. **Please Do Not** leave any clothing in the server sacristy room.

Shoebbox Gifts: Thank you to the many people who donated items for the shoebbox gifts for the homeless.

It's not too early to shop for next Christmas. Please watch for clearances on scarves, hats, and gloves to be included in 2010's Christmas shoebbox gifts for the homeless. Also, we have another volunteer to crochet scarves. If you have any leftover yarn, we would love to have it. You can leave it in the box labeled "shoebbox gifts". Thank you for your generosity.

McKenna Center: We are in constant need of travel-size toiletries at the McKenna Center, a shelter for men near the Capitol. Travel-size deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo, and new underwear (M-L-XL) are a constant demand. There is a box in the pantry marked McKenna.

Other News

Catholic High School Singers: All are invited to a wonderful performance of our area's Catholic High School singers on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30PM at St. Aloysius Church, 19 Eye Street, NW. (Corner of I and North Capitol). This wonderful annual event, hosted by Gonzaga High School, will feature the best of McNamara, DeMatha, Seton, St. John's, Gonzaga, Stone Ridge, and Good Counsel. Free parking; suggested donation is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with ID.

Sunday, March 7, at 4 PM: plan to attend an Irish fundraiser in the lower level of St. Aloysius Church. Pete Moss and his Bog Band, Irish musician Paul Gannon, and the Boyle School of Irish Dance will entertain. There will also be a light supper prepared by the Gonzaga Mothers' Club. A donation of your choice will benefit the McKenna Center, a homeless shelter also located in the lower level of the church. This is special to St. Joseph's for two reasons: we support McKenna Center with travel-size men's toiletries; also, many of our elementary school students, over the years, have spent their time helping prepare and serve meals there, as well as collect and sort toiletries. Have fun and help a wonderful cause at the same time!

Forthcoming Programs at Dominican Retreat:

March 5-7, 2010, Lenten Silent Weekend for Women "Uncluttering Our Way" Directed by Fr. David Centner, OCD Time: Friday 7.15 pm – Sunday 3.00 pm. For further information call Dominican Retreat at 703. 356 4243 or check our website at www.dominicanretreat.org

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe on February 27-28

each year, parishes throughout the United States take up a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to support essential pastoral needs of the region, such as seminary formation and parish maintenance. The collection also helps with social and charitable works that the local Church does not have the capacity to support, such as the shelter-homes for the children of Kapshagai

Because of the fall of communism and the entrance of many central and eastern European countries into the European Union, many think that the needs of the region have been met. However, many parishes struggle in places where Catholics are in the minority, lack proper places to worship and the ability to provide pastoral care, and most importantly, cannot support themselves. On behalf of the struggling parishes of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, I ask for your support of the collection. Through it, we can give faith to the future by helping the Church to grow in faith and by nurturing the Church's children.

Please be generous in your parish collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe on February 27-28. Stand in solidarity with your brothers and sisters across the globe in Central and Eastern Europe and parts of Asia that were once under Soviet control—where great needs remain.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

LENT 2010

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Adults from 18 years to 59 years of age are called to **fast** (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Everyone from age 14 should **abstain** from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

PRAYER, ALMS GIVING AND ACTS OF CHARITY is encouraged for all believers in this season. Private and Liturgical prayer, penitential self denial and the sharing of one's possessions with those in need are traditional Lenten practices.

PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE: (please retain for your reference):

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17, begins this sacred season and blessed ashes; an ancient sign of penitence and repentance will be imposed during **Masses at 8:15 a.m. noon and 7:30 p.m.;**

DAILY MASS is held Monday through Saturday at **8:15 a.m.** and Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 a.m. Make prayer a daily part of your life. (*Maybe on your way to work.*)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During Lent Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Parishioners are encouraged to make private visits to the Church during Lent. (8:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) Station books & publications for personal reflection are available in the foyer.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Receive this special Sacrament; Saturdays: 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Additional Confessions will also be offered every Wednesday evening of Lent from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please make every effort to receive the Lord's mercy and forgiveness during Lent. In this penitential season, practice forgiveness yourself; examine your life & faith on a regular basis.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: At 7:00 p.m. February 22, Father Rose will talk on "Speaking God's Language. On March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Br. Frank will speak on "Walking with St. Francis and St. Clare through Lent in the church.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: The Scripture Sharing Group meets on Wednesdays, 9:00-10:30 am in the Cry Room. During Lent the group will examine how the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah are fulfilled in the New Testament by Jesus. We will also continue with the study of the letter of 1 Peter. All are invited to join the group whenever your busy schedules allow.

PILGRIMAGES: Plan to visit the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Take a tour of the beautiful structure and say a rosary or meditate before the Blessed Sacrament. Visit the Franciscan Monastery with its replicas of the catacombs, and the holy sites in Jerusalem. It is a hidden treasure in the city. You might also consider our own Cathedral of St. Matthew; where President Kennedy's funeral was held in 1963 and Pope John Paul celebrated Mass in 1979.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY: March 28th there will be the regular schedule of Sunday Masses. Blessing of Palms will take place at Mass and Palms will be distributed after Mass.

HOLY THURSDAY: April 1st the only Mass is the Celebration of the Lord's Supper with Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 pm. Following Mass, the church will remain open until 11 pm for prayer and adoration. Please make a special effort to spend some time with the Lord.

GOOD FRIDAY: April 2nd on this day of Christ's death, no Masses are offered anywhere in the world. Stations will be held at 3:00 in the afternoon and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion, with the distribution of Communion consecrated Holy Thursday will be held at 7:30p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY: April 3rd the Solemn Easter Vigil Mass with the blessing of the Easter fire and the reception of candidates into the church will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. (There is no 5:30 p.m. Mass nor Confessions on Holy Saturday).

EASTER SUNDAY: April 4th the regular Sunday Masses are celebrated at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm.