



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves

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NOVEMBER 21, 2010 ~ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Vision

*Good Shepherd Catholic Church
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serving as Christ serves.*

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.*

Dear Parishioners,

We have had a busy fall, and I would like to summarize some of our Stewardship activities. The International Festival may be a dim memory, but the fellowship and friendships that were made and renewed and made continue in our parish community. In January 2011, the Shepherd's Gate Grant process will begin, and the fruits of the work of the volunteers will be realized in our local community and beyond. Organizations will be invited to request funds; parishioners will discern the requests and donations will be made to a variety of worthwhile programs. We will keep you informed of the process.

In early October the Ministry Fair was held and new volunteers are already active in many ministries. For example, every day I see our faith in action as catechists and assistants volunteer in our faith-formation programs, truly *loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves*. Thanks to these generous parishioners, we offer faith-formation activities in one form or another seven days a week. In addition, we have new volunteers supporting the Liturgical Ministries as ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and altar servers. Many of our committees have new members and we welcome all into ministering to each other and our community.

Just two weeks ago we conducted an in-pew process as part of our Stewardship Renewal Process. Your God-given gifts of time and talent are priceless; please know that I appreciate every hour, minute and second you provide in support of our parish family. Also, I know that as much as we would love to live on our talents and smiles, the reality is that we have expenses that provide for the many ministries we offer. I am grateful for your gifts of treasure that support our liturgical celebrations, faith formation, fellowship, and outreach.

If you have made a commitment to sharing your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, thank you! If you are still discerning or not yet committed, please reflect on the gifts that God has provided you and the ways that you can share just a portion with your parish family. Commitment cards are available on-line and in the office. For more information on any of our ministries please contact Rosie Driscoll or Cynthia Drury. They will be delighted to help you learn more about a parish ministry and connect you with a fellow parishioner.

This week we will celebrate **Thanksgiving**. I'm grateful for the many gifts I have been given in my life: my family, my friends, my vocation, and this community. As we gather in our homes near and far this week, you will be in my prayers and please keep me in yours.

Peace,

Fr. Chuck



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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—8:00pm

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>on Maternity Leave</i>)
Miguel De Ángel	Youth Ministry
Mona Peglow	Office Manager

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Claudia DiRosario <i>PT</i>	Maria Grinstead <i>PT</i>
Essy O'Connor	Adriana Fernandez (<i>on Maternity Leave</i>)
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

**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:*

December 12	November 24
December 19	December 2
December 26	December 7
January 2	December 14

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, December 11, 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	11/22	9:00am	†Vincent James Galiffa
Tue	11/23	9:00am	†Col. Robert W. Samuel
Wed	11/24	9:00am	†Mike Lynch
Thu	11/25	9:00am	All parishioners' intentions
Fri	11/26	9:00am	†Michael Horan
Sat	11/27	9:00am	†Ginny Rainey
		5:00pm	Martha Palermo
Sun	11/28	7:30am	†Jean-Jacques Marchand
		9:00am	†George Berley
		10:30am	†Regis P. Milan Sr.
		12:00pm	†Richard Kress
Español		2:00pm	All parishioners' intentions
		6:30pm	†John McAteer

Prayers of the Faithful

Community Members Who Seek Our Prayers:

**Bob McQuie, Oscar A. Orantes,
Neftali Mejia, Ana Mejia, Anna Conners,
Richard Bowman and Bryan Whalen**

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

**Robert E. Noziglia, José R. Velásquez,
Edgar L. Menéndez, Florence O'Neil, Epifanio
Guzman, Josefina Villalta, Catalina de Otero,
Elias Flamenco, Elba Mendoza,
Omaida Whatley, Wendy V. Berrios,
Augusto Q. Aldana and Rosa M. Romero**

Presider Schedule *(subject to change)*

Saturday, November 27

9:00am TBD
5:00pm Fr. Ricardo Martin
6:30pm Fr. Luis Quiñones

Sunday, November 28

7:30am Fr. Mike Hann
9:00am Fr. Mike Hann
10:30am Fr. Patrick McMahon
12:00pm Fr. Patrick McMahon
2:00pm Fr. Luis Quiñones
6:30pm Fr. Ricardo Martin

Readings of the Week

Readings for the Week of November 21, 2010

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20;
Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: **Thanksgiving Day**
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a;
Ps 100; Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84;
Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Ro 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

COME GIVE THANKS ON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 9:00AM

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL LITURGICAL AND MUSIC MINISTERS!!!

