October 4, 2009
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Weekly Scripture Readings
Sun  Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128/Heb 2:1-9-11/Mk 10:2-16
Mon Jon 1:1-2;1:11/Ps (Jon2:2-5,8) Lk 10:25-37
Tues Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130/Lk 10:38-42
Wed Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86/Lk 11:1-4
Thur Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4,6/Lk 11:5-13
Fri J1 1:13-15;2:1-2/Ps 9/Lk 11:15-26
Sat J1 4:12-21/Ps 97/Lk 11:27-28
Sun 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 7:11-15/Ps 90/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

Weekly Calendar

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BUILDING A HOME TO DO GOD’S WORK

September 27, 2009

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Note of Thanks from the Little Sisters

The love and support you gave the Little Sisters of the Poor during their visit on September 19th and 20th was a sign of your genuine Charity. The collection amounted to $3,104.53. Your gifts are truly a sign of God's loving and caring Providence, which will help us provide the best possible care for the many elderly in need who come to make their Home with us. Our residents of St. Martin's Home join with us in promising you our daily prayers for all your many intentions. God bless each and every one of you! Thank you all

Little Sisters of the Poor

KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

Fr. Dennis will be invested into The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem on October 31, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew, Washington DC. Fr. Dennis was nominated by Archbishop O'Brien and the confirmation came from Pope Benedict XVI for approval into The Order of The Holy Sepulchre.

This year's Investiture will take place at the Cathedral of St. Matthew's and all are invited to attend this Mass. The Grand Master of the Order, Cardinal John Patrick Foley from the Vatican will be the presider.

The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre represent members throughout the world. This Equestrian Order is bound by a special bond to the Sepulchre of Christ. For a complete history of The Equestrian Order: www.holysepulchre.net.

Congratulations, Fr. Dennis!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Wanted: Altar Servers!
Serve the Lord and your parish.

Attention all young people in grade 4-8! Have you ever wanted to be an altar server? Serving in the church is a special privilege. It allows us to be close to the altar, to carry the cross, to carry the light of Christ, to wear the robe of baptism, to hold the book of the prayers — and to swing the thing that makes the smoke (the thurible)!

In order to become an altar server, you must attend training sessions. Training sessions will be offered: Sat., Oct. 17, 1-2 p.m. and 2-3 p.m., Sat., Oct. 24, 1-2 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. You may not attend two sessions on the same day. R.S.V.P. to Mrs. Berta at 410-792-0470, ext. 12 or bsabrio@instrumentofpeace.org.

Thank You
To our Knights for the generous donation of their time! St. Francis was made aware that the State of Maryland requires the area around the pond, including the dam, be mowed. Noncompliance could result in a fine. This past weekend, seven of our Knights volunteered their time cleaning the pond area using a bushhog and weedwackers. This saved our parish over $1,000.
FAMILY HOME PROGRAM
ORIENTATION  October 5th, 7:30 p.m.
For those families registered in the Religious Education Home Program, an Orientation session will be conducted. Parents and children are asked to attend. If you have any questions please contact Joanna Rapisarda at 410-880-1285.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Religious Education classes began on September 21 (Pre K- 8th grade) and we are still in need of volunteers for the following classes:

Monday, 4:30 p.m.    7th Grade Aid
Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.   Substitute Catechists
Feel free to sign up on our volunteer chart in the Church Gathering Space or for further information, please contact Joanna Rapisarda at (410) 880-1285.

AYM (Confirmation Information)

Wednesday, October 7th, 7 p.m.
MANDATORY Parent/Candidate Meeting
Friday, May 7th - Sunday, May 9th
Confirmation Retreat
Thursday, June 3rd - 7 p.m.
Confirmation Rehearsal
(Parents, Candidates & Sponsors)
Saturday, June 5th - 10 a.m.

