

FEBRUARY 27, 2010

**Mass Intention**

**Sunday, Feb. 28, 10:00 AM: Maria & Wojciech Marzec +**

**Prayer Requests**

For those dealing with illness, especially Anthony Purcell, Jacob Meader, Javier Castro, Dan Escolopio, Ann Turner, Bill Huttenloch and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

**Note of Interest**

Those parishioners requiring a 2009 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.

**Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe**

Great needs remain in the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Some parishes still need a proper place to celebrate Mass; some dioceses cannot maintain necessary social and charitable works; most cannot support basic pastoral work. This weekend, we ask you to donate generously to the Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Give faith to the future.



**Angels Watch Shelter Dinner**

A wonderful dinner of roast beef and baked ham was provided to the women and children of the Angels Watch Shelter. In addition to the main course, side dishes included a variety of vegetables, a seafood pasta salad, dinner rolls, a selection of beverages and cookies and sheet cake for dessert. Much gratitude to the OLHC members who lovingly prepared and delivered the meal. They include Holly Rexrode, Lawrence McGuire, Joy Fisher, Terry Kiss, Crystal Beauregard, Julia Olsen, Carol Bisagni, Theresa Lloyd, Ali Nikolai, Doris Cauler, Dolores Cacciaiglia and Diane Spurgeon. Special thanks to Dave Cacciaiglia for his support for this project.

**St. Mary's Ryken Open House**

There will be an Open House at St. Mary's Ryken High School on Sunday, March 7, 2010, from 12 noon- 3:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for prospective students and parents to explore all that St. Mary's Ryken has to offer! Meet the students, faculty, and coaches. Learn about the college preparatory curriculum and the extra-curricular activities. Tour the beautiful college-like campus. Information on admission, scholarships and financial aid will be available. For more information, visit [www.smrhs.org](http://www.smrhs.org) or contact the Admissions Office at 301-373-4183.

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**A Note From the Pastor**

Dear Parishioners,

I will be 'out of commission' for a few weeks, as I am facing surgery this coming week and face a period of convalescence. I hope to be 'up and running' as soon as possible. I do ask for your good prayers in the coming days and weeks. Know that I will be thinking of you and praying for you. Thank you for your understanding and kindness.

Fr. Crowley

Note: The OLHC "The Light is On for You" program will be put 'on hold' for a few weeks until Fr. Crowley is 'up and running'. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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**Share in Hope Food Drive**

Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the **Share in Hope Food Drive** this Lent. Our parish food drive will take place the weekend of **March 20-21**. Bags for your donation will be available after Masses **March 13-14**. When you bring your food donation on **March 20-21**, please place it in the designated area in the Social Hall. The Knights of Columbus will be sorting and delivering the food items to a local pantry that services our parishioners in addition to the local community. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

**Jubilarian Mass for Married Couples**

The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Wuerl will preside at the Mass. Please fill out the sign up forms in the vestibule and drop them off in the office to be submitted to the Archdiocese. The deadline for submissions will be **April 23, 2010**. If you have any questions, please call the office.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
BENEDICTION & ADORATION OF THE  
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**Seventh Grade Meeting:** There is a meeting scheduled for all seventh graders and their parents on Wednesday, March 3 from 6:30-8:00 PM and Saturday, March 6 from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Parent and student **must** attend **either** session.

**First Communion Workshop:** Our workshop for those preparing to receive First Communion is scheduled for Wed., March 10 from 6:30-8:00 PM and Saturday, March 13 from 10:00-11:30 AM. Parent and child **must** attend **either** session.



### OLHC Youth Group

- ⇒ **Feb. 26-28: Great Wolf Lodge Trip**
- ⇒ **March 5: Snow Tubing**
- ⇒ **March 7: Youth Group Meeting, 6:30-8 PM, Living Stations Practice.**

Our parish Youth Group is open to all in grades 8-12. Please feel free to contact Joe Mezaros, (301) 609-8761, or Machel Proctor, (301) 893-9410.

### "Come and See" Retreat Weekend

The Daughters of Charity are offering a "Come and See" retreat weekend March 5-7, 2010. Single women ages 18-35 interested in a vocation as a sister are invited to attend. The retreat will be held in Emmitsburg, MD. If interested, please contact Sr. Nancy Murphy, DC at 410-646-2074 or dcvoc@doc.org.

### Retrouvaille

A Lifeline for Marriage—Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i sound) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It gives them the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples in troubled marriages. For confidential information about the program or to register, contact: 301-468-6764 or TomnCarol@comcast.net.

### 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** closings/delays/early dismissals due to weather conditions.

### OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS PRESCHOOL

#### Register now for Fall 2010!

- ⇒ All openings are available for next year on a first come/first served basis.
- ⇒ 2 and 3 day openings may be filled one school year in advance at any time.
- ⇒ 5 day openings may be filled at any time by current students, students currently on a wait list, and registered OLHC parishioners. 5 day classes will be opened to the general public in February.

#### If you want to register for Fall 2010:

- ⇒ Turn in completed and dated enrollment forms with payment. Enrollment forms can be printed from our website.
- ⇒ Bring a copy of the birth certificate and immunization record for all new students.
- ⇒ For more information, see our website: <http://www.olhoc.org/preschool.htm> or call 301-645-7112.

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### Community Bulletin Board

**Men's Bible Study:** begins Saturday morning, March 6th at St. Mary's in Bryantown, Md. The group will meet from 7:30 to 8:45 am in the rectory basement. We will be using the eight session "Journey Through the Bible Series." The cost of the materials is \$20. Coffee and donuts will be served. For more information or to sign up, contact Fr. Conley at [rtconley@comcast.net](mailto:rtconley@comcast.net) or 301-870-2220, ext. 13 or Mitch Johnson at [ravens16@comcast.net](mailto:ravens16@comcast.net).



**St. Patrick's Day Dance:** at Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville, Md. Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$40 per couple. Music provided by Mean Gene. 50/50 Raffle, Cake Walks, Door Prizes, Corned Beef and Ham, etc. For more information & tickets, call 301-884-5095 or 301-884-3123.

All items for the bulletin board must be approved by the office before posting. Thank you.