

*The Twenty-eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
October 9, 2011*

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PRIEST WITNESSES - A PASTORAL RESPONSE



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“When I was studying for the priesthood at the archdiocesan seminary in Boston, the seminarians attended the annual Chrism Mass as a group at the cathedral. At the Chrism Mass, the diocesan bishop blesses the oils to be used in parishes throughout the diocese for the coming year. The Archbishop of Boston at the time, the late Humberto Cardinal Medeiros, was presiding at a particularly memorable one. That year, a young woman, who lived with an emotional disability and was obviously in quite a bit of distress, rushed toward the table that held the oils, grasped one of the vessels and began pouring the oil all over herself. She prayed aloud as she did so. Most of those in attendance at the cathedral stood by in shocked silence, except for one person. Cardinal Medeiros approached the distraught woman and gently placed his hands on hers. He offered soothing words and a pastoral embrace. Her expression immediately changed from twisted and frightened to calm and peaceful.”

### GOD’S WELCOMING LOVE

Each time I hear today’s Gospel about the king who gave a wedding feast I think of Cardinal Medeiros’ actions that day. The king in the parable asks his servants to invite all people, those perceived as “good” and those perceived as “bad,” to the banquet when the regular invited guests do not show up. At Boston’s Chrism Mass that year, one who might have been perceived as “bad” had entered the cathedral and done something that was unacceptable. Yet the cardinal saw fit to comfort her in her distress. His actions were very much like the king’s in today’s parable—which are a sign to us of God’s way of acting. God’s embrace extends to all, the good and bad alike. Let us praise God for a welcoming love that does not make distinctions. All are called to holiness. Copyright © 2007, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

### FAITH BOOK

**From today’s Isaiah reading:** "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines."

**Reflection:** God gives us the richest food and choicest wine at our Eucharist today. What God has promised, God has fulfilled on this "holy mountain." We are fed well and so we give thanks here. We also have hope that one day all will gather at God’s banquet table. A feast has been promised us that we can only imagine and wait in hope to receive.

**So we ask ourselves:** What is our deepest hunger?  
What are we doing to tend to that yearning in our daily lives?

## EUCHARIST (MASS) REFLECTIONS

### *Why do we do what we do?*

#### AGNUS DEI

After the sign of peace, the priest breaks the host into pieces, and prepares the patens or plates of hosts for the assembly. In the early church, “the breaking of the bread” was the name given to the entire Eucharistic liturgy, so central was this action to the meaning of the Christian life. For just as the one bread is broken and given to many people, the many are made one in receiving it.

During this ritual action, we sing an ancient litany, calling on Jesus as the “Lamb of God”—the words used by John the Baptist when he pointed to Jesus walking beside the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). In calling Jesus “the Lamb of God,” John was already pointing to the death that Jesus would die: in giving his life, Jesus would become the Paschal Lamb of the new covenant. During the Mass, when we call on the Lamb of God, we call to mind his self-sacrificing love, his blood poured out for us, and we ask this compassionate Lord for mercy and peace. —Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

✠ *Father Ed Connelly*

## MASS INTENTIONS

October 9-16, 2011

Sun	8:00am	Anna Elias (D)
	9:30am	Parishioners
	11:00am	Jean Lee (D)
	5:30pm	Constance Fuller (D)
Tues	9:15am	Denise Vogt (D)
Wed	9:15am	Mass for the Parish
Thurs	9:15am	Alice Marek (D)
Sat	4:30pm	James Jones (D)
Sun	8:00am	James Jones (D)
	9:30am	Sophie Narcavage (D)
	11:00am	Parishioners
	5:30pm	Michael De Sanctis (D)

*Lord, grant each one listed in our Parish Book of Intentions, health of spirit, mind and body.*



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2011

Monthly Budget Requirement	\$89,350.00
Total Attendance	1,258
Monthly Electronic Giving	\$0.00
Envelopes Month-to-Date	\$14,134.50
Non-Envelopes Month-to-Date	\$1,840.00
Children's Envelopes Month-to-Date	\$9.80

## POOR BOX

OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2011

Marian House - \$226.86

*Next week's Poor Box will be for  
Bowie/Crofton Pregnancy Center*



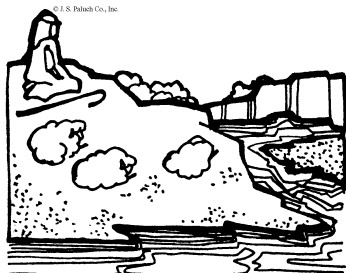
## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We would appreciate your prayers for those who are ill. **Bounnhang Vilaythong, John Daniel, Carl Cord Jr., Vincent Graas, Terry Costa, Lavern Morgan, Ann Kist, Denise Edwards, Susan Jones, Kathy Pierce, Larry Haman, Cole Drew, Peter Bouffard, Andre Gaudreau & Suzanne Paradis**



## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Charles Roberts & S. Rita Ann Houlihan.**  
May they rest in peace.



