



## BECOMING REAL

In her children's classic "**The Velveteen Rabbit**," Margery Williams tells the story of a stuffed rabbit and the boy who received it as a Christmas gift. At first, the simple toy was snubbed by the other, more expensive and sophisticated mechanical toys who regarded themselves as **REAL**. When the rabbit asked if being **REAL** means "having things that buzz inside you and a stick out handle," the Skin Horse replied,

*"REAL isn't how you are made. It is a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but really loves you, then you become REAL."*

With the beginning of **Lent**, the praying community is invited **TO GET REAL**. **Becoming REAL is a lifelong process**. It means that our thoughts, words, and actions are truthful. Our yes is yes; our no is no. **Saying what we mean and meaning what we say is key to becoming REAL**. Those who persevere in the process of becoming REAL will have to work daily at cleansing their hearts and actions. Becoming REAL will mean to admit weakness and vulnerabilities and offer these to God who will grace us with the strength to face every temptation. **Becoming REAL requires us to be honest about our sharp edges, our excessive sensitivity and our desire to be carefully kept.**

Recalling the wisdom of the Velveteen Rabbit's Skin Horse, believers should be aware of the **consequences of becoming REAL**. We must be **willing to let our hair be loved off** through dedicated service, to accept that **our joints may get loose**; we may take on a **shabby look** when we attend more to the needs of others than to our own. **Even though it hurts** to become fully who we are called by God to be, it is important for us to make a new beginning. **The process of becoming real does not just happen all at once. What better time to start then now?**

God Bless, Fr. Joe

Mass  for the  
Intentions  for the  
Week

### FEBRUARY

- 20~ 4:00 Irvin Kommalan (Elaine Serio)  
21~ 8:00 Edward & Kevin Kordaz (Bernadine Kordaz)  
11:00 Victoria J. Sarnecki (Michael Sarnecki)  
22~ 7:30 Emma & Frank Viola (Catherine Paszkiewicz)  
23~ 7:30 Timothy Mouring (JoEllen Shorb)  
24~ 7:30 Mary Shorb (JoEllen Shorb) 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
25~ 7:30 Charles Overfield (Teresa Lembach)  
26~ 7:30 Margaret A. Czaja (Geraldine Bielatowicz)  
10:00 Eleanor Goodhues (Helen Toporzycki)  
Mass is said at Brightview  
27~ 7:30 Audrey Peters (Antoinette Armitage)  
4:00 Our Grandparents (Henry & MaryClaire)  
28~ 8:00 Anthony Paskiewicz (M/M Ken Curtis)  
11:00 Francis & Sally, Francis & Margaret, &  
Daniel Hall (Marian Weiderhold)



February 21, 2010  
First Sunday of Lent  
"Jesus was led by the Spirit  
into the desert for 40 days  
to be tempted by the devil."  
Luke 4:1

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

	2009	2010
<b>Offertory Envelops</b>	\$3705.00	\$ 980.00
<b>Offertory Loose</b>	387.85	915.00
<b>Total</b>	\$4092.85	\$1895.00
<b>Poor Box</b>	78.23	21.12
<b>Attendance</b>	238	54

**BONANZA BINGO** –As I am sure you know are aware of, we have had lots of snow. We are going to have our snowed out Bonanza on **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us for a call Betty Schroeder @ 410-675-9463 or Pat Banz @ 410-675-3691 for reservations.



Please remember in your prayers the souls of Elizabeth Kitko, Antoinette Gryken, Dolores Paesch, & Mary Schroeder who passed away and their family & friends.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

### FEBRUARY

- 21 Class Fourteen – **Ashes distributed**  
28 Class Fifteen

### MARCH

- 7 Class Sixteen **'JOSEPH'S TABLE'**  
14 Class Seventeen  
21 Class Eighteen  
28 Class Nineteen – Palm Sunday



**Blessing of Palms 9 am**  
**Seder Meal 10 am**

### Registration Information:

**Registration fee: \$65.00 (per family)**

**Book fee: 25.00 (per child)**

- Financial assistance with fees is available for those in need. Call Ms. Jo Ellen @410-563-1717 for information.

