

**May 16, 2010 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
A Tithing Parish**

**STEWARDSHIP**

Tithing: God's Plan for Giving

REPORT FOR SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010

Envelopes	\$ 9,713.00
Loose Cash	649.00
Non Member Checks	470.00
Monthly EFT Transfer	9,663.00
Poor Box-Little Sisters of the Poor	255.50
Seminarians	<u>470.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$21,220.50

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

It is not a question of how reasonable it is to tithe. It is not a question of convenience. It is not a question of what God will do for us. It is a question of faith in God as creator and owner of all things, and complete trust in God's providential promises. Every Christian can benefit by tithing because it makes more vital that faith, which surely has been tested before. (Stewardship May 2010)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of May 16**

Sunday	8 am	For The Community
	9:30 am	Easter Flower Memorial
	11:30 am	Dan Lindauer†
Monday	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Tuesday	12:10 pm	Joan Wellington †
Wednesday	12:10 pm	Belen Fortuno
Thursday	12:10 pm	Hilda Adam
Saturday	5 pm	William Golding †
Sunday	8 am	William J. Clark †
	9:30 am	For The Community
	11:30 am	George Hummel †

†Deceased

**POOR BOX**

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

**PARISH EVENTS**

**Week of May 16**

**Today! Sunday, May 16**

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

**Monday, May 17**

10:15 am Bible Study  
7:00 pm de Chardin Book Group  
7:00 pm Finance Committee meeting

**Tuesday, May 18**

9:30 am CSS  
1:30 pm Priests Education Meeting  
7:00 pm Book Club  
7 pm Into the Heart  
7 pm Another Look  
7 pm Camp Meeting

**Wednesday, May 19**

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

**Thursday, May 20**

7 pm Choir Practice

**Friday, May 21**

**Saturday, May 22**

**Sunday, May 23**

10:45 am Intercessory Prayer  
10:45 am Rosary  
10:45 am Baptism Prep  
12:45 pm Youth Core Team

**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

Contact Deacon Don

[deacondon@ccsfx.net](mailto:deacondon@ccsfx.net) or 410-785-0356 x 12

## Pastor's Letter-

*Dear Parishioners:*

*Human beings were created for an ultimate future that is completely magnificent, all-encompassing, and totally awesome. But in our day to day lives, we question, we worry, we fear, and we hurt. And we just wish someone, pick any hero you want, would fly in and save us from it all –SOON! But in spite of all that seems hopeless in our lives and in our world, humans are created always to seek hope. And on the feast of the Ascension, we're reminded that if we take our toughest questions to the right source, our very questions actually lead us right to the source from which our hope springs.*

*Why would we want to celebrate Jesus exiting this life, leaving the apostles behind to fend for themselves? They are worried about the future, just as we worry day after day, but Jesus calms them down: "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you, stay where you are until you are clothed with the power from on high."*

*Picture standing at the Ascension with Jesus, and seeing Him rise up beyond your eyes into the clouds. Now picture someone very precious to you, who has died, and imagine them going up in the same way as Jesus. Let yourself hear Jesus' words to us that when He is "lifted up from the earth," He will draw all people to Himself. The same awe, joy and profound amazement we would feel at seeing the Ascension should fill us as we see our loved one taken up, because this is what our future holds. Jesus has assured us that where He is going, we will go, too.*

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

*In Christ's love,*

*Fr. Frank*

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

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



## FAITH FORMATION for Children

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

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Registration information can be found in our annual Faith Formation Booklet available at all the Church exits or online at [www.ccsfx.net](http://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/Adults willing to sing
  - Teens to be part of our Openings and Closings ... mimes and speaking roles.
  - Camp Leaders – Art; Movement; Games; Service Classrooms; Snack; Parking

If you can help, please contact Pat Allshouse ([pallshouse@ccsfx.net](mailto:pallshouse@ccsfx.net)) TODAY.

### **FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2010-2011**

Copies of our annual parish Faith Formation Booklet (yellow) are available at each of our Church entrances. This is the information you need to register you or your family members for our parish pre-school, religious education, sacramental preparation or summer programs for the 2010-2011 year. **Pick up a copy this weekend** or access this information on our parish website, [www.ccsfx.net](http://www.ccsfx.net). **Remember, registration materials are due in by May 25, 2010.** Thank you for your prompt attention.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Senior Farewell Picnic,**  
12:45 to 3 pm. Contact me for more information: [jmojizsek@ccsfx.net](mailto:jmojizsek@ccsfx.net)

## GOSPEL OF LIFE

### Prayerful Presence & Sidewalk Counseling Seminars:

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20. We can bring Jesus Christ to places of great suffering, abortion facilities, through our prayer and witness to His redemptive love. To learn more about this essential ministry, please join Matthew Marshall and the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese at one of two upcoming presentations: Wednesday, May 19, at 7 pm at St. Mark, 27 Melvin Avenue, Catonsville or Wednesday, May 26, at 7 pm at St. Joseph, 101 Church Lane, Cockeysville. All are welcome! Please contact [Johanna.coughlin@archbalt.org](mailto:Johanna.coughlin@archbalt.org) or 410-707-9842 for more information.

