

## APRIL 25, 2010 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Tithing Parish

### STEWARDSHIP

Tithing: God's Plan for Giving

#### REPORT FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

Envelopes	\$10,543.20
Loose Cash	927.36
Non Member Checks	585.00
Easter	1,155.00
Snow Removal	100.00
Poor Box-AID Interfaith	193.00
Holy Land Shrines	<u>70.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$13,573.56

#### YTD July 1 through March 31, 2010

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Operating Income	\$769,294	\$789,974
Operating Expense	<u>743,033</u>	<u>768,572</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	26,261	21,402

### MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 25

Sunday	8 am	Easter Flower Memorial
	9:30 am	Charles A. Gibney, Jr.†
	11:30 am	For The Community
Monday	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Tuesday	12:10 pm	Louise Brauer†
Wednesday	12:10 pm	Easter Flower Memorial
Thursday	12:10 pm	Marian Flynn†
Saturday	5 pm	Rogelio Osmena†
Sunday	8 am	For The Community
	9:30 am	Easter Flower Memorial
	11:30 am	Kathleen Marie Althoff†

†Deceased

### POOR BOX

The Poor Box for the month of April will benefit AIDS Interfaith Network of Central Maryland.

### OUR SACRED HISTORY

Twelve years ago tomorrow, on **April 26, 1998**, the Cuba Road church home of the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier was dedicated by Cardinal William H. Keeler, then Archbishop of Baltimore.

### PARISH EVENTS

Week of April 25

#### Today! Sunday, April 25

10:30 am Confirmation Commencement  
10:45 am Baptism Prep  
10:45 am Intercessory Prayer  
10:45 am Rosary  
12:45 pm Info Meeting on Confirmation for teens  
12:45 pm Youth Ministry Core Team Meeting  
2 pm Life in the Spirit Seminar

#### Monday, April 26

9:15 am CSS Leaders Meeting  
10:15 am Bible Study  
7 pm City of God Prayer Core Team Meeting

#### Tuesday, April 27

9:15 am Catholic Scripture Study  
6:30 pm Theology of the Body  
7 pm Another Look  
7 pm Into the Heart

#### Wednesday, April 28

9:15 am Theology of the Body  
7 pm RCIA  
7:15 pm AA Meeting  
7:30 pm Prayer Meeting

#### Thursday, April 29

7 pm Choir Practice

#### Friday, April 30

Parish Office Closed

#### Saturday, May 1

9 am 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Breakfast & Practice  
5 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Liturgy

#### Sunday, May 2

10:45 am Intercessory Prayer  
10:45 am Rosary  
11:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Liturgy  
12:45 pm Youth Ministry Core Team Meeting  
4 pm Tea Committee Meeting

## Pastor's Letter –

Dear Parishioners:

There seems to be a primordial instinct in most human beings to support the underdog. We read about it in fairy tales like "Jack and the Beanstalk." We see it in sports with the lithe receiver avoiding the onrushing linebacker twice his size. It happens in politics when the candidate without the clout takes on the political powerhouse and wins. It continues in movies like "The Lord of the Rings" when Frodo beats unbelievable odds.

Two thousand years ago the Church began its history as in incredible underdog. There is no good reason, other than the message, for Paul and Barnabas to be listened to, much less heard, and ultimately responded to. But they are, to the point of being persecuted. The followers of Jesus are compared to docile sheep protected by the good and powerful Shepherd.

But we know there was an awesome strength and determination on the early Church. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, aflame with the message of Jesus, the disciples spoke boldly and unafraid. They didn't hesitate in moving on if not listened to.

We need to ask ourselves how boldly our lives preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ at home, in the workplace, with our neighbors. The louder our voices proclaim the Word of God, the closer we come in attaining that life of perfection. And ultimately we will someday join the great multitude that stands before the Lamb of God in heaven forever. Not bad for the underdog!

May this Easter Season be a time of great joy and grace for you and your family as you encounter the Risen Lord in others!

