



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves

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NOVEMBER 7, 2010 ~ THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vision

*Good Shepherd Catholic Church
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Mission

*In the spirit of building
community in the light of Christ
we will:*

- *Pray, worship and celebrate our relationship with God in ways that enhance the spiritual growth of our diverse community;*
- *Foster the faith formation of parishioners in all stages of life as we journey to reach our full potential;*
- *Inspire all parishioners to share their unique God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure;*
- *Serve people in need, do justice, stand for dignity and promote peace;*
- *Cultivate relationship with other faith communities seeking harmony with one another as children of God;*
- *Act as the living presence of Christ in our world, building relationship, healing brokenness, serving others and welcoming all.*



CHARTING OUR PROGRESS: A FALL REPORT

Three years ago we published our Parish Pastoral Plan. For the past two years we have updated parishioners on our progress toward fulfilling the ideas, hopes and dreams of parishioners. In late September, the Parish Pastoral Council hosted five *Charting Our Progress* sessions called "Conversations with Father Chuck." During these Conversation sessions, key leaders of our Parish provided stories, examples and information on our progress on the Parish Pastoral Plan and our efforts to fulfill our vision "*loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves.*"

We are proud to report that many of our parishioners attended the five sessions in Creedon Hall. They shared their own ideas and asked questions about the future. Many great comments and suggestions were generated. Father Chuck was able to share several insights into how the parish is serving the community and God's people.

If you were unable to attend, we missed you and your input. If you have questions, concerns, an idea or a dream that you wish to share, please send an email to council@gs-cc.org. If you prefer, you may speak to any of the members of the Parish Pastoral Council or the Finance Council, or write a personal note and mail it or drop it off at the Parish office. (Council members are listed on the parish website; check the specific council sections under "Ministries & Groups.")

One of the key components of the Conversations was to share information regarding Stewardship. So many parishioners are volunteering and sharing their time and talent in one of over 100 ministries. Each week the Parish receives generous contributions of treasure. These gifts of "time, talent and treasure" enable the Parish to maintain the facility, grow ministries and provide support and outreach efforts to those in need. Take some time to peruse our website, www.gs-cc.org, to review the many volunteer opportunities and ways in which parishioners are sharing their God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. If you prefer, information is also available in the parish office.

We will continue to invite and inspire parishioners to share and participate in one or more of our many and diverse ministries. We look forward to our shared prayer, growth in faith and outreach in our community. Together, as a family of faith, we can serve each other and the world!

45 Years. 3,046 Families. 9,842 Parishioners. One Faith. One Family. One Great Church.

Handicapped
accessible



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY EVENING

5:00pm; 6:30pm (*en Español*)

SUNDAY

7:30; 9:00; 10:30am; 12:00 Noon; 6:30pm
2:00pm (*en Español*)

Audio Loop for
hearing impaired



WEEKDAYS

(Mass or Communion Service)
9:00am (followed by Rosary)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sundays during 9:00am Mass (English)

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Sundays at 9:00am Mass

MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Sundays from 10:30am-11:00am;
WDCW-50 ("The CW")

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Saturday 9:00am—8:00pm
Sunday 8:00am—4:00pm

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Charles C. McCoart, Jr.	Pastor
Rev. Luis Quiñones M.	Parochial Vicar
Bishop Joseph Estabrook	In Residence
Rev. Ricardo Martin	In Residence
Rev. Mr. Thomas G. White	Deacon
Christopher E. Ryan	Deacon Candidate
Claudia Fiebig	Parish Administrator
Anne Shingler	Liturgy and Music
Joan Sheppard	Faith Formation
Katie Esser	Social Justice
Leah Tenorio	Hispanic Ministry
Patrick Drury	Youth Ministry
Cynthia Drury	Volunteer Development <i>PT</i>
Rosie Driscoll	Volunteer Development <i>PT</i>
Janice Spollen	Finance <i>PT</i>
Jorge Salgado	Liturgy & Adult Sacraments
Marie Purdy	Child Faith Formation <i>PT</i>
Stacy Austin	Child Faith Formation <i>PT</i>
Miguel De Ángel	Youth Ministry
Mona Peglow	Office Manager