## Bundle Sunday

Next Sunday, October 15-16 is Bundle Sunday. A truck will be in the parking lot after all masses to collect gently used clothing items for St. Vincent de Paul's in Baltimore. As you go through your closets, please consider donating professional attire for those trying to achieve economic independence.

## Fair Trade Christmas Bazaar

Another date to put on your calendar! On Saturday, November 5 & Sunday, November 6 our second annual Fair Trade Christmas Bazaar will be held in the Fr. Connelly Parish Center. Items from around the world can be purchased. Each article you buy will give artisans and farmers the opportunity to work their way out of poverty. Get your Christmas gift list ready and mark your calendar for the first weekend of November.

## Roman Missal

Join Fr. Jim Sabak on Wednesday, October 12 at 7pm in the Connelly Parish Center Great Hall for a discussion of the changes to the Roman Missal. Fr. Jim will explain why the changes were needed, sample some of the texts and answer your questions. All parishioners are invited to attend.

## Our Respect Life Message

October is Respect Life Month: I came that all might have life, and have it to the full! - is the theme of this year's Respect Life Program. The program is highlighted in liturgies and marked by special events. Please check the Archdiocesan web site for more info.

Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass: Plan to attend the annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore. Archbishop Edwin O'Brien will be the celebrant with Dr. Nancy Paltell receiving the 'Culture of Life' Award. Reception to follow.

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Continues: Please sign up to help Sept. 28 – Nov. 6. The Archdiocese of Baltimore will again participate in the largest ever pro-life mobilization in history. This powerful, life-saving campaign includes: prayer and fasting, prayerful vigil at the abortion facility, & community educational outreach. Since it began a reported 4,313 women decided not to abort, 53 abortion workers have quit their jobs, and 16 abortion facilities have completely shut down following local 40 Days for Life campaigns! For more info see [www.archbalt.org/family-life/respect-life/index.cfm](http://www.archbalt.org/family-life/respect-life/index.cfm) or [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

## Inter-Parish Presentation

(St. Joseph•Holy Apostle•Seton Parish)  
**SAVE THE DATE!** Thursday, October 27. Our first presentation for this season will be held here in the Fr. Connelly Parish Center from 7-8:30pm. *Women of the Bible, Alive!* - A troupe under the direction of Gloria Rink will enact the stories of six women from both the Old and New Testaments. Please come and bring a friend!

## Holiday News

Green Thanksgiving Food Drive forms are available in the Narthex. Please fill out and return top portion ASAP. Also, anyone who has not adopted a family for Christmas and would like more info, call Rosemary at 410-451-0895.

## Food Pantry News

September was another busy month in the pantry. We distributed 246 bags of food to 107 families representing 458 people. We spent \$853 in donated funds to supplement our donated food. October is soup month. Please remember to bring a can of soup each week during October. We will need 500 cans of soup this month to make our pre-packed bags. Thank you for your continued support.

## Habitat Volunteers - Thank You!!

On Sat., September 17, Habitat volunteers worked very hard all day: landscaping the property, building a foundation hole in preparation of pouring cement for group mailboxes; cleaned the third floor of one of the houses for carpet installation, patched holes, painted and tore down a fence. A big thank you to: Barbara & Rick Staudigel and Robert Davey!

## Adult Spiritual Enrichment



A new group of people who are interested in inquiring about the Catholic Church and others who are baptized Catholics, but have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, meet each Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Ark. If you know anyone who might like to inquire, please share the gift of your faith by telling them about the RCIA, sharing a brochure (available in the narthex) or asking them to check our website. For more information, contact Sister Katherine at 410-721-5770 x233 or [Katherine.Odonnell@seaston.org](mailto:Katherine.Odonnell@seaston.org).

## Adult Spiritual Enrichment

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### Little Rock Scripture Study

The *Gospel of Mark* is the new topic for the Little Rock Scripture Series. A commentary and study guide are available for each participant. These books can be purchased from the parish office (\$13). Sister Katherine will facilitate the Monday evening session on **October 17 at 7:00pm** in the Ark (*Please note there is no meeting on Columbus Day, Oct. 10*) and Deacon Fred will facilitate the Tuesday morning session **October 11 at 10:00am** in the Ark.