In Christ's love,

*Fr. Frank*



## FAITH FORMATION for Children

Pat Allshouse ([pallshouse@ccsfx.net](mailto:pallshouse@ccsfx.net))

Middle School – Joanie Carlson

([carlsonj@notredameprep.com](mailto:carlsonj@notredameprep.com))

### FIRST EUCHARIST Breakfast & Practice

For those receiving First Eucharist on the weekend of May 1-2, Communion breakfast will be at 9 am with practice from 9:30 to 11:30 am on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### SUMMER CAMP

#### *Sherlock Combs and the Case of the Missing Hands*

Mark the date for our annual Summer Camp for children entering Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade from August 16-20, 2010. Registration information is in the mail!

### NEEDED for CAMP

- MUSIC
  - Teens who play an instrument and are willing to jam with our Camp Band
  - Band director...needs some music training...enough to work with a group of teens to learn and lead music for our Openings & Closings everyday during Camp Week
  - Teens to be part of our Openings & Closings...mimes and speaking roles
- PREPARATION
  - Help is needed to peel and stick labels. This can be done at home

Might you be interested? Contact Pat Allshouse ([pallshouse@ccsfx.net](mailto:pallshouse@ccsfx.net)) for more information.

### MASS ALERT

Forty of our parish children have been preparing this year to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Our parish will celebrate their First Eucharist **IN MAY, Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm and Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am.** Please note that these Masses will be more crowded and longer than usual.

## PARISH GENERAL MEETING

The Spring Parish General Meeting, required by our Philosophy of Governance, will be held on **Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7 pm in the Church Hall**. The agenda includes discussion and vote on the Goals & Objectives and proposed budgets for the community committees; the parish budget for 2010-11; a revision in our Philosophy of Giving; movement of the Tabernacle and Blessed Mother statue; and, the opportunity to voice your thoughts, ideas, and concerns for CCSFX.

The proposed Goals & Objectives and committee budgets are posted on the parish website ([www.CCSFX.org](http://www.CCSFX.org)) at the "Committee" tab for each of the respective committees. Committee budget proposals are subject to modification by the Finance Committee and our pastor. A limited number of printed copies will be available for review prior to the PGM in the Gathering Space. All relevant materials will be presented by PowerPoint at the Meeting.

As "owners" you are strongly encouraged to participate actively in the PGM. This is your opportunity to express in a public forum your interests in the life of CCSFX.

## FLOWERS FOR MARY'S GARDEN

The Family Activities Committee is looking for a few families to help with our annual planting of Mary's Garden on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 9:30 am Mass. Just bring your gloves and meet Liz Scarbrough and Amy Bateman in the garden.

We also need families/individuals willing to water and weed the garden. We are hoping to get enough volunteers so that each family would only be responsible for one week during the summer. Please contact Liz Scarbrough ([essquirrel@yahoo.com](mailto:essquirrel@yahoo.com)); 410-472-1141) or Amy Bateman ([amybateman@comcast.net](mailto:amybateman@comcast.net)); 410-828-6246).



## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

John Mojzisek ([jmojzisek@ccsfx.net](mailto:jmojzisek@ccsfx.net))

**CONFIRMATION** – Those confirmed in December are reminded of our final meeting on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the hall. Confirmandees and a parent or sponsor will share their experience of service and attend the 11:30 am Mass for a special blessing.

Those considering Confirmation next fall are invited to a short informational meeting on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 pm until 1:15 pm in the Hall. We will present a brief overview of the confirmation Program with dates and expectations for next fall. Please e-mail me if you have any questions: [jmojzisek@ccsfx.net](mailto:jmojzisek@ccsfx.net)

**YOUTH MINISTRY** – Thanks to all who made our Lent program so successful. The fun continues this spring: **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** – Core Team & Peers meet past and future Confirmandee, 11 am until 2 pm. Sacred Heart is having a program for youth on **"Discipleship, Discernment and Vocation"**. Mass at 5 pm, Dinner at 6 pm, program from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, featuring various speakers and presentations. **Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Core Team Meeting 12:45 to 2 pm  
**Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** – No meeting – Happy Mother's Day!  
**Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** – 8 pm until 8 am Saturday morning – Lock-in  
**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Senior Farewell Picnic, 12:45 to 3 pm  
Contact me for more information: [jmojzisek@ccsfx.net](mailto:jmojzisek@ccsfx.net)

**SERVICE** – Our teens are again participating in the Baltimore Appalachia Work Camp, June 27 – July 3. One group will stay at the Holy Trinity Monastery and work all week in Baltimore City, the other group heads out to Terra Alta, West Virginia. Both groups perform basic home repair and landscaping for those in need. Spots are limited and are due by the end of the month so contact me immediately if you would like more information and registration materials.

