

FEBRUARY 7, 2010 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Tithing Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Tithing: God's Plan for Giving

REPORT FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010

Envelopes	\$10,020.00
Christmas	25.00
Loose	1,077.00
Non-Member Checks	265.00
Poor Box – MD Fuel Fund	126.23
Diocesan Priests	<u>85.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$11,598.23

REPORT FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010

Envelopes	\$ 9,091.81
Loose	437.00
Non-Member Checks	1,260.00
Poor Box – MD Fuel Fund	141.48
Diocesan Priests	<u>155.00</u>
	\$11,085.29

YTD July 1 through December 31, 2009

	Actual	Budget
Operating Income	\$523,330	\$562,539
Operating Expense	<u>492,345</u>	<u>506,857</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	30,985	55,682

Time is a gift from God, to be used wisely, not frittered away. God allows us to choose how to use this gift. Do you use God's time for loving and caring deeds? (Stewardship, February 2010)

POOR BOX

The Poor Box for February will benefit Light House Community. They are setting up 5 shelters to house homeless men in Baltimore. The men are in Recovery and this project is being done by Jobs, Housing & Recovery.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of February 7

Sunday	8 am	Tim Quinn†
	9:30 am	For The Community
	11:30 am	Pauline Giacomo†
Monday	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Tuesday	12:10 pm	Walter J. Farrell†
Wednesday	12:10 pm	Deacon Bernard Ragan†
Thursday	12:10 pm	Robert McDonough†
Saturday	5 pm	Chris Boozer†
Sunday	8 am	For The Community
	9:30 am	Lewis Orozco†
	11:30 am	Kay Matala†

†Deceased

PARISH EVENTS

Week of February 7

Today! Sunday, February 7

10:45 am Rosary
10:45 am Prayer Meeting
12:45 pm Youth Core Team Meeting

Monday, February 8

9:15 am CSS Leaders Meeting
10:15 am Bible Study
4:45 pm Monday Groups
7 pm Unified Committee Meetings

Tuesday, February 9

9:15 am Catholic Scripture Study
6:30 pm Into the Heart
7 pm Eucharistic Ministers Meeting
7 pm RCIC

Wednesday, February 10

7 pm RCIA
7:15 pm AA Meeting
7:30 pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday, February 11

7 pm Catholic Scripture Study
7 pm Choir Practice

Friday, February 12

6:30 pm Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, February 13

8:30 am Sandwich Making
10 am Eucharistic Ministers Meeting
10:30 am Bereavement Group Meets
6 pm Middle School

Sunday, February 14

10:45 am Rosary
10:45 am Prayer Meeting
12:45 pm Youth Core Team Meeting

REMINDER

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, February 15th – President's Day
The office will reopen at 9 am on
Tuesday, February 16th.

AA Meeting – 7:15 pm on Wednesday – Chatard House
<http://222.baltimoreaa.org> or 410-663-1922

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners:

A popular TV show several years ago featured ordinary people who decided that their physical appearance was so lacking, it was negatively affecting their entire life. So they left their family and friends and jobs for a number of months. They had extensive plastic surgery. Their teeth and smile were reconstructed. They got makeup lessons and new haircuts/styles. They were put on diets and exercise regimes. They were dressed in a new wardrobe.

And once the transformation was deemed complete, they went home and made a grand entrance to waiting family and friends who gathered nervously to see the results. The crying and hugging gave us the message that we really are only as good as we look.

While there is nothing wrong with looking better, society has set an unacceptable and unrealistically high standard of perfection that few of us will ever achieve. Throughout the show, just the external person was dealt with. And we are much more than our appearances.

We need to admit that we are imperfect and "unclean," and the "least of the apostles," "sinful," all as Scripture points out. It is when we are honest with ourselves that God will reshape us. Our imperfections could be the instruments used to bring us to God.

If we obsess about ourselves, we leave no room for God to work. After all, we are made in God's image. We smudge up that image with our sinfulness, for sure. But God will always work with us so that we can reflect God's being with us.

If you received a mailing for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please return your pledge as soon as possible. We will conduct the In-Pew pledge appeal on the weekend of February 13-14. Thank you for your generous response to the Church of Baltimore.

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

In Christ's love,

Fr. Frank

FAITH FORMATION



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

FAITH FORMATION for CHILDREN

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION – Session II

You should have received a letter concerning this in the mail. If you did not receive one, please contact Pat Allshouse (pallshouse@ccsfx.net).