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Claudia DiRosario <i>PT</i>	Maria Grinstead <i>PT</i>	Luz Wetzell <i>PT</i>
Adriana Fernandez	Essy O'Connor	
Theresa Fischer <i>PT</i>	Dottie Skeens <i>PT</i>	

Receptionists:

Brenda Caballero - Weekdays
Liliana Galvez *PT*, Grace Park *PT*, Crystal Perez -
Weekends / Evenings

FACILITIES

Larry Dohm Facilities Coordinator
Charlis Bauman *PT* Facilities Clerk

**PT*: Part-Time

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to all new families/individuals!

We invite you to register and become a part of our parish. Registration is our only means of certifying parish membership.

VISIT FR. CHUCK'S BLOG

Visit Fr. Chuck's blog at: www.fatherchuck.com.

To subscribe (so you will receive an e-mail alert whenever there's a new post), please follow these steps:

Step 1 *click* on the "Subscribe" box on the home page of the blog and follow instructions.

Step 2 *respond* to the email that you will receive in your email inbox—you must click on the link in that email to actually be signed up.

UPCOMING BULLETIN'S DEADLINES

Please submit your content to bulletin@gs-cc.org or in writing at the parish office by the appropriate Calendar Deadline, otherwise it will be published in the following issue. Staying within these deadlines will also help our parish reduce production expenses.

For Bulletin Issues of: *Calendar Deadline:*

November 28

November 9

December 5

November 19

December 12

November 26

December 19

December 2

HOSPITALIZED AND HOMEBOUND

Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion to Catholic patients who request visits at **INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital, Mount Vernon Nursing Center, Sunrise Assisted Living and Spring Hills at Mt. Vernon Assisted Living.**

To ensure a patient is visited, please call the office and/or the Chaplain's Office at the Hospital, with the name of the patient and the room number. Patients at **Manor Care**, should call **St. Louis Parish at 703-765-4421.**

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

The next baptism preparation class is **Saturday, November 13, at 10:30am in the Parlor Lounge.** For further information, to sign up for the class or schedule a baptism, please contact the parish office or e-mail office@gs-cc.org.

MARRIAGE

Contact parish office or e-mail anne@gs-cc.org, *one year* in advance to allow sufficient time to secure your preferred date and for adequate planning and preparation purposes. Minimum diocesan requirement is six months.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

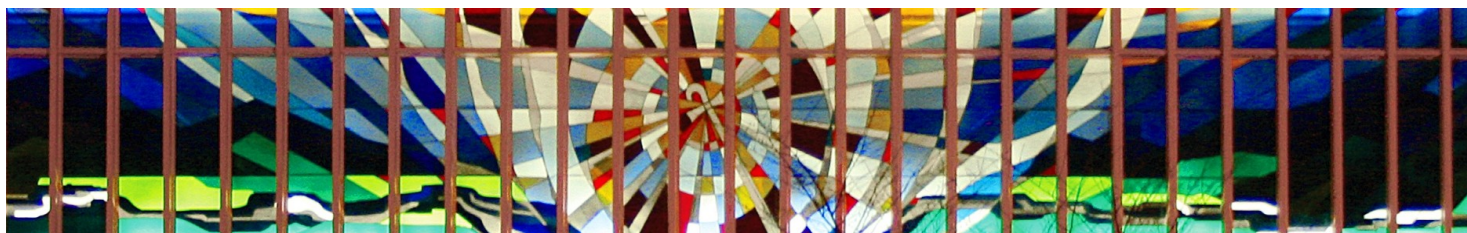
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45pm in English; Saturday 6:00 - 6:30pm *en Español*
Sunday 1:00 - 1:50pm *en Español* or by appointment with a priest.
Seasonal Communal Celebrations as announced in the bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Call the parish office when there is a serious illness or scheduled surgery.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY

If you have a sacramental emergency and need a priest, call the main number **703-780-4055**, press 1 (English) or 2 (Spanish), then press the number **1**. This option directs you to a 24-hour answering service. Please provide the operator with the information regarding the emergency. The service will contact a priest. Feel free to call the office if you have questions.



