



# Good Shepherd Catholic Church

*loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves*

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**DECEMBER 26, 2010 ~ HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

## *Vision*

*Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
loving as Christ loves,  
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 the 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.*

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast is always celebrated the first Sunday after Christmas. Hopefully, the Christmas spirit and love celebrated in remembering that Jesus was born, stays with us long after the tree and decorations are put away and the joy of receiving presents fades. The Feast of the Holy Family is one day in the Church year.

In reality, this is a feast that families celebrate as a holy family everyday.

It is my hope that today is a day as joyful as Christmas for your family. As we journey every day as members of our families and our family of faith, I pray for peace in your hearts, joy on your lips, and love that grows deeper each day. Please pray this prayer as your family gathers this day and in the future because like

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, we are also holy families.

## FAMILY BLESSING

**We are filled with gratitude for the many blessings we share:  
being together, abundance, well-being.**

**Gracious God,**

**we seek in our living a greater awareness of Your presence:**

**To speak kind words, to listen more, to respect differences, to show patience.**

**Inspire us to make wise choices, to keep promises, to be honest.**

**Make us mindful of how we use time.**

**Move us to forgiveness.**

**Gently ask that we let go of hurts and overlook shortcomings;**

**Give us hope during time of difficulty and change.**

**Help us to see and nurture goodness within each soul You've entrusted.**

**May Your enduring love strengthen our bonds as we become  
blessings for one another and all who need our care.**

**Amen.**



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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](http://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](mailto: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:*

**January 30**

**January 14**

**February 6**

**January 21**

**February 13**

**January 28**

**February 20**

**February 4**

### 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, January 8, 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](mailto:office@gs-cc.org).

#### MARRIAGE

Contact parish office or e-mail [anne@gs-cc.org](mailto: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)

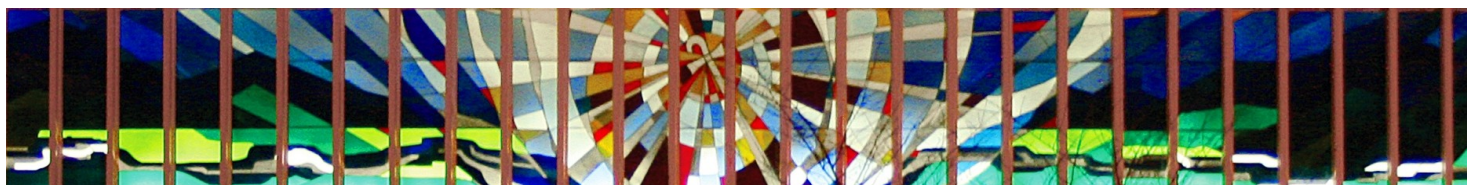
Saturday 4:00—4:45pm in English; Saturday 6:00 - 6:30pm *en Español*  
Sunday 1:00—1:50pm *en Español* or by appointment with a priest.  
Seasonal Communal Celebrations as announced in the bulletin.

#### 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](mailto:anne@gs-cc.org); Associate Director of Liturgy: Jorge Salgado, [jorge@gs-cc.org](mailto:jorge@gs-cc.org)

## Mass Intentions

Mon	12/27	9:00am	†Mary Kay Seymour
Tue	12/28	9:00am	†Alice Ilalo S. Baun
Wed	12/29	9:00am	†Mike Lynch
Thu	12/30	9:00am	All parishioners' intentions
Fri	12/31	9:00am	†Ana Felipa Flores
Sat	1/01	9:00am	All parishioners' intentions
		5:00pm	†Richard E. Riedel
Sun	1/02	7:30am	†Patricia O'Keefe
		9:00am	†Maurice Spillane
		10:30am	†Tyler Roland
		12:00pm	†Antonio B. Massa
Español		2:00pm	All parishioners' intentions
		6:30pm	†Vera Bozzo

## Prayers of the Faithful

Community Members Who Seek Our Prayers:

**Ricardo Tenorio**

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

**James Hess, Tito Muñoz,  
Maura H. Mahoney, Miguel A. Flores,  
Odilón Moreno, Ana M. Martinez,  
José A. Portillo, and Salvador Velásquez**

