

May 9, 2010 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
A Tithing Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Tithing: God's Plan for Giving

REPORT FOR SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

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| Envelopes | \$14,067.00 |
| Loose Cash | 837.00 |
| Non Member Checks | 1,905.00 |
| Poor Box-Little Sisters of the Poor | 194.00 |
| Seminarians | <u>211.00</u> |
| Total Receipts | \$17,214.00 |

YTD July 1 through March 31, 2010

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

All of us are caretakers. Nothing belongs to us; everything belongs to God. Not all men and women realize this, but Christians do and strive to please God in the use of all that God has put in our care. Yes, you are a caretaker... God's caretaker! (Stewardship, May 2010)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of May 9

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| Sunday | 8 am | Easter Flower Memorial |
| | 9:30 am | For The Community |
| | 11:30 am | All Mothers |
| Monday | 12:10 pm | Communion Service |
| Tuesday | 12:10 pm | Christobal F. Legaspi † |
| Wednesday | 12:10 pm | Terri L. Taylor † |
| Thursday | 12:10 pm | Bridget & George Carolan † |
| Saturday | 5 pm | Harry B. Benninghoff † |
| Sunday | 8 am | For The Community |
| | 9:30 am | Easter Flower Memorial |
| | 11:30 am | Dan Lindauer † |

†Deceased

POOR BOX

The Poor Box for the month of May will benefit Little Sisters of the Poor.

PARISH EVENTS

Week of May 9

Today! Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day

10:45 am Intercessory Prayer

10:45 am Rosary

Monday, May 10

10:15 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Outreach & Advocacy Meeting

Tuesday, May 11

7 pm Parish General Meeting

7 pm Into the Heart

Wednesday, May 12

7 pm RCIA

7 pm Adult Faith Formation Meeting

7:15 pm AA Meeting

7:30 pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday, May 13

7 pm Choir Practice

Friday, May 14

8:00 pm Youth Overnight Lock-In

Saturday, May 15

Room At The Table

9:00 am Gospel of Life Retreat

6:00 pm Marian Procession

Sunday, May 16

Room At the Table

10:30 am Marian Procession

10:45 am Intercessory Prayer

10:45 am Rosary

12:30 pm Marian Procession

12:45 pm Youth Core Team

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Contact Deacon Don

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

PASTOR'S LETTER-

Dear Parishioners:

Today, it is comforting to read that Jesus is bringing us peace, the gift that all will be well. However, peace as Jesus speaks of is the kind that "the world cannot give." It is a kind of peace that enables us to live in the present, through even the hardest difficulties and sufferings in our lives.

Some people would have us believe that peace is found on some mountaintop, either a spiritual one or a physical one. Others recommend a certain type of meditation, or would have us assume certain physical postures for long periods of time.

Probably the greatest source of distress to any person, Christian or not, is the fact that everything dies. This suffering is such a universal experience, that it almost prevents us from understanding how Jesus can say, "Do not be afraid! Be at peace!" Is Jesus being naïve or glib when He says these words? No! What Jesus knows is that we do not know the mind and the will of God, not to mention the heart of God. Since Jesus and the Father are one, only Jesus knows the amazing love that fills the mind, will and heart of God at every moment.

The light of God is the love of God. There is no "perpetual perishing", no death or grieving or sorrow in God's mind, because every creature that God has loved into existence lives in the heart and memory of God forever. Jesus will be the "lighted torch" who will reveal every treasure in the heart of God. No piece of a person's goodness or beauty will be lost. No virtues disappear in the mind of God.

This is also the mind and heart of Christ that we must put on in order to have ultimate peace. When we live our lives trying to see as God sees, then we will be at peace, no matter what the circumstances are in which we live.

May the Risen Lord bless you and your families with His richest blessings!

