

MARCH 1, 2009

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, Feb. 28, 5:00 PM: Ruth & James Mills +  
Sunday, Mar. 1, 8:30 AM: Delfin Gigantana  
Sunday, Mar. 1, 10:00 AM: Buenaventura Javier +

**Letter from the Pastor**

Dear Parishioners,

As your Pastor, I want to thank all of you who have participated or will participate in the 2009 Archbishop's Appeal. As you know, you have involved yourselves in the work of Christ, the mission of the Church, doing His work in your name. You have assisted in bringing Christ into the lives of many, many people by your pledge to the Appeal. Thank you for your many acts of generosity and selflessness and thank you, as a parish, for working with me in making this initiative the success I know it will be. God bless you for your generous response.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Crowley



**Archdiocese Lenten Initiative**

This Lent, parishes across the Archdiocese of Washington are extending a special invitation to those who may have drifted away from their faith for whatever reason to come back to church, for prayer and Mass. If you know a family member, friend, co-worker and/or neighbor who isn't here with us and should be, consider extending a gentle invitation back. Invitations are available on the table in the vestibule.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
BENEDICTION & ADORATION OF  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON  
FRIDAYS AT 7:15 PM**

**Lenten Sharing**

It has been a tradition at OLHC for parishioners to share a meatless meal (a variety of soups, bread, and drinks) before attending Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. The suppers will be held at 6 PM on Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, and 27. If you would like to assist in this tradition, call Sharon at 301-645-8407. We hope to see you there!

**Prayer Requests**

For those dealing with illness, especially, Harry Sharar, Bev Nuzzi, Christopher Perry, Mary Rexrode, Val Alva, Lynn Norgren, and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Oscar Gas-kin.

**Aid to Church in Central & Eastern Europe**

In the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Catholics face many challenges. The strength of this Church is based on its belief in the power of the Spirit of Love, which has sustained it through trials and energized it for change. Stand in solidarity and make a difference to your Catholic brothers and sisters in Georgia, Ukraine, Estonia, Poland, Serbia, Latvia, Belarus, and other distant places. Please be generous in next week's second collection with your gifts to this unique and faithful part of the Church.

**Jubilarian Mass for Married Couples**

On Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 2:00 PM, Washington Archbishop Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception honoring couples celebrating **25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or more years of marriage.** Personalized certificates from Archbishop Wuerl will be distributed after the Mass. If you cannot attend, your certificate will be mailed to you. Please complete the form available on the bulletin table and return it to your parish office no later than April 20, 2009, to ensure registration.

**Thank You**

Thank you to Bill Scott and Susan Nottingham for their wonderful presentations on the Archbishop's Appeal and to Roy Chesley for leading the Ushers for the in-pew processes. Kudos to Jennifer Hendricks and Susan Nottingham for their work on the Protect Life postcard initiative. Thanks to Sharon Smoot for stepping forward to chair the Lenten Soup Suppers project. Gratitude to Tom Smoot and his team for their continuing work on the sound system. OLHC also wishes to thank the Hendricks family for their donation of a 'crown of thorns' which is displayed in the vestibule above the Holy Water font. It is a meaningful symbol of Lent and of what the Lord had to endure out of love for each of us.

**OLHC Cry Room**

The "Cry Room", located next to the rest rooms, is available for parents with infants and young children who may need to quiet their little ones. We are hearing there are times no seats are available as they are filled by adults or teens. Please allow parents to utilize this room as they require. Thank you.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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**Confirmation Workshop:** There is a Confirmation Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, from 6:30-8:00 PM, and Saturday, March 14, from 10-11:30 AM. Parent and student must attend either session.

**First Communion Workshop:** There is a First Communion Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, from 6:30-8:00 PM and Saturday, March 28, from 10:00-11:30 AM. Parent and child must attend either session.



**YOUTH GROUP: March 1:** No Meeting; **March 8:** Beginning rehearsal of Living Stations of the Cross. Note: Please mark your calendars for an overnight trip to Great Wolf Lodge (water slides and more) for May 2-3, 2009. For further info, please contact Joe Meszaros at (301-609-8761) or Machel Proctor (301-893-9410). New members are welcome!

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## 2009 Maryland March for Life

The 2009 Maryland March for Life will be held in Annapolis on Monday, March 9th. A bus will depart from Sacred Heart Church, La Plata, MD., at 4:30 PM, and return by 10 PM. There is a nominal \$10 fee per person, students are free. The evening begins at 5:30 PM with a Mass at St. Mary's Church, Annapolis. The March begins at 7:00 PM from St. Mary's Church to the State Capitol. The evening concludes with refreshments in St. Mary's Auditorium. For more information or to sign up, please contact Chris or Crista Fawls at [cfawls@hughes.net](mailto:cfawls@hughes.net) or 301-392-9065

## Baptism Class

You **must pre-register** if you plan on attending a Baptism Class at Our Lady Help of Christians. Please call the office to sign up for the class. Parents must be **registered members** of our parish to schedule a Baptism at OLHC.

Due to the upcoming Lenten/Easter season, Baptism classes have been **re-scheduled** for the following dates: March 4, 2009 and April 1, 2009.

## Altar Guild

There will be a meeting of the Altar Guild on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 7:00 PM.

## Preschool News



**Registration:** is open for all classes. Our Lady's Little Christians is an early learning program for children 3 and 4 years of age. We are licensed by the MD State Department of Education, Office of Child Care. Please call 301-645-7112 and speak with the OLLC Director, Ms. Nieda Billard, to schedule an appointment to register.

OLLC participates in an ink jet cartridge recycling program. Please save your empty (**inkjet only**) cartridges for us and drop them off in the container in the OLHC office lobby. Thank you!

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## Community Bulletin Board

- ◆ **St Mary's of Piscataway:** Home and School Assoc. is sponsoring our 2nd Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 12 noon. Doors open at 11:30 AM. For information call Dawna Brown at 301-906-7906.
- ◆ **Immaculate Conception Church:** is having a St. Patrick's Day Dance, on Saturday, March 14, 2009, from 7 to 11 PM. Corned beef and ham sandwiches available for purchase; BYOB with set-ups available. Cost is \$20 per person, \$40 per couple. Call Paula or Joe @ 301-884-5095.
- ◆ **Mount St. Mary's University:** a conference on the Teaching and Mission of St. Paul, March 27-28, 2009. It will be held at the Knott Auditorium, Emmitsburg, MD. Presenters will be Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. Brant Pitre. Registration fee: \$20 per person (includes lunch) Deadline for registration is March 18, and seating is limited. Register at [www.msmary.edu/StPaul](http://www.msmary.edu/StPaul).
- ◆ **Camp St. Charles: Open House**-Mar.8, Apr. 19, and May 17, 11 AM-4 PM. Drop in to see how your children can experience two fun-filled weeks at Camp St. Charles! Each summer, children make friends, develop an appreciation for Creation while camping out, riding horses, trying archery, making ceramics and other activities. Fully Accredited with the American Camp Assoc. and State of Md. Certification. For more info: [www.campstcharles.com](http://www.campstcharles.com) or 301-934-8799.