*I am thankful for all of you and the many blessings I
receive through our ministry together!*

—Anne Shingler

ADVENT IS COMING!



SEE THE USHERS BEFORE MASS DURING ADVENT TO ASSIST AT MASS WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND BRINGING UP THE GIFTS TO THE ALTAR.

Have you ever wondered how those who bring up the gifts of bread and wine to the Altar during Mass get to do so? Have you ever desired to bring up the gifts, but didn't know who to approach? It's quite simple!

If you would like to participate in the lighting of the Advent wreath or carry the gifts up during the 'Preparation of the Altar and Gifts,' please ask one of our ushers before Mass. Come about 10—15 minutes before Mass and let the ushers know of your desire. If someone else has not already been chosen, they will be happy to have you participate!

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

🎵 **SUNDAY MORNING CHOIR, CANTORS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS** rehearse for the weekend Masses on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm.**

🎵 **"CORNERSTONE"—THE SUNDAY EVENING EMSEMBLE** rehearses prior to Mass at **5:00pm Sundays**, as well as the **second 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 **fourth Sunday** of the month. The next weekly rehearsal is **Wednesday, December 1** from **5:00—5:45pm**. They will sing for the **9:00am Mass on December 19** and for the **4:00pm Mass, Christmas Eve**.

🎵 **TEEN ENSEMBLE** (for **grade 7 and up**) normally sings on the **second Sunday** of the month at the **12:00noon** Mass. Rehearsal will begin 30 minutes prior to Mass. In November they will sing on **December 12**.

🎵 **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, February 7 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.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you to the parishioners who made a pledge during our recent Stewardship Renewal Process. Our parish depends upon the generosity and sense of stewardship of the many parishioners who contribute their time, talent and treasure. Because of faith-filled Christian disciples and stewards like you, our community will continue to strive to fulfill our parish vision of *loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves*.

It is never too late to pledge your time, talent, and/or treasure. Commitment cards are available year round in the parish office and online at www.gs-cc.org/ministries-stewardshipcommitment.php.



OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: FUNERAL RECEPTIONS

What: The Funeral Reception Ministry helps bereaved families by offering a reception in **Creedon Hall** following a funeral liturgy. Volunteers are needed to bring a salad or dessert on short notice.

When: As needed on the occasion of a funeral.
Contact: Lois Gay, 703-360-6447 or lagwgc@cox.net.

THANK YOU!

...to **John Reiser and members of the Facilities Committee** for advancing all of the clocks the weekend of November 6—7. The parishioners, volunteers, and staff appreciate the time it takes to reset all of the clocks when we “fall back and spring forward!”

SAVE THE DATE!

Volunteer Morning of Reflection
Saturday, January 22, 2011
9:00am—12:00pm

All parish volunteers are invited to a morning of inspiration, reflection and fellowship.

*“Come away by yourselves and rest a while.”
 —Mark 6:31*

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	YTD 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.	24,249	-	39,139
Total Cont. from the Parish	\$722,827		632,743

2ND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

- 11/25/10—Thanksgiving, Emergency Assistance Collection
- 12/12/10—Catholic Charities Collection
- 12/19/10—Facilities Improvement Collection
- 12/25/10—Christmas Collection

Please consider enrolling in Faith Direct today.



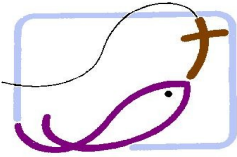
Participation in the Faith Direct program for automatic electronic giving expresses the willingness of the faithful to be a regular part of the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll, our parish code is **VA208**. Contact: **Janice Spollen, 703-780-4055** if you have questions.

