

## SEPTEMBER 20, 2009 – TWENTY-FIFTH 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  
\$20,448.20

Why do we all insist on saying that we are “Giving” to the church, when at best we are only sharing what God has already given to us? (Stewardship September, 2009)

### MASS INTENTIONS

Week of September 20

Sunday	8 am	Olivia E. Chatard†
	9:30 am	For The Community
	11:30 am	Joseph Bonk†
Monday	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Tuesday	12:10 pm	Myrtis Allen†
Wednesday	12:10 pm	Ann Hartnett†
Thursday	12:10 pm	Pat Stansbury†
Saturday	5 pm	Magdalen Guion†
Sunday	8 am	Catherine Murphy†
	9:30 am	Tony Yen†
	11:30 am	For The Community

†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.

### BIBLE STUDY

Come join us for Monday morning Bible Study, starting at 10:15 am. This year we will be using the Little Rock’s program covering the Acts Of The Apostle. All texts and study guides will be provided. For more information, contact Bob or Jo Weinger at 410-557-7678 or [weinbobjo@aol.com](mailto:weinbobjo@aol.com).

### CATECHETICAL WEEKEND

Once a year our Bishops ask us to reflect on our role in how we pass on our faith in Jesus Christ to one another. The theme this year, *Catechesis and the Proclamation fo the Word*, reminds us that in hearing and sharing God’s Word we grow closer to Him and one another. What are you doing to ‘grow’ your faith? Be sure to pick up a copy of our Adult Faith Formation booklet which lists all kinds of faith formation opportunities in our parish and surrounding parishes in the Archdiocese.

### PARISH EVENTS

Week of September 20

#### Today! Sunday, September 20

Catechetical Weekend  
10:30 am RE Book Pick-up  
10:45 am Rosary  
10:45 am Prayer Meeting

#### Monday, September 21

9:30 am RE Book Pick-up  
10:15 am Bible Study  
4:45 pm Monday Groups Begin  
4:45 pm Monday Group Parent Meeting  
6:30 pm RE Book Pick-up  
7 pm Finance Committee Meeting  
7 pm de Chardin Book Group

#### Tuesday, September 22

9:15 am Catholic Scripture Study  
7 pm RE Book Pick-up  
7 pm Theology of the Body  
7 pm RCIA

#### Wednesday, September 23

9:30 am RE Book Pick-up  
7 pm RE Book Pick-up  
7:30 pm Prayer Meeting

#### Thursday, September 24

5 pm Wedding Rehearsal  
7 pm Website Committee Meeting  
7 pm Catholic Scripture Study  
7 pm Choir Practice

#### Friday, September 25

5:30 pm Wedding

#### Saturday, September 26

6 pm Little Lambs Open House  
6 pm Middle School Pot Luck

#### Sunday, September 27

10:30 am Little Lambs Open House  
10:30 am Peer Minister Meeting  
10:45 am Prayer Meeting  
10:45 am Sunday Study  
10:45 am Baptismal Prep  
12:45 pm Confirmation Session

### LOW MINISTERS

Meeting Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am – Room 128.

## Pastor's Corner –

Dear Parishioners:

So, it's Catechetical Sunday, the day we draw attention to those who teach us about our faith. We honor DRE'S, religion teachers, catechists, as well as parents – our primary teachers by word and example. But we also lift up the catechetical undertaking as a whole and high light the need for all of us to approach our spiritual life as an ongoing occasion of learning.

We may have imagined we have heard everything there is to know about religion in parochial school or through sacramental programs. Even those who were catholic college educated still need to grow and develop in their understanding of faith, discipleship, and the mission of the Church.

Once the disciples quarreled about who was the most important in their group. Jesus embarrassed them by drawing a child into their midst and taking that little person into His arms. He invited His glory seeking disciples to put the child at the center as well, and we might consider this sign on two levels.

One is that the smallest person should always enjoy our greatest welcome, whether that "smallness" is measured by youth, strength, political visibility, or authority in a given situation. But the other meaning is that we must acknowledge the child at OUR center: that aspect of ourselves that must continue to be open to growth and change, embracing instruction without arrogance, retaining the innocence of doves while seeking to dispel ignorance at every opportunity.

Children are remarkably eager to learn more about the world and how things work. They delight in new information, feel wonder at all there is to know, and are not threatened by the idea that some things are beyond their understanding at this time, or perhaps, for all time. If we could recover this spirit, there is much the Holy Spirit might still reveal to us.

May our good God bless you and your families with His richest blessings in this new year of faith formation!

In Christ's love,

*Fr. Frank*

## FAITH FORMATION

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



### FAITH FORMATION for CHILDREN

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

##### MONDAY PROGRAM –

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:45 p.m. in the Hall

##### SUNDAY STUDY/ HOME STUDY - NEW TO PROGRAM SESSIONS –

September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Hall; September 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 7 p.m. in the Hall;

##### SUNDAY STUDY/HOME STUDY VETERANS -

September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Hall;  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall; September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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. 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 in  
the Hall. Please bring your study materials.

##### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

##### GOD'S LITTLE LAMBS

Open House next weekend after the 5 pm Saturday and  
9:30 am Sunday Masses. Please come down to Room  
115 to hear about this wonderful program for your 4  
year old. Or contact Kathy McHugh Marine  
([Kathleen\\_McHugh@hotmail.com](mailto:Kathleen_McHugh@hotmail.com)) for more  
information.