Liturgy and Music

Director of Liturgy & Music: Anne Shingler, anne@gs-cc.org; Associate Director of Liturgy: Jorge Salgado, jorge@gs-cc.org

Mass Intentions

Mon	11/8	9:00am	†Sarah and Carter Delaney
Tue	11/9	9:00am	Helen Callinan
Wed	11/10	9:00am	†William Callinan
Thu	11/11	9:00am	All parishioners' intentions
Fri	11/12	9:00am	†Juan and Amparo Baun
Sat	11/13	9:00am	†Willa Nabors
		5:00pm	†Tommy Law
Sun	11/14	7:30am	†Rose Easter Day
		9:00am	†Nora D'Agostino
		10:30am	†Pauline Kurovski
		12:00pm	†Presentacion Asesor
Español		2:00pm	All parishioners' intentions
		6:30pm	†Obdulia Roa Espinola

Prayers of the Faithful

Community Members Who Seek Our Prayers:

**Mary Byrne, José Nuñez
and Manuel Gonzalez**

*Please remember in your prayers those who
have died, their family members and friends:*

**Sulkhan Masih, Rita M. Godinez,
David E. Pearson (father of David Pearson),
Jo Gummelt, Agruelia Cajasol,
Sista Lloggia, Asuncion Damian, Carmen
Bances, Ledis Bances, Paula Bances,
Florescia Damian, and Maria O. Gonzalez**

Presider Schedule *(subject to change)*

Saturday, November 13

9:00am Fr. Luis Quiñones
5:00pm Fr. Patrick McMahon
6:30pm Fr. Luis Quiñones

Sunday, November 14

7:30am Fr. Chuck McCoart
9:00am Fr. Chuck McCoart
10:30am Fr. Ricardo Martin
12:00pm Fr. Ricardo Martin
2:00pm Fr. Luis Quiñones
6:30pm Fr. Ricardo Martin

Readings of the Week

Readings for the Week of November 7, 2010

Sunday: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Mk 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17;
2 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 84;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phm 7-20; Ps 146; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mt 3:19-20a; Ps 98;
2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

WALL OF REMEMBRANCE & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is traditionally a month in which we remember the loved ones in our lives who have gone from this life on to the reward of eternal life in Heaven. As a community and as individuals we take time to remember them and honor them in a special way with extra prayer. The Wall of Remembrance and the Book of Remembrance, of those from our parish family who have died, will remain in place throughout this month in their memory.



*Lord, when Your
glory appears,
my joy will be full.*



JOIN THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR!



Weekly rehearsals for the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass began last **Wednesday, November 3!!!** If your child would still like to join, it's not too late. Rehearsals are from **5:00—5:45pm**.

(No rehearsal on **November 24** or **December 8**.)



*Come join us and
"Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!"*

Music Rehearsals

- ♪ **SUNDAY MORNING CHOIR, CANTORS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS** rehearse for the weekend Masses on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm**.
- ♪ **"CORNERSTONE"—THE SUNDAY EVENING ENSEMBLE** rehearses prior to Mass at **5:00pm Sundays**, as well as the **2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm**. The next monthly rehearsal is **Thursday, December 9**. Contact **Elmer Bigley**: elms22182@yahoo.com.
- ♪ **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** (for students in **grades 1—6**) normally sings on the **4th Sunday** of the month. The next rehearsal is **Wednesday, November 10** from **5:00—5:45pm**. They will sing for the **9:00am Mass on November 21** and for the **4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve**.
- ♪ **TEEN ENSEMBLE** (for **grade 7 and up**) normally sings on the **2nd Sunday** of the month at the **12:00pm Mass**. Rehearsal will begin 30 minutes prior to Mass! *I would love this group to expand their horizons with a monthly rehearsal so they can do some special selections!* In November they will sing on **November 14**.
- ♪ **CANTORS** are skilled singers (teen or adult) who lead the assembly in song, especially when a choir is not present. The next Cantor Formation Rehearsal is **Monday, November 15 at 7:30pm**.

