

Clergy Corner

Dear friends,

It's tempting to be all things to all people. We feel useful when we can accomplish something. We feel helpful when we can make someone else's life a little bit better. We feel important when we succeed at tasks that everyone notices.

Yes, it's tempting to be all things to all people. Even St. Paul talks about his efforts to do that very thing. He wants as many people to turn toward the Good News of Jesus Christ, and so he tries to win over others by being whatever they need him to be. It had to be exhausting.

In today's gospel, Jesus gives us a different perspective on that approach. In his first days of public ministry in Capernaum, he has been winning over crowds by teaching with authority and healing the sick. Today we hear that, after healing Simon's mother-in-law, the whole town begins to bring him their sick. He heals them all. It had to be exhausting.

But when the disciples find him after he has had some time to refresh himself in prayer, Jesus' response is a bit surprising. Rather than return to town to continue the healing, as they request, Jesus tells them that it is time to travel to other villages. He has come to preach the Good News to as many as possible, and it is time to move on. It had to be disappointing to all of those who were left behind.

The point, it seems to me, is that we can't be all things to all people. There's only so much of us to go around. We do what we can; we do it as best we can; and then we need to move on. And, sadly, there will always be those who we disappoint, just because we can't do it all.

It's another reminder that, in the end, we're not God. Only God is God. We do our part, the best we can, and we have to trust God with the rest.

It was no different for Jesus. Why should it be any different for us?

Fr. Rich

Senior Ministry

The Churches of Crucifixion, Good Shepherd, and Holy Trinity would like to invite you to be a part of our Senior 55+ Ministry. Seniors are a vital part of our Church Community. The knowledge that can be shared among Seniors and passed on to younger generations is invaluable.

As life moves faster and faster, the companionship of other Seniors is immeasurable in the nurturing of our bodies and souls. Jesus Christ places value on all human life regardless of age, religion, gender, and disposition. Our Senior Ministry meets at the Church of the Crucifixion—located at 100 Scott Ave., Glen Burnie, Md. 21060 on the 2nd Saturday of every month - all year long. There are no meeting requirements, you can come and go as you please. We are open to all faiths, so feel free to bring a friend. The day opens with a prayer, followed by a meal, fellowship, and sometimes a movie or trivia game. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining or finding out more about this ministry, please call Herb Jankowski at 410-787-0514

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4	5:30pm	Marion B. Hassell
Sunday, February 5	9:00am	Susan Strycharz
	11:30am	Parishioners
Saturday, February 11	5:30pm	The Wilbourne Family
Sunday, February 12	9:00am	Parishioners
	11:30am	Walter J. Hartig

Feast Days of the Week

Monday -Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday -Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Friday - Saint Scholastica, Virgin
Saturday - Our Lady of Lourdes

Good Shepherd Cana Mass - Save the Date

Good Shepherd will honor the sacrament of Matrimony and recognize married couples during the 11:30 Mass on **Sunday, Feb. 19th**. A special blessing will be offered to all married couples. All are also invited to a reception after the Mass in the Church Hall.

What is unique endearing quality of your beloved? Have you told your spouse? No harm in saying it again. Do it today.
www.foryourmarriage.org

GOOD SHEPHERD PASTORAL COUNCIL

Good Shepherd Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, January 7th, 2012 at 7:00pm in Room #7 in the Religion Center.

Pro-Life Speaking Event

Friday, Feb. 17th at 1pm following the Noon Mass, Our Lady's Center, 3301 Rogers Ave., Ellicott City:

HAS SCIENCE BECOME PRO-LIFE?

Father Paul CB Schenck will be the speaker

UPDATE ON BABY LIZZIE Thank you to all who have been praying for Lizzie's recovery, and to those who sent her cards and gifts. I was asked to provide an update on her progress, so here it is. Lizzie came home on Jan. 27. She still has a long way to go, needing therapy 5 days a week; don't know for how long. Things she had already learned in her short life, needs to be relearned. Many have asked what happened to her. I refer you to the Carroll County Times online. Go to archives, type in keywords: Utah man, choose "article" under Type, click search. Please note, there was no family argument as the article states. Please continue praying for Lizzie. Her family is praying for you in return.

