

JANUARY 25, 2009

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Jan.25. 8:30 AM: Erv Borza +

2009 Archbishop's Appeal Begins

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Archbishop Wuerl. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2009 Archbishop's Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish to include Eucharistic Minister Training sessions, Lector's Workshops, and Marriage Mentors.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "For the Glory of God" (1 COR. 10:31). Clearly, everything that we do to live out our faith gives glory to God. Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese multiply the glory that we give to our God by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2009 Archbishop's Appeal.

Angels Watch Shelter

The women and children residing at the Angels Watch Shelter were treated to a 'Winter Comfort Food Dinner' prepared by Julia Olsen, Doris Cauler, Josafina Knapp, Chrystal Beauregard, Carol Bisagni, Dolores Cacciaglia, Michelle Rhoderick and Theresa Lloyd. Many thanks to these OLHC parishioners for a job well done!

Offertory Envelopes

Our parish records only gifts made through our envelope system. If you wish to give cash or a check, but have forgotten your envelope that week, please use our "visitor" envelopes (in the literature rack in the vestibule) and clearly print your name, and envelope number so you will receive credit for your gift. If you do not use your envelopes, putting your envelope number on a loose check will not ensure that you receive credit for your gift.

If you don't currently receive envelopes, but wish to receive them, please call the parish office. Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish.



Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels program is currently seeking volunteers. If you are interested in working with this special organization that helps those in need/homebound, please contact Kathy at (301)-843-8295.

Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially, Maria Hayes, Ann Pollok, Graham Baldwin, Cindy Johnson, Val Alva, Don Sullivan, and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Ray Burgess and Ruth Contreras.



OLHC Youth Group

The OLHC Youth Group will be taking orders for Super Bowl Sub Sandwiches this Saturday (1/24) and Sunday (1/25) following all Masses. The subs are filled with delicious fresh ingredients, reasonably priced and perfect for your Super Bowl celebrations.

Archbishop Neale Open House

Archbishop Neale School will be holding an Open House for prospective and current parents during Catholic Schools Week on Thursday, January 29, 2009, from 8:30-10:30 AM (PK AM-Gr. 8) and 11:30 AM-12:30 PM (PK PM only). Prospective new families are asked to mark their calendars: registration for new students for the 2009-2010 school year will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, from 2:30-7:00 PM.

A Reminder

If you wish to request a specific Mass in memoriam, please stop by the office to submit your request as soon as possible. Often Masses are reserved months in advance and we may not be able to fulfill your desired date/Mass.

Inclement Weather Policy

If the Charles County schools are either on a two hour delay or closed due to weather conditions, the weekday Mass will not be held. The parish office will follow the Charles County School's closing/delay/early dismissal due to weather conditions.



Note of Interest

Those parishioners requiring a 2008 collection print-out for over \$250.00, please call the office with your request. The forms can be picked up or mailed to your home per your preference.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



7th Grade Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting:

There is a meeting scheduled for all 7th Grade students and their parents on Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 6:30-8:00 PM and Saturday, Feb. 7, from 10:00-11:30 AM. Parent and student must attend either session.

Book: One of our parishioners, Christina Feist-Heilmeyer, has written a book, *Nurses are From Heaven, Nursing Through the Eyes of Faith*. This book carries a message of hope and life to nurses, and is ministry-affirming. It is available through Amazon.com and also at Target and Barnes& Noble store

YOUTH GROUP: Jan. 25: Meeting/Bingo, 6:15 PM.

Come spread some joy at the Assisted Living facility on Sunday. No experience necessary, just a friendly smile! New members are welcome! Call Joe Meszaros (301-609-8761) or Mabelle Proctor (301-893-9410) for info.



Men's Vocation Retreat

Archbishop Wuerl is sponsoring a retreat (Feb. 6-8) for men in their 20's-40's who are considering a call to the priesthood at the Theological College, beginning Friday evening, Feb. 6 and ending on Sunday, Feb. 8 at noon. The retreat will allow men time away from the daily grind and provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. If you feel Jesus may be calling you, why not give Him a weekend? It will cost you nothing more than your time. To register or for more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocations, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org.

Women's Vocation Retreat

The Benedictine Sisters of Virginia will be holding a Monastic Discernment Weekend for single, Catholic women on Feb. 20-22, 2009. For more information contact Sister Vicki, Ix, OSB, Director of Vocation Ministry at 703-298-5337 or vocations@osbva.org.

Preschool News

Due to public/parent request, we are now offering year-round registration! Classes for 2-day and 3-day openings may be filled up to one school year in advance. **Please note:** 5-day openings may be filled by current students, students currently on a wait list, and registered OLHC parishioners until **Feb. 2, 2009**, at which time they will open to the general public. Please call 301-645-7112 and speak with the OLLC Director, Ms. Nieda Billard, to schedule an appointment to register.

Our Joe Corbi Pizza Orders must be picked up the afternoon of **January 29, 2009**, in the Social hall.

The February OLLC Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 7:00 PM.



Community Bulletin Board

- ◆ **Archbishop Neale School 'Filled' Basket Bingo:** on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at the La Plata American Legion, Post 82, 6330 Crain Hwy, La Plata, MD. Doors open at 1 PM and Bingo begins at 2 PM. Admission tickets are \$20 and include: 20 regular games and a chance on all door prizes. Everyone must have a paid admission (children included). For more info/reservations, call Judy at 301-934-9595 or email ANSDEVELOPMENT2ADWSCHOOL.ORG.
- ◆ **St. Valentine's Dinner Party:** on Feb. 14, 2009, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park, 6-10 PM. Tickets only \$15 per person. Includes: shrimp cocktail, fruit, cheeses, anti-pasto, salmon or lemon caper chicken, saffron rice, dessert, etc. Contact Cookie Pontzer for info or email pontzer@md.metrocast.net.
- ◆ **Franciscan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Jordan, & Sinai:** June 1-12, 2009. Join us for this wonderful experience, escorted by Fr. David Wathen. O.F.M. Call Jenny at 202-669-7214 for more info.
- ◆ **Alliance of Filipino Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities** 15th National Convention, June 26-28, 2009 at the Baltimore Convention Center. Contact Agnes Nepomuceno at 410-987-1694 for more info.