## Faith Formation

### K-10 Faith Formation Lessons for October 13th

#### Grade K *Family Life*

**Grade 1 *Faith First*** Chapter 3, Jesus is the Son of God & Chapter 4, Mary is the Mother of God

**Grade 2 *Faith First*** Chapter 3, God is Our Father & Chapter 4, Praising God

**Grade 3 *Faith First*** Chapter 3, Mary Trusted in God & Chapter 4, Women of Faith

**Grade 4 *Faith First*** Chapter 4, Our Father in Heaven

**Grade 5 *Faith First*** Chapter 4, The Calming of the Sea

**Grade 6 *Faith First*** Chapter 3, Living the Covenant

**Grade 7 *Mystery of God*** Chapter 3, The Man Born Blind

**Grade 8 *Morality/Life in Christ*** Chapter 4, Hymn of Love

**Grade 9 *Understanding the Catechism/Liturgy and Sacraments*** Chapter 3, Symbols, Sacraments and the Pascal Mystery

**Grade 10 *Catholic & Capable/Emotions*** Chapter 3, Overcoming Your Fears

### First Reconciliation Preparation



The next meeting for *parents & children* will take place on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Church. Visit [www.seaseton.org](http://www.seaseton.org) for further information.

### Family Catechesis

Book pick-up will take place *today*, Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Youth Room. This will be a short meeting covering program requirements and answering any questions.

## Youth Ministry

### Middle School Youth Group

The next meeting will be Sunday, November 6 at 6:30pm in the Youth Room. Come join in the fun! Bring \$2.00 for pizza.

### High School Youth Group Kickoff

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm, in the Youth Room. Bring your ideas, bring your friends, bring your enthusiasm! Pizza for everyone!!

## Confirmation

### Information Meeting

A Confirmation information meeting for parents and youth will be held on Monday, October 17 at 7:00pm in the Great Hall. NOTE - All Catholic high school students must register for Confirmation by filling out a Faith Formation registration form available online or in the office.

## Parish Interest

### Sarah's House Fundraiser

#### Halloween Spooktacula Dance-A-Thon

Get your groove on Saturday, October 29th, 5-10pm at Severna Park Community Center. Refreshments, dance prizes, costume contest & entertainment for non-dancers. Register at the door or online at [www.catholiccharities-md.org/sarah-house](http://www.catholiccharities-md.org/sarah-house). Call - Monita or Bruce 410-551-7722 for questions.

### Crofton Regional Community Center

CRCC is a non-profit, tax-free organization. Please visit their website for information. [www.croftonregionalcommunitycenter.net](http://www.croftonregionalcommunitycenter.net)  
**Support the CRCC** with a \$50 donation and receive a complimentary family portrait session plus a free 11x14 by Visual Concepts Photography. For info contact Linda at 410-626-7474 or [linda@visualconceptslltd.com](mailto:linda@visualconceptslltd.com).

### A Retreat with Elizabeth Seton

#### Lead by Author S. Judith Metz, SC

Seton Heritage Ministries at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is proud to welcome S. Judith Metz, SC as she leads visitors on a spiritual journey through a retreat based on her book, [A Retreat with Elizabeth Seton](#). Join us at the Shrine in Emmitsburg on Sunday, November 6 from 11am to 2pm; \$10, box lunch is included. Space is limited. Please call 301-447-7050 for reservations or more information.

## Marriage, Divorce & Annulments from a Catholic Perspective

The Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be giving a presentation in our area concerning divorce and annulment from the Catholic perspective. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held on Monday, October 24 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Fields, Millersville in Rooms 203 & 204. No prior registration is required. For more info, please call 410-547-5533.

**Attention Single Catholic Women**  
**Considering a call to religious life?** The Daughters of Charity will host a "*Come and See*" discernment retreat for single Catholic women ages 18-40 on November 4-6, in Emmitsburg. Contact the Vocation Office at 443-602-5801 or Sr. Denise LaRock at [larocksrd@doc.org](mailto:lacrocksrd@doc.org) for more details.

### OktoberFest

St. Andrew by the Bay, Annapolis is hosting an OktoberFest Saturday, October 15 from 6:30-10pm, featuring German food, music, raffles & more. For more info visit [www.standrewbythebay.org](http://www.standrewbythebay.org).



### School of the Incarnation

**Fall Open House** - Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (Noon - 3pm). Seats are still available for the current school year. Please come and visit. Tours of the building given by our Student Council.

**Federal & United Way Employees!** You may designate School of the Incarnation as recipient of your donation through the CFC (Chesapeake Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign) or United Way. Organization Name: SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION INC; Five-digit-code: 94557. Donations deposited to the Annual Giving in continuing our efforts to offer excellence in Catholic education.

**Attention all Safeway Shoppers!!** We need your Safeway grocery receipt! Safeway is running their 10% Back to School program until **October 13th**. All you have to do is drop your Safeway grocery receipt in the school bin at church and we will enter the code from the bottom. Receipts from family and friends are welcome too! We are very grateful for your support of the SOTI! Questions? Email Laura Gardner at [lgardner04@verizon.net](mailto:lgardner04@verizon.net).

