

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

MARCH 27 AND 28

PRESIDERS

| | | | |
|------------|----------|----------------|---------------------|
| Sat | 4:00 PM | Reconciliation | Fr. Gene & Fr. Jojo |
| | 5:00 PM | Fr. Gene | |
| Sun | 7:00 AM | Fr. Brad | |
| | 8:00 AM | Fr. Brad | |
| | 9:30 AM | Fr. Gene | Dec. Bill Walker |
| | 11:00 AM | Fr. Jojo | Dcn. Bill Walker |
| | 12:30 PM | Fr. Jojo | |
| | 6:00 PM | Fr. Gene | |

SERVERS

| | | |
|------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| Sat | 5:00 PM | C. Borretti; K. Borretti |
| Sun | 7:00 AM | J. Kanik |
| | 8:00 AM | E. Petrick; M. Fiorina |
| | 9:30 AM | R. Bachkosky; A. Lanzillotta |
| | 11:00 AM | B. Dress |
| | 12:30 AM | P. Grajewski; N. Grajewski |
| | 6:00 PM | W. Brenninkmeyer; J. Brenninkmeyer |



| | | | | |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Sun | Mar | 21 | 7:00 AM | Paul Meyd |
| | | | 8:00 AM | Mildred Bradley |
| | | | 9:30 AM | Millicent DeSimone & Stuart LaValley |
| | | | 11:00 AM | John Berner |
| | | | 12:30 PM | Edgar Ledger |
| | | | 6:00 PM | Sherod Cooper |
| Mon | Mar | 22 | 8:30 AM | Iona McManus |
| Tues | Mar | 23 | 8:30 AM | Michael Olienyk |
| Wed | Mar | 24 | 8:30 AM | Hettie Hayes |
| Thur | Mar | 25 | 8:30 AM | Joe Gatto |
| Fri | Mar | 26 | 8:30 AM | Harry & Neva Yost |
| Sat | Mar | 27 | 8:30 AM | Jim McManus (Spec. Int.) |
| | | | 5:00 PM | Marlene Herriott |
| Sun | Mar | 28 | 7:00 AM | Vince Glorioso |
| | | | 8:00 AM | Ruth & James Cole |
| | | | 9:30 AM | Andrew Newman |
| | | | 11:00 AM | Irene Barecki |
| | | | 12:30 PM | Peter Hoppa |
| | | | 6:00 PM | Ed & Mary Reynolds |

STEWARDSHIP

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Envelopes: | \$16,737.00 |
| Loose Money: | \$3,602.00 |
| Poor Box: | \$471.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services: | \$4,981.00 |

Mass Attendance last weekend: 2,018

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Next to the Holy Mass, what better way is there to celebrate Lent than to sit before Our Lord in Adoration for an hour once a week. Please consider signing up as a Guardian and commit yourself to that hour. **We are in need of a second guardian for Thursdays from 10-11 am and from 11-12 pm.** Please contact Liz Spears at 410-923-2618 if you have questions or to sign up for any time that suits you.

CALENDAR

7:00 PM -Weeknights – 40 Days Prayer for Life Rosary (Hall)

Sunday March 21

- 9:30 AM – Children’s Liturgy of the Word (203-204)
- 2:00 PM – Lenten Study – Middle East (CR)
- 7:30 PM – LifeTeen/LifeNight (201)

Monday March 22

- 7:30 PM – Prayer Group (Church)
- 7:30 PM – Why Catholic? (204 & 206)
- 7:30 PM – Communal Reconciliation Service (Hall)

Tuesday March 23

- 9:30 AM – Why Catholic? (203-204)

Wednesday March 24

- 9:30 AM – Women in Faith Bible Group (203-204)
- 7:00 PM – The Light Is On For You (103-104)
- 7:30 PM – Why Catholic? (203)
- 7:30 PM – Choir Practice (Hall)

Thursday March 25

- 9:00 AM – Eucharistic Adoration (206)
- 9:30 AM – Rosary Making (205)
- 7:00 PM – Welcome Home Session (CR)
- 7:00 PM – AA Singles Again – Making Sandwiches (103)

