

SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Tithing Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Tithing – God's Plan for Giving

This Week –

Weekly contributions Needed (i.e. Budgeted)

\$16,875.00

Parishioner Contributions Received

\$17,507.00

Human life is the first and greatest gift of all and carries great responsibility with it. As Christians, we know that our lives are sacred trusts. We are the stewards of those lives; God depends on us to use them to accomplish God's purposes. (Stewardship July 2008)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of September 13

Sunday	8 am	Walter Geary†
	9:30 am	Charles A. Gibney, Jr.†
	11:30 am	For The Community
Monday	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Tuesday	12:10 pm	Dan Lindauer†
Wednesday	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Thursday	12:10 pm	Apolinario Naconda†
Saturday	5 pm	James Donald Murray, Sr. †
Sunday	8 am	Olivia Chatard†
	9:30 am	For The Community
	11:30 am	Joseph Bonk†

†Deceased

POOR BOX

The Poor Box for the month of September has been designated to benefit Our Daily Bread Employment Center. They need computers and software for educational and job training programs for their clients.

MASS FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

In celebration of the Year for Priests, Archbishop O'Brien will honor the retired priests of the Archdiocese of Baltimore at a special Mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on **Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.** All of the faithful are welcome to attend. No tickets will be necessary. Please consider attending to honor Msgr. Thomas Donellan for his service to our parish. For more information and a complete list of the participating retired priests, please visit the Year for Priests section of the Archdiocesan website at www.archbalt.org.

PARISH EVENTS

Week of September 13

Today! Sunday, September 13

10:45 am Rosary

10:45 am Prayer Meeting

Monday, September 14

10:15 am Bible Study begins

1 pm Bridge Group

7 pm Unified Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

9:15 am Catholic Scripture Study Opening w/Mass

7 pm RCIA

7 pm Theology of the Body

Wednesday, September 16

7:30 pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday, September 17

Beans & Bread Casseroles Due!

7 pm Catholic Scripture Study Opening w/Mass

Friday, September 18

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 19

Catechetical Weekend

6 pm Confirmation Pot Luck Dinner

Sunday, September 20

Catechetical Weekend

10:30 am Little Lambs Open House

10:30 am RE Book Pick-up

10:45 am Rosary

10:45 am Prayer Meeting

BIBLE STUDY

Come join us for Bible Study on **Monday** mornings, **beginning September 14th at 10:15 a.m.** This year we will be using the Little Rock's program covering ACTS. All texts and study guides will be provided.

Next Sunday's Readings

September 20, 2009

<i>1st Reading</i>	WISDOM 2:12, 17-20
<i>2nd Reading</i>	JAMES 3:16—4:3
<i>Gospel</i>	MARK 9:30-37

The readings will be more meaningful and familiar if you take the time to read them before Mass.

Pastor's Corner –

Dear Parishioners:

"Who do people say that I am?" The Gospel reading this week stands at the heart of Mark's Gospel: roughly at its center, and at a point where Jesus turns from Galilee to Jerusalem and His Passion and Resurrection. The story also turns from Jesus the miracle-worker to Christ the Suffering Messiah.

These shifts are significant. "Who do people say that I am?" Jesus reveals He will not be simply a healer or prophet in whom one believes. "Who do you say that I am?" To follow Jesus will mean seeing Him for who He truly is and personally committing oneself to the consequences: self-denial and suffering. We cannot merely believe, we must also do. "Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

May our good God bless you and your families with His richest blessings!

In Christ's love,
Fr. Frank

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19)*

The RCIA Tuesday evening sessions begin next week on September 22. Designed for those who are considering joining the Catholic Church, the RCIA process serves adults in any of these three categories:

- not baptized in any faith
- baptized in a Christian faith tradition other than Catholic
- baptized Catholic, but Confirmation and Eucharist not yet received

Please be giving some thought to the RCIA process. Is there someone you know who may be thinking about becoming a Catholic? Contact person is Deacon Don.

deacondon@ccsfx.net or 410-785-0356 x12 or outside after any weekend Mass



FAITH FORMATION

Pat Allshouse (pallshouse@ccsfx.net)
Middle School – Joanie Carlson
(carlsonj@notredameprep.com)

CATECHETICAL WEEKEND – Sept. 19-20 ...
Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word

FAITH FORMATION for CHILDREN

Letters with information specific to the programs which you have signed up have been sent. If you do not receive one please contact the Parish Office (410-785-0356).