The AMS and Catholic Military Chaplains Thank You for your support of the Special Collection last week for the Archdiocese for the Military Services and its Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program.

Thank you for your generous contributions!

Fellowship

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



CALLING
GREETING
LOVING
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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, December 8 at 10:00am** at the home of **Jerri Pogue**. For directions, please call **703-780-8737**.

FELLOWSHIP LEADERSHIP MEETING—CHRISTMAS PLANNING

Thursday, December 2 at 7:00pm

All current members and parishioners interested in the Fellowship Ministry are invited to enjoy us for coffee and dessert. Help us dream about and plan our Advent activities for this year. If you will be able to join us, please RSVP to **Kevin Fornshill**, fornshill@aol.com.

Hope to see you there!

ADVENT CANDLE SALES

Weekend Masses of November 21 and 28.

Good Shepherd's De Novo Homeschooling Network will be selling Advent candles and supplies after all Masses **November 21 and 28**. A family Advent wreath is a wonderful way to count the weeks leading up to Christmas.

For more information or questions, please contact **Terri Hood** at hoodterri@yahoo.com.

GSSSF—GOOD SHEPHERD SINGLE SENIOR FELLOWSHIP EVENTS!

Potluck dinner on **December 4** in the **Good Shepherd residence**. The Core group will provide the main dishes and salads. Members are asked to contribute appetizers, deserts and beverages. So we will have an idea of how many attendees to plan for, please RSVP to **Tom Gibbons, 703-360-7919**.

Join us for "The Joy of Christmas" at the **National Cathedral** in Washington, DC. on **December 12 at 4:00pm**. Car pools will leave from **Good Shepherd at 2:30pm**. For more information, please contact: **Fran Redding, 703-780-8055**.

INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR FAITH?

We provide a welcoming home to those new to our parish and for those returning to the church. 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.

Sign up to help us in the Fellowship Ministry! Join now! For more information contact **Kevin and Renee Fornshill**, fellowship@gs-cc.org.

EVERYONE HAS A STORY...

Fellowship is about learning to see God in everything and in everyone. Sharing our faith stories is one part of spreading the Word and His good news. If you like to share a story or a poem, please email **Renee Fornshill** at fellowship@gs-cc.org.

...WHAT'S YOURS?



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

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND

Advent begins next Sunday, **November 28**. With the beginning of Advent, we will move into the 'A' Cycle of readings and we will focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Take note of all the special Advent activities featured here at GSCC, and read the *Arlington Catholic Herald* for other events throughout the Diocese. Now is the time to plan special Advent activities, readings, prayers, and family events. Make this Advent a time to focus on welcoming Jesus into your heart.

Here are some family-friendly ideas for making the Advent season come alive in your home:

- ◆ Set up an Advent wreath.
- ◆ Fast from something during the four weeks (eg. Christmas cookies, a TV program, etc.).
- ◆ Instead of shopping for gifts, work as a family to create gifts this season.

A great resource for family-friendly Advent ideas is www.catholicmom.com/advent_kids.htm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS REMINDER

RE classes meet this week, November 21 and 22, but **do not meet next week November 28, and 29** immediately after the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

ADVENT REFLECTION TIME AT THE DOMINICAN RETREAT HOUSE

Join **Fr. Joe Breighner**, who gave us such a wonderful **Parish Mission last year**, at the **Dominican Retreat House on December 8** for an **Advent Day of Prayer**.

There are many other upcoming opportunities to refresh and renew your spiritual life:

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| December 1 | Advent Evening of Prayer |
| January 21-23 | Weekend for Men,
Fr. Jude Winkler |
| January 28-30 | Weekend for Women,
Fr. Jude Winkler |

For more information, contact the **Dominican Retreat House** at **703-356-4243** or www.dominicanretreat.org.

