

***The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 15, 2009 ~ Cycle B***

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***From our pastor, Msgr. Cramblitt....***

The significant news in the Archdiocese at the moment is the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Today at Mass you heard the Archbishop himself speak to us. I hope you will respond generously to the Annual Appeal. Many thanks to all who have already pledged or sent a contribution!

The significant news in our parish and in every parish of the world is that Lent will begin in 10 days. Ash Wednesday is February 25. This year every parish in the Archdiocese of Baltimore will offer a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal. The effort has been named "The Light Is On For You." Every Wednesday of Lent, beginning March 4, the church will be open and a priest will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation from 7 to 8:30pm. These times for Reconciliation are in addition to our usual times on First Friday and on Saturday afternoon. I invite you even now, before Lent begins, to prayerfully examine your life as you stand before God and to prepare to come to the flowing fountain of God's mercy and healing. Plan to allow God to bring forgiveness to you so that you may live in the deep peace that comes from the assurance of being reconciled with the God who loves you so deeply.

And now I have a challenge for you. As you know the Church only requires us to observe two days of the year as days of fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When this new rule of fasting was promulgated after the Second Vatican Council it was done to lift the burden from those who were not physically able to fast more often. But it was also made clear that the Church still strongly recommends that those who are able should keep a complete season of 40 days of fasting between Ash Wednesday and Easter (except for the Sundays; the Lord's Day is never a day for fasting.) The season of fasting is not a burden or simply a time of self denial. It is a time of purification, a time of putting aside rich foods and snacks so that our minds are free to focus on God and all that God wishes to do for us in Christ. It only when you do this that Lent, the season of fasting, prayer and alms giving, becomes truly effective.

So I challenge you. You only have to fast for two days. But I challenge you to fast for all 40 days of Lent. I further challenge you to offer the fast to God for a purpose: increased vocations to the priesthood and religious life, or world peace, an end to violence, or an end to laws and policies that are opposed to human life from conception to death. You choose. There is so much to pray for!

I put this challenge before you now so that you might think about it for the next 10 days and mentally prepare to make this the best Lenten season you have ever had.

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***Join Us In Worship***

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**CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS:** A Sacrament for Full Membership in the Church, A Sacrament Required for Potential Godparents and Sponsors. Christian initiation is celebrated and completed through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Are you fully initiated into the Faith? Adults, 18 years and older, who have not yet completed their initiation as Catholic Christians are invited to prepare for the sacrament, especially those anticipating becoming a godparent or a sponsor. Contact Sister Carol at 410-466-6884, x15 for information.

**Whole Community Catechesis  
Questions for Faith Sharing**

**Question for Adults**

Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

**Question for Youth**

How has Jesus touched your life? How are you changed because of that touch?

**Question for Children**

What do you want to ask Jesus to do for you?

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Feb 14	5:00 p.m. .... +Josephine Adams
Sun, Feb 15	7:30 a.m. .... +Gerard Gaudreau
	9:00 a.m. .... For the People of SSH
	11:30 a.m. .... +Ignacy Kolek
Mon, Feb 16	7:00 a.m. .... +John L.V. Murphy, III
Tue, Feb 17	7:00 a.m. .... +Ignacy Kolek
Wed, Feb 18	7:00 a.m. .... +Joseph H. Baumgartner, Jr.

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## PRESIDER SCHEDULE ~ FEBRUARY 21 -22

5:00 PM	..... Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
7:30 AM	..... Father Timothy Brown, S.J.
9:00 AM	..... Father Timothy Brown, S.J.
11:30 AM	..... Msgr. Richard Cramblitt

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, February 16 ~ Weekday**

Gn 4:1-15,25; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday, February 17 ~ Weekday**

*Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, religious*

Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5,10; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday, February 18 ~ Weekday**

Gn 8:6-13,20-22; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday, February 19 ~ Weekday**

Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday, February 20 ~ Weekday**

Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1

**Saturday, February 21 ~ Weekday**

*Peter Damian, bishop & doctor; BVM on Saturday*

Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

**Sunday, February 22 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

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## Join Us In Learning

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### ADULTS

**COMMUNION AND LIBERATION:** Can anyone live without faith? In our everyday life, we constantly put our faith in the words of others. Without this faith, culture would shrivel, and science would become paralyzed; our friendships would end, and we would starve for lack of trust in those who prepared our food. Faith is a form of knowledge--a knowledge that comes through the mediation of a witness. In this method of knowledge one has to be fully engaged in order to trust the witness. Would you like to learn more about faith? If so, then come to the discussions held by Communion and Liberation at the Shrine on Tuesday

evenings at 7:30PM in the undercroft. For more information, you can call Tim Coll at 717-683-6086 or Leo White at 410-828-6118.

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## YEAR OF ST. PAUL BOOK CLUB

Contact Sister Carol (410-466-6884x15) to register if you have not already joined one or both remaining book club sessions.