## JUSTICE NOTES

***But when the king came in to meet the guests he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment* Matthew 22:11**

I have never been in a situation where there wasn't time to dress properly for a wedding and I sometimes think the king was pretty hard on this person that his servants may have found on the streets. That's when I know that the story has a message that is more spiritual than literal and it takes a little sleuthing in the Bible to find the true meaning of the garment.

In Isaiah 61:10, the scripture reads: "For God has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice," and in Job29:14-- "I wore my honesty like a garment, justice was my robe and my turban." The king recognized that this was an unjust and dishonest person standing before him.

How do we make ourselves ready for God's heavenly banquet?

The scripture seems to imply that living a just and honest life are two of the key facets. To be just, one has to act justly. A good way to do that is to respond to causes that you know to be unjust. The US Bishops affirm this in Economic Justice for All (71):

"Social justice implies that persons have an obligation to be active and productive participants in the life of society and that society has a duty to enable them to participate in this way."

Many unjust situations are presented in the writings of this column in the hope that you, the reader, will respond to the Spirit's interior prompting in your own life actions.

Getting back to the more literal meaning of garments, next Sunday is Bundle Sunday at Seton Parish. St. Vincent de Paul in Baltimore will have a truck in the parking lot after all Masses for you to drop off your donations. As you are going through your closet this week, please remember that the cold weather is coming so there will be a need for coats. Also, please consider donating professional attire to help disadvantaged men and women attain economic independence and succeed in work.

Let's get spiritually well-dressed while we help the less fortunate!

*(Adapted from an item submitted by Barbara Molinari Quinby M.P.S. Coordinator of Social Justice Ministries, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Raleigh, N. C.)*

To the Parish Community of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:

The love and support that you gave the Little Sisters of the Poor during the collection taken the weekend of August 27-28 was a sign of your genuine charity. The collection amounted to \$3,494.22. Your gifts are truly a manifestation of God's loving and caring Providence, which will help us provide the best possible care for the many elderly in need who come to make their Home with us. Thank you All!

For more information on volunteer opportunities and events, please visit our website at [www.littlesistersofthepoorbaltimore.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorbaltimore.org).

Our residents of St. Martin's Home join with us in promising you our daily prayers for all your many intentions. God bless you all!

Little Sisters of the Poor and Residents of  
St. Martin's Home for the Elderly - Baltimore, MD

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ October 10-16, 2011

<b>Monday</b>		<b>Office Closed</b>	
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Capital Campaign Meeting</b>	<b>Youth Room</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Crofton Christian Caring Council Meeting</b>	<b>Conference Room</b>
	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	<b>Church</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Scripture Study</b>	<b>Ark</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Pastoral Council Meeting</b>	<b>Connelly Parish Center</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Translation for Mass Seminar with Fr. Jim Sabak</b>	<b>Connelly Parish Center</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>9:30 Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Faith Formation</b>	<b>School of the Incarnation</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>RCIA</b>	<b>Ark</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>11:00 Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast</b>	<b>Connelly Parish Center</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Children</b>	<b>Youth Room</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Children</b>	<b>Youth Room</b>
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Teen Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>Church</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Middle School Youth Group</b>	<b>Youth Room</b>

## CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

*Saturday: 4:30 p.m.\* Mass is signed for the hearing impaired*

*Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.*

*Nursery available at the 9:30 a.m. Mass*

*Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses (September through June)*

### *Eucharist at Neighboring Parishes*

**Holy Family, Davidsonville, Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.**

**Church of the Holy Apostles, Gambrills, Sun., 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.**

**St. Joseph, Odenton, Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00**

**Our Lady of the Fields, Millersville, Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 and 6:00 p.m.**

## COMMUNION CALLS

Please advise us if you would like Communion brought to a member of your family.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., or anytime by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Attendance at a baptismal preparation program is required before Baptism can be scheduled. Please call the Parish Office as early as possible to make arrangements. Preparation may begin any time during pregnancy.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

According to Archdiocesan policy, couples are required to make an appointment with a priest or deacon of the Parish at least six months in advance of the date they plan to celebrate their wedding in order to accommodate mandatory marriage preparation.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Adults interested in full membership in the Catholic faith are asked to call the Parish Office for information.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (R.C.I.C.)

Children, ages 8-17, whose families are interested in initiation into the Catholic faith, please call the Faith Formation Office.

### Readings for October 10 - 16, 2011

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Psalm 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Psalm 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Psalm 130:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Psalm 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

### **Priest Presiders October 15 & 16, 2011**

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Father Ed Connelly
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Father Jim Sabak
	9:30 a.m.	Father Jim Sabak
	11:00 a.m.	Father Ed Connelly
	5:30 p.m.	Father Ed Connelly

### **Sick or Hospitalized?**

Please notify the office or a staff member when someone in your family is sick, hospitalized or homebound. If you or a family member is admitted to Anne Arundel Medical Center, **please inform them that you are Catholic and your affiliation is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.** This should be part of your admission process.