

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, which falls each year on January 25. Normally it would not take precedence over the regular prayers and readings for our Sunday Mass, but since we are still celebrating the *Year of St. Paul*, which began last June 29, it is given greater honor this year. Paul's conversion, from one who persecuted the Church into its greatest missionary, is an incredible reminder of the power of God's grace. This feast teaches us that we can be transformed into a new creation, leaving behind the old life of sin to discover a new life of grace and purpose. The grace of this conversion is extended to each one of us – but do we have the courage to let God in the way that St. Paul did?

This weekend Archbishop O'Brien has asked us to take part in a special national campaign designed to oppose a piece of legislation entitled the "Freedom of Choice Act" or FOCA, which deals with the types of laws that could be enacted with respect to abortion. Here's why all of our Catholic bishops are vigorously opposed to this legislation:

- ✦ FOCA eliminates regulations that protect women from unsafe abortion clinics
- ✦ FOCA forces taxpayers to fund abortions
- ✦ FOCA requires all states to allow "partial birth" and other late-term abortions
- ✦ FOCA subjects women to abortions by nonphysicians
- ✦ FOCA violates the conscience rights of nurses, doctors, and hospitals
- ◆ FOCA strips parents of their right to be involved in their minor daughters' abortion decision

This legislation is simply too radical. On behalf of Archbishop O'Brien, I want to urge you to take part in our postcard campaign this weekend. If you didn't have time to fill out postcards for our two U.S. Senators this weekend, please grab the cards next weekend and make your voice heard. We will continue to collect the cards in church the following weekends.

Finally, I want to thank you for your generous response to my appeal last weekend on behalf of our Parish Campaign. We are still sorting through the cards and I hope to have an update for you next weekend on how well it is moving forward. Thank you for your generosity in this time of sacrifice! Please know that I continue to keep you in my prayers!

Rev. Erik Arnold




SENIORS

Do you sit at home alone? Do you want to spend some time with 'new' friends? Come join us at the Ministry Center on Thursdays from 11:00am till? We share food, conversation, games, life! Once a month we go to lunch at various restaurants. Come help us create exciting possibilities for the 'new' year!

Sr. Lorraine 410.788.7105

Senior Adults

 Masses For The Week		
Mon., January 26th	6:30 am	Mark Wilkens †
	8:15 am	Mario J Coco, Sr. †
Tues., January 27th	6:30 am	Karen Ann Smith †
	8:15 am	M/M Anthony Pyziak †
Wed., January 28th	6:30 am	Mary Geiger †
	8:15 am	Lois Malarkey
Thurs., January 29th	6:30 am	Caroline Herrmann †
	9:30 am	Gloria Schillinger †
Fri., January 30th	6:30 am	Carol Young †
	8:15 am	Rebecca Jones
Sat., January 31st	8:15 am	Cursillo Weekends
	4:30 pm	Chris Kitzmiller
Sun., February 1st	7:30 am	The Kim Family †
	9:00 am	Herb Scism †
	10:30 am	For the People
	12:00 noon	Mary Ellen Cadman

Please include the sick of our parish in your prayers that they may experience Christ's comfort and healing.

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| Carol Beall | Eugene Huget | Mary Ann Sharp |
| Clyde Bradley | MaryAnn Humm | Ann Shively |
| Diane Buckley | Jack Kelly | Mary Ellen Shotting |
| Helene Cadman | John F. Klosek | Billy Simpson |
| David Clark | Fred Lourenso | Jack Simpson |
| Mary E. Clarke | Lois Malarkey | Ardelia Smith |
| Daniel Couvillion | Joyce Mathias | Julia Smith |
| Patricia Donadio | Lucy McKenna | Bill Snyder |
| Mike Doshim | Joseph Murray | Rosemary Snyder |
| Warren Drell Jr. | Nathan Niessner | Joanne Strock |
| Doris Eustis | Mary Joyce O'Neill | Edna Walker |
| Jayne Fleischer | Larry Putgenter, Sr. | Libby Weller |
| Richard Flynn | Viviance Putgenter | Kyla Zeilinger |
| Mary Grace Howard | Mary Reichel | |
| Francis Hubbard | Rosemarie Rippel | |

If you or your loved one is on the mend, please notify the Rectory!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Grieving the loss of a loved one can be extremely difficult. The Bereavement Support Group invites all who have recently lost a loved one to join them for the next session on **MONDAY, JANUARY 26th**, at 7:00pm. Call Sister Lorraine McGraw—410-788-7105 or Doris Eustis—410-796-9163 for information.