### SECOND BOOK CLUB SESSION

#### TITLE

Reading Paul by Michael J. Gorman  
Cascade Books 2008

#### STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS

available at our website, [www.theshine.org](http://www.theshine.org).  
or call the parish office and request a copy.

### BOOK CLUB SESSION

Sunday, March 22, at 12:30PM

Wednesday, March 25, at 11AM

#### FACILITATOR

Director of Religious Education, Michaela Radziszewski.

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### THIRD BOOK CLUB SESSION

#### TITLE

St. Paul, Called to Conversion; A Seven Day Retreat  
by Fr. Ronald Witherup, S.S.

#### STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS

available at our website, [www.theshrine.org](http://www.theshrine.org)  
or call the parish office and request a copy.

### BOOK CLUB SESSION

Thursday, April 30, at 7PM

Saturday, May 2, at 2:30PM

#### FACILITATOR

Pastoral Associate, Sr. Carol Czyzewski, FSSJ

### SCHOOL NEWS

We invite you to join us for an Open House at the Shrine School on Tuesday, February 24, from 8:30 - 11:30AM.

Stop in and ask us about our new Pre-K Three Year Old Program which will begin in September 2009! If you have questions, please call Ms. Linda Brass at the school...410-542-7406!

**PANCAKE SUPPER AND ART SALE: THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009** ~ Celebrate Mardi Gras and help support the arts program at the Shrine school. For more information please contact Patti Moninghoff at pmon2134@verizon.net.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, ESPECIALLY:** Claire Hillary, Gloria Marble, Teddy Morton and Brittany Perkey.

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## Join Us In Service

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### "HEARTBEAT: SHRINE HUMAN LIFE MINISTRY"

**Our Lenten outreach 2009**, "Imitate Christ's Compassion for the Sick", will help support the efforts of the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital. Since 1922, the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital on W. Rogers Avenue has provided inpatient and outpatient pediatric health care rehabilitation and medical services to medically fragile infants and children in our community. On March 1 and 8, our ministry will be collecting NEW arts & crafts supplies, such as construction paper, markers, glitter and glue, for the children at this facility. Please be as generous as you can. Anyone interested in volunteering to visit with these children and in assisting the professional staff with their social and physical development can do so by calling MWPH's Volunteer Services Manager Pat Klima at 410-578-2651, or by visiting their website [www.mwph.org](http://www.mwph.org). No prior experience in child or health care is required to participate in this wonderfully organized and worthwhile volunteer program.

**Maryland Catholic Conference Lobby Night:** Join hundreds of Catholics from throughout the state on President's Day – Monday, February 16 – to be "powered by faith" at Lobby Night 2009. You will have the opportunity to speak face-to-face with your elected officials about issues including: Catholic schools, poverty, support for pregnant women in crisis, marriage, and the death penalty. For further information and to register, go to [www.mdccathcon.org/lobbynight2009](http://www.mdccathcon.org/lobbynight2009) or call 410-269-1155.



**FEBRUARY POOR BOX: Helping Up Mission** - Since 1885, Helping Up Mission has been coming to the aid of men in the City of Baltimore and surrounding region. The homeless have been receiving the help they need to start a new life.

**POOR BOX LOCATION???** Parishioners who want to support causes earmarked by the Shrine to help the needy, often ask: "Where's the Poor Box?" The Shrine has four, in-wall boxes to collect donations—indoors, near the pews and holy water fonts, and one each in the Tower Room and in the Chapel foyer.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** We are concerned that there are members of our parish who are ill at home, patients in hospitals, nursing homes or retirement facilities of whom we are not aware. We need your help! If you know of any parishioners who are in such circumstances and would like to receive the Eucharist or would like to be visited, please call the parish office at 410-466-6884, x10.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES' ANSWERS FOR THE AGING** is a free telephone information and referral service for older adults, their families, friends and caregivers. Our staff can help callers with options for in-home care, transportation, housing, community resources and much more. Catholic Charities' Answers for the Aging strives to assist older adults to maintain dignity, independence and self-determination as they go through life's changes. If we can assist you with your questions or concerns, please call 410-646-0100 and speak to one of our caring specialists.

**ON-LINE GIVING:** If you prefer the convenience of making donations online, we encourage you to visit [www.theshrine.org](http://www.theshrine.org) and locate the link to our donation page. Here you will find a simple online process for initiating an automatic series of regular contributions or for making special one-time donations. You can also print out a detailed confirmation form for record-keeping purposes. Making regular contributions online eliminates the need for you to frequently write out checks or prepare envelopes. For the church, online giving produces a more consistent level of donations throughout the year.

**ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS:** If you would like to have a loved one remembered by donating flowers for the altar please contact the parish office (410-466-6884, x10). The memorial will be mentioned in the parish bulletin and in the weekly order of worship.