Friday March 26

- 7:00 PM – Edge (203-204)
- 7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Hall)
- Presented by LifeTeen – (No Benediction)

Saturday March 27

- 7:30 AM – Cursillo Group (203-204)

ODD PANS – IN

Sunday March 28

- 9:30 AM – Children’s Liturgy of the Word (203-204)
- 2:00 PM – Lenten Study – Middle East (CR)

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

The Sacrament of Reconciliation continues **every Wednesday until March 31** from **7:00 – 8:30pm in Rooms 103 and 104** with Fr. Gene and Fr. Jojo.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross continue every **Friday at 7:30pm in the hall until March 26. On Good Friday (April 2) it will be at 3:00pm.** No “Soup Suppers” preceding the Stations.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

In addition to “The Light Is On For You”, Reconciliation is also held every **Saturday from 4 – 4:45pm and on Wed. March 31 from 9-10 am.** There will also be a **Family Reconciliation Celebration** with many visiting priests on **Mon. March 22 at 7pm** here in the hall.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Breaking News: Sorry to announce, but due to construction going on during summer, Vacation Bible School will have to be cancelled.

THANK YOU – THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The love and support that you gave the Little Sisters of the Poor during their visit was a sign of your genuine Charity, amount collected was \$9,015.74. Your gifts are truly a sign of God’s loving and caring Providence which will help to provide the best possible care for the many elderly in need who come to make their home with them. The Residents of St. Martin’s Home join with The Little sisters of the Poor in promising their daily prayers for all of our many intentions.

FR. GENE'S NOTE

Next Weekend, we begin HOLY WEEK with the Celebration of Palm and Passion Sunday. We will bless and distribute palm at every Mass, blessing it at the beginning of Mass after the Gospel is read but distributing it at the end as you leave. This is because there is no where in the hall to put your palm during Mass; you can take as much as you need as you leave. Baskets of blessed palm will be by the doors.

Reconciliation is available this week not just on this Wednesday night from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, but also this Monday night at 7:00 pm when we celebrate a COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE with the help of 4 other visiting priests as well as Fr. Jojo and I here at the hall. This Service is for families and includes the participation of many sixth graders. I thank Andrea Reddinger and the young people for their planning and help.

Today's Gospel shows Jesus' compassion and kindness towards the woman caught in sin. Through this incident, we can see what a wonderful gift Jesus' love and mercy is! Forgiveness in Reconciliation is like a renewal of our Baptism for it cleanses away our sins and allows new life in Jesus to begin. There is no condemnation, no harsh judgment. There is only acceptance and healing of the hurt and pain that the sin caused and a new beginning is offered – a new start – with only one request from Jesus – to sin no more. Our response to His unconditional love and caring is to change and try to sin no more. As Isaiah writes about God's promises to the exiles after leaving Egypt; that He is forming for Himself a people that will announce God's praises. They should not remember the events of the past, for God is doing something new. These redemptive acts foreshadow the salvation God achieves for us in Christ Jesus. Even Paul, in our second reading, although in prison and in danger of death, writes about trusting in Jesus for it is through His cross and resurrection alone that we can come to the fullness of life in God. So he encourages us: "forget what lies behind but strain forward to what lies ahead...the prize of God's upward calling in Christ Jesus." We can experience this in the forgiving embrace of Jesus through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please join us!

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN THIS YEAR'S VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION. With the best of intentions, we had announced a brunch on Sun, May 23. That WILL NOT WORK due to the on-going construction of our five new offices and conference room. Our new plan for this year is to honor our volunteers at all the Masses the weekend of May 1 – 2 with a small gift and a powerful special Blessing. Just attend the Mass of your choice. That same weekend, we will follow up on honoring your work by doing an "in-pew" STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT DRIVE. We will ask others to join you in service to God at our parish. Training will follow during May. I am sorry there will be no food, but we want you to know what a treasure you all are to our parish, and we will place an "Honor Roll" of our volunteers in the Bulletin and our web-site for all to see.