Session II Meeting – Tuesday, February 23rd and repeated on Wednesday, February 24th, from 7 to 9 pm. You must attend ONE!

Session I happened this past fall. Missed Session I? A **recap will be held on Thursday, February 18th at 10 am in Room 128.**

MONDAY GROUPS

February 8, 22; March 1, 8, 15 & 22

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Second Semester Dates – February 13, 20 (also Lambs/Nursery Appreciation Night) February 27th (Parent Night); March 13th (Reconciliation).

SUMMER CAMP

Make your plans now...our annual Summer Camp for children entering Kindergarten through 7th grade will be held from August 16-20, 2010. Registration will take place in the Spring. Contact Pat Allshouse (pallshouse@ccsfx.net) for more information.

NURSERY & LITTLE LAMBS APPRECIATION DINNER

An Appreciation Dinner for our Nursery and Little Lambs volunteers and their families will be held on Saturday, February 20th from 6 to 8 pm, immediately following the 5 pm Mass. Adults will enjoy a relaxing dinner in Room 133 while their children are entertained and fed by our Middle School youth under the capable direction of Joan Carlson. You should have received your invitation in the mail. Please respond NOW to Kelly Runfola (skrunfola@verizon.net) or Kathleen McHugh (Kathleen_McHugh@hotmail.com).

CCSFX VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION DINNER



If you volunteer in any capacity at CCSFX, please join us at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on **Friday, February 12th at 6:30 pm in the Hall**, to celebrate *YOU*, the volunteer. The many hours of your time and talents you give to the church community are greatly appreciated. Please RSVP by signing up on the sheet in the Gathering Space or by calling Gloria Baldauf (410-252-6137) or Karen Ng (410-472-2924) **on or before Monday, February 8th**.

How Much Do You Love This Community?

The New Member Welcome Committee is in need of enthusiastic Community members willing to personally contact a single New Member and introduce him or her to the unique charisms of The Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier. All you need is your love for this Community. The New Member Welcome Committee will provide you materials, brief directions, and the name of someone or a family residing near you who has recently registered. Please help us let all New Members know that we care about their presence among us. Please contact George McCeney at 410-472-2511 or rosines.sons@gmail.com or Frances Zimmerman at 443-275-1636 or F-Zimmerman@comcast.net.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY The Theology of the Body

Coming up are two opportunities (daytime and evening) to study the Theology of the Body, the greatest single work of John Paul II. "The body and it alone, is capable of making visible what is invisible the spiritual and divine. It was created to transfer into the visible reality of the world the invisible mystery hidden in God from time immemorial, and those to be a sign of it" (TOB 19)

Have you ever wondered what God has planned for your happiness in this life and the next? Are you curious to know exactly HOW you were made in the image and likeness of God? John Paul II's Theology of the Body holds the answers. We would like to invite you to participate in our 'Introduction to the Theology: Introduction to TOB – Tuesdays, beginning March 9th at 7 pm and Wednesdays, beginning March 10th at 9:15 am. No cost, except for a workbook. If interested please contact Rob Bart, Jr. at 410-963-2001 or rbart46@gmail.com.

IT'S WINTER TIME

Winter is the time of year that brings us snow, sleet and tricky driving conditions. CCSFX will follow the snow policy as decided by Baltimore County for closings. **If evening classes are cancelled or schools close early, all programs at church will be cancelled.** Weekend activities (whether they are cancelled or not) will be posted on the phone system, ext. 42. If you have any doubts, call 410-785-0356, enter extension 42 and listen for your event.



READY?

Next weekend just might be the right time. The time to make the move of getting involved in a ministry of some kind at Mass, the time to become of service to the Lord and to one another. Seven (!) opportunities: Altar Server, Choir, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter, Hospitality (after Mass), Lector, and Usher. In the Gathering Space, not far from the holy water font, there is a bulletin board on an easel. Sign the MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS sheet. Someone will contact you within the week. Guaranteed! The Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier needs you.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Each year during the month of February, all Eucharistic Ministers are expected to be present for a one hour meeting in the Chapel. The three-part agenda for the session includes a review of ministry procedures, a period of prayer, and the annual Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers.

Please plan to be present for either one of the two scheduled sessions this week.