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND

A wonderful Advent resource for all parishioners is the 'Little Blue Book' which features a daily Scripture reading and reflection, as well as fascinating and informative facts about our faith and our Church. Pick up your copy in the Commons beginning today. (Suggested donation \$1).

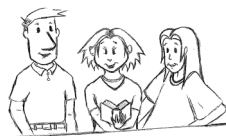
ADVENT SELECTIONS ON OUR BOOK RACK

Do some special reading this Advent season, or pick up a Christmas gift for someone on your list. Our Book Rack has titles for men, women and children of all ages. It includes biographies, inspirational reading, parenting books, and much, much more. The Book Rack is located outside the parish office entrance; payment can be left with the receptionist.



SPOTLIGHT ON MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEAMS

The Religious Education program has been blessed with several wonderful mother-daughter teams who are working together to share their faith with our parish children. On Sunday morning you'll find **Ellen and Emily Woods** leading the third-grade class at **10:40am**. Emily helped out in her mom Ellen's fourth-grade class on occasion last year and this year decided to make a weekly commitment to RE. **Glessie and Dana Briosis** taught second grade last year and returned this year to lead the **3:20pm** kindergarten class. In addition, we have two new teams that joined RE this year. **Diana and Angela Longo** stepped forward to lead the second-grade class at **4:40pm**, and **Lisa and Anna Lorentzen** also stepped forward to lead the kindergarten class at **6:00pm**. What a wonderful way for a mother and daughter to spend time growing in their own faith together while helping our parish children.



FAMILY FAITH CORNER

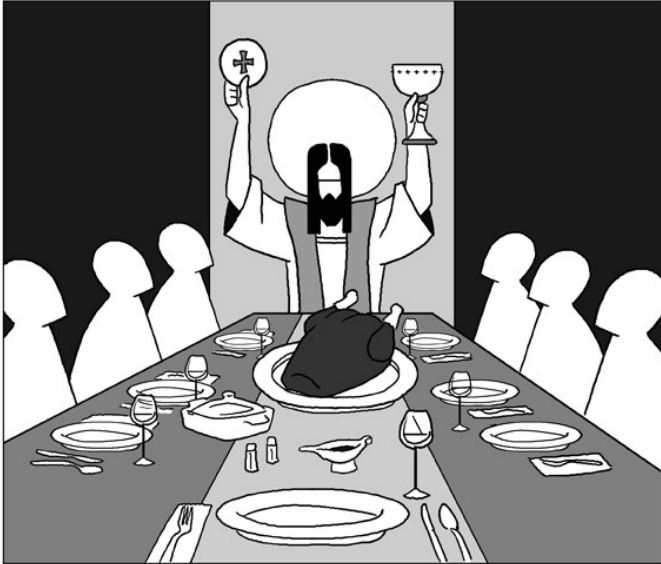
Saint of the week: On **November 23**, we celebrate the feast day of **Saint Clement I**. Clement was the third Pope to reign after Saint Peter. St. Clement wrote an important epistle to the Church in Corinth when a schism happened during his pontificate. He was well esteemed in the early church and may have been an acquaintance of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Answer to last week's question: When does the Liturgical Year begin? The Liturgical Year begins with Advent which is usually the first week in December or the last week in November. This year Advent begins on **November 28**. A regular calendar is used to mark the passage of time. The liturgical calendar is used to identify/celebrate the special times throughout the church year.

Question of the week: What is Advent? 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



EUCCHARIST (YU'K/ER-IST) FROM THE GREEK "EUKARISTOS," WHICH MEANS "GRATEFUL" AND IS NOW USUALLY TRANSLATED AS "THANKSGIVING."

GIVING TREE/TOY DRIVE: November 27—December 12, 2010

The Giving Tree and Toy Drive merged this year to benefit UCM and local needy families in our parish and immediate area. This year, chose an ornament from our Giving Tree, located in the commons area, purchase the toy or gift specified, and bring the *new* unwrapped gift to our drop-off bin (located under the Youth Ministry bulletin board) by **Sunday, December 12**. Donations of gift cards also welcomed in lieu of gifts, and are accepted in the Parish Office. Further details provided in upcoming bulletins.