## Presider Schedule *(subject to change)*

### Saturday, January 1, 2011

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

### Sunday, January 2, 2011

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

## Readings of the Week

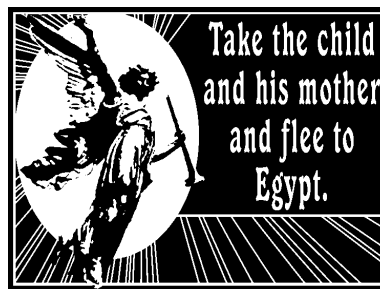
### Readings for the Week of December 26, 2010

Sunday:	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b> Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God</b> Nu 6:22-27; Ps 67; Ga 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sunday:	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Is 60:1-6; Ps 147; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Many thanks to all of our liturgical ministers (Presiders, Deacon, Altar Servers, Musicians, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Liturgical Art & Environment Team, Sacristans, Altar Linen Ladies, Sign Interpreters, Audio Visual Ministers) who assisted in the preparations, or who participated in the various ministries for our numerous Christmas celebrations. In this busy season several of you have done double or triple duty, and we thank you for your service. A special thank you also goes out to our Liturgical Art & Environment Team and their helpers who have so beautifully prepared our worship space with banners, trees, plants and color. Last, but not least, is a special thank you to all of our musicians who have helped us to celebrate with joy-filled hearts and voices of praise! May God's richest blessings of the Christmas Season continue to be with each and everyone of you throughout the new year!

*O Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!*



*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 **2nd Thursday** of the month at 7:30pm. A special rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, **January 13**. Contact **Elmer Bigley**: [elms22182@yahoo.com](mailto:elms22182@yahoo.com).

🎵 **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** (for students in **grades 1—6**) normally sings on the **4th Sunday** of the month. The next weekly rehearsal is Wednesday, **January 19** from **5:00—5:45pm**. They will sing for the **9:00am Mass on January 23**.

🎵 **TEEN ENSEMBLE** (for **grade 7 and up**) normally sings on the **2nd Sunday** of the month at the 12:00noon Mass. Rehearsal will begin 30 minutes prior to Mass! They will sing on **January 9**.

🎵 **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**.

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**Music Rehearsals**  
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# Stewardship

Stewardship Committee Chair: Tom Gerard, [tom.gerard@verizon.net](mailto:tom.gerard@verizon.net).

Co-Directors of Volunteer Development: Rosie Driscoll, [Rosie@gs-cc.org](mailto:Rosie@gs-cc.org) & Cynthia Drury, [Cynthia@gs-cc.org](mailto:Cynthia@gs-cc.org).

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



*May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.*

—Mother Theresa

WELCOME to all who fill our pews at Good Shepherd this Christmas weekend! Whether you have been a parishioner for many years or are just visiting us for the day, we invite you to reflect upon how you may, as Mother Theresa writes, “use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given you.”

## Guide to Volunteer Opportunities 2010-2011



To learn more about how to share your gifts in one of our many vibrant parish ministries, please read our *2010-2011 Guide to Volunteer Opportunities*, which contains descriptions and contact information for our current ministries, as well as an index of our Spanish-speaking ministries. The *Guide* is available in the parish office or online at [www.gs-cc.org/files/volunteer-opportunities.pdf](http://www.gs-cc.org/files/volunteer-opportunities.pdf).

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If after exploring the *Guide* you are not sure how you want to share your gifts and talents, please feel free to contact **Cynthia Drury** or **Rosie Driscoll**, Co-Directors of Volunteer Development, at [Cynthia@gs-cc.org](mailto:Cynthia@gs-cc.org) or [Rosie@gs-cc.org](mailto:Rosie@gs-cc.org), or at **703-780-4055**.

*We look forward to hearing from you!*

## TAX SAVINGS THROUGH A GIFT OF STOCK

You may make a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or our diocese. In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation. For more information: **703-841-3896** or visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts\\_stock.php](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts_stock.php).

