

**Scripture Readings for Today****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Genesis 2:18-24**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 2:9-11**Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16**Scripture Readings for October 11<sup>th</sup>****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Wisdom 7:7-11**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 4:12-13**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. While his enduring popularity is due, in large part, to his poverty and simplicity, St. Francis was (and remains) a profoundly Catholic, universal, man, as his sanctity embraced many broad spectrums. Although he wore a tattered habit, he would use his money to buy worthy sacramental vestments for priests, since the worship of God is man's first duty. While owning no books, his knowledge was formidable, a gift he attributed to the grace of good memory. He would give the clothes off of his back to a beggar, but his first priority in almsgiving was for the Church and the proper care of sanctuaries. He felt completely at home with lepers and the outcasts of society, yet felt equally at ease in the company of Cardinals, Popes, and foreign dignitaries. He always sought and loved solitude, but never passed up a chance to perform an act of charity or to teach others about Christ. His humility was sincere, and therefore bound by truth; even as he acknowledged his poor use of God's gifts, he confided to his friend that he had a vision of his impending canonization. He is renowned for his perfect joy, but somewhat less known is that he almost went blind due to an infection resulting from the perpetual tears of repentance he shed. I regard Thomas of Celano's "The Remembrance of the Desire of a Soul" as the best work on the saint, if you would like to read further. For now, the simple lesson that St. Francis still teaches us is, that in every circumstance, God can be found by those who truly seek Him.

Fr. Tim

**MASS COUNT FOR SEPTEMBER 26-27<sup>TH</sup>**

5 PM – 225    7:30 AM – 148    9 AM – 249  
 10:30 AM – 316    12 PM – 290    Total – 1228



The phrase in today's psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that *every* day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

**COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 26-27<sup>TH</sup>**

Envelopes .....	\$13,020.87
Loose .....	\$1,341.00
Poor Boxes .....	\$463.65
Children's .....	\$39.50
Fuel Fund .....	\$8,309.42

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of Catherine Teal and John Wisniewski.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**, especially those in hospitals – Louis Brightwell, Edith Miller, and Joseph Hallameyer.

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for: Stephen Peters, Margaret Wagner, Quinn Degenhard, May Herzing, Rev. Edward Hemler, Brother James Kelly, C.F.X., Rose Rauser, Patty Kuzmak, Bernard Maddox, Edward Flannagan, Kyla Zeilinger, Jo Keyes, Teddy Skinner, Bill Herman, James DeMatteo, Margaret Peter, John L. Bastress, Florence Fink, Lillian Goldwine, Lorraine Keough, Kathleen Ricker, Helen Bopp, Fred Replik, Jr., Frances Amann, Genevieve Randle, Evana Feeney, Heather LaMartina, Ann Finnel, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Margaret Blinke, Mr. & Mrs. William Lang.

**PRAYERS 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** – David Roussey, Daniel Gately; **ARMY** – SSG Patrick Flanagan, Sgt. Alex Kuziel, James Lowe, Andy Giotis, Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Stephen Winter, Capt. Sheldon Broedel.

*Mass Intentions*



**MASSES FOR OCTOBER 5 –11<sup>TH</sup>**

MONDAY 10/5	6:30 a.m. – John Joseph Molner 8:00 a.m. – Marian Martindale
TUESDAY 10/6	6:30 a.m. – Margaret McGuirk 8:00 a.m. – Pearl De Selm
WED. 10/7	6:30 a.m. – Noreen Newcomb 8:00 a.m. – Bob Wissman
THURS. 10/8	6:30 a.m. – Brigid McGee Willinger 8:00 a.m. – Danny Mack
FRIDAY 10/9	6:30 a.m. – Ints. of Patty Kuzmak 8:00 a.m. – Robert Fisher
SAT. 10/10	8:00 a.m. – Robert Bockmiller 5:00 p.m. – Maria Kalmykow
SUNDAY 10/11	7:30 a.m. – Gilbert Sommers 9:00 a.m. – Ints. of Secular Carmelites of Sacred Heart in Frederick 10:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners 12:00 p.m. – Estrella Alforque Gongson