Tuesday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Next Sunday's Readings February 14, 2010

<i>1st Reading</i>	JEREMIAH 17:5-8
<i>2nd Reading</i>	1 CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16-20
<i>Gospel</i>	LUKE 6:17, 20-26

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

END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENTS

As some of you know by now, the end of year tax statements, for those who gave at least one donation of \$250.00 or more, have been mailed. Unbeknown to us, this statement lists only those donations of at least \$250.00 or more. We were given a new computer software program to use in April and this is the way it reports those donations. If you require a complete listing of your donations, please contact the Parish Office and a statement will be produced and mailed to you which will list all donations given in the year 2009.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Contact Deacon Don
deacondon@ccsfx.net or 410-785-0356 x12

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

Many parishioners make use of the "Little Black Book" of reflections, prayers, and information throughout the six weeks of Lent. For each day, there is seasonal material designed to take just six minutes a day. Check the table in the Gathering Space for a no-charge copy of the "Little Black Book" as soon as possible. There is a goodly supply available, but please do not wait until the last minute and run the risk of being disappointed. This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is February 17, only 10 days away.



ASH WEDNESDAY
February 17, 2010

Masses: 12:10 & 7 pm

6 pm Prayer Service
with Ashes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you being called to the Pro-Life Ministry? Pregnancy Center North is looking for volunteers. Join us in this rewarding experience. Flexible hours, training provided, wonderful staff! Located at 6805 York Road (Stoneleigh area). Call Cindi at 410-377-2871 or 410-375-8176.

CASSEROLES FOR BEANS & BREAD



Thanks to all for the 36 casseroles in January! Sincere thanks go to **Dave McHugh** for delivering the casseroles to B & B. Now it's time to make a casserole for February's delivery. Let's keep the trend going with a bounteous harvest of 35+ casseroles so that we can keep feeding as many hungry people as we can.

Our next collection of casseroles will be **Feb. 18th**. Bring your **frozen casserole (labeled for Beans & Bread) to the church any weekday (M-Th) before 9:15 a.m. on Feb. 18th**. 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.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Three times each year, there is the opportunity for "unconfirmed" adults to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Of the three sacraments of Catholic Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), many adults have missed out on the sacrament of Confirmation which is usually celebrated in the mid to late teenage years.

The next scheduled Confirmation for Adults will be on Sunday, March 21, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. The location is the renovated and restored first Cathedral in the United States, the Basilica of the Assumption in downtown Baltimore. Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien will preside.

For further information, contact Deacon Don here at the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier.

CAROUSEL

Oregon Ridge Dinner Theater
Sunday, March 7
Lunch served 12 Noon
Performance to follow
Tickets: \$50
Table of 8 for \$350
adevbaltimore@littlesistersofthepoor.org or
call 410-744-9367 x152.



LITURGY CORNER

The first sacrament we receive is Baptism. This raises an important question: Do we understand that part of our response to our "baptismal call" is to help build up the Body of Christ? (Body of Christ: St. Paul reminds us that, with Jesus as the head, all the rest of us comprise the Body of Christ.) We cannot simply *belong* to a parish. We must be *involved* in its life and ministry. In a general way, Christian discipleship means spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to all we meet, as well as living an upright life, doing as Jesus would do. More specifically, each baptized person, as a member of the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier, is called to be actively involved in the affairs of the parish, thereby helping to build up the Body of Christ.

And now, just a thought question. This Friday evening the Parish Volunteer Appreciation dinner will take place. The only requirement for participation is that the parishioner has volunteered in some manner over the past year. How well am I doing in building up the Body of Christ?

BULL ROAST

The 2010 St. Joseph School Bull Roast is scheduled for **Saturday, March 6** from 7 to 11 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. This "Back to the 80's" evening promised a full bull roast menu that will include: pit beef, turkey, country ham, oysters on the half shell (shucked fresh!), BBQ, soups, salads and many other delectable goodies together with beer and wine. Included in the fun is music, dancing and wonderful items to be auctioned and raffled. The tickets for this not to be missed event are still only \$30 each. For additional information or for tickets, please contact Anne Krach at 410-252-8658.

GET YOUR smiles READY... PRACTICE SAYING cheese...

A photo opportunity IS ON THE WAY!!!



Yes, it is hard to believe but it has been four years since our first photo directory so the time is ripe to do it again. If you've been wanting a new family photo or an updated mug shot, here's your

chance. Or maybe you'd like to be able to put a name with a face or a face with a name in our parish community, now you can.

