

FEBRUARY 14, 2010 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
A Tithing Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Tithing: God's Plan for Giving

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

Please remember our sisters and brothers in need in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and our Sister Parish in Haiti through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 14

Sunday	8 am	For The Community
	9:30 am	Lewis Orozco†
	11:30 am	Kay Matale†
Monday	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Tuesday	12:10 pm	Dan Lindauer†
Wednesday	12:10 pm	Mary A. Gregory†
Thursday	12:10 pm	Bill Newton†
Saturday	5 pm	Jacqueline Badore Randolph†
Sunday	8 am	Annie Moro†
	9:30 am	Patricia Hughes†
	11:30 am	For The Community

†Deceased

REMINDER

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

SOUP & BREAD SUPPER

Every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) the Community Activities Committee will be serving a light Soup & Bread supper. The supper will precede the Stations of the Cross & Benediction, which commence at 7 pm. There is no charge for the supper. Please join us for a brief period of casual fellowship.

PARISH EVENTS

Week of February 14

Today! Sunday, February 14

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

Monday, February 15

President's Day
Parish Office Closed
9:15 am CSS Leaders Meeting
7 pm Unified Committee Meeting
7 pm LIS Planning Meeting
7 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 16

9:15 am Catholic Scripture Study
6:30 pm Shrove Pancake Supper
7 pm RCIC
7 pm Into The Heart

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday
Masses: 12:10 & 7 pm
6 pm Prayer Service
7 pm RCIA
7:15 am AA Meeting

Thursday, February 18

Beans & Bread Casseroles Due
10 am 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting
7 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Catholic Scripture Study

Friday, February 19

6 pm Soup & Bread Supper
7 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20

Room at the Table Food Drive
9:30 am GOL Goals & Objectives Meeting
10 am Eucharistic Minister Meeting
6 pm Lambs/Nursery Appreciation Dinner
6 pm Middle School

Sunday, February 21

Room at the Table Food Drive
10:45 am Prayer Meeting
10:45 am Rosary
5 pm Youth Mass

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

Pastor's Corner –

Dear Parishioners:

There is, in the course of the Liturgical Year, a movement of seasons. We have Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter. Very few people get excited about Lent – some actually dread it.

I wonder why some people dread Lent. Do you think the reason might be that there are no zippy Lenten tunes? There is no "have yourself a merry little Lenten time, let your meals be light," or "we wish you a merry fasting, we wish you a merry fasting, we wish you a merry fasting, and give some alms too." Also, Lent would make singing these songs too long. If you get sick of the *Twelve Days of Christmas*, what do you think would happen on the Forty Days of Lent? It just doesn't work.

We don't have the kind of popular folklore tales equivalent to those of Christmas. There is no Rudolph, the ash-forehead reindeer. Then there is Santa with his grand red suit and white beard. Sack cloth and ashes just are not the same. Perhaps that is why people don't get excited about Lent.

Let's face it, Lent is about the only season Hallmark doesn't even celebrate. So, what is so great about Lent? If I could borrow one Christmas line, it would be: "t'is the season to be."

Lent is the season to be. We often hear the expression, "Don't just stand there, do something!" Lent offers us a different challenge. The challenge of Lent is, "Don't just do something, stand there." Stand there and realize who God is, and who you are, and how your relationship is. And so it is a season of prayer. Lent is a season to stand before God and our sisters and brothers, and to admit our need for Reconciliation. It is a time to stand with those who hunger for God, a time to get in touch with our own hunger, and it is a time for fasting. Finally, Lent is a time to stand in solidarity with those who are poor, with those who have little or nothing of this world's goods, and so it is a time for almsgiving.

This year, it is our hope to highlight opportunities for a well spent Lent. We look at what our parish, and you or your family can "be" for Lent. Please remember that "The Light is on for You" every Wednesday for confession from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All of this is in preparation for the greatest feast of all, Easter! What better place to celebrate Easter than at a parish called the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier.

May our good God continue to bless you in your preparation for Lent, and the joy of Easter! It's a most wonderful time of the year!

In Christ's love,

Fr. Frank

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



Please join us at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 16th** in the church hall for our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. We need to get a reliable estimate of the number of participants so we can order the food. Please let us know by February 14th that you are coming. Sign up in the Gathering Space or contact John Rudy by phone (410-252-7246) or email (jroth4@comcast.net).