**City of God Prayer Group**, Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 pm in the Chapel. Contact Mary Alice Spadaro at [maryalicespadaro@comcast.net](mailto:maryalicespadaro@comcast.net).

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

**40 Days for Life Results:** Thanks to all the dedicated parishioners in our Archdiocese of Baltimore who participated in the Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign which ended March 28<sup>th</sup>. Through your efforts of peaceful, prayerful vigil outside the abortion facilities, as well as others throughout 167 U.S. cities participating in this program, 493 confirmed babies were saved and their mothers and fathers spared the heartache of the physical, mental and spiritual cost of abortion.

**Spiritual Adoption:** Also thanks to all parishioners who signed on to adopt an unborn child. If you attach the prayer to your bathroom mirror you won't forget to pray for the next nine months. May the Mothers and Fathers of all unborn children "Choose Life".

**Whoever receives one child in My name receives Me.** –Matthew 18:5

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

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

### **MARIAN DEVOTIONAL**

May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Please join us as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will gather after the 5 pm, 9:30 & 11:30 am Masses and process to the Marian Garden. There we will crown Mary with a floral wreath and pray the Liturgy of Loreto.

### **MISSING MUSIC**

If you borrowed the "C Instrument Music Books" from the Music Director's Office, please return them as soon as possible – no questions asked. We really could have used them for Holy Week!

### **SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY**

#### **First Month**

Your spiritually adopted baby is now one month old. Phenomenal changes have taken place in this first month of his life. He is already 10,000 times bigger than at conception and has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, nervous system. His heart has begun to beat and is pumping blood through his own circulatory system. His blood type may even be different than the blood circulating through his mother's body.

Now begins a very critical and vulnerable time for your baby as his mother becomes aware of her pregnancy. Rather than a time of great joy, she has entered a time of great fear and stress. She may begin thinking how to end her pregnancy and, therefore, end the life of her child. Please pray fervently that the Lord of Life will move the heart of your baby's mother to give him the most precious gift of all – a continuing gift of life.

Come and see the month-by-month "Precious Little Ones" fetal development posters in our Gathering Space. Each month you will see the phenomenal pre-birth growth of all human life-God's gift to us.

It's not too late to "spiritually" adopt a baby whose life began last month. Pledge and prayer cards are still available on the Gospel of Life cabinet in our Gathering Space. Just put your name on a pledge card, drop it in the box and take a prayer card with a very brief daily prayer on it to protect the life of your "spiritually" adopted baby.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Contact Deacon Don

[deacondon@ccsfx.net](mailto:deacondon@ccsfx.net) or 410-785-0356 x12

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

May 2, 2010

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading* ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 14:21-27

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* REVELATION 21:1-5A

*Gospel* JOHN 13:31-33A, 34-35

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

## READY ?

Next weekend just might be the right time . . . the time to make the move toward getting involved in a ministry at Mass. Nine (9) different opportunities are available:

Altar Server – Choir – Child Care – Eucharistic Minister – Greeter – Hospitality – Lector – Scriptures for Children – Usher

In the Gathering Space, there is a bulletin board on an easel. Simply sign the MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS sheet. The Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier needs you!

## MEAL BLESSING FOR EASTER SEASON

*God of love, you shower us with blessings. In this season of joy when we celebrate Christ's resurrection, you continue to bless and protect us. As we prepare to share this meal, keep us mindful of those who are so often hungry. As believers who have put on Christ in Baptism, make us bearers of compassion and justice. Bless the food and the love we share. Amen.*

## CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

A fully-initiated Catholic Christian has received the three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For any number of reasons, some adult Catholics have missed out on the sacrament of Confirmation. In just a few weeks, at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, adults will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Confirmation along with other adults at the Cathedral on North Charles Street.