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>Monday</b> 10/5	<b>Weekday</b> <b>Reading:</b> Jonah 1:1 — 2:1-2, 11 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday</b> 10/6	<b>St. Bruno, Priest</b> <b>Reading:</b> Jonah 3:1-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday</b> 10/7	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> <b>Reading:</b> Jonah 4:1-11 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 11:1-4
<b>Thursday</b> 10/8	<b>Weekday</b> <b>Reading:</b> Malachi 3:13-20b <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 11:5-13
<b>Friday</b> 10/9	<b>St. Denis, and Companions</b> <b>Reading:</b> Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 11:15-26
<b>Saturday</b> 10/10	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin</b> <b>Reading:</b> Joel 4:12-21 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 11:27-28

**FLOWERS** – To donate fresh flowers in loving memory or for a special occasion, please call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.

**TODAY IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY** – The theme this year is “**Every Child Brings Us God’s Smile.**” Pope Benedict calls all Catholics “to proclaim the gift of life, to serve life, and to promote a culture of life.” We must work with urgency to change our attitudes and laws, helping others to discover, celebrate, and cherish the miracle that is every human being, from the beginning of our life at conception to our last breath before entering eternity.

***Every child...brings us God’s smile and invites us to recognize that life is His gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment.***

Pope Benedict XVI

**PREGNANCY CENTER BABY SHOWER:** During the month of October, our parish will conduct a Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Center West. There will be a bassinette available to collect new baby articles or checks made payable to the Pregnancy Center West. Please be generous. Thank You!



**RCIA** will be held Monday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the New School. The topic will be **Life of Faith / Mystery of God.**

**FAMILY ROSARY** – Join us this Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Church to pray the Joyful Mysteries. All ages are welcome.

**ST. AGNES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held this Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Old School Hall. Each parish organization should have a representative present.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA** Public Square Rosary will be held Saturday, Oct. 10 following the 8 a.m. Mass. Our prayer will be an ardent appeal to save America and our families. For more info, call Rose Snyder 410.788.4650.

**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION** – Next weekend, our second collection will be for our building fund. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the families of Sean Michael Cooney, Sophia Mary Nanni, and Natalie Elizabeth Cardinale, who were baptized in our Church last weekend.

**OUR FORTY HOURS DEVOTION** will be held Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please set aside these dates and plan to attend. Rev. Raymond L. Harris will conduct the services.

### ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

**THANK YOU** to all our students, teachers, school families, and parishioners who so generously supported our Innisbrook Gift Wrap fundraiser. You are a blessing to our school and our children! Special thanks to Cherie Nelson and Margelina Darr and the multitude of parent volunteers who organized the fundraiser.

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> Order your tickets now and don't miss this wonderful family event! Ticket prices are: Adults--\$10, Children (4-12)--\$5.00, Family Rate – \$30.00. There will be a cake wheel, raffles, and instant lottery tickets available, so join us on the 17<sup>th</sup> for a great meal and help our school at the same time! Call Karen Geary at 410-744-9588 for tickets.

Please, please **update** your school designation for the **A+ Bonus Bucks** program at Giant Food. The program has begun for this year and we do not receive any money from your purchases unless you update your card. Visit [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) and designate St. Agnes School ID **01597** or call 1.877.275.2758.

#### **Dates To Remember:**

- 10/7** Chick-Fil-A Night 5-8pm Dine In or Take Out
- 10/9** School Closed/ Faculty Retreat

#### **Save the Dates:**

- 10/12** Hike for Haiti Walk-a-thon
- 10/13** Confirmation Retreat / 8-3:30
- 10/14** Trimester I Interims will be sent home.  
Pasta Out of Uniform Day  
High School Regional Fair  
Our Lady of Victory at 6:30 pm.
- 10/16** 12:30 Dismissal/ Faculty Meeting
- 10/17** Spaghetti Dinner/ Activity Center/ 6-8pm

**JOIN THE IHM SILVER CIRCLE – It is not too late!** For \$25.00, you can participate in 330 drawings from Oct. 2009 - June 2010, with prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. In addition to your chance to win, you are helping the IHM Sisters raise money for their Retirement Fund. Call Sr. Gracette at 410.747.5827. Thank you!