In Christ's love,

Fr. Frank



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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Check out the following link for a lift today... The Invisible Woman.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YUOaNAHXP0>

SUMMER CAMP – Sherlock Combs and the Case of the Missing Hands - August 16-20, 2010

It's coming ... our annual Summer Camp for children entering Kindergarten through 7th grade. Camp helps you meet new CCSFX parish members ... builds community ... is free because it is part of our parish faith formation program ... and is FUN! All parish children are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to attend. Childcare, for those under age 5, is offered for those adults who help during camp week. Registration information can be found in our annual Faith Formation Booklet available at all the Church exits or online at www.ccsfx.net.

NEEDED for CAMP – Adults, Teens, Campers

- MUSIC
 - Teens who play an instrument and are willing to jam with our Camp Band
 - Teens to be part of our Openings and Closings ... mimes and speaking roles.
 - Classroom leaders
- PREPARATION
 - Help is needed to peel and stick labels. This can easily be done at home.

If you can help, please contact Pat Allshouse (pallshouse@ccsfx.net) for more information.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

For the past two weekends, copies of our annual parish Faith Formation Booklet (yellow) have been available for pick-up at each of our Church entrances. This contains all the information to register you or your family members for our parish pre-school, religious education, sacramental preparation or summer programs for the 2010-2011 year. These booklets will no longer be mailed out. **You may pick up a copy this weekend** or access this information on our parish website, www.ccsfx.net. Registration materials are due in by **May 25, 2010**. Thank you for your prompt attention.

PARISH GENERAL MEETING

The **Spring Parish General Meeting**, required by our Philosophy of Governance, will be held on **Tuesday, May 11th, 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) 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.

Marian Devotional May 15th & 16th

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 Litany of Loreto.

MARY'S GARDEN UPDATE

Hats off to Ginny Mozal, Amy Bateman and Liz Scarbrough and their families for all of their hard work planting the lovely flowers in Mary's Garden. They are STILL in need of families/individuals willing to water and weed the garden ONE WEEK during the spring and summer. If you can help, please contact Liz Scarbrough (essquirrel@yahoo.com ; 410-472-1141) or Amy Bateman (amybateman@comcast.net; 410-828-6246) TODAY.

ROOM AT THE TABLE

WOW! WHAT A GREAT RESPONSE IN APRIL!

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PROTEIN ITEMS! Please join your generous fellow parishioners and do it again next weekend: **on May 15th and 16th** for meat products. If possible, please include canned ham, tuna, chicken or Spam. They also could use Velveeta, beans, soup, spaghetti and sauce, peanut butter and breakfast cereal. Thank you for remembering to place your nonperishable food items and paper goods downstairs in the stairwell!

City of God Prayer Group – Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 pm in the Chapel. Contact Mary Alice Spadaro at maryalicespadaro@comcast.net.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

John Mojzisek (jmojzisek@ccsfx.net)

Sunday, May 9th – No meeting – Happy Mother's Day!

Friday, May 14th – Lock-In - 8 pm until 8 am Saturday

Sunday, May 23rd – Senior Farewell Picnic, 12:45 to 3 pm. Contact me for more information:

jmojzisek@ccsfx.net



Casseroles for Beans & Bread

THANK YOU! In the busy month of April, we still reached our goal of 35! Sincere thanks go to Bridget Sheehey for delivering the casseroles to B & B. Please continue to share our Easter joy by making a casserole to help feed the hungry of Baltimore. Remember Beans & Bread needs 35+ casseroles in order to feed all the hungry people at their door. Our next collection of casseroles will be May 20th. Bring your frozen casserole (labeled for Beans & Bread) to the church any weekday (M-Th) before 9:15 am on May 20th. 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.

Next Sunday's Readings May 16, 21010

1st Reading ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:1-11

2nd Reading EPHESIANS 1:17-23 OR
HEBREWS 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Gospel LUKE 24:46-53

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

GOSPEL OF LIFE

When Jesus speaks about eternal life, he is referring to real and true life, a life worthy of being lived. He is not simply speaking about life after death. He is talking about authentic life, a life fully alive and thus not subject to death, yet one which can already, and indeed must, begin in this world. We have heard Jesus' answer: this is eternal life, that they may know you – God – and the one whom you have sent, Jesus Christ. Much to our surprise, we are told that life is knowledge. This means first of all that life is relationship. No one has life from himself and only for himself. We have it from others and in a relationship with others. If it is a relationship in truth and love, a giving and receiving, it gives fullness to life and makes it beautiful.

