



Palm Sunday

April 4 & 5, 2009

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, April 4th

2:30 pm, Sacrament of Reconciliation - SAS
4:00 pm, Mass – SAS (+Frances Seltzer)

Sunday, April 5th Palm Sunday

Second Collection – Buildings & Grounds
7:00 am, Mass - SAS (+Mae Dunkinson)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Beverly Zienda)
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Dr. Robert Nakamura)
9:30 am, RCIA Retreat Day
11:00 am, Mass-OLMC (L&D Parishioners)

Monday, April 6th

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (L&D Mbrs of Bob & Dot
Maze Family & Katherine Beard)
10:00 am, Mom's Group Meeting - SASH
3:00 pm, Ballet Class – SAS Upper Hall
3:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration – OLMC
6:30 pm, Girl Scouts Meeting - SASH
6:30 pm, Choir Practice – SAS Church

Tuesday, April 7th

8:00 am, Mass– OLMC (+Fritz & Bernadette
Hemler)
8:30 am, Thurmont Ministerium Meeting
1:00 pm, Bring Your Own Craft – SASH
6:30 pm, YOGA – SAS Upper Hall
7:30 pm, Knights of Columbus - OLMC

Wednesday, April 8th

No Morning Mass
6:30 pm, Handbell Practice - SAS
7:00 pm, RCIA – SAS Upper Hall

Thursday, April 9th Holy Thursday

7:30 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper – SAS
(L&D SAS/OLMC Parishioners)

Friday, April 10th Good Friday

Parish Offices Closed
3:00 pm, Stations of the Cross – OLMC
7:30 pm, Celebration of the Passion – OLMC

Saturday, April 11th Holy Saturday

10:00 am, RCIA Preparation Rite – Basilica
12:00 pm, Blessing of Food – OLMC Church
8:00 pm, Easter Vigil – St. Anthony's
(L&D SAS/OLMC Parishioners)

Sunday, April 12th Easter Sunday

Second Collection – Easter Offering
7:00 am, Mass - SAS (+Mary E. Shields)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Mary Ellen Fink)
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Roy & Helen Wivell Fam.)
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Carroll Little)

**Easter Egg Hunts will be after the 9:30
& 11:00 am Easter Sunday Masses.**

Easter Sunday

April 11 & 12

Scripture Readings for Mass

First Reading ~ Acts 10:34a,37-43/42

Responsorial ~ Ps. 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

Second Reading ~ Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel ~ John 20:1-9

Our Ministry of Prayer

Please remember in prayer the intentions written in our Book of Prayer located in each Church and the Parish Center entrance area. We also remember those persons who have requested prayers through the prayer chain.

Also, please remember the following parishioners in prayer:

Francis Bittle

Dick Cool

Jack Dillon

Joan Fink

Doris Glass

Veronica Kovalchek

Rosemary McDermott

Tony Newman

Rita Priest

Mary Reckley

Margaret Smith

Robert Smith

James Wivell, Sr.

Dorothy Burkard

Margaret Cornejo

Clarence Favorite

Ethel Fitzgerald

Peggy Kauffman

Jeanette Massena

Dolores Munafa

Leslie Persse

Charles Putman

Elfriede Ridenour

Mildred Smith

Maddie Toth



For Prayer Requests

please call the Parish Office at (301) 447-2367 or Linda McCauley at (301) 271-7561.

Rice Bowls for Haiti

Rice Bowls are available to use in your homes during Lent. Donations will be sent to Haiti as part of our commitment to St. Martin dePorres.

Vacation Bible School

Plans are being made for this summer's Vacation Bible School "**Crocodile Dock**" Where fearless kids shine God's light! Many adult volunteers are needed to make VBS a success. This is a wonderful opportunity to have fun learning about God with your kids. High school and middle school age volunteers can help make VBS an even better and exciting time. This year, VBS will be held **June 22-26**. Please consider being a volunteer. Contact Sara Miller at miller.sara@gmail.com or call at (301) 271-9871.

