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Mrs. Vivian O. Richards ~ x 215

**Administrative Assistant**
Ms. Marsha Blackburn ~ x 212

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM

Monday Devotion
Adoration and Blessed Sacrament: 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Confessions: 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Benediction: 8:00 PM

Holy Days of Obligation
*Masses at: 7:30 AM, 12 Noon and 7:30 PM
*Unless otherwise announced

Sacrament of Baptism
Parents must be registered at least six months, practicing and attend a mandatory preparation seminar, which may be completed prior to the child’s birth. Please contact the Office of Faith Formation for information and registration.

Sacrament of Marriage
Registered, practicing parishioners must contact a parish priest at least six months in advance of the wedding.

New Parishioners
Welcome! Please fill out a parish census form in the church vestibule or contact the rectory. All parishioners must be registered and practicing in order for us to serve you by issuing a Letter of Good Standing for sponsorship at the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or Matrimony.

Moving?
Please notify us as soon as possible if you are moving or have had a change of address in order for us to update our records.

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Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The readings this week seem to be about healing and call. In our ongoing renewal, we can ask our Lord to be continually healed of what is getting in our way and to continually be more and more open to our call. Even though we are trying to be people who find intimacy with God in the very midst of our everyday lives, there might be moments this week when we plug into a really great connection with our Lord. So often that happens when we find ourselves in need of healing. Perhaps after many years of one part of our life being dominated by an unclean spirit, we discover a readiness to be whole again, pure again. Maybe we encounter a sin that has become “my” sin, my obstacle to growth in my relationship with God. This may be the week to open my heart to pure grace and reconciliation.

This could be the week when we discover what a handicap fear itself is in our life. It may be the reason we don’t ask or even reach out to touch Jesus for healing. This may be the week we are being invited to no longer be afraid and to let our Lord love us and heal us. Touching his cloak, without words, may be enough for us.

This week, like so many, can be a time for us to be consciously aware of our being called – placed in a position of being his disciple. In that situation, whatever way the invitation comes to us, we are clearly facing an opportunity to be a source of good news, rather than bad news; to love tenderly, rather than selfishly; to be a gatherer of others, rather than a divider; and to be a source of compassion, rather than a heartless judge. And, when that happens, we can delight in spending a bit more time with Jesus, comforting us for being his disciple there. We can “come away with him” for even a brief moment and give thanks that we had that taste of his ministry, happening through us.

When we rest each night this week, expressing our thanks for this daily prayer is quite in order.

Taken from Praying Third Week of Ordinary Time on Creighton University’s Online Ministries website: http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html. Used with permission.

Surrender Renewal

How would you describe the new life that comes to a person who totally surrenders to Christ? The writer, Sam Keen, penned some metaphors that speak of the renewal of self. “The process is poetic,” he wrote. It is like:
- a butterfly emerging from a cocoon;
- waking up after a nightmare;
- shedding an old skin;
- having cataracts removed.

— Sam Keen

Stewardship Report: Revenue

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Number of Adult Envelopes: 195; Number of Children’s Envelopes: 8; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 65; Number of Regular Households: 806.

Recent Expenditures

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Building and Maintenance Fund: Our second collection this weekend is for our regular Building and Maintenance Fund. This monthly collection enables us to make ongoing repairs to our parish and school buildings and grounds.

2015 Cardinal’s Appeal: This week, you are asked to review the Cardinal’s Appeal brochure and the tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: “Seek first the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 6:33) The Cardinal’s Appeal campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months. As you think about the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

If you received your pledge form in the mail last month, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who 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. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

End of the Year Contribution Statements: In the next few weeks, you should receive contribution statements for the year 2014. Faith Direct also sends statements. The parish is not obligated under the law to send these statements, but rather it is done as a courtesy to our parishioners in gratitude for their faithful sacrifices of treasure. Contribution statements will be mailed to parishioners who contributed more than $250 to the parish during the past year. However, others may request a statement. If there are discrepancies in your statement, please call Mary Young in the Father Hughes Center. Thank you to everyone who uses offertory envelopes or Faith Direct and for your weekly sacrifice of treasure to our Lord.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of February 7th/8th

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School Raffle Winner

Congratulations!