To arrange to participate in this adult sacramental celebration, please contact Deacon Don before or after any weekend Mass or at [deacondon@ccsfx.net](mailto:deacondon@ccsfx.net) or at 410-785-0356 x12.

## ANOTHER LOOK

At Mass on Easter, there were probably a number of "inactive" Catholics present. This remains an evangelizing opportunity for us to welcome them in such a way that they may begin to think about returning to the faith of their Baptism on a regular basis, rather than just once or twice a year.

On the next two Tuesday evenings (April 27 and May 4), the parish offers an opportunity for inactive Catholics to meet and discuss whatever may be keeping them away from the Church or whatever it was that prompted them to drift away or even feel pushed away.

Think of family members and friends for whom this opportunity may be coming along at just the right time. This is a conversation, not a formal study program. The session (not more than one hour) begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Parish Office.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Join us in Community in Adoration to the Lord

Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, beginning after the 12:10 pm Daily Mass and concluding with Benediction at 6:45 pm. Can you help? We hope that more parishioners will commit to spending at least one hour with the Lord in Adoration and Prayer. Come to the Chapel and join us as we Adore the Lord together in silent Community. Bring your children and a friend! Visit the Gospel of Life website Adoration Page – <http://www.sfxforlife.org/adoration.htm>



## LITURGY CORNER

As we proceed through our fifty days of the Easter season, a quick periodic review about the Mass. It has two components: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The first part of the Mass includes readings from Sacred Scripture (First Reading, Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel), followed by the homily. Hence, "Liturgy of the Word." The second portion of the Mass includes the Consecration of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, as well as our reception of the Lord in Holy Communion. Hence, "Liturgy of the Eucharist."

For the most part, Catholics grow up understanding about the "real presence" of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist under the forms of bread and wine. In this quick review today, we are reminded that Jesus Christ is also present in a different way in the proclamation of the Scriptures. In our listening and responding to the Bible passages, Jesus is present to us. This is why there is a special dignity and reverence present whenever the Word of God is spoken and heard.

So then, the two main parts of the Mass. Jesus Christ present to us in the Readings from the ambo (sometimes referred to as the lectern or the pulpit). And Jesus Christ sacramentally present to us in the Eucharist at the altar. The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Readings are more than merely a "prelude" to the Sacrament. Both are encounters with the Lord. (Historical note: veteran Catholics will probably remember when the Scripture Readings did not receive the attention within the Mass that they do nowadays.)

## UNITE FOR SIGHT

Wondering what you can do with your old eye glasses?



CCSFX will be **collecting glasses through June** to benefit Unite for Sight. This organization supports eye clinics worldwide to help eliminate patient barriers to eye care. Outreach services are brought directly to the people in their villages. Look for the bins in the Gathering Space. All eye glasses are needed, any size or shape. For more information please contact Cheryl Barrows at 410-329-9787.

## REFRESHMENT WEEKEND

**May 1 & 2, 2010**



Refreshment Weekend is **May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Families whose last name begins with **Q – Z** are asked to bring cookies, a cake, donuts,

pretzels, etc. to be served after Mass. No Chocolate please!

## THE PSALMS OF DAVID

The Fellowship Committee at St. Joseph Parish is sponsoring a trip to see *The Psalms of David* at the Living Waters Theatre in Lancaster, PA, on **Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**. Included in the price is a buffet lunch at Shady Maples Restaurant. The bus will leave St. Joseph's parking lot at 9:30 am and return at 5 pm. Tickets are \$70 for adults, \$55 for youth 13-18, and \$40 for children 3-12. Please call the parish office at 410-683-0600 to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is May 16<sup>th</sup>. This is the final season for the Living Waters Theatre so you don't want to miss this opportunity.

CCSFX Prayer Chain – contact Rick Rider at [rrider82@msn.com](mailto:rrider82@msn.com)