BOOK PICK-UP DATES - HOME STUDY, MONDAY STUDY AND SUNDAY STUDY

MONDAY PROGRAM – Sept. 21st at 4:45 p.m. in the Hall

SUNDAY STUDY/ HOME STUDY - NEW TO PROGRAM SESSIONS - September 21st at 9:30 a.m. in the Hall; September 21st at 7 p.m. in the Hall;

September 25th at 9:30 a.m. in the Hall

SUNDAY STUDY/HOME STUDY VETERANS -

September 20th from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Hall;

September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall; September 23rd at 9:30 a.m. in the Hall

MONDAY GROUP - Begins on Sept. 21 @ 4:5 p.m.
Please come directly to the Hall with your child.

SUNDAY STUDY – Begins on Sept. 27th at 10:45.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DATES – Fall Semester

Sept. 26 ... Pot Luck Dinner – 6-8 p.m - Parents and Middle School Child; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, Nov. 7, 14.
Contact Joan Carlson (410-667-9123) for information.

FIRST EUCHARIST

October 27th at 7 pm – First Eucharist Parent Meeting – for ALL parents interesting in preparing a child for this sacrament in the SPRING 2010. Direct preparation for First Eucharist will begin in February.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Oct. 6th at 7 p.m. for ALL parents interested in preparing a child for this sacrament in FALL/ADVENT 2009. Preparation will be repeated in Jan. 2010 for reception in SPRING/LENT.



CASSEROLES FOR BEANS & BREAD

MISSED AGAIN! We fell short of our promised 35 casseroles in August.

Still, sincere thanks go to all our faithful cooks who made a casserole. Now that vacations are over, let's get back to our goal in September!

Encourage your friends to make a casserole for the hungry; the recipe is very simple. Our next collection of casseroles will be **Sept. 17th**. Bring your **frozen casserole (labeled for Beans & Bread) to the church any weekday (M-Th) before 9:15 a.m. on Sept. 17th**. Pans and recipes are available in the Gathering Space. The **recipe is also available on our parish website**; follow the link in Service Projects. See the recipe sheet for delivery options.

HAITI UPDATE

Parishioners,

Thank you for your support to our sister parish in Haiti. Our campaign comes to a close October 1st. Please return your change jars or checks as soon as possible. We have collected over \$10,000 from our parish and \$8,800 from the Steel Band & Pool Party graciously hosted by June Smith. A huge **thank you to June, Barry and Ann**. Fr. Paul Dorléan received the first check and the supplies and food for the children have been purchased.

Blessings to you all,
The Haiti Committee

A note from Fr. Dorléan:

Thank you for this check of \$9,600 U.S. I received it yesterday through Deacon Mortel. We will use it to buy some books, pencils, pens, payment of teachers and food for the children in our schools. Once again thank you for your solidarity and understanding towards us a people deprived. Here at Anse-Rouge we will continue to pray for you and your people. May God bless you in your daily activities,

*Always with Christ,
Father Dorléan*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Join us in celebrating Mass at St. Gregory the Great on **Sunday, September 27, 2009**. This is always a joyful and faith filled celebration for the entire family. Mass will be celebrated at 10 am. Car-pooling is suggested.

CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursday Evenings

Beginning **Thursday, September 17th** an 11 week study of the Letter of James. Opening Mass at 7 pm followed by an introductory DVD and orientation. Following Thursday, 10 week study with DVD and small groups from 7 to 9 pm. This study is open to both men and women. Registration is \$35.00. If interested, please contact Bernie Miller at 410-382-7731 or email BMillers@comcast.net.

BRIDGE ANYONE?