### St. Brigid Youth Group:

***"The L.I.T.E. - nurturing spiritual growth while enjoying social interaction."***

***Please pass the word.....***The LITE is open to youth from Middle to High school age. **We welcome all youth to spend a Sunday morning with us or join us for a Youth Group Event or activity. If you know a young person, tell them about us. Meetings are Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK:** Christina Arthur, Christopher Baldwin Jr, Elizabeth Bamberger, Ramona Battersby, Mary Jane Beach, Nick Bertoldi, Lee Blumeafeld, Leo Bochenek, Robert Bosley, Bill Brandt, Richard Brzezczko, Theresa Bunk, Don Byers Florence Claybaugh, Dora Coakley, Marcella Collins, Ronald Collins, Catherine Contino, Mary Cook, Ann Crossland, Florence Diehl, Marian DiSaia, Logan Dunnigan, Robert Durham, Rita Fiddes, Marge Foble, Barbara Gaudino, Joanlee Griebel, Drew Hagan, Catherine Hall, Isabella Hlavac, Joe Hybdzinski, Baby Ally Jarkiewicz, Samuel Jackson, Lois Jones, Bernie Kegan, Bill Klaus, Pauline Knight, Fred Kremeyer, Stuart Lehman, Marie Leonard, Leopold Luberecki, Cass Machowiak, Carolyn Maiden, Daryl Marciszewski, Frank & Eleanor Mazur, Henry Mazur IV, Laura McVicker, Barb Miller, Britteny Muth, John Nowakowski, Marian O'Leary, Linda & Joe Oleszczuk, Lorraine Olver, Rose & Joseph Owsianiecki, Dolores Para, Marlene Parks, Catherine Paskiewicz, Edward Pazdan, Evelyn Picker, Marie Reimer, Mary Rostkowski, Mary Sands, Mary Schech, Virginia Schenning, Betty Schroeder, Stan Sdanowich, Eva Sloboda, Paula Skarda, Regina Sroka, Julia Staylor, Mary Stevens, Haylee Sudbrook, Joyce Washington, Desiree Watts, Margaret Wiley, Lisa Wolf, Greg Wright., Angela Wolski, & Tyler Zachary

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEN & WOMEN:**

**Maradone Sylvester**–Iraq,  
**Matthew Hughes**, U.S.N.,  
**Brian Gracey** – USCG,  
**Sean C. Fitzpatrick**, USMC,  
**Nathan Flores**– Iraq,  
**Michael Brown** – Iraq, **Neil Pitruzzella** – USMC  
**Geoffrey Gilbert** – Afghanistan, **Alan Sherrod**– USN,  
**Stephen Bochenek**–USAF, **Christopher Brent**–Iraq,  
**George A. Handlin, III** - Afghanistan



### **BEANS & BREAD**

Please bring your casserole to the parish center on this **Tuesday, February 23**. The recipe for the casserole is: 3 16oz cans of baked beans, 1lb of hot dogs, ½ cup of catsup, ½-cup brown sugar or syrup & 1 small onion chopped. Mix all ingredients, slice hot dogs & mix into other ingredients. Cover with foil & bring to the parish center. Pans are available in back of church. We welcome anyone who would like to make a casserole. It is only once a month, so please consider this outreach to the needy. We thank all of you who have been so faithful.



### **LENTEN SOUP MEALS** -- The

Lenten Soup meals will be served every Wednesday from **4:30 - 6:30PM**. Cost is \$6.00, & includes a cup of soup & 1 refill, coffee or tea, bread, & dessert. All proceeds go to charity.

### **SOUP OF THE WEEK**

**Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup**

### **CHEF OF THE WEEK**

**Betty Schroeder**

### **CHARITY OF THE WEEK**

**Pregnancy Center**

Please join us on Wednesdays during this Lenten Season & enjoy good soup & good company as you support a local charity.



### **SODALITY LUNCHEON BINGO**

Tuesday, **March 9<sup>th</sup>** there will be a Luncheon/Bingo. A Cod Fish Cake lunch will be served. Come and bring a friend. Cakes are needed for the cake raffle.

# Year of Priests

June 19, 2009–June 19, 2010

**This is the “Year for Priests”**

as declared by Pope Benedict XVI, Visit the Archdiocese's Year for Priests website at

[www.archbalt.org/news/year-for-priests/](http://www.archbalt.org/news/year-for-priests/) for more information & view various video tributes that acknowledge the contributions of our Catholic Priests & their leadership. Please pray for vocations & send us your memory of a Priest who has touched your life.

**A Time for Reflection** -- We ask you this week to review the Archbishop's Annual Appeal tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: ***“When I called, you answered me..” (Psalm 138:3)*** The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is much different from a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a positive way. The Annual Appeal provides critical funding for the many programs and ministries of the Archdiocese. As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese, and to the work of the church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to see how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese. How it can make a real difference? Each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministry and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our Archdiocese.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail back. If you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew process this weekend and the following weekend. Our parish receives 25% of each dollar contributed up to our goal of **\$13,500**. Then, we receive 50% of the additional funds received. This year, we will commit our parish rebates to extended repairs to update and secure the parish & church building. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response

