

“I Will Give You Thanks O Lord”

Archbishop’s Appeal 2010

Due to last weekend’s snowstorm parishioners will be asked this weekend to respond to Archbishop Wuerl’s request to make a pledge to the Archbishop’s Appeal. The theme of the campaign is: **“I will give you thanks, O Lord.” (Psalm 138:1)**

The Archbishop’s Appeal campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Archbishop’s Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. As you listen to the Archbishop’s words and review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God’s gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it with you to Mass. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses this weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

This Wednesday, February 17th, is Ash Wednesday

Mass times are as follows:

9:00 am (School Mass)
12:15 pm
7:00 pm

World Marriage Day February 14, 2010

Is sponsored nationally by Worldwide Marriage Encounter World Marriage Day honors husbands and wives as head of the family — the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily, married life. The Catholic Family Institute’s annual tradition of blessings for married couples at Mass in recognition of World Marriage Day will be held this year on:

Saturday, February 13th and Sunday, February 14th

Worship

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Feb 16:

12:15pm Howard T. Buckler, Jr.
Loretta Anne Goldsborough

Wednesday, Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday

9:00am Della Louise Buchanan
12:15pm Paul & Ann Pilitt
7:00pm H. James O’Brien

Thursday, Feb. 18:

12:15 pm Kelly & Steve Yarrish (L)

Friday, Feb. 19:

8:30am Glenn Edward Lawrence
Philip B. Joy, Sr.

Saturday, Feb. 20

7:30am Joseph P. Wilkinson, Jr.
Bernard Arnold Doepkens, Sr.
5:00pm Joseph & Alma Wathen

Sunday, Feb. 21:

8:00am ***First Sunday of Lent***
Parishioners of St. Aloysius
11:00am Dick Curry
William T. Cooksey

Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound of our Parish

Community: Let us remember in prayer: Wanda Butler, Gerald Campbell, Mary Carrigg, Judy Cates, Robert Cooper, Norm Craley, Fran & Ray Dicus, Mary Dyson, Susan Fenwick, Pat Gibson, Michael Hall, Denise Lacey, Charles Latham, Agnes Long, Isabelle Raley, Jim Raley, Anita Russell, Amy Saul, Larry Schadegg, Kit Spalding, Agatha Stokel, and Donna Walker.

Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 pm, except on First Friday, March 5th when they will be at 7:30 pm. All are invited to participate in this ancient ritual of the Church.

Lenten Almsgiving Opportunity: As part of the Lenten discipline of almsgiving, coin folders will once again be available in the vestibule of the church. The simple daily giving of a quarter allows us the opportunity to align our sacrifice with the needs of others. During these difficult days and months for the people of Haiti our coin folder donations will go to assisting the work of ***Catholic Relief Services in Haiti***. Please plan on returning your completed coin folder on Holy Thursday, April 1st, at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper.

Little Black Books: As a companion for prayer during the season of Lent the parish is once again providing *The Little Black Book*. These pocket sized books help us spend six minutes each day walking through the Passion of Christ according to the Gospel of Mark. *The Little Black Book* will be available beginning today.

Lent 2010 - The Light is ON for You: Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

“It remains one of the great marvels of God’s love that He would make forgiveness so readily available to us. The deepest spiritual joy we can sense is the freedom from whatever would separate us from God and the restoration of our friendship with a loving and merciful Father who receives each of us with all the forgiveness and love lavished on the prodigal son. Renewed, refreshed and reconciled through this sacrament, we who have sinned become a “new creation.” This Lent, I hope that all of us experience this newness of spirit and soul.” (Archbishop Donald Wuerl).

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, especially those who have been away from the Church or the sacrament, are invited to experience God’s mercy and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Lent our church will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and prayer every **Thursday evening from 7:00 – 8:30 pm** (with the exception of Thursday, March 25th).

Too Bad!

Too bad Jesus isn’t on sale this week...
Too bad Jesus isn’t out on Blu-Ray yet...
Too bad Jesus doesn’t offer season tickets...
...because maybe I would invest in Him more.
Put the ordinary aside and come center yourself on Christ and the Eucharist!

All are invited to this year’s Parish Mission with Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM, Conv. February 21-24, 2010, from 7 pm – 8:30 pm.

A Morning of Recollection: In preparation for our Annual Lenten Mission, Fr. Jude Winkler, this year’s Retreat Leader, will be holding a Morning of Recollection for all interested parish leaders and ministers this Saturday, February 20th from 10 am till 12 Noon in the church. There is no fee, just an opportunity to set some time aside as we begin Lent to open our hearts and lives to the power of God’s Word and Presence.

Vocation Cross

Devotion to the Vocation Cross involves a designated parish household receiving the cross at Mass and taking the cross home for one week and praying for a few minutes every day for the gift of vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our parish. The cross is given to at one of the three weekend Masses after Communion and it is asked that it be returned to the rectory by Saturday morning. Jim Hoffman, the parish’s Vocations Liaison is in the process of calling all homes that signed up to have the Vocation Cross in their home to schedule your week.

Please pray for Vocations this week with the Family of Carl & Christine Guy.