**BASKETBALL CONCESSIONS:** There will be a meeting for anyone interested in serving on the concession stand committee for our basketball program on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Center meeting room.

#### **FIFTH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER - St. Agnes**



School will host their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Enjoy this delicious sit down meal served by our own 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the Parish Activity Center. For reservations and ticket info, please call Karen Geary 410.744.9588 by October 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **17<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING,**

October 2-12 in Washington, DC: On Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, Young Adult Festival at the JPPI Cultural Center at 9 a.m. ([www.journeydc.org](http://www.journeydc.org).) On Oct., 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Eucharistic Prayer Vigil at the Basilica at 9 a.m. For more info, go to [www.iwopf.org](http://www.iwopf.org).

**CARDINAL GIBBONS SCHOOL** will hold its annual Fall Open House on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 12 to 3 p.m. All prospective students are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, please call 410-644-1770 X109.

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND:** Are you a woman aged 19 - 49 who is curious about religious life? Then come and see how the Oblate Sisters of Providence pray, work and play. Visit with us during our "Come and See" Weekend **Thursday October 22 - Sunday October 25**. Contact Sr. Marcia Hall at 410.242.8500. To register online, go to [www.oblatesistersvocations.com](http://www.oblatesistersvocations.com).

**MASS FOR RETIRED PRIESTS –** In celebration of the Year for Priests, Archbishop O'Brien will honor the retired priests of the Archdiocese of Baltimore at a special Mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on Sunday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m. All the faithful are welcome to attend. No tickets will be necessary.

#### **MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND ANNULMENTS FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE:**

The Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be giving a presentation concerning divorce and annulments Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 7 pm at St. Mark in Catonsville. For more information, please call 410.547.5533. No prior registration is required.

## ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

### Sunday, October 4 – Respect Life Sunday

Join us as we celebrate life!

Sunday, October 11 – Open Gym Night: Please wear tennis shoes & bring a snack or drink to share!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confession – Sunday, October 4 students will have the opportunity for Reconciliation with Fr. Tim.

**CARE PACKAGES:** VFW Post 6458 will send care packages to parishioners and loved ones serving in the military in areas of conflict. Please send names & addresses to Bob Gollery at [remshut76n81@aol.com](mailto:remshut76n81@aol.com) or call the parish office.

### **A RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT**



for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Sparks, MD, October 30-November 1, 2009. The retreat is a confidential and emotionally safe environment for those struggling after abortion. Call 1-800-286-4224 and please visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

### **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR GALA 2009**

Mr & Mrs. Brooks Robinson and the Little Sisters of the Poor host the **Celebrating the Gift Gala** on Wednesday **November 4, 2009** from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. at Martin's West in Baltimore. Jamie Costello of ABC-TV Channel 2 will serve as the evening's emcee. Join them for a filet mignon and crab cake dinner with all the trimmings, live and silent auctions and a special surprise. Proceeds will be used to form a Winter Fuel Fund for St. Martin's Home for the Aged. Tickets are \$100 (a portion is tax-deductible.) For information and to reserve your tickets, contact Meg Ducey at: 410-744-9367, ext. 174, or visit us on the web at: [www.celebratingthegift.org](http://www.celebratingthegift.org).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Let a marriage encounter weekend renew your love. Upcoming weekend is Nov. 6-8 2009. For more information or to register call toll free 1-877-558-LOVE (5683) or visit [www.wvme.net](http://www.wvme.net)

**BULLETIN ADVERTISERS** – Many of our parish families advertise their business on our bulletin covers. We ask that you patronize them whenever possible. Thank you.