## Parish Contributions Update

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

Year-to-date contributions from 7/1/10—11/30/10	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
	11/30/10	11/30/10	11/30/09
<b>Offertory Contributions</b>			
Envelopes contributions	\$482,567	\$539,000	\$564,702
Faith Direct (188 families)	155,233	114,000	-
Loose Offering	113,005	101,200	101,248
Mail offering contributions	61,349	70,400	71,860
<b>Total Offertory Contributions</b>	<b>812,154</b>	824,600	<b>737,811</b>
<b>Additional Parish Collections</b>			
All Saints	3,076	7,000	8,237
Assumption	7,848	5,000	4,011
Facilities Improvement	39,311	36,000	36,024
Religious Education	7,474	6,000	6,704
Other Additional Collections	138		349
<b>Total Additional Collections</b>	<b>57,846</b>	54,000	<b>55,325</b>
<b>Total Cont. from the Parish</b>	<b>\$870,001</b>	<b>\$878,600</b>	<b>\$793,136</b>
Catholic University	2,790		2,571
Catholic Campaign for Human D.	5,382		5,676
Catholic Relief—Philp. Relief			10,072
Catholic Relief—El Salvador			7,264
Propagation of Faith	15,644		16,889
Retired Religious	9,043		6,701
Archdiocese for Military Service	4,503		
World Mission	4,194		4,660
Other Natl. & Dioc. Collections	199		253
<b>Total Natl. &amp; Dioc. Coll</b>	<b>41,753</b>	-	<b>54,086</b>
<b>Total Cont. from the Parish</b>	<b>\$911,753</b>		<b>\$847,222</b>

## 2ND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY 2011

12/25/10—Christmas Collection

1/01/11—Solemnity of Mary

## ELECTRONIC GIVING THROUGH FAITH DIRECT



As we prepare for the busy holiday 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](http://FaithDirect.net), our Parish code is **VA208**.

Contact: **Janice Spollen, 703-780-4055** if you have any questions.

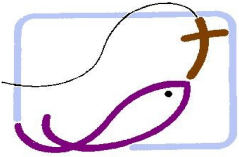
*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

## Fellowship

Chair of Fellowship Committee:  
Kevin Fornhill ~ [fellowship@gs-cc.org](mailto:fellowship@gs-cc.org)

## Communication Committee

Communications Committee Co-Chair:  
Janey Trowbridge ~ [janeytrowbridge@aol.com](mailto:janeytrowbridge@aol.com)



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, January 12** at **10:00am** at the home of **Pat Chao**. For directions, please call **703-360-5230**.

### EVERYONE HAS A STORY . . .

My grandfather was the bluest of blue collar. He was a working stiff, whose hands were calloused and body scarred by hard labor. My grandfather was a **'railroad man'**. He worked at the old Del Ray rail yards before an injury retired him with a limp.

He lived in the house that he built in Belle View and farmed a parcel of land; producing corn, beans, and tomatoes (he called "maters"). He would put the vegetables on a hand-made cart and walk to the Belle View Shopping Center and sell items in front of the ABC Store.

He developed a clientele and reputation. People sought him out for his produce and advice. On any given Saturday or Sunday he would hold court while neighbors came by to ask him questions. He'd take a bite off his "Days Work" to chew tobacco, spit, drink beer, and talk. He took in all strays, from dogs to his late daughter's children.

Though I never once saw the man crack open The Bible, he could quote from it and lived by it. He taught his grandchildren and neighbors charity and compassion. He was the sage of Potomac Avenue.

I'm a better person because of this man. He worked and suffered. He grew food and gave it away to the needy. He enlightened and entertained. You can find Christ's presence in the most unlikely of places, in the most unlikely of faces.

. . . what's yours?



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 would like to share a story or poem, please email **Renee Fornhill** at [fellowship@gs-cc.org](mailto:fellowship@gs-cc.org).

### BIG CHANGES COMING TO WEEKLY BULLETIN: UPDATE

*"If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies."*  
—author unknown

Thanks for your feedback about upcoming changes to the bulletin. Here are answers to some of the questions we're hearing from you:

#### SO, WHAT EXACTLY IS THE BIG CHANGE?

Right now, we publish two bulletins: a 9-page English and a 9-page Spanish bulletin. Starting **next month** we will publish one 10-page bulletin, with content in English **and** Spanish. Losing eight pages from our weekly bulletins is a challenge! Here are some of the things we're doing:

- ◆ Monthly Insert: In addition to the weekly bulletin, we're publishing a monthly insert. The insert will have Mass schedules, a calendar of events, staff and leadership lists, and other info that doesn't change from week to week. We picture the insert as something that can be posted on the family refrigerator as a quick and easy reference throughout the month. (And, don't worry, if you don't pick up the insert the week it's printed, we'll have extra copies available in the office, on the web site, and by email.)
- ◆ Style changes: Our graphic designer is creating a layout that maximizes the amount of information we can print per page, while keeping the bulletin attractive and easy-to-read. We're also planning to streamline the content—you've spoken, and we've listened. In response to your comments, look for content that is concise and focused on the basics: Who, What, Where, When, Why and How.
- ◆ Alternatives: Look for expanded use of all the different forms of communication currently available to us: web site, email, and newsletters (from the parish-wide Shepherd's Watch to ministry-specific newsletters). We're also looking for new ways to communicate, and exploring options such as using social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) or having a big-screen TV with streaming information in the Commons.