Stewardship

Stewardship Committee Chair: Tom Gerard, tom.gerard@verizon.net

Co-Directors of Volunteer Development: Rosie Driscoll, Rosie@gs-cc.org & Cynthia Drury, Cynthia@gs-cc.org

Stewardship: The call to all Christian disciples to share their God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Today is Commitment Sunday. Please return your Time and Talent Commitment Cards and your Treasure Commitment Cards. If you were not able to complete your cards today, please take them home, complete them, and either bring them to Mass next weekend, submit them to the Parish Office, or drop them in the mail. Each and every Parishioner matters. Please help us to achieve a 100% response rate. Thank you!

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

My church is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to worthy causes,

if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship,

if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love,

of fearlessness and faith,

and a church with a noble spirit,

if I am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God,

I will dedicate myself to the task

of being all the things

that I want my church to be.

Amen



Parish Contributions Update

Budgeted amount for offertory for **FY 2011 \$1,985,600**

Year-to-date contributions from 7/1/10—10/31/10	YTD	YTD	YTD
	Actual 10/31/10	Budget 10/31/10	Actual 10/31/09
Offertory Contributions			
Envelopes contributions	\$389,046	\$441,000	\$422,708
Faith Direct (181 families)	122,764	90,000	-
Loose Offering	90,263	82,800	76,997
Mail offering contributions	47,990	57,600	54,870
Total Offertory Contributions	650,063	671,400	554,575
Additional Parish Collections			
Assumption	7,828	5,000	4,006
Facilities Improvement	31,542	28,800	28,289
Religious Education	7,439	6,000	6,632
Other Additional Collections	1,707		102
Total Additional Collections	48,516	39,800	39,029
Total Cont. from the Parish	\$698,579	\$711,200	\$593,604
Catholic University	2,790		2,571
Catholic Relief—Philp. Relief			10,072
Propagation of Faith	15,644		16,889
World Mission	4,042		4,456
Other Natl. & Dioc. Collections	1,773		5,151
Total Natl. & Dioc. Coll.⁽¹⁾	24,249	-	39,139
Total Cont. from the Parish	\$722,827		632,743

⁽¹⁾ National and Diocesan collections are not part of the Good Shepherd budget. Good Shepherd collects the funds and passes the funds onto the Diocese.

2ND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

11/14/10—Archdiocese for the Military Services Collection

11/21/10—Facilities Improvement Collection

11/25/10—Thanksgiving, Emergency Assistance Collection

ELECTRONIC GIVING



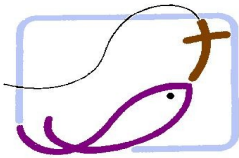
As we prepare for the busy Fall schedule, now is a great time to enroll in our automatic electronic offertory program with Faith Direct. Electronic giving is simply the easiest and most convenient way for you to make, and Good Shepherd Catholic Church to receive, your weekly offering. With Faith Direct, you save time and reduce our expenses, and there is no fee to you! Visit FaithDirect.net, our Parish code is **VA208**.

Contact: **Janice Spollen, 703-780-4055** with any questions.

Thank you for your generous contributions!

Fellowship

Chair of Fellowship Committee:
Kevin Fornshill ~ fellowship@gs-cc.org



CALLING,
GREETING,
LOVING,
SENDING

SERENDIPITY BIBLE GROUP



All are welcome to join our fellowship group. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 10 at 10:00am** at the home of **Joan Skiscim**. For directions, please call **703-780-7993**.

EXPERIENCING GRIEF AND LOSS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

The Circle of Caring invites you to attend “An Evening of Support for Those Experiencing Grief and Loss,” with Katie Basinski, LCSW, on **Tuesday, November 16 at 7:30pm** in the **Parlor Lounge**.

This program is open to all who are grieving. For more info: **Judy White** at **703-768-2087** or **Ann Hyland** at **703-704-5285**.

CARMELITE THIRD ORDER: INFORMATION NIGHT

Looking for more spirituality in your life? For over seven centuries lay men and women have been part of the Carmelite Family sharing the path of prayer, community, and service with Carmelite friars and nuns.

