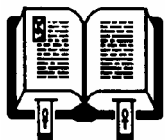


TODAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 8, 2009

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** Job 7:1-4, 6-7**2nd Reading:** 1 Corin. 9:16-19, 22-23**Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

Scripture Readings for February 15th**1st Reading:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:31– 11:1**Gospel:** Mark 1:40-45

Dear Parishioners,

January 3rd was the feast of St. Genevieve. As a child, she was once begging her mother to take her to Church. In a fit of annoyance, her mother slapped her on the cheek, and in punishment lost her sight. She only received it two months after, by washing her eyes with water that her daughter had drawn from the well and over which she had made the sign of the Cross. Today we have heard the laments of Job, as his sufferings drove him to despair, but also of Jesus' mission to heal and comfort. When we suffer misfortune, physical or otherwise, it is natural to wonder "why God did this," as Genevieve's mother was punished for impeding her child's piety, or at least "why would God allow this," as He did not cause Job's suffering, but by His permissive will allowed it. Yet, this type of speculation is to miss the point, or at least the main point. The very sufferings which Job lamented, St. Paul rejoiced in; this is because St. Paul understood the purpose: "I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible." The mother of St. Genevieve came to recognize that she had given birth to a holy child, Job came to more fully appreciate God's majesty and had his fortunes restored a hundred fold, and St. Paul rests secure in his place in Heaven. No matter what crosses we bear, regardless of their source, when we carry them in faith rather than lie beneath them in despair, we too will know the healing power of Christ, and when Jesus takes our crosses away, we will know that we are much closer to Him than we otherwise would have been

Fr. Tim

THE COLLECTION FOR JAN. 31 & FEB 1ST

Envelopes	\$15,828.90
Loose	\$1,008.37
Poor Boxes	\$228.49
Children's	\$52.91

THE MASS COUNT FOR JAN. 31 & FEB. 1ST

5 PM – 240	7:30 AM – 157	9 AM – 326
10:30 AM – 425	12 PM – 271	Total – 1419

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of Valerie Rader and Frederick J. O'Connell.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Helen Bopp, Ruth & Boyd Crofts, Margaret Mary Neeley, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Glorioso Fowler, and Maribelle Kursch.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED: for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Florence Fink, Betty Wissman, Milton Getka, Dolores Carver, Fr. Vitesse, Margaret Blinke, Lou Kaminski, Charles & Jacque Harris, Mr. and Mrs. William Lang, and Noreen Newcomb.

PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: USMC – Cpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton; Nat'l Guard – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; Navy – Daniel Gately; Army – Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, 1st Lt. Sheldon Broedel, Recon Scout Matt Lambert.

Mass Intentions**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9-15th**

MONDAY 2/9	6:30 a.m. – Donna Broccolino 8:00 a.m. – Teresa Cardinale
TUESDAY 2/10	6:30 a.m. – Jenny B. Kehoe 8:00 a.m. – Anne T. Fohner
WED. 2/11	6:30 a.m. – Sarah “Terry” Liberto 8:00 a.m. – Ernest Gruber
THURS. 2/12	6:30 a.m. – Regina Schott 8:00 a.m. – Sr. Marie Edwina SSND
FRIDAY 2/13	6:30 a.m. – Eileen Feeney 8:00 a.m. – Jim Hannon
SAT. 2/14	8:00 a.m. – Bob Wissman 5:00 p.m. – Alice Runkles
SUNDAY 2/15	7:30 a.m. – Regina Schott 9:00 a.m. – Marion Visel 10:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners 12:00 p.m. – Colleen Gulley

DAILY READINGS

Monday 2/9	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Genesis 1:1-19 Gospel: Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday 2/10	<i>St. Scholastica</i> Reading: Genesis 1:20 – 2:4a Gospel: Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday 2/11	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Reading: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17 Gospel: Mark 7:14-23
Thursday 2/12	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Genesis 2:18-25 Gospel: Mark 7:24-30
Friday 2/13	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Genesis 3:1-8 Gospel: Mark 7:31-37
Saturday 2/14	<i>St. Cyril & St. Methodius</i> Reading: Genesis 3:9-24 Gospel: Mark 8:1-10

THANK YOU ST. AGNES – St Agnes Youth Ministry would like to thank you for your generosity during our collection last weekend. We collected \$1,653.00 for the Pregnancy Center West!