BUS TRIP TO GROTTO

All are welcome to join us in our annual pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Mt. St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland on **Thurs. May 20 from 9:30 -5:30pm**. The trip includes Mass at the Grotto, a visit to the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and lunch at St Peter's Church in Libertytown, all for \$25.00 per person. Call the parish office to reserve your seat.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

♦ Is.43: 16-21 ♦ Phil.3: 8-14 ♦ Jn.8: 1-11 ♦

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The question of the week invites reflection on the Sunday readings and when shared in our environments, we begin to see the hand of God in our lives.

Adults: **Who among your family and friends do you need to ask forgiveness from so that you can experience true freedom?**

Children: **When have you had to say you're sorry this week?**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

♦ Lk.19: 28-40 ♦ Is.50: 4-7 ♦ Phil.2: 6-11 ♦ Lk.22: 14; 23: 56 or 23: 1-49 ♦



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULES
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY March 27th and 28th:

Palms will be distributed at all Masses.

HOLY THURSDAY – April 1st - (No AM Mass):

7:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY – April 2nd - (No AM Mass):

3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross. (No Benediction).

7:30 PM – Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY – April 3rd - (No AM Mass; No 5:00 pm Mass and No Evening Confessions):

10:00 AM - Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY – April 4th – Special Mass Schedule

Hall – 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm

Spalding High School Auditorium – 10:00 AM Mass with LifeTeen Music

NOTE: NO 6:00PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

MASS FOR HEALING

Join Msgr. John Auer, Fr. Gene and Fr. Jojo on **Mon. April 12 at 7:00pm** for a special Mass calling on God's Healing Love to restore us in body, soul and spirit. Special music and the laying of hands will follow the Mass.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR will follow on Monday evenings at **7:00pm in the hall/church starting April 19 thru May 24**. Come and learn more about how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. This can be a life changing experience! All are welcome!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the Baltimore Archdiocese HNS union provides a number of \$500 scholarships for needy students to attend Catholic High School. These grants are based solely on financial need. Each parish is allowed to submit one application. All applications will then be evaluated by the Scholarship committee that will select 10 to receive grants. If you are interested in applying for a grant please pick-up an application at the parish office and return it to the office by April 1. Fr. Gene will make the determination of which application will be submitted from our parish.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Tel: 410-923-2195 – e-mail: olffaith@yahoo.com

The Easter Children's Choir will sing prior to the 11:00am Mass on Easter Sunday as parishioners come into the Church. **Practice is today Sun. March 21** at 10:30am in classroom 203-204. **There will be NO Children's Liturgy of the Word on Easter Sunday – April 4.**

Family Lenten Reconciliation - Mon. March 22 at 7:00pm in the Hall: Individual confessions will be heard in the classrooms following a brief service in the Hall planned by Faith Formation Grades 6-8. Several priests will be available. All ages are welcome. Please bring an item for the food pantry at St. Thomas Aquinas, our Sister Parish in Baltimore.

Take items to specially marked boxes in the hall entryway: To reach out to those in need in our local area – throughout Lent Faith Formation classes are collecting the following for **SPAN (Severna Park Assistance Network)** and **St. Thomas Aquinas our sister parish in Baltimore:**

- | | |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| PK – Grade 1 | Toothbrushes |
| Grade 2 | Toothpaste |
| Grade 3 | Shampoo/conditioner |
| Grade 4 | Deodorant |
| Grade 5 | Baby Wipes |
| Grades 6-8 | Non-perishable food items |

Last Schedule Classes at the Parish Center for Grades

PK-8:

Sunday April 18

Tuesday April 20

Wednesday April 21

There are no classes scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 4.



BAPTISM: Our faith community welcomes **Mason Allen Apicella** son of Timothy & Christine Apicella and **Allan James Loftus** son of Kevin & Cindy Loftus. Please join us in asking God to bless them and their families.

CHILDREN'S GIFT TO GOD

Good Deeds from the Children's Envelopes for giving a gift to God: * I read. * I helped my brother set up the TV. * Bless You.

SIX-WEEK BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

For all those who have lost a loved one! A 6-week Bereavement Support Group begins **Wed., April 21 to Wed. May 26 in Room 202 from 7.30PM to 9PM.** Facilitator will be Susan Roundy assisted by members of the Bereavement Committee. For information and registration, please call Martha O'Herlihy 410-987-1756.