Fr. Patrick McMahon will host a Carmelite Third Order information session on **Thursday, November 18**, in the **Parlor Lounge at 7:30pm** to see if there is interest in establishing a local Lay Carmelite Community here at Good Shepherd. Join us as Father Patrick explains the process by which lay people can form communities to support one another in their spiritual journeys.

JOIN US FOR OUR SENIOR SOCIAL

Tuesday, November 16. Bingo at **11:00am** and lunch at **12:00pm**. All seniors are welcome! For more information please contact: **Barbara H. Sullivan** at **703-768-0234**.

GSSSF—GOOD SHEPHERD SINGLE SENIOR FELLOWSHIP AN EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT!



On **December 12 at 4:00pm** the GSSSF will be attending “The Joy of Christmas” at the **National Cathedral** in Washington, DC.

Car pools will leave from Good Shepherd at 2:30pm. For more info, please contact: **Fran Redding**, **703-780-8055**.

CALLING ALL MOMS!

Do you have trouble finding enough time to do everything you wish to do each day? If so, a **Smart Martha Seminar** might be just the solution! This seminar offers tested advice and solutions for mothers who want to balance taking care of their families’ many needs while balancing their own. The Smart Martha Seminar will teach you practical, everyday organization and time management skills needed for today’s busy moms.

Save the date for **November 20** from **9:00am to 2:00pm** at Good Shepherd. A \$35 fee includes lunch and materials. For more information, please contact **Amy Rogers** at **703-568-2699** or azrloans@hotmail.com.

GREETERS NEEDED

Help us build God’s house to welcome all who are in need of a faith community. It only takes a few minutes before and after Mass, and the whole family can help. To find out more contact: **Renee Fornshill** at Fellowship@gs-cc.org.

INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR FAITH?

Sign up to help us in the Fellowship Ministry! We provide a welcoming home to those new to our parish and for those returning to the church. Join now! It only takes a few minutes before and after Mass.

For more information contact **Kevin and Renee Fornshill**, fellowship@gs-cc.org.

Faith Formation

Director of Faith Formation: Joan Sheppard, joan@gs-cc.org,
Coordinators: Stacy Austin and Stephanie Goodall, RE@gs-cc.org and Marie Purdy, marie@gs-cc.org

SERVICE SUNDAY SUPPLIES STILL NEEDED

Plans are underway for Service Sunday, a Sunday afternoon when parish families can come together to complete projects that will benefit the most needy in our community. Last year, RE students did these activities during class but this year the opportunity is open to all GSCC families and interested Parishioners. Several stations will be set up in **Creedon Hall**: make breakfast bags for the homeless, write cards to Parishioners in the military and those in nursing homes, fill gift boxes for homeless children and create ornaments for the Giving Tree. To make this event happen, we are still in need of donations! If you are able, please consider donating any of the items below which will be used to complete the projects. There is a box in the **RE Hallway** for you to drop your donations before **Saturday, November 13**.

- ◆ Juice boxes
- ◆ Fruit cups
- ◆ Peanut butter or cheese crackers
- ◆ Individual tuna cups
- ◆ Breakfast or granola bars
- ◆ Small toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, hand lotion, chap stick, shampoo and soap)
- ◆ Children's size long underwear, warm socks, hats, gloves/mittens
- ◆ Individually wrapped snacks

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Intro to the Catholic Faith meets **Tuesday evenings** from **7:30—8:30pm**. Through these informal one-hour discussion sessions, learn whether God is calling you to further explore the Catholic Faith.

November 9 is the final session before a holiday break. If you have already made the choice to become Catholic, or are baptized Catholic but have not completed your First Communion or Confirmation, contact **Joan Sheppard**, Director of Faith Formation, about RCIA and Adult Confirmation classes at **703-780-4055** or joan@gs-cc.org.

BOOK OF THE MONTH DISCUSSION

Part one of the discussion of *Imitation of Christ* will take place this **Wednesday, November 10** at **7:30pm**.

ADVENT TALK BY BISHOP JOE

Make plans now to get your Advent started on the right foot — come hear Bishop Joe Estabrook talk about the season of Advent and how we can best prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts at Christmas. Bishop Joe will speak on **Wednesday, November 17** at **7:30pm**.