Celebration of the Rite of Confirmation

We have many other wonderful sessions and events planned, but there will be several options for those: the dates listed above are ONE-TIME ONLY! Please be sure to register for AYM High on the Religious Education registration form and indicate an interest in Confirmation so we know how many to expect.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS NEEDED!!!
We are in need of one co-catechist and three catechist pairs to teach Confirmation prep to 10-12 young people of our parish and journey with them in their faith formation! If you are interested in serving as a Confirmation catechist or have questions, please contact Becki at 410-880-4800 or youthminister@instrumentofpeace.org.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Our Annual Christmas Bazaar is just a little over a month away and we need your help! Save the date - Friday, Nov. 13th 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. & Saturday, Nov. 14th 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.!!

Crafters and Vendors are needed for our Christmas Bazaar. An 8' by 8' space is $60 for both days and that includes a table if needed. If interested, you may contact Martie Nagle at 301-490-9446 in the evenings or email MCLNagle01@verizon.net.

If you can provide dance/voice lessons, bake, do electrical, plumbing or wood working-type work... sew curtains, organize closets, etc. then you have talent and we want to auction it off at this year's Christmas Bazaar. We'd love to share your talents with our community. Please consider offering a few hours of your talent for our Silent Auction. Please contact Karen Larkin at KarenLarkin@T-Mobile.com or call 410-740-2399.

If you would like to donate a themed basket for our fabulous Basket Raffle, please contact Jan Connors at jaja8208@msn.com or call 301-490-0370.

Baked goods needed for the bake sale table. Items can be dropped off at the church on Friday, Nov. 13th or Sat. morning, Nov. 14th. Any questions, call Laurie Bokulic, 410-740-4881, or Nancy Cassett, 410-740-1533.

If you would like to donate any handmade items/crafts for us to sell at the Bazaar or if you would like to volunteer the day of the Bazaar, please contact Mary Pittelli at maryhpittelli@gmail.com or call 301-776-3749.

You may also donate used books for the Book Sale during the Bazaar. They should be brought to the Church the week of the Bazaar. No textbooks, please.
MUSIC MINISTRY

AYMM (Assisi Youth Music Ministry) rehearsals have begun! This group is open to all middle school and high school students. We need instrumentalists and vocalists! If you would like to join us, please contact Berta Sabrio, 410-792-0470, ext. 12 or bsabrio@instrumentofpeace.org so that we can have materials prepared.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are in need of prison ministers. If you have any interest and can help out, please contact Tracey Eberhardt at 410-792-0470 x 14 or via email at teberhardt@instrumentofpeace.org

Our Seniors group will go to Washington, D.C. on Mon., October 19th. We will take the commuter bus from the Park 'N Ride. Participants may choose where they want to go that day. Please let Tracey know if you'd like to attend.

For opportunities in Health Ministry, please see the Information Table in the Gathering Space or go to www.instrumentofpeace.org; click Health Ministry.

MEN’S LIVING LITURGY

Come explore the Sunday Readings and what they meant to the people of those times and what they mean to us today. We begin with breakfast at 9:30 every Saturday morning and end about 11:30 a.m. If you would like to join us please call Louis Cartagena at 301-498-0843; Dan Mulhall at 301-604-9376 or Bob Burnett at 410-381-5752.

ROSARY GROUP

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Prayer Partners with the Military. Our Rosaries have been sent to servicemen and women all over the world. Please keep praying for the safety and protection of our troops, peace for their families, and wisdom for our leaders. Please join us in praying the Rosary - Sundays after the 9:15 Mass and Monday - Wednesday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION (R.C.I.A.)

Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic? Have you been away from the Catholic Church for a while? We have a safe and welcoming place for everyone who is considering joining the Catholic Christian Faith. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) leads inquirers through stages of searching and questioning. Discussion groups to discern one's needs and to answer questions will begin in the fall. Call Fr. Dennis at the parish office for more information at 410-792-0470 or email him at pastor@instrumentofpeace.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Win a brand new mustang!!! The Knights are involved in a statewide event to sell raffle tickets. The prize this year is a 2010 Mustang. The tickets are only $1 each and proceeds go to help the many charities that the Knights support. The drawing is scheduled for October 10th and will take place at the La Fontaine Bleu in Glen Burnie, Maryland. Please see us outside the church after Mass to purchase tickets.