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Join us through Nov. 1 for the 40 Days for Life Campaign! We will be united in prayer and fasting for women and their babies who are in danger of abortion. Prayer can take place as peaceful, public witness in front of Hillcrest Clinic in Catonsville or in Church, home or school. [www.40daysforlife@archbalt.org](mailto:www.40daysforlife@archbalt.org) or call Joe Healy at 410.788.4325.



Just 22 days after conception, a human embryo's heart begins beating. The little heart will beat nearly 54 million times *before he or she is born!*

**Pregnant. Need Help?** Call the Gabriel Network 1-800-ANGEL-OK

**Suffering Post-Abortion Stress?** Call Project Rachel – 1-800-286-4224

**CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available in the parish office for parish children who do not attend St. Agnes School or Religious Education. The envelopes feature a different patron saint each week, so they can learn about the heroes of our faith. Children can write down their time, talent and treasure given to God each week. Help your child form a lifelong habit of giving back to God.

**NATIONWIDE MASS TIMES** call 1-410-676-6000, or visit the web at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

**PANERA, DUNKIN DONUTS, GIANT AND SHOPPERS GIFT CARDS:** are available for sale after the Masses on the Old School Porch each weekend. Our school receives \$\$\$ at no additional cost to the purchaser. Please support our school by purchasing these gift cards for your weekly food shopping and treats. Gift cards are also available in the school office Monday through Friday. Thank you.

### **MEMORY VERSE**

### **MARK 10:15**

"Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

## FLU GUIDELINES

Based on information from the Centers for Disease Control and after consulting with physicians, communicable disease specialists and other health professionals, with federal, state, and local officials as well as other dioceses around the country, the Archdiocese of Baltimore has developed the following guidelines to help prevent any spread of the seasonal flu or the H1N1 (Swine) flu viruses.

**The most important guidelines are simple and dictated by common sense.**

- Clean your hands often with soap and warm water and use in alcohol based hand sanitizer to prevent the spread of any germs.
- Cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick or have flu like symptoms (fever ~ 100°F or chills and a cough or sore throat), you should stay at home and keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too. If you are sick or have an easily communicable disease you are **not** bound by the obligation to participate in Mass on Sunday. Stay at home and return to church when you are well. (For longer illnesses, contact the parish office so that arrangements can be made to have someone visit you with Holy Communion.)

**The same common sense applies to liturgical celebrations where we must be especially attentive to the above practices and also to the appearance of modeling these practices for those we serve. In particular,**

### **For all of the Faithful**

- If you are sick or have an easily communicable disease you are not bound by the obligation to participate in Mass on Sunday. Stay at home and return to church when you are well. (For longer illnesses, contact the parish office so that arrangements can be made to have someone visit you with Holy Communion.)
- At the time of the Sign of Peace during Mass, remember that there is no single gesture required for this exchange. Some may prefer to shake hands, while others prefer to offer a simple bow. At the sign of peace, one may simply say "Peace be with you" to which the response is "Amen".
- Those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue should tilt their head slightly back and extend their tongue. Those who wish to receive Communion in the hand should place one hand on top of the other and immediately consume the host.

### **For Ministers of the Eucharist (Ordinary and Extraordinary):**

- After arriving at church, wash your hands well with soap and warm water. Dry them with a clean towel and use a hand sanitizer. Parishes should have sanitizer easily available in the sacristy for this purpose - When folding your hands, don't raise them up to touch your face. Use the hand sanitizer again before and after distribution of Holy Communion.
- As you yourself receive Communion, be careful not to get saliva on your fingers
- In distributing the consecrated Host there is no increased risk either to the minister or to the communicant in distributing either in die hand or on the tongue. At all times, though, you should carefully avoid direct contact between your fingers and the hand or tongue of the communicant.

**Perhaps the most important role we will play in this flu season is to provide comfort. As disciples, we are called to be God's reassuring and compassionate presence to those facing stress and uncertainty especially the fearful and most vulnerable.**