SARAH'S HOUSE ART OF KINDNESS GALA

Sarah's House cordially invites you to their Art of Kindness Gala on **Sat. April 24 from 7-10pm at Holy Family Catholic Church, Davidsonville.** Tickets \$50 – after 5pm attire. Come enjoy an elegant evening of light fare, drinks and music in support of Sarah's House. Works from Maryland artists will be on sale plus a number of unique items offered for silent auction. For more info call 410-551-7722 ext 1216.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND CHOCOLATES

Fair Trade coffee, chocolates and other Fair Trade items will be on sale, by the elevator, this weekend **March 20/21** after all the Masses.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Scott Link - 410-729-1702

Life Teen is the High School Youth Ministry Program at Our Lady of the Fields. We meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after the 6pm Mass.

March 23rd, 7:00pm: New Mexico Mission Trip Meeting - This is a mandatory meeting for those that are interested in attending the youth mission trip this summer. You must be 16 years old and be a parishioner of OLF. Please contact Scott Link in the youth ministry office if you have any questions.

March 26th at 7:30pm: LifeTeen is hosting Stations of the Cross in the hall.

Archbishop's Pilgrimage – Saturday, March 27th – 10:15am to 9:30pm – We are traveling to Baltimore to join every youth group in the Archdiocese for this awesome annual event. This is a great way to celebrate lent as we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem. The cost is only \$15! Pick up a flyer outside of Church or call the youth ministry office for more details!

April 4th – Easter Sunday LifeTeen Mass is at Archbishop Spalding at 10am. There is **NO** 6pm Mass on Easter.

April 8th – Confirmation Rehearsal – 7:30pm in our church.

The EDGE is BACK- We now meet **every 2 & 4th Friday of the Month from 7:00-8:30pm** in rooms 203-204! Come join us for Food, Friends, Fun, and Faith! **Next Event is Fri. March 26th!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The KofC, Archbishop Keogh Council will be hosting a Blood Drive on **Wed. April 21 from 1-7pm at the KofC hall.** Everyone donating will receive a pack of American Red Cross Baseball Cards. They will feature local blood recipients, volunteers and people from your local donor center. Contact your local ARC sponsor for more details as there are prizes to be won. Call Steve Andrzejewski at: 410-987-5852 or 1-800-448-3543 to schedule your life-saving donation. Walk-ins are welcome!

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND ANNULMENTS FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

The Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be giving two presentations in our area concerning divorce and annulment from the Catholic perspective. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics; those divorced who wish to marry Catholics; those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family and friends. The sessions will be held at:

Holy Trinity Catholic Church - May 6th from 7-9pm.
St. Mary's, Annapolis – April 19 from 7-9pm.

No prior registration is required. For further info call 410-547-5533.

HOMELESS RESOURCE DAY

Each year, Anne Arundel County and the Arundel House of Hope (sponsor of the Winter Relief ministry) team up for a special day to help people who are homeless. The event is called "Homeless Resource Day" and will be held this year on **Sat. March 27th from 8 am to 4 pm at the Glen Burnie High School.** Training is provided for all volunteers in advance of the session. Registration form and more info at: <http://www.volunteeranearundel.org/AACHRD.html>. Please fax the completed form to Marsha Urban at the Arundel House of Hope at 410-863-7265.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sue Dobrzykowski – 410-987-5171

PLEASE KEEP OUR RCIA CANDIDATES IN PRAYER:

Our candidates: Cole Buckon and Melanie Gorman, who will receive Eucharist and Confirmation, and Diane Gomezjurado, Jesse Jans, Richard Kane, and Chesney Wells who will be received into full communion into the Catholic Church will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil, April 3. Please keep them in your prayers.

RELIGIOUS BOOK SALE: Bibles, Catechisms, and many other faith foundation books are available in the parish office. These make great gifts for upcoming sacraments.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR KNOW OF SOMEONE? RCIA: (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which persons join or complete their initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation) into the Catholic Church. Please call Susan Dobrzykowski at 410-987-5171 or e-mail at sdober@verizon.net to find out more about our inquiry sessions and the RCIA process. Inquiry sessions are offered in a relaxed atmosphere and give the inquirer an opportunity to ask questions about the Catholic faith. Flyers with information are located in the hall atrium.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted. Fast and Abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday.



THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

"Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Apparition of Our Lady in Fatima 13th June 1917. Sign up sheets for the pilgrim statue are in the foyer. For more info contact Lana Kanik at (410) 674-6180 or (410) 446-5845.

OLF STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Please remember to call the respective contact person to volunteer or call the parish office with your information.

THE BROWN BAG PROGRAM

The Brown Bag Donations will be collected during Holy Week to benefit Catholic Relief Services.

LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ELDERLY CARE?

The AA County Department of Aging and Disabilities provides support to Seniors and the Disabled. They also provide relief for Caregivers. Respite Care Helpers are screened and trained. They work mainly on an hourly basis. Please call 410-222-4464 x 3045/3094 for more info.

SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL

Slava Isusu Christu! The Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church, 1265 Linden Ave., Arbutus near Leeds Ave. is having a spring Slavonic Food Festival on **Sat. March 27 from 10am - 2pm**. Menu includes stuffed cabbage, noodles & cabbage and potato pancakes. Homemade nut, poppy & lekvar for sale. For more info call 410-247-4936. Fr. Conan H. Timoney is the Pastor.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MATTERS

SARAH'S HOUSE

Please join us as we serve dinner to the men, women and children residents of Sarah's House on **Mon. & Tues. April 19th and 20th**. Call Rita at: 410-923-4480 for more info.

SEVERNA PARK ASSISTANCE NETWORK

EASTER SHARING PROGRAM: Easter is around the corner which means SPAN is preparing for The Easter Sharing Program. We are now in the process of registering families for this program and if you are interested in being a donor for either an Easter Meal and/or Children's Easter Basket, please contact us at: 410-647-0889 or spanhelp@yahoo.com.

SPAN GOLF CLASSIC: is right around the corner on **June 21**. We are putting together a committee to help with finding sponsors, golfers, donations, and organizing. Please consider serving on this committee. You don't have to play golf, or even know anything about the game! If you're interested in being part of something to benefit those in need, and enjoy working with fun folks, please give Maria a call at 410-647-0889. Thank you!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER FOR LIFE – Please say the Rosary for Life with us in the Church at **7:00PM weeknights during Lent**. If you can't come every night, try one night a week. The babies cannot pray for themselves. Thank you for remembering them.

40 Days for Life/40 Days of Lent: During these 40 Days for Lent and 40 Days for Life, join other parishioners in your parish or community in the 40 Days for Life Campaign. You are urgently needed to peacefully pray and keep vigil outside an abortion facility

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, they will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Good Friday Way of the Cross: Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien will lead us on Good Friday, April 2nd, at 8:00 a.m. for this annual prayer procession beginning at St. Alphonsus Church, 114 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore. We will pray the Stations of the Cross while walking to Planned Parenthood at 330 N. Howard Street, pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary while standing across the street from Planned Parenthood, and then return to St. Alphonsus for dismissal. The event should take a little over an hour. Parking:- Franklin Street Garage between Charles St. and Cathedral St.; Saratoga garage between Cathedral St. and Charles St.; street parking – pay meters or "Pay" boxes. For more details call Linda Brenegan in the Respect Life Office at 410-547-5537.

SICK, HOSPITALIZED & SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please keep the following parishioners in your thoughts and prayers:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Charles O'Hara | Mary Mills | Rex Mills |
| Rhoda Baldwin | Robert Conner | Helena Scher |
| Chrissy Clemens | Sandy Butala | Dixie Mitchell |
| John Petrovick | Jean Provensa | Erica Bury |
| Marge Crabtree | Ken Boretti | Lelia Davage |
| Emerson Wallace | Debbie Baldwin | Joe Bargas |
| Eileen Fontana | Clare Berner | Alfred Nelka |
| Jim McManus | Lorraine Colao | |
| Marie & John Schiller, Sr. | Malcolm Purdum | |