-MaryJo Johnson

The second collection next weekend will be the Energy/Utilities Collection

REGISTER NOW

For

The Catholic Men's Fellowship
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 24, 2012, 8:30AM to 4PM

The Immaculate Conception Church Auditorium

Featuring: The "Crossing the Goal" Team

As featured on EWTN

Closing Mass with Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien, Celebrant

For more details or to register, go to

Www.catholicmensfellowship.com

Or call Gil Hoffman 410-252-5737 or

Bernie Pilon 410-337-3548

RESPECT LIFE

Save the Date - Monday, March 12th

MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE

Join Marylanders from throughout the state for the

33rd Annual Maryland March for Life to protect

women and hold abortionists accountable. More de-

tails will follow...;

Pregnant, Need Help?

Call the Gabriel Network 1-800- ANGEL-OK

SUFFERING Post-Abortion Stress?

Call Rachel's Vineyard Baltimore/Project Rachel

410-625-8491, rvbaltimore@archbalt.org

Religious Liberty and Conscience Rights - the Catholic bishops of the United States called "literally unconscionable" a decision by the Obama Administration to continue to demand that sterilization, abortifacients and contraception be included in virtually all health plans. This announcement means that this mandate and its very narrow exemption will not change at all; instead there will only be a delay in enforcement against some employers. The bishops urge Catholics to stand up for religious liberty and conscience rights. For further information and to read the bishops letter, go to <http://usccb.org/news/2012/12-015.cfm>

Need help paying the heating and electric bills? The Anne Arundel Community Action Partnership is your local office of Home Energy Programs. Community Action also does housing counseling for evictions, mortgage defaults, reverse mortgages and 1st time home buying. Call 410-626-1900 for more information.

Our Ladies Sodality would be honored to pray for your intentions. Please call 410-761-5380 and leave a message. You will be remembered in our daily prayers.

TEEN NIGHT

The Youth Group of Crucifixion, Good Shepherd and Holy Trinity has **TEEN NIGHT every Monday night** at 7pm in the hall at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Encourage your teen to come out and meet new friends and have some good, clean fun!

BINGO BLAST

The Good Shepherd Bingo Blast is coming!!!

February 12, 2012

\$20.00 donation

Includes: Spaghetti and Meatballs Platter, Beverages,

8 Regular Cards - 4 Specials

Doors Open at 12:30pm

Play from 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Call 410-761-8291 for more information or to reserve a table

NAMI AA County

NAMI Anne Arundel County is the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Since mental illness occurs in 1 in 7 people, we offer FREE services for individual with loved ones struggling with mental illness as well as individuals themselves struggling to live with mental illness.

For further information, visit our website at www.namiaeac.org

The Arundel Singers

Announce the start of rehearsals for their Spring Concert Season

Into the Night

Sunday, January 22, 2012

6:00pm-8:00pm

Peace Lutheran Church

416 Wellham Ave.

Glen Burnie, Md. 21061

New members will be accepted in all voice parts until Sunday, February 12, 2012. no fees, dues, or other monetary commitment is required. Choral experience, although helpful, is not required. For additional information, contact Sharon Igoe von Behren, Director, at 443-799-5387 or slshore@speakeasy.net

NCEON

(North County Emergency Outreach Network) located in Glen Burnie, is in need of food donations. A bin is provided in the vestibule of the church for any non-perishable food donations. One of our parishioners takes the donations to NCEON every Monday. Thank you for your generosity.

Thought for the Week

"Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion, and your fortitude at the service of life!"
-Blessed Pope John Paul II

It wasn't the apple on the tree, it was the pair beneath.