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for February 1st, 2009

Saturday 4:30 pm
 Lectors Muldoon, Gregorini
 EMHC McAndrew, Saia, Stromberg
 Servers Jegede, Nagle, Saia

Sunday 7:30 am
 Lectors Benedict, McBride
 EMHC Higgins, Maltagliati, Maltagliati
 Servers Foote, Kisak, Kisak

Sunday 9:00 am
 Lectors Kallmyer, Shotting
 EMHC Glover, Griffith, Guseman, Guseman,
 Mansfield, Novotny, Novotny, Roth
 Servers Griffith, Kallmyer, Kallmyer


Sunday 10:30 am
 Lectors Couvillion, Massari
 EMHC Corkrin, D Hunter, S. Lucas, Manley,
 McCormack, B O'Neill, Randazzo, Shugars,
 Shugars

Servers Corkrin, Shugars, Shugars

Sunday 12 Noon
 Lectors Holden, Mulholland
 EMHC Merl, Sebastian, Sebastian
 Servers Bochenek, Elliott, Sebastian

*Subject to change when necessary.

New Schedules are in the Rack in the back of church or have been emailed out from the Rectory.

 PARISH SUPPORT	
Offering for January 18, 2009	
Envelopes 342	\$11,280.00
Loose	\$1,446.99
Children	\$10.50
Total	\$12,737.49
Poor Box	\$183.75
Retired Priests	\$3,800.09

Our Parish Mass Schedule is Changing!
 As we announced before Christmas, our parish Mass schedule will be changing on March 1, 2009!

Beginning the First Sunday of Lent – **March 1, 2009** – Our New Sunday Mass Schedule will be:

Saturday: 4:30pm (Contemporary)
Sunday: 7:30am (Silent)
9:00am (Children's Choir / Youth Choir / Cantor)
11:00am (Adult Choir)
5:00pm (Contemporary Choir)

STOP
GET YOUR
BULL ROAST
TICKETS TODAY!

The responsive return of raffle tickets for the *Shrimp and Bull Roast Big money Raffle* has been amazing! Thanks to all who have returned their stubs and even the unsold tickets. Don't be left out, be sure your tickets are in the barrel when we spin it on February 21st— drop them in the mail or give to a Committee member in the Narthex of church today. Do you want to come, need tickets? See the committee members for all your needs! Discount on ticket prices ends **February 7th**.

Do you know someone who would make a Wonderful Deacon?

There will be an information session regarding the Deacon Formation Program on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 10 am at St. Mary's Seminary and University (5400 Roland Avenue, 21210). Please encourage those you think might be a fine deacon to attend. If married, their wife is encouraged to attend as well.

Please have them contact Cindy Orr (corr@archbalt.org) 410-547-5550 if planning to attend.



Natural Family Planning: it's about staying in touch. In touch with each woman's natural cycle of fertility, which expresses itself clearly in signs that each couple can learn to recognize. In touch with each other. In touch with God's plan for our lives. Learn more by attending a Natural Family Planning course offered to engaged and married couples starting February 7, 2009. For more information, contact Mark & Kathy Schmidt 410-747-5611; schmidtfamily@cclcentralmd.org

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB
 The next meeting of the Catholic Book Club will be on February 20th at 10 am in the Ministry Center and 7 pm in the Parish Center. We will discuss Pope Benedict XVI's Book, "Church Fathers: From Clement of Rome to Augustine." I look forward to seeing you at the discussion even if you have not read the book. Fr Larry

GATHOLIC FORMATION MINISTRIES

Office Phone Numbers: 410-747-0131, 410-455-0399
Office Hours are Monday—Friday 9am—4pm