High School

Youth Ministry Events

- **April 5 Youth Mass & HSYM Meeting 11:00 am OLMC.** Celebrate Mass with your friends and join us in the Parish Center after Mass for a High School Ministry Meeting. Food, fun & Friends until 1 pm.
Contact Lori Carter at 301-271-4050 or kpltcarter@comcast.net for more info.

Youth Ministry Music Practices

for students in grades 6 – 12 are held Sunday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the OLMC Parish Center.

Upcoming practices are scheduled for:

April 19 & 26 and May 17

A Pizza social will follow the practices.

S M C Youth Ministry News

All 6th, 7th and 8th grade parishioners are invited to the next **SMAC** meeting on **Friday, June 5th** from 7:15 to 8:45 pm in the old Schoolhouse at St. Anthony's. *Don't miss the fun, food and friends!* For information call Mike Miller at (301) 271-9871.

S M C! Calendar of Events

- **Apr 18 – Prayer & Pizza** – 4:30 pm OLMC
- **Apr 25–Canned Good PickUp**–8:30am OLMC
- **May 1 – Central MD Middle School Fun Night** – 7 pm MSM Knott Arena
- **Jun 5 – SMAC Meeting** – 7:15 pm SASH

Peace & Social Justice Committee

an education and action ministry

To volunteer or participate in any activities, please contact Deacon John Hawkins at (301) 271-2194 or JHawkins@archbalt.org.

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." John 15:12

Easter Memorials

If you wish to remember your loved ones during the Easter season, donations for our Easter decorations can be made by using the envelopes provided in our packet of offering envelopes. Additional envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please return the envelopes via the offertory collection by **Palm Sunday, April 5**. A listing of those remembered will be published in our bulletin on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

Easter Egg Hunt



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses on Easter Sunday. There's a treat in every egg. SMAC, middle school youth ministry, will be coordinating this for our young parishioners.

Easter Basket Program

Our parishes have received information from Seton Center on two local families for this year's Easter Basket Program. Items needed are:

Peas	Sweet potatoes
Carrots	Salad dressing
Potatoes (5lb bag)	Dinner rolls/bread
Celery	Cranberry sauce
Onions	Fruit drinks
Dressing (stove top)	Cake or pie
Canned pineapple slices	Coffee or Tea
Fresh fruit	Creamer and Sugar
Nuts	Easter Candy

Grocery store gift cards would also be appreciated so families can buy a turkey or ham and other perishable foods for their Easter dinner. Please leave donations in the box in the back of the churches and parish center.

Deadline for donations is Sunday, April 5th.

Emmitsburg Council of Churches Mission Trip to Kenya

The ECC is sponsoring a mission trip to Kenya that will provide dental and medical services to children and families, conduct a Vacation Bible School and build a solar power source for the school. In order to help raise funds for the trip, there are several events are coming up:

Benefit Concert at Incarnation UCC
on **April 19th at 3 pm,**

featuring *Father Shaum and Vincent Ayres*

Spring Yard Sale at Elias Lutheran

on **May 1st – 2nd** (donations are welcomed!)

Bake Sale at Jubilee

on **May 9th from 8 am - 12 noon**

Chicken Dinner at Elias Coffee House

on **June 12th, from 5 - 7 pm**

Outright gifts made be made payable to: Elias Lutheran Church, memo: ECC Kenya Mission Trip. For more information call 301-447-6239. If you can, please support these events and thank you for all support.