Pope Benedict XVI, homily, Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 1, 2010

Pregnant, need help? Call the Gabriel Network at 1-800-ANGEL-OK

Suffering Post-Abortion Syndrome?

Call Project Rachel 410-354-6900 or visit the

website: www.project-rachel.net

<http://www.sfxforlife.org>

SERVING THE COMMUNITY AT MASS

There are seven different ways to be of service when we are at church. And there is always room for one more volunteer. Check out the ministries below. Pick one and then sign the MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS sheet on the easel in the Gathering Space. Your Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier thanks you!

Altar Server – Choir – Eucharistic Minister – Greeter

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Lector – Scriptures for Children – Usher

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.

LITURGY CORNER

At Vatican Council II, the Bishops of the world produced a document known as *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. Its English title is *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*. This document deals with, among other things, the Mass. It makes the point that Christ is present at Mass in four ways.

- "especially in the Eucharistic species"
 - the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ
- "in the person of his minister"
 - the Priest or the Bishop
- "in His Word"
 - the Scripture readings proclaimed from the ambo
- "when the Church prays and sings"
 - the people gathered in Christ's name

Sometimes we might fail to remember that the faithful people (ourselves) are, in the words of St. Paul (1 Corinthians 12:27), the "Body of Christ." When Christ came to earth as our Savior, he took on a human body. Now that Christ has completed his mission here by suffering, and being put to death, and rising from the dead, and returning to the Father (the feast we celebrate next Sunday), we are all now collectively the Body of Christ. We are called to be and to bring Christ to others through love and service.

Ladies of CSS

and the Life in the Spirit Seminar:

Here is an opportunity to participate in **THEOLOGY of THE BODY (TOB)**, Pope John Paul II's masterful writings on how we can explore the highest calling we have as humans to find the true meaning of love-to the best we can, prior to heaven! Katrina Zeno interprets this dynamically on DVD. We will meet at St. Francis on **6 consecutive Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am, beginning May 18 in the Hall**. The workbook cost is \$10, payable at the door, and there is no homework. We can only accept 40 women and can provide child care for 12 children, minimum age 2 ½. First come, first served. To sign up, call Barb Melanson at 410-882-3133; barbmelanson@comcast.net



Dear Parishioners,

As you know, our Parish has undertaken, along with others in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, to provide financial assistance to the poorest of the poor in Haiti. The statistics are truly staggering:

- One out of every five Haitian children dies before the age of five from infectious diseases and malnutrition. Of the survivors, only 20% attend schools because of the lack of funds for appropriate clothing and shoes to allow them to attend;
- 80% of Haiti's citizens live below the poverty line
- The average annual income for a Haiti citizen is \$1300
- The life expectancy is 61 years of age.

In recognition of these tragic circumstances, the Haiti Outreach Project was born. Parishes of the Archdiocese of Baltimore joined with the Diocese of Gonaives, Haiti in a collaborative effort to feed and educate children enrolled in the sister parish schools. Our sister parish is Our Lady of the Assumption in Anse Rouge. Of course, the situation in Haiti has become all the more dire following the massive Earthquake which struck Haiti on January 12th. The toll of death and destruction is staggering:

- Over 230,000 killed; 300,000 injured
- 280,000 buildings destroyed
- 2.1 million currently living in tents and under tarps.

Now the need in Haiti is greater than it has ever been. This year, St. Francis' annual collection for Haiti will be earmarked for our sister parish to feed and educate the victims of the Earthquake who have moved there from Port Au Prince while continuing to feed & educate their own parish children. Church and school construction in our Haiti parish will be placed on hold while their immediate needs are met.

Please open your hearts and wallets, to the extent that you are able, and give to the Haiti campaign this May and June. We thank you and ask God to bless you.

The Haiti Outreach Committee