Elementary Religious Education: Due to the increase in Kindergarten students on Monday at 5:00, we are in **need a another adult to co-teach** with the present catechist. An **aide is also needed** for the 5th grade at 5:00. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the present aide is unable to finish out the year. Please contact Judy Gruel, 410-747-0131, if you can help this program for the remaining 10 classes of the year.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting:

All parents of children eligible to receive their First Eucharist in May are required to attend this meeting!!! The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00 pm in the Gym. **Please arrange your schedules NOW to attend this very important meeting!!**

IMPACT

begins THIS Sunday, January 25th! The Winter Sunday session of IMPACT: Discipleship runs January 25 - February 22nd, 6:00-8:30 pm in Harrison Hall.

Confirmation Candidates are reminded that they each need to have completed **3 service projects by March 1st**. Stay tuned to email updates for more project ideas and opportunities.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: It's SNOW TUBING time! Join us on Saturday, January 31st for our second annual snow tubing adventure! Cost is \$35 per person, grab a flyer and permission form in the church vestibule for more info. Space is limited, so sign up fast!

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Revelations Youth Night is TONIGHT!!! All in high school are welcome to join in on the fun with friends, our faith, and food from 6:30 - 8:30. See you there!

We have our summer trip dates! **Catholic HEART Workcamp** will be 8/2 - 8/8 in Kearny, New Jersey. **Steubenville Conference** is July 10th - 12th. Erin is accepting first deposits of \$100 now to save your spot - and they ARE filling up fast! Paperwork from both organizations to come soon!

February 13-15, 2009

Living Covenant in a Contract World

A Scripture-based Valentine's Day Retreat for Married Couples

The retreat is presented by a couple and priest team and is strongly anchored in Scripture, the Liturgy of the Hours, the spirituality of the saints and the sacramental life of the Church.

For more information, contact **Kathy Schmidt** at **410-747-5611** or **mak.Schmidt@gmail.com**.

Registration deadline: **February 3, 2009**

Cost: \$295 per couple.

Includes room and meals.

Scholarship help is available.

Please contact Kathy Schmidt at 410-747-5611 or mak.schmidt@gmail.com

If you would like to make a donation toward the scholarship fund, it would be appreciated.

Please detach & complete this form and mail it with a \$50 deposit payable to Our Lady of Perpetual Help to:

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Marriage Retreat
4795 Ilchester Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21043**

Registration Forms can be found in the Narthex of the church

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Basketball Free Throw Contest



DATE: Wednesday, January 28th, 2009

TIME: 6:00 to 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Parish Center
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Church
Ilchester Road, Ellicott City, MD

CONTESTANTS: Boys and girls ages 10 to 14 (age as of 1/1/2009)

Participation is free. All contestants receive a monogrammed patch, and winners receive plaques. Proof of age and parent/guardian signature will be required before competing. Registration will start @ 6:00 in the gym.

The Knights of Columbus Father Comyns Council #9638 organizes this local event. For further information, contact John Hooper at 410-799-8897 or e-mail @ j.hooper@ngc.com.



Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by OLPH Boy Scout Troop 794 will take place on Saturday, February 7th from 5 to 7:30 in the Parish Center. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 ages 4-12, Scouts in uniform half price, ages 3 and under FREE. Maximum cost for a family of 5 is \$28. **CARRY OUT** available for \$8 each. Come enjoy a delicious dinner and join in the fun with the sports memorabilia items raffle including a **JOE FLACCO** autographed FOOTBALL! A Longaberger basket raffle, many Silent Auction items, and a CAKE auction are available throughout the evening. Come join the fun, but you do NOT have to be present for a chance to win the FOOTBALL! All tickets available at the door or call Mary McKitrick at 410-203-2579.

MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE ISSUE BRIEFING

Be prepared to speak up on the challenging issues facing the Maryland General Assembly this year! Saturday, **January 31**, 9:30 - 11:30. John Paul Regional Catholic School at St. Gabriel in Woodlawn. Presenters: Cathy Demeroto, Catholic Charities, Social Concerns & Mary Sullivan, Maryland Catholic Conference, Communications. Register by 1/30 through Sr. Joan Marie Stief, jstief@cc-md.org; 410.261.6782.