Cynthia Obidke of Bowie is the winner and seller of $350 for the January 26th drawing.
Items of Note

Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17th in Saint Matthias’ Friendship Hall from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Prices are $8.00 per Adult and $4.00 per child with a special family rate of $20.00 (2 adults and children). Price includes pancakes, sausage, and one beverage (soda or coffee). Please call John Murray at 301-257-5342 or Don Aitcheson at 240-481-0622 for information or pickup orders. No reservations necessary.

2015 Annual Jubilarian Mass: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 21st at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office to register. Names of Jubilarians need to be submitted to the parish office by Monday, April 13th.

Mardi Gras: Saint Mary’s Catholic Church in Landover Hills (7301 Annapolis Road) is hosting a Mardi Gras dinner and dance on Saturday, February 7th from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. The planning committee is extending an invitation to all neighboring parishes. Tickets are $20 per person (Adults only) and must be purchased in advance. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 301-577-8844.

Ascension Knights of Columbus: Ascension Catholic Church in Bowie (12700 Lanham-Severn Road) invites you to have fun with them on Sunday, February 1st at 5:00 pm in Bates Hall for their Big Game Party. There will be football, food and beverages, raffle tickets for a Samsung 6” Smart TV, a 50/50 drawing, and a football pool. A $10 donation is requested.

Men’s Discernment Retreat: From Friday, February 6th through Sunday, February 8th, Cardinal Donald Wuerl invites men in their 20’s through 40’s who are considering a call to the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat at Saint John Paul II Seminary. Register at www.dcpriest.org or email vocations@adw.org for more information. Event fliers can be downloaded and printed from the website.

Seton Sings: Elizabeth Seton High School will hold a FREE Choral Workshop for middle school students on Saturday, February 7th from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Visit www.setonhs.org/setonsongs for more details and to register.

40 Days for Life: Join us from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, February 14th in Saint Mary of the Mills Church, 114 St. Mary’s Place, Laurel, and hear the inspiring story of a faithful Catholic woman who turned a crisis pregnancy into a blessing. The rally will also feature a talk from a Catholic Charities adoption services specialist. Enjoy music, refreshments, and prayer resources. For more information, call Joan O’Reilly at 240-393-1940.

The storm shall pass. Meanwhile, dance in the rain!

Mass Intentions Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

Monday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord
8:30 am Theresa Kelly
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration and Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, February 3: Saints Blaise and Ansgar, Bishops
8:30 am Maryanne DeMaio (Living - Birthday)

Wednesday, February 4:
8:30 am Vivienne Ilah

Thursday, February 5: Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
8:30 am Father Ralph Torsiello

Friday, February 6 (First Friday): Saint Paul Miki Litany and Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:30 am Herbert Palmer

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 7:
Vigil - 5:00pm Giuseppe Torchia
Sunday, February 8:
8:00 am Rosemary Sorber
10:30 am Mary Bittner
6:00 pm Irene Pezzuti

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: Margie Baker; Jackie Bates; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; George Burns; Father John Clark; Diane Cowan; Olen Dovel; Ambrose Ezike; Joan George; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Dorothy Johnson; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Ethel Levock; Arleen Long; Joe Makowski; Carole New; Molly Onwukwe; Raphael Onyewu; Irene Pezzuti; William Pinchback Al Porazzo; Audrey Rebello; Nicole Riley; Anna and Miriam Rizzi; Roy Roberts; Pablo Rocha; Ben Self; Pat Springman; Lucille Streng; Marian Thomas; Kay Villemi; Carmella Wayson; and Eugene Zehner; may God’s healing grace be theirs. For our military serving overseas: Ryan Morgan; protect them from all harm. For all the faithful departed: Adolfo Aguilar; Krzysztof Kurzawinski (father of Reverend Zygmunt Kurzawinski); may he rest in peace.

Names will be placed on our prayer list for four weeks. To add a name or to request continuing prayers, contact Mary Young at 301-459-4814 or e-mail myoung@stmatthias.org.

Old Palm Branches Needed

Parishioners are invited to bring back the dried palm branches that were blessed at the beginning of previous Holy Week celebrations on Palm/Passion Sunday. Often these blessed branches are placed in one’s home over or near an object of devotion such as a crucifix or holy image or painting of Christ, our Blessed Mother Mary, or one of the saints. These palm branches will be burned and reduced to ash for the distribution of ashes here in our own parish at Ash Wednesday Masses on Wednesday, February 18th. There will be a designated receptacle at the entranceway to the church for you to deposit your palm branches.
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