ADVENT FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar for the annual Advent Festival on **December 4 at 7:30pm** and **December 5 at 3:00pm!** The Advent Festival includes a Talent Show, and other ways for Good Shepherd youth to prepare for Christmas. Admission to the Festival is a new, un-wrapped toy for our Giving Tree project. If you want to help with the show or any part of the Festival, contact **Miguel De Angel at 703-780-4055**, for more information.

NEXT TEEN FAITH FORMATION 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!**

Social Justice Ministry

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Help save a life on **Sunday, November 28** from **8:00am—1:00pm** in **Creedon Hall!**

Sign up after masses or for more information, contact **Elizabeth Schwenk at 703-360-1181**.



ADULT WORK CAMP

"A Week of Service,
A Life-Changing Experience"

Put your faith into action next summer, serving alongside your fellow parishioners and friends. Good Shepherd adult volunteers who worked in the Appalachian region this past August describe the experience as truly "life changing."

Sign-ups for 2011 summer work camps with the Christian Appalachian Program (CAP) are now open! Registration is first come, first serve.

Available weeks to serve with CAP:
May 22—27, 2011 and July 17—22, 2011

Interested in Adult Work Camp but unable to serve these weeks or at this location? Other work camp opportunities are being researched. More information to follow.

For more information, call **Dick Wallace, 703-780-6960** or email at wallace694@cox.net.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS UPON US...

*It is more blessed to give
than to receive.*
-Acts 20:35

Be blessed this holiday season by giving to those less fortunate in our parish and community.



Starting Next Weekend:

- ◆ **Good Shepherd Ornament Sale** (first three weekends in Advent). Donate \$20 to our Emergency Assistance Fund and receive an ornament with our Good Shepherd logo to enjoy for the years to come!

Thank you for your generosity!

- ◆ **Giving Tree/Toy Drive** (runs through **Sunday, December 12**). Refer to Youth Ministry Announcement.

GS News & Other Info

ENROLL NOW IN UPCOMING EPS COURSES

- ◆ **The Vocation of Marriage:** Examines the vocation in the Church and society. **Wednesdays, December 1 and 8, 10:30am—1:15pm**, at **St. Ann Parish**, 5300 N. 10th Street, Arlington. Instructor: **Mark Napack**, S.T.L.
- ◆ **The Sacraments of Vocation:** A 4-week course on **Marriage and Ordained Priesthood**. **Tuesdays, November 23 through December 14, 7:00—9:15pm**, at **Trinity Washington University**. Instructor: **Neil P. Sloan**, Ph.D. Cand.

To register, contact **Gregory Byrne, M.A. 202-884-9031**, or byrneg@trinitydc.edu.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.”

Rejoice and be joyful in your marriage. Take time to build on the strength on your Sacrament. The next local Worldwide

Marriage Encounter Weekend on **February 18—20**. Early registration highly recommended, as dates fill up quickly.

For information call: **Mark and Cathy Strangler, 703-378-4150** or visit: <http://www.wvme-nova.org>, en español visite: www.seccion16emm.com.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IS OFFERING THE BLESSED CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The wafers, a centuries’ old Christmas vigil tradition enjoyed by East Europeans, are available from the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** at the **Knights of Columbus** Christmas tree trailer located at **Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church**, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

The tradition of sharing the wafer is one of the rich variety of Eastern European traditions still celebrated during Christmas Eve Supper. Family member and friends break off a small piece of the wafer and give it to one another along with a blessing. The exchange is a symbol of forgiveness between two people and is meant to remind participants of the importance of Christmas, God, and family.

Weekdays from 3:30—9:00pm and **Saturdays from 9:00am—9:00pm**. Beginning **November 28 on Sunday from 9:00am—6:00pm**. Please call for availability **after December 17**.

Donation is \$3 per wafer package, and proceeds benefit the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society**. Call **703-7640243** for more information.