Retrouvaille

Is your marriage in trouble? If your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are separated or thinking about separation or divorce, we believe that Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) can help. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program designed to help hurting couples mend and heal their brokenness. Our next weekend is **May 15 – 17**. All calls and inquires are confidential. For more information please call (410) 647-0350 or (301) 468-6764. For more information visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com. If you would like to receive information in the mail, email us at: TomnCarol@comcast.net.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Apr 9 – Holy Thursday Liturgy** – 7:30 pm SA
- **Apr 10 – Good Friday Stations** – 3 pm OLMC
- **Apr 10 – Good Friday Liturgy**– 7:30 pm OLMC
- **Apr 11 – Easter Vigil** – 8:00 pm SAS
- **Apr 12 – Easter** – regular Sunday Mass schedule
- **Apr 20 – Finance Co. Mtg.** – 7 pm SAS
- **Apr 21 – Pastoral Council Mtg.** – 7 pm SAS
- **Apr 27 – Blood Drive** – 2 pm OLMC P.Ctr.

Spring Retreat for Laity

May 29 – 31, 2009

Living Supernaturally in a Secular World

Directed by Fr. Jack Lombardi, Chaplain of the Grotto of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD

To be held at: Mount Saint Mary's Seminary

Through spiritual conferences, holy silence, Masses and healing services, guided meditations and other sacred activities we will deepen our relationship with God, learn both graces and challenges of Christians in the modern world and discern how to preserve our Faith, souls and Church throughout these times.

To register, or for more information, call

Grotto Office: (301) 447-5318

Or Email: grotto@msmary.edu

All are Welcome!

March's Poor Box Allocations

The following charities received contributions from our poor boxes this month:

St. Vincent DePaul/Beans & Bread	\$100.00
Seton Center	\$400.00
Vigilant Hose Company	\$25.00
Catoctin Pregnancy Center	\$50.00
Covenant House	\$50.00
Council of Churches	\$75.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$125.00
O'Dwyer Retreat House	\$25.00
Hospice of Frederick County	\$50.00
Catholic Charities	\$100.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend of March 28 & 29, 2009

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Attendance		194
Envelopes	(76)	1,641.00
Loose		303.50
Total		1,944.50
Poor Box		123.63
B&G for March		904.00
Special Parish Needs		579.00

St. Anthony Shrine

Attendance		412
Envelopes	(71)	1,986.00
Loose		754.03
Total		2,740.03
Poor Box		153.68
B&G for March		1,411.18
Special Parish Needs		1,127.55

From Barbara . . .

Abandonment is a very challenging emotion to experience. It's more than just being alone; it's more than being rejected. Imagine how Jesus must have felt being abandoned by his friends and his Father. Like us when we're in the midst of a situation, Jesus feelings were very real. We know the rest of the story and it has a happy ending. But in the present moment we don't know the ending. Take time this week to empathize with those who are feeling abandoned. How do you respond when you are feeling this way? How do you respond to those who have feelings of abandonment?

Today begins Holy Week. I hope that you are planning to join us for the Triduum with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, The Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. These are great liturgical opportunities to commemorate God's love for us and our faith in God. If you can't join us, I hope you will take time this week to recognize the special nature of this week.

Next Sunday, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses. The SMAC group will be coordinating this for our young parishioners. Please save a little time after Mass next week to participate.

May God continue to bless us all.



Our next **Blood Drive** will be held on **Monday, April 27**, in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's Parish Center from 2:00 - 8:00 pm. Call Terri Allen at (301) 271-7872 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Volunteer Appreciation



Are you involved in any of our parishes' ministries? Do you take the Eucharist to the homebound? Do you help with any of the liturgical ministries? Are you a catechist with our Religious Education program? If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions then this party is for you and your family.

When: Sat. May 2, 2009 5:00 pm

Where: St. Anthony Pavilion/Yard

There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, pretzels, beverages and a family friendly magician who also does balloon sculpting. The parish staff will be doing all the work so that you, our hard working volunteers, can enjoy the event without having to set-up, clean-up, or otherwise work for it. **We ask 2 things: 1. Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday, April 27, so that we know how many people to prepare for; 2. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert that begins with the first letter of your last name (be creative).**

We look forward to celebrating our wonderful parishioners without whom we would not be able to support all the marvelous things we do as Church. Hope you plan on joining us.