RE SUPPORTS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

RE students are again participating in a baby bottle campaign in honor of Respect Life Month. Families can check out bottles to collect spare change or make a donation into the large baby bottle bank. All proceeds will be donated to a local crisis pregnancy center to help babies in need. Last year RE students raised over \$1,000! The deadline is **November 9**.



FR. RICARDO'S BIBLE COURSE

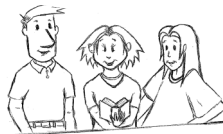
The next session of Fr. Ricardo's Bible Course will be on **Friday, November 19** from **7:00-8:15pm**.



SPOTLIGHT ON STACY & TODD AUSTIN, ADRIANA FERNANDEZ & EDGAR CABAÑAS

IT'S A GIRL...AND A BOY! Congratulations to our RE coordinator, Stacy Austin and her husband Todd, as they welcomed Sarah Jean Austin on October 19. Baby Sarah is welcomed home by big brother Will, and big sisters Elizabeth and Julianna.

We are doubly blessed this month as we also congratulate our Sunday morning 5th grade catechists, Edgar Cabañas and Adriana Fernandez who welcomed Lucas Cabañas on October 23. Baby Lucas is welcomed home by his big brothers Enzo and Franco, and big sister Sophia. A special thank you to Maureen Manzo, a parent volunteer, who is helping the 5th grade class during this time!



FAMILY FAITH CORNER

Saint of the week: On November 11 we celebrate the feast day of St. Martin of Tours. He is the patron saint of soldiers and horsemen. Martin was born in 315 in a Roman province to a Roman soldier and his wife who both believed in the old religion and questioned Christianity. Due to a spiritual yearning, it was up to Martin to secretly approach the church at age 10 and become a catechumen. He was still unbaptized at age 15 when he was forced to join the Roman army. He was finally baptized at age 18, and at age 23 refused to fight in the war—stating that he was instead a soldier of Christ. He then chose to live as a monk and eventually, but reluctantly, became a bishop at the people's request.

Answer to last week's question: What do we meditate on during each mystery of the Luminous Mysteries?

The Luminous Mysteries or Mysteries of Light were added by Pope John Paul II. Thursday is the day that we focus on these mysteries: The Baptism of our Lord, The Wedding at Cana, The Proclamation of the Kingdom, The Transfiguration, The Institution of the Eucharist

Question of the week: What feast is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year?

Answer in next week's bulletin.

Youth Ministry

Director of Youth Ministry: Patrick Drury, patrick@gs-cc.org
Assistant Director: Miguel De Angel, miguel@gs-cc.org

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT: NOVEMBER 13 AND 14

If you have been feeling the weight of homework, the pressure of extracurricular activities, or just need a break, join us for our High School Fall Retreat on **November 13 and 14**. Permission slips available online. Contact **Patrick** or **Miguel** for additional information.



ADVENT FESTIVAL & TOY DRIVE

Mark your calendar for the annual Advent Festival on **December 4 at 7:30pm** and **December 5 at 3:00pm!** We will collect toys for needy families in our community starting in November. New un-wrapped toys can be dropped off in front of the Youth Ministry bulletin board. Admission to the Advent Festival talent show is also a new un-wrapped toy. If you want to help with the show or any part of the festival, contact **Miguel De Angel** for more information.

TEEN FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE 2010-2011

NEXT CLASS:

Thursday, December 2 from 7:00-9:00pm

It's never too early to start doing community service! Start your hours today so you can complete them before the **January 30, 2011** deadline!

CHRIST HOUSE

Have you ever felt like helping others in need? The next opportunity to help serve the evening meal at **Christ House** is **Thursday, December 2**. Mike O'Neil, coordinator, can be reached by phone at **703-799-7594** or email, michaeloneil825@aol.com, to sign up.

Social Justice Ministry

Director of Social Justice:
Katie Esser, katie@gs-cc.org

VIC HYPOTHERMIA OUTREACH PROGRAM

VIC's Hypothermia Outreach Program provides evening food and shelter for up to 25 men and women who might otherwise sleep in the cold. Good Shepherd fields volunteer teams for 4 Saturdays in December.