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE

ANNUAL YOUNG SCOUT RETREAT



The Arlington Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCOS) will be holding their annual Young Scout Retreat on **January 8, 2011 from 9:00am—2:00pm** at **St Raymond’s of Penafort** in Springfield, Va.

For registration and more information visit our website: www.arlingtondiocesescouting.org. The deadline for registering is **December 3**. Adult volunteers are needed as well. Please contact the YSR Coordinator, **Becky Chaves, 703-425-4965** or bekandoli@aol.com.

The retreat is an opportunity for Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls in grades K—5 to participate in activities designed to inform, stimulate and encourage the practice of their Catholic faith through scouting. The theme this year is “Open my Eyes, Lord” and will include Mass, songs, prayer, crafts and service projects. The cost is \$10 per scout. Scouts should bring a bag lunch.

ENGAGING SPIRITUALITY INTRODUCTORY SESSION

Please join us for a brief introductory session about Engaging Spirituality

Saturday morning, December 4, 9:30—10:30am at **Good Shepherd, Classroom 2**. Another introductory session will be offered **Wednesday, 1 December, St Aidan’s Church, White Hall, 8531 Riverside Road, 7:00—8:00pm**.

Engaging Spirituality, a JustFaith program, focuses on contemplative prayer as the means to being rooted and grounded in love while living the Gospel in our daily lives. It includes 21 weekly sessions starting in January. For details contact Jean Noon, 703-341-6644, or via email at jnoon@weddingquilts.com.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS (KCIC)

The Mt. Vernon Council #5998 Knights are selling KCIC Christmas Cards **after the Sunday Masses**. Please buy your “Christ centered” cards and encourage your friends and neighbors to buy KCIC Christmas cards from Knights of Columbus.

Cards are available in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Ukrainian & Polish. Money raised through the sale of KCIC Christmas Cards helps support vocations to the seminary formation and religious communities. Call **Ray Duff, 703-780-1822** to request a special order.

The Week Ahead

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

Sunday High School Youth Group [YC]	November 21 7:30pm
Monday	November 22
Tuesday Exploring the Sunday Readings [CR4]	November 23 9:45am
Wednesday	November 24
Thursday Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed	November 25
Friday Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed	November 26
Saturday Men’s Cursillo [PL]	November 27 7:30am
Sunday Blood Drive [H1-2] High School Youth Group [YC]	November 28 after all Masses 7:30pm

Mark Your Calendars!

DECEMBER

- 3—First Friday Eucharist Adoration
- 4-5—Advent Festival
- 5—Building our Future
- 6—Shared Leadership
- 13—PPC Meeting



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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BUILDING OUR FUTURE: OUTCOME FIVE UPDATE

All parishioners are invited to hear and respond to Design Options for Good Shepherd Facilities.

Please join Fr. Chuck, the Building our Future Committee and the architectural firm, MGMA.

Sunday, December 5, at 10:00am, 11:30am and 1:00pm in Creedon Hall.

Simultaneous translation and light refreshments provided.

Outcome Five of the Parish Pastoral Plan, “Invest in an Attractive, Functional Facility,” is a major component of the plan for supporting our parish ministries. An Outcome Five Task Force researched parish needs and explored options. The Task Force met with parishioners, committees and staff.

The Outcome Five Task Force also sought the help of demographers and statisticians to try to predict changes to the population based on historical trends and changes in the community.

Morgan Gick McBeath and Associates (MGMA) were the architects selected for their vision, expertise and sensitivity to our parishioners and ministries. In the last few weeks, **MGMA** has spent a great deal of time assimilating data, usage trends, and parishioner input. They have attended Mass, visited the parish, and participated in the International Festival. A few meetings have been held with **MGMA** and diocesan representatives.

The results of the preliminary work is to have **MGMA** present a working “Design Exercise” to the Parish. This is their rough idea of what types of changes to the facility our parish ministries will require from now to 2025.

We want more of your input and responses as part of the process that allows us to fulfill our vision!

Hope to see you there!

Troy Zeigler and Bill Cresswell