If you have questions or comments about the upcoming changes, please feel free to email the Bulletin Publication Team by contacting either **Mona Peglow** at [mona@gs-cc.org](mailto:mona@gs-cc.org), or the Communication Committee contact, **Lorraine Monaco** at [lasmonaco@gmail.com](mailto:lasmonaco@gmail.com), or call the parish office and ask for **Essy O'Connor**, who speaks fluent English and Spanish, at **703-780-4055, ext. 342**.

Peace,

Lorraine      Essy

# Faith Formation

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



## SPOTLIGHT ON .....A NEW YEAR!

The New Year often motivates us to set resolutions to help improve ourselves. Seldom do you hear resolutions that will help us improve our spiritual life, but this is the perfect time of year to take inventory of how we can draw nearer to God in our everyday life. Here are some ideas for you and your family to grow in faith as you start fresh in 2011.

- ◆ **Set aside family prayer time.** This can be a quick prayer before everyone leaves the house asking for God's blessing on each family member or a few minutes at the end of each day to thank God for the blessings of the day.
- ◆ **Choose a simple way for your family to put faith into action at least once a month.** Some ideas are shopping for the food pantry, a monthly visit to the nursing home, or signing up for one of the many ministries here at Good Shepherd that fit your families schedule and abilities.
- ◆ **Read the Bible together.** If young children are in the house the classic bible stories like Daniel and the Lion's Den, Noah's Ark, etc are sure to be a favorite. A more in depth approach, like a bible study, can be a great conversation starter for families with older children.

## NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

First use of the new translation will take place on the first Sunday of Advent in 2011. The changes will **not** affect the Scripture readings, the Prayers of the Faithful or the hymns. It **will** affect many of the prayers we speak at Mass and the prayers that the priest recites from the Sacramentary.

Each week we will present information in the bulletin such as FAQs and other facts to help prepare GSCC parishioners for this change. In addition, please check out the written materials provided in the Book Rack outside the Parish Office.

### Who completed the work of the translation?

The process of translation was a highly consultative work of several groups. The International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) is chartered to prepare English translations of liturgical texts on behalf of the conferences of bishops of English-speaking countries.

The USCCB and the other member Conferences of Bishops received draft translations of each text from ICEL and had the opportunity to offer comments and suggestions to ICEL. A second draft was then prepared by ICEL, which each Conference of Bishops approved (a Conference reserves the right to amend or modify a particular text) and submitted to the Vatican for final approval.

At the level of the Vatican (the Holy See), the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments examined texts and offered authoritative approval (*recognitio*) of texts, granting permission for their use. The Congregation was aided by the recommendations of *Vox Clara*, a special committee of bishops and consultants from English-speaking countries convened to assist with the English translation of the *Missale Romanum*.  
(information above from [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).)

## RE CLASS SCHEDULE

RE Classes will **not take place** on the following dates:

- ◆ **December 26/27**
- ◆ **January 2/3**

We wish you and your family a holy and peaceful Christmas season and a blessed New Year. We look forward to seeing you when **classes resume on Sunday, January 9, 2011.**

## FAMILY FAITH CORNER



**Saint of the week:** The feast day of **St. Stephen** is celebrated on **December 26**. Stephen, which means "crown", was the first disciple of Jesus to receive the martyr's crown. Stephen was a deacon in the early church. Stephen was a man of grace and power who worked wonders amongst the people. Certain Jews were unhappy with him and accused him of blasphemy and Stephen was taken to the Sanhedrin. He angered those there with his speech, but as he looked to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of Jesus. Stephen was thrown out of the city and stoned.

**Answer to last week's question: "How long does Christmas last?"**

Many of us feel Christmas is over after the presents are unwrapped on Christmas day. Instead, Christmas day is just the beginning of a long celebration that ends with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, also known as **Candlemas**. It may be hard to celebrate until early February, but as Catholics we can celebrate the twelve days of Christmas which ends with the **Solemnity of the Epiphany on January 6.**

**Question of the week: What do the initials CCD stand for?**  
Answer in next week's bulletin.

## Youth Ministry

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

### NEXT JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, January 5 from 7:30—8:30pm. Join us for another exciting and fun Jr. High Youth Group!