FAITH FORMATION

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

FAITH FORMATION FOR

CHILDREN

SECOND SEMESTER DATES

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

No class on February 15th

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Second Semester Dates – February 20 (Lambs/Nursery Appreciation Night), 27 (Parent Night); March 13 (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. More information will be available 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).

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.

Save the Date!

April 23-25, 2010

Life in the Spirit

Weekend Seminar in the Chapel
Watch the bulletin for more details!

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Contact Deacon Don

deacondon@ccsfx.net or 410-785-0356 x12

K of C ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus of Notre Dame Council 2901 will present a dinner theatre production of *The Odd Couple* at 201 Homeland Avenue, adjacent to the College of Notre Dame. *Cast includes CCSFX parishioner Joe Kufera*. Presented on Saturdays (1 pm buffet, 3 pm show) and Sundays (5 pm buffet, 7 pm show) from February 13th – March 7th. Tickets are \$25 with 10% discount for 10 or more. To purchase tickets, call 410-668-9335.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, March 9th at 7 pm** in the Chatard House to discuss Annie Dillard's *The Maytrees*. This is a short novel of lifelong love in marriage set in New England. All are welcome. Please join us!

ROOM AT THE TABLE

We had a wonderful response in January. Thank you so much. Remember to bring your food donation next weekend...on February 20 & 21. Fr. Damien has specifically asked for meat products. If possible, please include Spam, Velveeta, beans, spaghetti and sauce, canned tuna, ham or chicken and peanut butter. Thank you for remembering to place your nonperishable food items and paper goods downstairs in the stairwell! AND PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

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.

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

Thank you – Thank you!

The Baby Shower was a wonderful success. We collected 273 items for the Pregnancy Center North. Formula, diapers and beautiful new baby clothes were numerous! \$175 in gift cards and donations. The collection taken on the bus to the March for Life in D.C. for the pregnancy center reached \$500! Many thanks from the GOL Committee for your wonderful generosity. Blessings and peace to all of our parishioners.

Pregnant, need help? Call the Gabriel Network at 1-800-ANGEL-OK. Suffering Post-Abortion Syndrome? Call Project Rachel at 410-354-6900 or visit the website: www.project-rachel.net.

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. The three-part agenda for the session includes a review of ministry procedures, a period of prayer, and the annual Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

An "absentee" session for any Eucharistic Minister who has not yet met this expectation will take place in the Chapel this Saturday, February 20, at 10:00 a.m.

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 out of even a busy schedule. Check the table in the Gathering Space for a no-charge copy of the "Little Black Book" as soon as possible before the supply has been exhausted. February 17, just three days away, is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

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 often 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 recently 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.

LIFE AFTER SUNDAY AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

On **Sunday, February 21st**, St. Joseph Parish will sponsor its Life After Sunday program. This month's speaker is John Weetenkamp, Director of Ignatian Mission & Identity at Loyola Blakefield who will talk on Ignatian Spirituality. The program is presented at 9 am and repeated at 10:30 am in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

PANEL DISCUSSION

Come to a panel discussion on "Use and Abuse of Religion in American Elections" on **Monday, March 22nd at the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.** The hours are 9:30 am to 2:15 pm with lunch (\$12 per person). For more information or application forms, call 410-764-1587, ext. 270. Call Mary Cromwell for further information or for a ride at 410-429-4135.

Next Sunday's Readings February 21, 2010

1st Reading DEUTERONOMY 26:4-10
2nd Reading ROMANS 10:8-13
Gospel LUKE 4:1-13

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

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 in his writings 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, a thought question. Last Friday evening the Parish Volunteers dinner took place. The only requirement for participation was that the parishioner has volunteered in some manner over the past year. How well am I doing in building up the Body of Christ?

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.



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!

It is now possible to go to the Olan Mills website and select a time on March 5 or 6 for your photo session. Simply visit www.signup.olanmills.com and follow the prompts (one question asks for the church telephone number which is 410-785-0356). If you are not available for an on-line sign up session on March 5 or 6, sign up sheets are also available in the Gathering Space for March 1 through March 6. If you are unable to use either of these options, please call Betty Contino at 410-456-8228 to sign up.

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