Every person/family joining in the photo directory will receive a free 8x10 Olan Mills portrait in addition to a personal copy of the church photo directory. Several and varied photos will be taken when you come for your photo session and YOU will select the photo of your choice.

Sign Up sheets will be in the gathering space very soon so be on the lookout. There will be numerous times and dates to accommodate everyone's schedule. But sign up early to secure your spot! Sign up will continue through February 28.

Photo sessions will be held in the lower level of our church. The anticipated dates for photo shoots are during the first two weeks of March. Sign Up sheets will have the definite photo session dates on them. Photo sessions will take approximately one (1) hour.

In about two weeks, sign up will also be available online and more details will follow as soon as this process is in place.

Remember all you have to do is sign up, show up for your photo session and SMILE! the rest is up to Olan Mills!

Continue to watch for bulletin and email updates! Questions, call Betty Contino 410 456 8228.

GOSPEL OF LIFE – <http://www.sfxforlife.org>

Day of Reflection: Come and join us on Saturday, February 13th for a Day of Reflection for all those interested in growing spiritually and reflecting on God's will for us during Lent as we will soon begin the 40 Days for Life. Retreat Master Fr. Bart Karwacki, OFM., Conv., will lead us beginning with Mass at the beautiful Shrine of St. Anthony, 12290 Folly Quarter Road in Ellicott City, MD. A fee of \$25 will also include lunch. Please call the Respect Life Office at 410-547-5537 to make reservations and for further information.

40 Days for Life: The Archdiocese of Baltimore is again participating in the Springtime **40 Days for Life**. This campaign will begin February 17th and run through March 28, 2010. Please consider signing up for this important campaign to **1) Pray in front of the abortion facility** (Prayer at abortion facilities is essential to defeating the culture of death and building a culture of life.) **2) Become a Prayer Warrior** **3) Educate others in the community** on how to become involved in preserving the sanctity of life. Many babies lives have been saved and moms spared the heartache of abortion, as well as hearts being converted through the past campaigns. Your voice is needed for those who have no voice. Contact your Respect Life Chairman or got to the following web sites www.archbalt.org or www.40daysforlife.com.

Lobby Night 2010: Monday, February 15th (Presidents' Day) the Maryland Catholic conference will hold its annual Lobby Night at St. May's High School, 109 Duke of Gloucester Street in Annapolis. This event begins at 3 pm with prayer and commissioning from our bishops, followed by issue briefings, and appointments with legislators. A Legislative reception at the Miller Senate Office Building West will be held from 6 to 8 pm. Please come and meet others from throughout the state as we gather to promote the social teachings of our church through or legislators. Don't forget an ID to enter the Senate Office Building. Register at www.mdcathcon.org or call 410-269-1155 or 301-261-1979.

Pregnant, Need Help? Call the Gabriel Network 1-800-ANGEL-OK
Suffering Post-Abortion Stress? Call Project Rachel 1-800-286-4224

St. Vincent de Paul Prison Outreach
We invite you to join with Chaplains and other prison ministers for our

13th Annual Day of Prayer & Enrichment

Saturday, February 27th

9 am to 1 pm

St. Lawrence Church/Parish Center
Jessup, MD

Mass at 9 am with Bishop Rozanski
Followed by light breakfast

Agenda to include: Panel on ReEntry and Panel on Prison Ministry. Small group discussions, prayer and commissioning.

You are welcome to bring your spouse, friend, former prisoner, parishioner – anyone who might be considering this grace-filled ministry.

Please contact Sister Dolores at 410662-0500 ext. 208 or DChepiga@vincentbaltimore.org to let us know if you are attending.

BOY SCOUT OPEN HOUSE AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Boys- do you enjoy canoeing, camping, rock climbing and sailing, among other activities? Consider joining Boy Scouts of America! An open house, sponsored by Troop 497 of St. Joseph's Parish, is scheduled for **Thursday, February 11th from 7:30 to 9 pm** in the multi-purpose room. Featured will be activities, exhibits, refreshments and program information. Boy Scouts is for boys age 10 or older and in the 5th grade and above. Call Bob Downs at 410-527-1224 for more information.



LOOKING AHEAD!

Watch upcoming bulletins for information on our Lenten series - Decision Making in a Secular World: A Catholic Perspective