**SARAH'S HOPE SHELTER IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS/PREPARED MEALS:** Sarah's Hope, a twenty-four hour shelter for homeless women and children, is in immediate need of volunteers to teach parenting and life skills classes, supervise children's activities, and serve meals. Pre-made casseroles, bag lunches, and after school snacks are also badly needed. The shelter, located in the Sandtown-Winchester area of Baltimore City, is run by St. Vincent DePaul and provides family-centered support services to help the residents achieve long-term self-sufficiency. For more information, contact Conor Wall at [Conor.Wall@vincentbaltimore.org](mailto:Conor.Wall@vincentbaltimore.org) or call 410-396-2204/2205 x104.

## CALLING ALL RETIREES

Do you have at least 1 day free each week?

If so you're needed at St. Ambrose Center.

Available volunteer opportunities...

FOOD PANTRY

ADULT LITERACY

YOUTH PROGRAM

MEAL PROGRAM

For more information please contact Resource Coordinator, Richard Williams @ 410-225-0870.

*THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR* will be hosting a "Discernment Retreat" March 13-15, 2009 in their Home of Formation located in Washington DC. Young single Catholic women from ages 18-35. There is no fee. If interested Please Call, Sister Julie Marie, lsp (202) 269-1831 or [vocwashington@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:vocwashington@littlesistersofthepoor.org).

**MARIAN HOUSE FUNDRAISER:** The Marian House, which guides women from dependence to independence, will hold the first annual Bayou Benefit at Notre Dame Prep. School in Towson on Sunday, February 22, from 2-6 p.m. The event will be held in honor of Sr. Melvina Bennett, SSND. All proceeds benefit the Marian House Scholarship Fund to assist the program graduates pursue their educational goals. Visit [www.bayoubenefit.org](http://www.bayoubenefit.org) or call 410-467-4246.

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### *Join Us In Community*

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**PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED  
THIS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16,  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
THE PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY.**

**EMPTY BOWLS — LENTEN EVENT:** Help make a difference in the lives of the hungry and homeless in the Baltimore community. Enjoy a wonderful selection of soups supplied by local restaurants, listen to live music, bid on items in a silent auction and choose a hand crafted ceramic bowl made by local artists and students. Keep the bowl as a reminder that many people are faced with hunger and homelessness every day. All proceeds benefit the programs of St. Vincent DePaul of Baltimore. Saturday, March 7, 2009. Come anytime

between 3 and 7 pm. College of Notre Dame, Doyle Hall. 4701 N. Charles Street, Baltimore. Tickets are \$15 a person, \$125 for 10. Children under 5 are free. To order tickets visit [www.vincentbaltimore.org](http://www.vincentbaltimore.org) or call 410-662-0500.

### THIS WEEK AT THE SHRINE

**Meeting Rooms:** Gathering Rooms I, II, III (GRI, GRII, GRIII) and the Choir Room (CR) are located in the Undercroft of the Church. Taylor Conference Room (TCR) is located in the Rectory. School Library (SL), Taylor Hall (TH) are in the school.

#### Monday, February 16

Parish Offices and School Closed in observance of the President's Day Holiday.

7PM RCIA (GRIII)

7PM Finance Cte Mtg (ML)

#### Tuesday, February 17

7PM PC Exec Cte Mtg (TCR)

7PM Communion & Liberation (GRIII)

#### Wednesday, February 18

7PM HASA Board Mtg (SL)

#### Thursday, February 19

9AM Staff Mtg (TCR)

7PM Knights of Columbus (GRI)

#### Friday, February 20

8:30AM Deacon's Emmaus Group (GRIII)

6PM School Pancake Supper (TH)

Women's Faulkner Retreat

#### Saturday, February 21

6:30PM CLP - Handmaids of the Lord (GRI, II, III)

#### Sunday, February 22

10:15 Elementary Faith Formation

6PM Confirmation (GRII)

6PM Middle School & High School Youth Ministry (GRI & III)

### MISSION HELPER CENTER UPCOMING EVENT

1001 West Joppa Road (entrance on Chestnut Ave.)

Towson, MD 21204

410-823-8585

[www.missionhelpers.org](http://www.missionhelpers.org)

### A GLIMPSE INTO THE SPIRITUALITY OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009**

**REGISTRATION:** 9:30 a.m. **LITURGY:** 3:00 p.m.

Free will offering, lunch provided.

#### **PRESENTER: SR. DOLORES CHEPIGA, SSJ**

In considering Restorative Justice we will focus on responsibility, forgiveness and restoration.

For information, or to register, call Sr. Jane Geiger, 410-823-8585, Ext. 330 or email [jgeiger@missionhelpers.org](mailto:jgeiger@missionhelpers.org)