



The Shrine of the Sacred Heart
Baltimore, Maryland

The Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2009 ~ Cycle B

From our pastor, Msgr. Cramblitt....

I know it is Lent, a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, but there is a great joyous feast day this week. Wednesday, March 25, is a double feast for us. For us in the Church it is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. For us in Maryland it is the 375th anniversary of the founding of Maryland.

The Annunciation marks the time when the angel Gabriel was sent from heaven to the Virgin Mary to tell her that God's desire was for Mary to be the mother of the Messiah, Jesus. Some spiritual writers would say that from the moment Mary said, "Let it be done to me according to your word," our salvation was done. The Word became flesh and humanity — touched by the divine — was lifted up to heaven. Of course, Jesus still was to be born, to suffer, die and rise for us. But in the moment of the Annunciation heaven and earth met. God's grace came to sinful humanity. This is a day truly to celebrate.

When the English settlers came to our shore in 1634 there was a priest on board their vessel. His name was Fr. Andrew White and he kept a journal of the crossing of the Atlantic and the landing in Maryland. For March 25th his journal entry began with the words, "On the day of the Annunciation..." Maryland was chartered to be a safe haven for Catholics, who were persecuted in England. Their colony was named in honor of the Queen, Henrietta Maria, but many felt that choice of a name was thin cover for the real patron they had in mind: Mary the mother of Jesus. Whatever the truth of this is, our country and our Archdiocese are officially under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a wonderful confluence of events that brought the settler's landing and the feast of the Annunciation together on the same day.

There is no fasting on this feast day, so go and celebrate! Happy Maryland Day! Happy Day of Salvation!

Join Us In Worship

THE LIGHT IS ON: COME AND PRAY: Wednesdays during Lent will offer both communal and private prayer time for the community's nourishment. Join us on March 25.

- 7 to 8:30PM ~ Confessions and Devotions
- 7PM ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7PM ~ Praying Morning & Evening Prayer:
The Basics (Church Undercroft)
- 7:05PM ~ Rosary
- 8PM ~ Vespers and Benediction

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Join us every Sunday of Lent at the 9AM Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sun, March 22 11:30 a.m. For the People of SSH
- Tue, March 24 7:00 a.m. +Joseph H. Baumgarnter, Jr.
- Wed, March 25 7:00 a.m. +Evangeline Ong

PRESIDER SCHEDULE ~ MARCH 28 - 29

- 5:00 PM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
- 7:30 AM Fr. Timothy Brown, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Timothy Brown, SJ
- 11:30 AM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 23 ~ Lenten Weekday

Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop
Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 24 ~ Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 25 ~ Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14,8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26 ~ Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 27 ~ Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday, March 28 ~ Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 29 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Praying Morning and Evening Prayer: The Basics

Sessions to Help You Pray
the Daily Prayer of the Church

offered by

The Shrine of the Sacred Heart

presented by

Douglas Barclay

in conjunction with

***The Light Is On: Come and Pray
Lenten Wednesdays at the Shrine***

7 - 7:45 in the Undercroft
8PM Evening Prayer in the Chapel

March 25: Session Three

The Guiding Light: The Book, The Ribbons, The Calendar

Join Us In Service



"HEARTBEAT: SHRINE HUMAN LIFE MINISTRY"

POSTCARD SIGNING DAY! Next weekend our parish will join Catholics across the nation in sending a message to Congress: Please oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act", (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. You will have the opportunity to sign postcards to your U.S. Representative and your two U.S. Senators. Please plan to participate in this important event!



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

MARCH POOR BOX: Donations to the Poor Box during the month of March are designated for the Joven Free Medical Clinic in the Philippines.

Join Us In Learning

SCHOOL NEWS

OPEN HOUSE: The Shrine of the Sacred Heart School invites you to join us at our Open House NEXT Sunday, March 29, from 1-3PM or immediately following the last Mass. Please come and learn more about our school and our new three year old program for the fall.

SCHOOL TO OFFER PROGRAM FOR THREE YEAR OLDS:

The Shrine of the Sacred Heart School is starting a Three Year Old Program in September. Children must be three by September 1, 2009. Classes will meet three mornings a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30-11:00AM. We are now accepting registrations for all grades. Please call the school office for more information.

ADULTS

GIFTEDNESS WORKSHOP: THIS, Saturday, March 28, from 9AM to 12NOON, the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, will offer a morning of guided reflection and discernment using *The Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory*. Rev. Gerard Francik, Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, will be the presenter. Contact Sister Carol: 410-466-6884, x15 or carol@theshrine.org to register. There is Mass in the Chapel at 8AM if you wish and Brunch at 8:30.

Join Us In Community

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) and Mullen Library (ML) are located in the Rectory. School Library (SL), Taylor Hall (TH) are in the school.

Monday, March 23

7PM RCIA (GRIII)

Tuesday, March 24

7PM Communion & Liberation (GRIII)

Wednesday, March 25

7PM The Light Is On: Come and Pray

Thursday, March 26

9AM Staff Mtg (TCR)

7PM Young Adults (GRI & III)

7:15 Choir (CR)

Friday, March 27

2:15 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28

9AM Giftedness Workshop (GRI)

3PM Baptism Preparation (GRIII)

Sunday, March 29

9AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9AM Mass

10:15 Elementary Faith Formation

1PM School Open House

6PM Confirmation (GRII)

Return Our Daily Bread Pans