Lenten Fast & Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted when fasting. The special Paschal Fast and Abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

Stewardship

Sharing our Treasure: Weekly Offertory Contributions

February 6th/7th, 2010 February 7th/8th, 2009
1st Collection: \$3,600.00 *1st Collection: \$9,145.35*
2nd Collection: Father Andrew White School -\$610.00

Please note: As everyone is aware the region has experienced three significant snowstorms this year all on weekends, significantly reducing Mass participation and therefore, the parish’s regular Offertory Collection, not to mention our collections for the School and Archdiocesan Assessment. If parishioners have not done so already and if you are able, we ask you to please consider placing your offertory contributions from December 20th, January 31st and February 7th in the collection this month. Thank you.

2nd Collection Next Weekend: Our 2nd Collection for the weekend of Feb. 21st/22nd is for our Fuel. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

Patron of the Week: Armitage & Armitage. Please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

Parish Life & Evangelization

Presidents’ Day Holiday: Please note that our parish offices will be closed on Monday, February 15th, in observance of the federal holiday.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Members of the Pastoral Council are reminded of their next meeting this Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 pm in the rectory. Please contact Mike Campeggio if you are unable to attend.

Your Photographs Needed: The parish is looking for any photographs that have been taken by parishioners (or friends) since we began our 300th Anniversary Celebration. Pictures are needed for both our Dinner Program and for inclusion on our Website. If you have pictures you would like to submit, please drop them by the rectory on a disc or e-mail them to Fr. John at jdakes@saintloysiuschurch.org or Jamie Thomas (our webmaster) at jamie@jamiethomas.com

**300th Anniversary Commemorative
Dinner Program**

As part of our 300th Anniversary Dinner on June 26th, the parish is planning a Commemorative Dinner Program with an updated Parish History, new photographs and more. We will also be publishing congratulatory ads and notes from businesses, other parishes, and parishioners. If you or someone you know is interested in taking out an ad or publishing a note of congratulations please send your ad/note to:

**St. Aloysius 300th Anniversary Committee
P.O. Box 310
Leonardtown, MD 20650**

Or simply drop it by the rectory. Ad/Note Sizes and options are as follows

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| 1. Full Page Ad | \$300.00 |
| 2. Half Page Ad | \$150.00 |
| 3. Quarter Page Ad | \$ 75.00 |
| 4. Business Card Ad | \$ 50.00 |
| 5. Patron (Single Line) | \$ 25.00 |

Text and artwork is due no later than March 19th, 2010.

All ads/notes will be reproduced in black and white format. No photographic reproduction is available and all ads can be submitted as (1) Camera-ready copy; (2) Camera-ready copy and artwork or (3) Text provided by advertiser. Layout completed by the Church.

Religious Education, Youth Ministry & School

RESCHEDULED Italian Dinner and Brown Bag Auction

– **FAW School:** Due to last weekend's crippling snowstorm Father Andrew White School had to postpone their Annual Italian Dinner and Brown Bag Auction. The new date is: **Saturday, February 20th from 4- 8:00 pm.** Plan on enjoying spaghetti with your choice of sauces, bread, salad, and dessert while supporting our great school. Beer and wine will also be available and there will be chances to win a wide variety of themed auction baskets. The cost of the dinner is: \$8.50 ages 12 and older, \$5 ages 6-11, \$3 ages 5 and under.

Can You Help? Father Andrew White School is hosting a **Live and Silent Auction** during it's upcoming Groovy Gala on Saturday, April 24th. We are now collecting auction items. Do you have an item or service you would like to contribute? A Christmas gift you'd like to re-gift? Charitable donation receipts can be provided. Please contact Jane Burke at (301)866-2056 or jburke@md.metrocast.net

Community

When Is Video Gaming an Addiction? Are the majority of your child's friends those who are playing online? Is your child spending 4-6 hours per day online? Does your child skip meals to stay online? Is he or she experiencing stronger emotions online than in real life? St. Mary's

Ryken High School's School Counseling Department is sponsoring a presentation for all interested parents on Video Gaming, Thursday, February 18th at 6:30 pm in the Rom Hall Media Center.

SAVE THE DATE: 2nd Annual Knights to Knights Speaker Series with Tim Staples:

All are welcome to a free presentation by nationally renowned Catholic Apologist Tim Staples (from Catholic Answers heard weekly on EWTN radio) on Wednesday April 21, 2010 at St. Mary's Ryken High School's Romuald Hall. The talk will begin at 7:00 pm. This event is sponsored by Knights of Columbus – St. Mary's Council 1470, St. Mary's Ryken High School and J.F. Taylor, Inc. For additional info, contact us at leonardtownknights@gmail.com or 301 904-0210.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Trust in Jesus, the way to true happiness.

Reading I: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Happy are those who trust in God.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Christ is raised from the dead.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Happy, blessed, are the poor, whose reward is great in heaven.

Question for Children:

How do you experience God's blessing in difficult times, when you are sad, hungry, or when friends reject you?

Question for Teens:

How does trusting in God make a difference in your life?

Questions for Adults:

In today's Gospel, we are reminded that we will be either blessed or have woe done unto us. It's a challenging teaching! Which half of this Gospel reading applies to you? Why?

Next Sunday's Gospel, 1st Sunday of Lent: Luke 4:1-13

**Don't Forget to Save the Date:
Saturday, June 26th, 2010: 300th Anniversary Mass with
Archbishop Wuerl – 5:00 pm
followed by our Anniversary Dinner at the LVFD.**

Leaving a bequest in your will to the Church, your Parish or School allows you to leave your legacy to an institution that has meant so much to you and thousands of others.



**ENOUGH
ALREADY!!!**