## 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. 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 20<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your frozen casserole (labeled for Beans & Bread) to the church any weekday (M-Th) before 9:15 am on May 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## ST. JOSEPH PARISH LUCKY \$13,000 RAFFLE



St. Joseph Parish is holding a **Big 750 Grand Drawing**. Only 750 tickets will be sold at \$50 each. There will be 25 cash prizes with a grand prize of \$5,000. The drawing will be held at the Parish Volunteer Picnic on Tuesday, June 8. For a ticket order form, go to the parish website at [www.sjpm.org](http://www.sjpm.org) or stop by the parish office.



## The Archdiocese Charismatic Prayer Meeting, "Stretch Forth Your Hand"

scheduled at the Basilica on May 30 has been changed to St. Ambrose Church, 4502 Park Heights Avenue, 1-3 pm (May 30, Trinity Sunday). For information contact The Charismatic Renewal Center, [www.charismatic.archbalt.org](http://www.charismatic.archbalt.org) or 410-308-8962.

## LADIES OF CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY & 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](mailto:barbmelanson@comcast.net)

### Next Sunday's Readings

**May 23, 21010**

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading*

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-11

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-7, 12-13 OR  
ROMANS 8:8-17

*Gospel*

JOHN 20:19-23

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



## OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

On **Saturday, May 22**, the Outreach & Advocacy Committee will hold its annual bingo for some of the residents of Springfield State Hospital. **HELP IS NEEDED!** We need at least four people to volunteer and donations of finger food sweets (preferably chocolate), chips, pretzels and sodas are also needed. We will leave from the lower parking lot at 12 N and return no later than 4 pm. If you are available to help and/or could donate some refreshments, please call Kass Lindauer at 410-771-4364.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

#### Phoenix Area:

*Michelle Lamoureux  
Scott & Maggie Felton*

#### Lutherville/Timonium Area:

*Kevin & DJ Plank  
Peggy Federico*

#### Cockeysville/Hunt Valley Area:

*Brian & Liz Murphy  
Ace & Luisella McBride*



CCSFX would like to welcome and congratulate the following families who recently celebrated the Holy Sacrament of Baptism:

**Mary Claire Paterson,**  
daughter of James & Andrea Paterson

**John William Taylor,**  
son of Robert & Kara Fornoff Taylor

**John Rylan Wachter,**  
son of John & Michelle Wachter

**Ryan Bradley Martin,**  
son of David & Jane Martin

### ANOTHER LOOK

At Mass on Christmas and Easter, there are always some "inactive" Catholics in attendance. The parish would like to welcome them in such a way that they may give some thought to returning to the faith of their Baptism on a more regular basis.

At 7:00 p.m. on this Tuesday, May 18, there will be an opportunity for inactive Catholics to meet and discuss whatever may now be keeping them away from the Church or whatever it may have been that prompted them to drift away or even to have felt pushed away.

Think of family members and friends for whom this opportunity may be coming along at just the right time. Suggest that they might like to check this out. It is a conversation, not a program. No preaching, no pressure, certainly no collection, and not more than an hour in duration. This Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.



### 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.

### READY TO VOLUNTEER?

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

**Altar Server – Choir – Eucharistic Minister – Greeter  
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!

### LITURGY CORNER

The Ascension of the Lord is one of the three great liturgical celebrations of the Easter season, the other two being the Resurrection (Easter itself) and Pentecost, the Coming of the Holy Spirit (celebrated next Sunday). The Ascension celebrates the risen Christ taking his place at the right hand of the Father, the beginning of his heavenly reign that will continue until he returns in glory.

Despite all this "going and coming," the Ascension does not mean that Jesus has become distant from us. In fact, he is now present to his followers (including us) more than ever through the giving of the Holy Spirit. Just a historical note about the fact that, some years ago now, the church's liturgical calendar celebrated the Ascension on the fortieth day after Easter. Especially to the veteran Catholics, this may still be a point of some confusion because that timetable produced the traditional name for the feast, "Ascension Thursday." Nowadays throughout the United States, the Bishops of most dioceses (including our own Archdiocese of Baltimore) have approved the observance of the Ascension of the Lord on the Sunday following the Thursday. Moving the celebration of the feast from a weekday to a Sunday allows many more parishioners to gather to commemorate this major event (Resurrection – **Ascension** – Pentecost) of the Easter season.