Where: Rising Hope Shelter, 8220 Russell Road

When: Saturday, December 4, 11, 18, and 25

How you can help:

- ◆ Help cook/serve dinner
- ◆ Be an overnight, on-site chaperone

Sign up **THIS WEEKEND** after mass in the Commons or contact: **Dan Burke** at burkefamily@cox.net.

FAIR TRADE PRODUCT SALE NOVEMBER 13/14 AND 20/21

Perfect gifts for the holidays!

Good Shepherd is hosting a sale of Fair Trade goods in the commons after each mass on the weekends of November 13, 14 and 20, 21.

Your purchases of artisan crafts and foods at our Product Fair will help small-scale producers build better lives for themselves and their families.

A portion of the proceeds will also go towards Good Shepherd's Emergency Assistance Fund to help those less fortunate in our immediate area.

For more information: **Martin Ried** at kried@cox.net.

SOME'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING DAY TROT FOR HUNGER

Join So Others Might Eat (SOME) in their annual 5K timed run and family fun walk this Thanksgiving morning helping to provide hot meals, medical care and other services to the poor and homeless every day of the year.



Where: West Potomac Park in Washington, DC.
When: Thanksgiving morning, November 25, 8:30am.

Registration is **\$23** through **November 16**, and **\$25** from **November 17-November 21**.

To register: http://www.some.org/events_trot_main.html

Contact **Tim Boyadjian** at **202-797-8806 ext. 1131**, or trotforhunger@some.org for additional information.

CALLING ALL VENDORS

Angelus Academy is now accepting applications for its Third Annual Vendor Fair and Bazaar.

Saturday, December 4, from 10:00am—3:00pm. This year it will be at **St. Lawrence Catholic Church**. All proceeds will benefit the children of Angelus Academy.

For more information or to request an application please contact **Mary Grippo**, grippom@angelusacademy.com.

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Interested in a great Catholic education for your child? Please join us at one of our open houses!

- ◆ **Sunday, November 14, 10:00-2:00pm**, or
- ◆ **Tuesday, November 16, 10:00-1:00pm**

Join us for a tour of the school, talk with some of our wonderful parents and dedicated staff, and pick up an information and registration packet. We look forward to meeting you!

St. Louis Catholic School is located at 2901 Popkins Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306. For more info: **703-768-7732**

ACTS OF KINDNESS (AOK)

What: Youth group, grades 4 thru 6 that work together on service projects for the needy in our parish and local community. Have fun with friends while serving others!

When: **On Friday, December 10, February 4, 2011, March 4, 2011 and April 15, 2011** from 7:30—9:00pm.

Where: **Creedon Hall**

How to sign up: Contact **Rosie Driscoll** at rosie@gs-cc.org or sign up in the parish office.



“CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN DREAM”



Progreso Hispano 2010 Annual Dinner and Dance:

Celebrating 9 Years of Providing Tools for Full Participation in U.S. Society

Guest of Honor: **Fr. Jesus Navarrete**, U.S. Air Force Chaplain, for his vision to establish Progreso Hispano to serve and support immigrant families.

Progreso Hispano is also proud to honor these veterans and current service members who have fought to keep the American Dream of freedom and opportunity alive.

Please join us for great food, music, dancing and fabulous raffle prizes! Tickets: \$50 p/person, \$40 student/Senior.

Saturday, November 13, 6:30—11:30pm, Creedon Hall.

For information or reservations, contact: **Leah Tenorio**, **703-780-4055**, leah@gs-cc.org, or **Cristina Schoendorf**, **703-799-8830**, cschoen@progreso-hispano.org.

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE

HOGAR IMMIGRANT SERVICES SEEKING VOLUNTEER ESL TEACHERS



Hogar Immigrant Services is currently seeking volunteers to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) for adults in Woodbridge, Sterling, Manassas, Dale City, Fairfax, Falls Church, Annandale and Herndon. Volunteers teach one 1½ -2 hour class per week throughout the fall semester. Hogar provides training and materials for all volunteers. You DO NOT need to know a second language in order to teach. Volunteer site coordinators are also needed. Contact **Lisa Ehm Waller** at **703-534-9805, ext. 238** or lwaller@ccda.net for more information.