SAINT AGNES PARISH COUNCIL will meet this Thursday, February 12th, at 7:00 pm in the Parish office. Each parish organization should have a representative present.

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL 2009 – This week, you are asked to review the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal (formerly, Archbishop’s Lenten Appeal) tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: “Do everything for the glory of God... (1 Cor. 10:31 – 11:1)

The Annual Appeal campaign is much different than a onetime special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. The Annual Appeal provides an important portion of the budget of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Most dioceses in the country conduct an appeal, once a year, to help with the costs of providing services and programs to their parishes and people. The Archdiocese of Baltimore is no exception.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Archbishop’s Appeal, please reflect on God’s gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese, and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministry and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our Archdiocese.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

Our parish receives 25% of each dollar raised until we reach our goal of \$ 86,910.00. After we reach goal, 50% of all over goal dollars are returned to us. This year, we will commit our rebates to the building fund. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

New Student Registration for Gr. 2-7 will take place on Friday, Feb. 20th. Please bring your child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, Baptismal certificate (if Catholic), the last 2 report cards and latest standardized test scores (Gr. 2-7) and the \$125.00 non-refundable registration fee.

Congratulations to:

"It's Academic" Our team of Jason Mannion, Geoffrey Calderone, Elizabeth Hill, Adam Ogbonuba, Michael Wright, Brian Desrosiers, Paige Pacheco, and John Falkenklaus competed, under the direction of Mrs. Vu (7th Grade), against other Archdiocesan middle school teams at Cardinal Gibbons on Saturday, February 6th.

Dates to Remember:

2/16 President's Day/ School Closed
2/18 Pizza Pick-Up Day in the Activity Center

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Report Card Reminder

Each Religious Education student's report card must be signed by a parent or legal guardian and returned to the student's teacher next weekend.

Attention 8th Grade Religious Education Students and Parents!

The passing of Confirmation does not mean classes have ended! We have had nine or ten of our class of fourteen the last few weeks. Please rejoin the rest of your classmates to finish off this year!

Confirmation News

The registration form (blue form) from the Confirmation packet (distributed at the meeting on January 18) is due February 8-9. Please return the form and a payment for the Confirmation Fee (\$90) to your teacher or to the Office of Religious Education.

MSGR. ROCHE SCHOLARSHIP: This spring, the Msgr. Roche Scholarship Fund will make five awards of \$1000 per year for four years of Catholic high school. Eighth graders who have been parish members for at least a year and who are interested in applying for aid should obtain applications either at St. Agnes School, or the Parish Office. For details, call Ralph Lightner at 410-461-9357. Applicants are required to attend a meeting on Saturday, February 14, at 9:30AM in the main school building. They should bring their filled-out application forms to this two-hour writing session which is for applicants only.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

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. Info call 410-269-1155 or visit www.mdcathcon.org/lobbysnight2009.

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, February 8– Address and Adoration

Tonight, we will gather in the youth room before heading over to the Church to hear a talk by Fr. Tim. Following his talk, we will have Adoration.

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 13-15 – Mount 2009 Retreat

Please keep our group in your prayers this weekend, as 20 youth and 4 chaperones travel to Mount Saint Mary's University for their annual Mount 2000 retreat.

Sunday, February 15 – No Youth Night

There will be no youth night tonight, as our group will be returning from the Mount 2009 retreat weekend.

PRAYER REQUESTS: The St. Agnes Prayer Chain consists of parishioners who pray for special intentions. A volunteer is needed to manage prayer requests. If you are able to help, please call Mary Williams at 410.747.3138.

THE MEN'S CLUB BULL AND OYSTER ROAST

happens again on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 7 – 12 pm at The Lodge, in Catonsville. Tickets are \$40. Contact Mike D. 410-788-6822. Please help support the parish youth athletic program.

A BAGS AND BASKETS BINGO featuring Longaberger baskets and Vera Bradley bags will be held on March 1 at 2 pm in the Mt. St. Joseph cafeteria. Tickets are \$20 & proceeds benefit My Brothers Keeper. For tickets call 301.490.7918.

MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 147:5

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to His wisdom there is no limit.