## GOSPEL OF LIFE

**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. Call your Respect Life Coordinator or go to [www.40daysforlife@archbalt.org](http://www.40daysforlife@archbalt.org)

**Day of Reflection-Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>:** 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](mailto:Lbrenegan@archbalt.org)

## BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CCSFX GOLF OUTING

**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Oakmont Green – Hampstead, MD

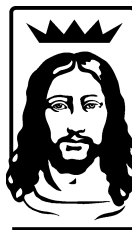
Cost is \$89.00 per player. Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space or contact Kevin Jason at 410-252-6843 or [csikevinj@gmail.com](mailto:csikevinj@gmail.com).

### Next Sunday's Readings

September 27, 2009

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading* NUMBERS 11:25-29  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* JAMES 5:1-6  
*Gospel* MARK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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



I was in prison  
And you visited me...  
(Matthew 25:36)

Never Forget  
I forgave you your entire debt  
because you begged me to.  
Should you not have pity on  
your fellow servant, as I have  
had pity on you?  
(Matthew 18:32-33)

The psalmist prays, “The Lord hears the cry of the poor.” In my experience as jail and prison minister, I have met many who are among the hidden poor. No ability to pay bail, no expensive, strong legal defense, no letters, no one to visit or to pray with them. I believe that these persons are among the poor whom God loves and whose cry God hears. They are the ones who God calls many of us to be with, so that God’s face of love may reach them through us. For more information on how you can join this growing ministry, contact Lois O’Brien-Cronin, St. Vincent DePaul Volunteer Coordinator for the Baltimore County Women’s Detention Center at 410-252-9039 or [mlobc@msn.com](mailto:mlobc@msn.com).

## 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 this week at 7:00 pm 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

Contact person is Deacon Don.  
[deacondon@ccsfx.net](mailto:deacondon@ccsfx.net) or 410-785-0356 x12 or outside after any weekend Mass

## WEBSITE UPDATE

As we move forward, the parish Website 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 (410-785-03556 x17 or [pallshouse@ccsfx.net](mailto:pallshouse@ccsfx.net)).

## LITURGY CORNER

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples are heard arguing among themselves as to "who was the greatest." Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them (and us!) that true discipleship consists in becoming "the last of all." The dynamic in this is that of going from greatest to least. Perhaps we should consider the Communion rite within the Mass, wherein exactly the opposite dynamic happens: we go from least to greatest. How so? Well . . .

In preparing for the Communion procession, the priest holds up the consecrated Bread and Wine (now the Body and Blood of Christ) while saying, "This is the Lamb of God . . . Happy are those who are called to his supper." The people then respond with "Lord, I am not worthy . . ." Before moving forward to the altar to participate in the Lord's feast, we state that we are the least among God's people. Next we come to the altar and share in the Eucharistic banquet. It is then that we, indeed, do become the greatest because we now consume the Body and Blood and we become what we eat.

The biblical source for "Lord, I am not worthy . . ." is Matthew 8:8, in which a centurion approaches Jesus and asks him to heal his servant. When Jesus indicates that he will do so, the centurion replies "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof . . . only say the word." The centurion's statement substitutes for an actual visit from Jesus – Lord, you do not have to make a special trip. You only have to give the word.

Just before Communion in Mass, these words are an invitation to Jesus to visit us in the wondrous gift of his Body and Blood. In addition to expressing our humility because the Lord is "coming under my roof," these words are also an expression of confidence that Jesus is coming to us to nourish and heal and strengthen and save us.



## REFRESHMENT WEEKEND

Refreshment Weekend is **October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**. Families whose last name begins with **H – P** are asked to bring cookies, a cake, donuts, etc. to be served after Mass. **No Chocolate please!**

## CONFIRMATION OF ADULTS

A "fully initiated" Catholic Christian has received all three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For any number of reasons, quite a few adult Catholics have missed out on the sacrament of Confirmation. On Sunday, October 4, at the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore, Archbishop Edwin O'Brien will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for adults from the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier and from other parishes of the Archdiocese.

To arrange to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Deacon Don no later than tomorrow, September 21<sup>st</sup> via email [deacondon@ccsfx.net](mailto:deacondon@ccsfx.net) or 410-785-0356 x12 .

## GETTING READY

Enclosed with next weekend's bulletin will be *Exploring the Sunday Readings*. This four page insert is designed to introduce the three Scripture selections that will be read at Mass on each of the four Sundays of October.

## THE FLU SEASON IS STARTING

More than one kind of flu virus will be spreading this season, including seasonal flu and the 2009 H1N1 (Swine) flu. If you get the flu, you can easily spread it to others. Please follow the recommendations of the CDC (Center for Disease Control) and health department for everyone's safety.

- ✓ Wash your hands
- ✓ Cover your mouth with a tissue or your arm if you sneeze or cough.
- ✓ Get a vaccination when available.
- ✓ Stay home when you feel sick.

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements to be placed in our weekly bulletin need to be received by 4 p.m. on Monday afternoons. We ask that you limit your announcements to 200 words or less. Please send your announcements to Jackie Potter, via email ([jpotter@ccsfxnet](mailto: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.