THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 7, 2010

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“Brothers and sisters: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word... but the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.”

Life is a gift. How we live it depends upon the free will God has given us. When we consider all the gifts we have received, life, health, faith, family, gifts great and small, we are grateful. Gifts we have received are to be used for the common good.

The word of God today informs us of a gift we have received and are asked to give away. It is not costly, not precious. It was not earned, but showered upon us. There is someone waiting for and in need of this gift. Its name is encouragement.

How many people around us need to hear an encouraging word. Circumstances of life find people weighed down with sickness, loss of work, a difficult home situation, addictions of every sort. For many the first step may be a simple presence, a helping hand, and the words "I understand."

Like a smile it is a gift that is offered, yet is not lost but still kept. It has been given to us as a grace and as we utilize it, we too become stronger in every good deed and word. The classic song ‘Home on the Range’ reminds us there is never heard a discouraging word when we as people of faith encourage one another.

Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS)
Veteran’s Day Special Collection November 13/14

Support Vocations & Catholic Military Chaplains... Currently, 285 Catholic military chaplains provide pastoral care to over 1.5 million Catholics on ships, in combat, on bases and in 153 VA hospitals. Next week, baskets will be at the doors of the church to receive your donations for the AMS to fund their Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, which identifies vocations within the military and is now educating 30 men for the priesthood and subsequent military chaplaincy. The AMS has no parishes from which to draw financial support and relies solely on donations. For more info, see their website: milarch.org/index/frequently-asked-questions.

SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011
Make a commitment NOW to attend the annual March for Life. Please sign up now and make your donation to help defray the cost of the busses. $15/person, or $50 per family; however, if this is a hardship, please let us know as no one will be turned away as long as space is available. Contact Pat Poole, 301-862-2470 or patforlife86@yahoo.com, to make your donation or for information. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary’s County Right to Life.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon., Nov. 8 9:00 AM  Faithful Departed
Tues., Nov. 9 9:00 AM  Mary Lou Gough
Wed., Nov. 10 9:00 AM  Bobby Dean
Thurs., Nov. 11 9:00 AM  Faithful Departed
Fri., Nov. 12 9:00 AM  Faithful Departed
Sat., Nov. 13 5:00 PM  Faithful Departed
Sun., Nov. 14 8:30 AM  John B. Mundie, Sr.

PARISH FINANCE
Offertory  October 31, 2010
General Collection  $4,096.98
Maintenance  317.00
Feast of All Saints  312.00
Poor Box  81.26
Identifiable Gifts  130

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PARISH SUPPORT!

PRAYERS
Please remember the sick of our parish: especially: Louise Adams, Agnes Barnes, Thomas Barnes, Genevieve Berry, Wallace Berry, Agnes Geneva Blackwell, Wayne Blackwell, Catherine Briscoe, Tom Buckler, Ann Clayton, Alice Countess, Lena Denny, Paul Dickens, Joan Dorsey, Mary Dyson, Christine Galli, Nora Glenn, Jeanne Heather, Aloysius Jordan, Dorothy Lampkin, Alverta Lawrence, Joseph Lawrence, Frances Morgan, Gloria Robinson, Violet Robinson, Marian Slade, Charles Springer, Christian Joshua Taylor, Leroy Thompson, Jr., Lcp Staci Tomaszewski, USMC.

Other in need of our prayers (requested by parishioners):

Note: Please let us know when a name should be removed from our Prayer List. We are happy to know when prayers have been answered.
PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., Nov. 7  YFF Classes, 9:30 AM; RCIA 9:45 AM, C.Ctr
Sun., Nov. 7  Children’s Liturgy, 11 AM – Festival of Saints, following 11 AM Mass at the Community Center (for all young people of the parish). Dress as your favorite saint.

Tue., Nov. 9  Scripture Study, 10:00 AM, Comm. Center
Wed., Nov. 10  Choir rehearsal, 7 PM, Church
Thu., Nov. 11  Scripture Study, 7:00 PM, Comm. Center
Sat., Nov. 13  Rosary Devotion, 4:30 PM, in church

TEEN NEWS

Teens – Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 21 for our next meeting. Stay tuned for more details. 9th graders – we hope you can join us! The more the merrier!!

Financial Report:

Stuffed Ham, Fried Oyster & Turkey Dinner October 17, 2010  Profit: $12,528

Included in profit:
- Baked Goods Table earnings $1,385.35
- White Elephant sales 622.40
- Raffles – 3 Prize & 50/50 614.00

Sincerest thanks to all who made this possible.

BEAR HUGS FOR HEALING

Stuffed bears are delivered to hospitalized children during the holidays. To give a sick child a bear hug this Christmas, donated bears may be dropped off at Heavenly Presents store, 22697 Washington Street (on the square) Leonardtown, MD before December 4. Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be newly purchased and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached. If you prefer, a monetary gift may be given to purchase bears at a discounted price. Please make checks payable to Bread of Life Center for Peace, P. O. Box 338, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Reminder: Your grocery cards can be registered to give LFS credit for your shopping there. Forms are in vestibule.

AREA NEWS

Sun., Nov. 7  Immaculate Heart of Mary Fall Dinner & Craft Fair, 12-5 PM. All You Can Eat (Dine in/Carry-out) MD Stuffed Ham, Crab Balls, Fried Chicken, Fried Oysters, Beets, Green Beans, Parsley Potatoes, Dinner Rolls. $20; $10. Baked Goods Sale also. (301-863-8144.)

Sun., Nov. 7  St. Mary’s Ryken Open House, 12-3pm. Opportunity for students and parents to learn what the school has to offer. Meet students, faculty, coaches. Info: www.smrhs.org or call Admissions 301-373-4183.

Sun., Nov. 7  Christmas Craft Show and Bazaar, Mother Catherine Spalding School, Helen, MD, 10am-3pm. Homemade & handmade goods, children’s activities, carnival games, face-painting, picture with Santa (12-2pm). Raffles, bingo, refreshments. Info: 301-884-3165.


Sun., Nov. 14  St. Joseph Church, Morganza, MD Fall Dinner at Mother Catherine Spalding School, Helen, MD, 12-5 PM. Country ham, fried oysters, roast turkey, etc.$22 adult, $8 child, under 6 yrs. free. Drive-thru carryouts $22. Bake sale, country store, raffle also.


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Daily Mass Lector, Nov. 8, 9, 11, 12  P. Browne, N. Neel, B. Walker, D. Adams
Meals on Wheels, Nov. 9, 10, 11  P. Keen, R. Adams, Holiday
Altar Preparation, Nov. 13  R. Keatley
Flowers this weekend are in memory of Aloysius McKay, Jr., gift of Joe and Violet McKay.

Ladies Day of Prayer

Monday, November 29, 2010
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park, MD
9:15 a.m. Coffee and donuts in the church hall
Adjourn at 2:30 PM
Sponsored by St. Michael’s Ladies of Charity

Angel’s Watch Shelter for Women and Children in Hughesville is in need of bedding (comforters, blankets, twin sheets and pillows.) Contact Kathy Clark, 301-274-0680 or e-mail Kathy.Clark@catholiccharitiesdc.org.