## **LIFE LINE SCREENING – MARCH 1, 2010**

**Do your legs ache after walking a short distance?**

If so, you may want to consider being screened for peripheral arterial disease (PAD), a condition in which the arteries that carry blood to the arms or legs become narrowed or clogged by plaque, slowing or stopping the flow of blood. Life Line Screening will bring this preventive health event that can assess one's risk of PAD through an ankle brachial index (ABI). PAD is closely linked to coronary artery disease, and identifying PAD can also help prevent heart attack and stroke. We are pleased to host a screening on March 1, 2010. Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, **so call 1-888-653-6441, or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com), for more information or to pre-register.**

***THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU*** -- All parishes of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will participate in the Archbishop's campaign to promote Reconciliation, *The Light is on for You*. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at St. Brigid on Wednesdays from 3-4PM in the Chapel. (Excluding Ash Wednesday and the Holy Week). If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament or have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a great opportunity to receive penance. **Come, rediscover your faith!**



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## **Catholic Charities' Answers for the Aging**

is a free telephone information and referral service for older adults, their families, friends and caregivers. Their caring staff is experienced and waiting to help answer questions on understanding your options for housing, in-home care, community resources and much more. They also offer telephone support to caregivers - those who are caring for a loved one or friend. They welcome and serve people of all faiths and races. If you are looking for someone to take the time to listen to your situation and help sort out your thoughts about options for care, please call **ANSWERS FOR THE AGING - 410-646-0100**, Monday through Friday during the hours of 9:30AM to 3:30PM



**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

*Congratulations to those listed who are married 50+ years.*

- Anna & Jack Majka*
- Marian & George Weiderhold*
- Mary & Albert Nickels*
- Rita & Bud Bowling*
- Bette & Lou Brocato*
- Mary Jane & Low Beach*
- Flo & Stan Sdanowich*
- Marge & Carroll Callinan*
- Anna & Lacy Jones*
- Gloria & Jack Bromwell*
- Sue & Fred Frankowski*
- Linda & Anthony Markiewicz*



*We ask all married couples to fill out the form below and return it via the collection basket. A Belated Happy Valentine's Day to All!*

<b>Marriage information</b>
<b>FIRST NAMES</b> _____
<b>LAST NAME</b> _____
<b>DATE OF MARRIAGE</b> _____ (Month, Day & Year)
<b>Thank You!</b>

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS --**

**During** Lent, Stations of the Cross are held every Friday at 1PM. Come & spend just 45 minutes of your time retracing Jesus' journey. Stations will be held in the Chapel. We hope you will come & celebrate with us.



**Parish Calendar for FEBRUARY 2010**

23	Beans & Bread Hatton Center Faith Life Series
24	Lenten Meal – Chicken Noodle Soup
26	Stations – 1pm
28	Bonanza Bingo

**2010 Calendar of Important Holy Days**

- † Palm Sunday (**Sun, March 28**)
- † Holy Thursday (**Thurs, April 1**)
- † Good Friday (**Fri, April 2**)
- † Holy Saturday (**Sat, April 3**)
- † Easter Sunday (**Sun, April 4**)
- † Divine Mercy Sunday (**Sun, April 11**)
- † Ascension (**Thurs, May 13**) Holy Day of Obligation (transferred to **Sun, May 16** in most dioceses of the United States)
- † Pentecost Sunday (**Sun, May 23**)
- † Trinity Sunday (**Sun, May 30**)
- † Corpus Christi (**Thurs June 3**; transferred to **Sun, June 6**)
- † Assumption of Mary (**Sun, August 15**) Holy Day of Obligation
- † All Saints Day (**Mon, November 1**) Holy Day of Obligation (abrogated because it falls on a Monday)
- † First Sunday of Advent (**Sun, November 28**)
- † Immaculate Conception (**Wed, December 8**) - Holy Day of Obligation
- † Christmas (**Sat, December 25**) Holy Day of Obligation

**Homemade Lenten Foods Delights the Taste buds**

continues through Wednesday, March 31 & is sponsored by the St. Casimir School Home/School Association. **Codfish cakes** @ \$2.00 each/unfried; \$2.25 fried & **crab cakes** @ \$5.00 each/unfried, \$5.25 fried. Potato salad, macaroni salad, & cole slaw are available @ \$2.00 per pound. **Lenten Foods must be ordered in advance.** Orders are due by 2PM Wed with pick up on Fri. 11AM to 3PM Call Lauren Brunelli, 410-342-4975 until 5PM or Carol Kramer, 443-414-6784 from 5 to 9 PM to place orders. Questions & Orders may also be directed to school @ 410-342-2681.

**From Elaine & Frank Galeone**

Join us in a "Married Couples" Retreat at Priestfield, WV on the weekends of February 26 March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, & April 30 More info call Elaine 410-252-5355.



**EASTER MEMORIALS**

Please **PRINT** the names of those whom you wish to have in the booklet. Put your list & donation (\$5 per name listed) in an envelope & return by way of the collection basket or drop off to the parish center no later than **MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010.** **Forms are on the table in back of church.**