Questions on joining? The Knights of Columbus needs you. We volunteer to help our parish, youth and community in many ways. The adult men of the parish are invited to join the St. Francis Council of the Knights of Columbus. Information can be found on the website: www.instrumentofpeace.org and click on Knights of Columbus link. If you have any questions, call Richard Tucci at 301-490-8744 or email richt50@verizon.net.

LADIES OF HOPE

The Ladies of Hope have a monthly donut sale benefiting our parish community. Their efforts are most appreciated. The Knights of Columbus and Ladies of Hope St. Francis Council are active service organizations supporting the parish. For further information, please visit www.st.franciscouncil.org. God Bless You.
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK??

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Marriage)  
October 4, 2009  
Reading I: Genesis 2:18-24  (The Two Become One)  
Reading II: Hebrews 2:9-11  (He Who Consecrates)  
Gospel: Mark 10:2-16  (What God Has Joined Together)

What do I do to promote, protect, and nurture marriage? How have my parents helped me to understand how much God loves me?

AREA NEWS

ILLUMINATE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

Be inspired through speakers on the St. John’s Campus in Westminster on October 9th and 10th. Enjoy fellowship, praise, worship and great educational talks, the Sacraments and much more. All women over 18 are invited and infants under one are welcome. To learn more, call Jeanne Link at 443-324-8487 or catholicilluminate@gmail.com

NEIGHBOR RIDE

Neighbor Ride is a volunteer-based nonprofit, dedicated to helping seniors maintain their independence by providing transportation for medical appointments, social outings, shopping, religious services, volunteering and other personal needs. Flexible and rewarding daytime, evening and weekend volunteer opportunities are available. Volunteer drivers choose schedules convenient to their homes and daily routines. Parents may bring children along for a wonderful intergenerational experience. Contact Rosemary at 410-884-RIDE or volunteer@neighborride.org for more information.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

A weekend retreat for those couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Catholic Engaged Encounter is an approved marriage preparation program within the Baltimore Archdiocese. For more information or to register, visit www.mdcee.org or call 410-439-4217.

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, ANNULMENTS

The Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be presenting a Catholic perspective on marriage, divorce and annulments. The session will be held on October 12th and 13th from 7 - 9 p.m. at St. Louis Church in Clarksville. For more information, please call 410-547-5533.

17th INTERNATIONAL PRAYER WEEK

October 2 - 12, 2009

Various speakers discuss family life issues, pro-life, and healing. For more information please go to www.iwopf.org.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Louis will host an Open House on October 18th from 2 - 4 p.m. St. Louis is a co-educational, Pre-K through 8th grade, Catholic school located in Clarksville. St. Francis’ parishioners receive in-parish tuition rates for registering students. For more information, contact St. Louis School at (410) 531-6664.

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you all for the many donations we receive at our parish on a weekly basis. If you would like to donate this week, we find need for canned soup, canned fruits, boxes of instant potatoes, jelly, (grape is best for peanut butter sandwiches), boxes of macaroni and cheese and boxes or bags of rice.

Congratulations to St. Francis parishioner, Wil Essl. Wil was inducted to service at St. Louis School as a 7th Grade Class Representative. The Student Council leads students to service through the many student activities it organizes throughout the year, as well as represents the school throughout the community and in Annapolis as we lobby in support of Catholic education. These students often sacrifice recess and weekend time for meetings and events, always doing so with a positive attitude. Again, congratulations Wil.

Visit St. Francis Parish on the Web at www.instrumentofpeace.org
**St. Francis Thanksgiving Food Drive**

**Background:** Every year St. Francis prepares thanksgiving food baskets for the needy of Howard County and our Sister parish of St. Benedicts. Last year we were able to help nearly 100 families. Each basket contains canned vegetables and fruits, boxes of mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, stuffing, pie fixings, and a turkey. The boxes are assembled and delivered the weekend before Thanksgiving. One hundred baskets requires 400 cans of vegetables, 200 cans of yams, 200 cans or bottles of gravy...etc. Turkeys are donated by the parish. As you can see, an effort of this size requires support from all of the parish.

**How You Can Help:** Each week beginning in October until the weekend before Thanksgiving we will collect food items. Please place any items in the grocery cart in the vestibule as you enter St. Francis.

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