

**THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION**

*"We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering--or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.*

Father Jarboe



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH.**

**Daily Mass Intentions** will be said by the Franciscan Friars Mission in Ghana, West Africa through The Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City.

Mon	02/18:	Diana Pribble
Tues	02/19:	Carol Young
Wed	02/20:	Anna Kominsky
Thurs	02/21:	Stagino
Fri	02/22:	Eliane Thompson
Sat	02/23:	
	8:30 am	Missy Ledoux
	4:30 pm	Marrietta Hemphill
Sunday,	02/24:	
	8:30 am	Kelly Reedy
	11:00 am	Parishioners



**Attention all youth in grades 5 through 12!!!** We are in great need of altar servers for all weekend Masses. I encourage you to prayerfully consider becoming an altar server. We will welcome you to a deeper understanding of the Mass and serving our church community with joy and reverence. If you feel inspired to serve God in this way. Please contact Wendi Crout @ 410-437-1967 or the Parish

**Archbishop Discernment Dinner:** Archbishop O'Brien will once again host a discernment dinner at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Parish Rectory. The dinner is on **Thursday, February 21, 6-8:30 pm**. All males considering the priesthood aged 17-50 are invited to this activity. For more information contact Andrew Veveiros at [aveveiros@archbalt.org](mailto:aveveiros@archbalt.org) or 410-547-5302.

**WINTER RELIEF PROGRAM****Note of Thanks**

*"God adds His creative power to our human obedience. He will miraculously use us to minister to Spiritual and human needs around us."*

*God says to us, "You take this on; I will put the stamp of eternity on your work so that my purpose of having you in this situation is fulfilled."*

**THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR HELPING WITH THE WINTER RELIEF PROGRAM!! IT COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU!!!!!!**

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL**

**Vocations in Progress Day (VIP):** Fr. Jerry Francik, the vocation director for the Archdiocese, will be leading a mini-pilgrimage on **Monday, March 17** to Mount St. Mary's Seminary, St. Mary's Seminary, and the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. We are blest to have the two oldest seminaries in the country and Fr. Jerry leads male youth and young adults on tours of both institutions. Following the tours of both seminaries participants will visit the Cathedral and have preferred seating at the Chrism Mass celebrated by Archbishop O'Brien. Lunch, dinner, and transportation provided. If you need a note to be excused from school, please contact Andrew Veveiros at 410-547-5302 or [aveveiros@archbalt.org](mailto:aveveiros@archbalt.org). If you are interested in this adventure contact Andrew Veveiros as well.



**Around Town:**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Ellicott City** will be holding it's annual **Bull & Shrimp Roast on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00-11:00 pm at Martin's West.** Please join us for a delicious buffet feast, gaming wheels, a silent auction, flat-panel LCD TV raffle and much more!! Bring your family, friends and co-workers to share in the excitement. We would love to have friends from our fellow parishes join us!! Tickets are \$50 per person at the door or get the discounted price of \$450 for a table of 10. **Please call Mike Goode at 410-750-0876 or Kevin Smith at 410-750-7577 to get your tickets or if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!**

**Oregon Ridge Dinner Theatre, presents "OLIVER" to benefit The Little Sisters of the Poor.** A fun family event for all ages! Help the Little Sisters of the Poor raise funds for the elderly poor by attending this exciting live show, music and gourmet buffet! **Sunday, March 9, 2008 doors open at 12:00 noon, buffet at 12:30 pm and show starts at 2pm. Cost is \$40.00.**

Please contact Sue Z. Smith @ 410-744-9367 x198 or [adevbaltimore@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:adevbaltimore@littlesistersofthepoor.org) **Must have reservation by Tuesday, February 19th.** Please consider this worthwhile event. Thank you.

**Our Lady of the Fields — Cruise Vacation:** Join Fr. Gene Nickol as he leads two great vacation cruise opportunities. From Oct. 5 to 17th, a no fly cruise from Cape Liberty, New Jersey to Québec and back, traveling up the New England coast and down the St. Lawrence River on the Celebrity Cruise Lines' 'Constellation'. The other is a Winter Vacation from Jan. 18 to 30, 2009 on Celebrity's 'Galaxy' from San Juan, Puerto Rico round trip to 8 tropical islands from Aruba to Tortola. **For flyers or more info, call 410-729-8593.** Group prices through Feb. 29th.

**Holy Rosary Church:** Sign up now to enjoy a spiritual day in Baltimore learning more about St. Faustina and Divine Mercy. **11 AM Mass, tour, luncheon, free time for reflection, gift shop and 3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Gunther tour bus leaves St. John the Evangelist Parking lot at 9:30AM and returns at 4:30PM on **Wednesday March 5, 2008. Cost is only 42.00!** Contact Sarah Ranke at 410-647-3629 or email [shrank@verizon.net](mailto:shrank@verizon.net). . Spiritual trip is sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court 2350.


**The Lord said to Abram: "All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." Genesis 12:1-4**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

**NOTE OF THANKS**

*We would like to thank our church family which has helped us through her ordeal which started in July. The constant flow of prayers, phone calls, and cards made it possible to continue on in spite of all the complications. Cookie continues to have problems especially with itching and pain which we hope will eventually resolve itself. We backed away from a number of things including leadership of the Senior Ministry. We thank Herb Jankowski for agreeing to take on that responsibility. We are confident the Senior Ministry will move forward to new levels of accomplishment. We will support Herb and the Senior Ministry in any way we can.*

Cookie and Skip Welch

 <p>Sacrificial Giving</p>
<p>Feb. 10th our faithful stewards gave \$4,053.00 Our Poor Box collection \$ 147.21 Attendance: 570</p>
<p><b>We thank you as always for your generosity!</b></p>