The CCSFX monthly bridge group is in full swing. We normally play the first Monday of each month, but due to the holiday this month, **we'll play Monday, September 14th**, 1 to 4 pm, and would love for you to join us. No partner is required. CCSFX Lower Hall. Please bring your own beverage. If you are interested, please contact Felicia Parker, phone 410-472-9443 or email: feliciaparker2000@yahoo.com

BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, September 30th at 7 pm** in the Chatard House. We will be discussing "My Life With the Saints" by James Martin, S.J. This easy-to-read book looks at how the saints guide us throughout our earthly journey and help us to find holiness in our own lives. Become acquainted-or reacquainted-with a variety of saints including Joan of Arc, Ignatius of Loyola, Pope John XXIII, and the Ugandan Martyrs. All are welcome! Please join us.

GOLF OUTING

Saturday, October 10th
Oakmont Green – Hampstead, MD

There's still time to sign up to play!
Plenty of good food, great prizes
and loads of fun.

Cost is \$89.00 per player.

Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space or contact Kevin Jason at 410-252-6843 or csikevinj@gmail.com.



GOSPEL OF LIFE

Day of Reflection: Msgr. Mike Mannion, a popular and deeply spiritual author and lecturer on the topic of abortion and healing ministry, will lead this spiritual day for refreshing and energizing the challenges of your prolife work. Come and join others throughout the Archdiocese for this day of reflection Thursday, Sept. 24, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. The fee is \$25, lunch included. Reservations required. Contact the Respect Life Office at Lbrenegan@archbalt.org

40 Days for Life: Join us Sept. 23 – Nov. 1, 2009 for the 40 Days for Life Campaign!! We will pray with thousands of people simultaneously in 250 cities in fervent prayer and fasting for – Women and their babies who are in danger of abortion – Men and women who carry the pain of a past abortion – Workers at abortion facilities and local, state and national leaders who misguidedly support abortion. Prayer can take place as peaceful, prayerful public witness in front of an abortion facility (recommended), or in church, home or school. Will you pledge just 1 hour of prayer during the 40 days? Call your Respect Life Coordinator or go to <http://www.archbalt.org/respect-life/abortion-clinic-prayer-vigils.cfm>.

Pregnant, Need Help? Call the Gabriel Network – 1-800-ANGEL-OK

Suffering Post-Abortion Stress? Call Project Rachel – 1-800-286-4224

<http://www.sfxforlife.org>

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements to be placed in our weekly bulletin need to be received by 4 p.m. on Monday afternoons. Please send your announcements to Jackie Potter, via email (jpotter@ccsfxnet) fax (410-785-1628) or mail. Please do not use special formatting as we may have to make changes to your notice as space allows. Also, please note that we are currently using WORD 2003 so documents should be saved to reflect this version. If you send us a document saved as a '.pdf' file, also send the version in WORD so that changes can be made if necessary. If you wish to have a flyer inserted into the bulletin please contact the office to be sure that the weekend you require is available.

LITURGY CORNER

"Peter said to him in reply, 'You are the Christ'."
(*Mark 8:29b*)

This verse from today's Gospel selection is one of two structural climaxes, this one in Chapter 8 and then another later on in Chapter 15 when the centurion at the foot of the cross exclaims, "Truly this man was the Son of God." (*Mark 15:39*)

In both cases, the identity of Jesus is revealed within the context of his suffering and death. These two verses highlight the overall thrust of Mark's Gospel, with its focus on the identity of Jesus, and then on the demands placed upon his followers.

This Sunday could also mark something of a turning point in our own personal journey through this Church year. We are now into mid-September, vacations are over, a new school year has begun, and the feel of fall is beginning to creep in. However well we have paid attention or however much we have learned on our journey through Mark's Gospel since the end of last November, it is never too late to ask ourselves two questions.

Firstly, have we encountered Jesus and learned more about who he is for us? And secondly – and a bit more involved – have we learned how to shoulder the cost of discipleship, discovered new ways to be faithful, and recognized that in dying . . . in making ourselves more like Jesus through our own style of self-giving . . . we are already rising to new life?

PARISH WEBSITE UPDATE

After hours of work, our Parish Website – www.ccsfx.org – has now been updated! If you haven't visited it yet, or haven't been there in a while, why not give it a look. **Many thanks to Sheila Walsh, John Jensen, John Roth and Bob Friday** for their dedication to this project. As we move forward, this committee is in need of the services of a Graphic Artist to help redesign our Home page. If you have such a skill and are familiar with web design, please contact Pat Allshouse (410-785-0356 x17) or pallshouse@ccsfx.net.