DONATE A USED CAR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities Car Ministry program needs used cars to donate to poor, elderly, and developmentally disabled persons to help them hold down jobs, shop, and transport their families as needed. We currently have more than 20 people waiting to receive a car. If you have a car in working condition that you wish to donate to Catholic Charities, call **Harry Burke** at **703-841-2531, ext. 12**. The car will be given to a needy person. Your donation is tax-deductible.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

All young adults (20's and 30's) are welcome to join us for our Fall 2010 Theology on Tap program, “Love One Another: Exploring the Meaning of Christian Love!” Presenters and topics include: Bishop Loverde on Catholic Social Teachings; Fr. Donald Planty on Catholics and Immigration; Seyoum Berhe on Relieving Refugees; Mike Mackey on Mentoring High Risk Kids; Soren Johnson on Prison Ministry, and more! This “sixpack” will take place **Monday evenings from October 25 through November 29, 7:00-8:30pm** at **Pat Troy's Ireland's Own** (111 N. Pitt Street) in Old Town Alexandria. For info: **Kateri Schmidt**, **703-841-2550**, yam@arlingtondiocese.org, or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/yam/young_adult.php.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR PEOPLE FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS

This retreat is specially planned for men and women facing serious physical illness, and will be held at **Dominican Retreat House in McLean, on December 10—12**.

A team of doctors, nurses, priests, sisters and helpers will be present. Scheduling allows plenty of time for rest and reflection. Registration closes **November 30**.

Free of charge. Please call **703-356-4243**.

The Week Ahead

C=Church CR=Classroom H=Hall K= Kitchen MC=Chapel N=Nursery
PL=Parlor Lounge YC=Youth Center

Sunday		November 7
High School Youth Group [YC]		7:30pm
Monday		November 8
Teen Confirmation and First Eucharist [YC]		6:00pm
Tuesday		November 9
Exploring the Sunday Readings [CR4]		9:45am
Intro to the Catholic Faith [CR7]		7:30pm
Alzheimer's Support Group [CR6]		7:30pm
Wednesday		November 10
Children's Choir Rehearsal [C]		5:00pm
Book of the Month Discussion [CR3]		7:30pm
Junior High Youth Group [YC]		7:30pm
Thursday		November 11
Veteran's Day Holiday—Office Closed		
Friday		November 12
Homeschooling Support Group [CR1-7; H3; N]		9:00am
Saturday		November 13
Men's Cursillo [PL]		7:30am
Family Catechesis [H1-2]		9:00am
Baptism Preparation [PL]		10:30am
Progreso Hispano Annual Dinner [H1-3]		6:00pm
High School Fall Retreat		
Sunday		November 14
KC Pancake Breakfast [H1-2]		
after 9:00 and 10:30am Masses		
Service Sunday [H1-2]		1:00pm

Mark Your Calendars!

NOVEMBER

- 16—Senior Social
- 16—Holiday Grief Program
- 20—SmartMartha.com Workshop
- 21—Fair Trade Product Sale
- 25—Thanksgiving Day—**Office Closed**
- 28—Advent Begins
- 28—Blood Drive

DECEMBER

- 3—First Friday Eucharist
- 4-5—Advent Festival



For more information about parish events, classes, and meetings, please see the Calendar link on our web site at www.gs-cc.org.

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SUPPORT VOCATIONS AND CATHOLIC MILITARY CHAPLAINS NEXT WEEKEND



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 weeks' second Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) will 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 information, visit their website: www.milarch.org/index/frequently-asked-questions.com.

VETERAN'S DAY—THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Lord, from the wounded heart of our veterans, we pray for peace in the world. May the prayers of those whose hearts and bodies bear the scars of evil and sin bring us the gift of peace in the world.

Transform our veterans to become the living image of thy Son, whose scars on His body and heart were caused by the evil and sin of the world.

Hear our prayers and grant an end to all war, grant the conversion to peace of all terrorists, and grant that we all live as brothers and sisters to build a peaceful world. Amen.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Sorry for any inconvenience.