### NEXT TEEN FAITH FORMATION CLASS:

Thursday, January 6, 7:00—9:00pm. This upcoming class will be on Scripture and Tradition.

### TEEN FAITH FORMATION REQUIREMENT DEADLINE:

Sunday, January 30, 2011. All students receiving Confirmation this year must turn in their Service Hours, Sponsor Forms, Journal Questions, and any missing certificates in to the Parish office by

### DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars for one of the most fun days of the year! Good Shepherd's January 17, 2011 annual Dodgeball Tournament is around the corner. Details and team registration forms are available online. For more information, contact Patrick Drury, [patrick@gs-cc.org](mailto:patrick@gs-cc.org).



### TFF CONFIRMATION RETREATS DATES

If you are receiving Confirmation this year but have not requested a date, please do so by emailing [miguel@gs-cc.org](mailto:miguel@gs-cc.org). Your choices are:

Saturday, February 5, 11:00am—4:00pm  
OR

Saturday, March 12 from 12:00noon—5:00pm

## Social Justice Ministry

Director of Social Justice:  
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### A THANK YOU TO ALL ROUTE ONE CORRIDOR KITCHEN (ROCK) VOLUNTEERS IN 2010!

On behalf of the many who are fed Monday—Friday, every week at the Elks Club through the ROCK program, **THANK YOU to all the families who have volunteered**, prepared meals and continue to signed up, I can tell you that every meal is appreciated as attested to by our faithful servers every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays and our Hispanic families who prepare meals for Mondays.

Thanks as well to **Jill Sommers** who has volunteered to organize parishioners through an internet website for every 2nd Wednesday in the month. Dates are already filled to provide lunch for 35 through February, 2011!

For more information on how you can sign up to provide a casserole, salad or dessert that serves approximately 15 people contact **Jill** at [jillsommers@cox.net](mailto:jillsommers@cox.net) or visit: [www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/582345634653896053](http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/582345634653896053)

Thank you and Happy Christmas Season to all,  
**Barbara Cotter, ROCK Coordinator**

### SUPPORT PEACE CORPS AND LOCAL SALVADOREAN SMALL BUSINESS NEXT WEEKEND!

**Ted Friedman**, a Good Shepherd parishioner, has been a Peace Corps Volunteer since September 2009 in the village of Sunsulaca, Morazán, El Salvador. One of his many projects is working with a small women's group in starting their own natural shampoo business—not only allowing these women to make a small income, but also to learn basic business concepts such as sales, accounting, and marketing. Profits are also given to community youth to support their continued education. **You can help by purchasing a bottle of shampoo next weekend after the 12:00pm noon Mass on January 2, 2011.**

If you would like to learn more about the “Mujeres y Jóvenes en Desarrollo” scholarship program please visit <http://sites.google.com/site/becasforstudents/>.



### SHARING SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND—JAN 1 AND 2

Help start families off on the right foot this New Year! Help us stock the pantries at UCM and Mondloch House! Please bring a bag of any of the food or paper products listed below:

*Thank you for making a difference!*

- ◆ Rice & Beans
- ◆ Canned Vegetables
- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ Vegetable Oil
- ◆ Pasta & Tomato Sauce
- ◆ Tuna
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Diapers & Paper Towels



## GS News & Other Info



### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn to live God's plan for your marriage and keep it strong.

Mark your calendars now for 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>.

### 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.

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.

For registration and more information visit our website: [www.arlingtondiocesescouting.org](http://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](mailto:bekandoli@aol.com).

### FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS

**January 8, 6:30pm—Midnight**, 13th Annual Epiphany Party at **St. Catherine Labouré Church**. Includes delicious Italian dinner, salsa dance lessons, speed dating, dancing to DJ music, and more. Donation is \$15, to SLS Dance, St. Catherin Labouré, 11801 Claridge Rd., Wheaton, MD 20902. (\$20 at door).

For more information call **301-946-3636**.

### 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, 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](mailto:rosie@gs-cc.org) or sign up in the parish office.

### NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE



#### A CALL FOR VOCATIONS

By Baptism, Catholic families are holy families and are the seed beds for the vocations of their children. Pray generously as a family for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from among your children. Should God be calling one among you, call **Father Brian Bashista**, 703-841-2514, or email [b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

#### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

At Thomas More College, in Merrimack, NH, you will find an academic community dedicated to providing a comprehensive Liberal Arts education in the Catholic tradition. The students, faculty, and staff invite all high school seniors to join us through the **2011 Faith & Reason Essay Contest** in pondering how the rich heritage of the Church's culture can offer hope to the world today. Over \$100,000 in scholarship money will be awarded this year to incoming freshmen. To learn more, visit us online at [www.ThomasMoreCollege.edu](http://www.ThomasMoreCollege.edu) or contact the Director of Admissions, **Mark Schwerdt**, at **(800) 880-8308**.

#### ONLINE OPTION FOR COUPLES UNABLE TO ATTEND MARRIAGE PREP TOGETHER

The Office for Family Life has noticed an increase in lone attendees at our marriage preparation conferences because their betrotheds live in another state or country. In such cases, refer couples to an on-line marriage preparation program. For more info, please visit [www.catholicmarriagepreponline.com/home\\_usa.htm](http://www.catholicmarriagepreponline.com/home_usa.htm).

#### TEMPORARY, PART-TIME JOB OPENING!

We have an immediate opening for a receptionist in the parish office. Candidate should possess good verbal and written communication skills in English and Spanish; hold a High School diploma with some college coursework; and preferably have 2+ years experience in an office setting utilizing standard desktop software applications and general office equipment.

The successful candidate will demonstrate good attention to detail, possess organization and problem-solving skills, have the ability to multi-task, and stay focused on project deadlines. Positive attitude and dependability are additional requirements of this position.

Resumes and/or inquiries: [mona@gs-cc.org](mailto:mona@gs-cc.org).

# The Week Ahead

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

<b>Sunday</b> Feast of the Holy Family	<b>December 26</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 27</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> No RE Classes Exploring the Sunday Readings [CR4]	<b>December 28</b> 9:45am
<b>Wednesday</b> No RE Classes	<b>December 29</b>
<b>Thursday</b> No RE Classes	<b>December 30</b>
<b>Friday</b> <i>New Years Eve Holiday—Offices Closed</i>	<b>December 31</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <i>New Years Day—Offices Closed</i>	<b>January 1</b>

## Mark Your Calendars!

### JANUARY 2011

6—Teen Faith Formation Class  
7—First Friday Eucharistic Adoration  
10—PPC Meeting  
17—Youth Group Dodgeball  
Tournament  
27—Teen Faith Formation Class  
29—Volunteer Morning of Reflection  
30—Confirmation Requirement  
Deadline

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Parish offices will be open from **9:00am** until **5:00pm** from **Monday, December 27** until **Thursday, December 30**. Also, the offices will be **CLOSED** on **December 31** and **January 1**.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Our parish follows Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) closing policies.

- ◆ If FCPS are closed, the Parish Office is closed and all scheduled programs are closed.
- ◆ If FCPS are opening 2 hours late, the Parish Office will open 2 hours late.

*Weekdays and Weekend Masses  
are NOT canceled.*

## Back Page Highlights

### A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

These days everyone is thinking about resolutions for the New Year. Here is a paraphrase of the Prayer of St. Francis—that in this parish family we might grow as the instruments of the Lord's presence as part of our New Year's resolutions.

*Lord,  
make our parish the instrument  
of your presence.  
Help us to depend not on collections  
and committees but on a lively faith.  
Keep us open to build bridges  
between people and not isolate into factions.  
Guide us to find words that encourage  
and affirm rather than criticize or belittle.  
Give us the sensitivity to listen  
to the needs and hurts of others and not to  
react with cynicism or selfishness.  
For we believe that it is ours  
to build community where there is isolation,  
to proclaim gospel wholeness  
where there is brokenness and  
to replace the shallow promises  
made by our world with the promise  
and the presence of the Risen Lord.*

### YOUTH MINISTER NOW CERTIFIABLE

It is with great pleasure that we share news that Bishop Loverde and the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry presented Miguel De Angel, our Assistant Director of Youth Ministry, with his Certificate of Youth Ministry for having successfully completed course study, ministry projects and assessments in accordance with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church, the General Directory for Catechesis, and the guidelines of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership*

*Congratulations Miguel!*

