



# The Marian Messenger

Bi-monthly Newsletter of the Sodality of Our Lady

*“Mary, Our First Disciple, Show Us The Way To Jesus”*

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## Prefect's Perspective

Good News! Our Lenten journey continues drawing us closer to our own salvation. Because of this, we are looking up, way up. A recent email I received from a faithful friend observed: “Worry looks around; sorry looks back; faith looks up.”

In the articles you'll find in this newsletter, you can see that faith is at work in our Sodality. The prayers and service we offer up for our families, the Church and its leaders, and for the wider community, are abundant. For example, we Sodalists will offer up over 10 thousand prayers or acts of service for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict, XVI from now until next Christmas.

Our prayers are a powerful way to help others find faith, hope and love during times of worry and sorrow. They also help us deepen our own personal relationship with Jesus, the source of our salvation, and the source of all Good News in our world today. We are helping spread the Good News through our faith. The more we look up to our Father in heaven, the faster the worries and sorrows of this world will fall away.

Cindy Perry

## Important Dates:

- Apr 3-5** St. Hugh's Women's Retreat @WRH
- Apr 4** Sodality Union Mtg
- Apr 14** EC Mtg /7pm/Rectorly
- Apr 19** Diving Mercy Sunday
- Apr 26** Sodality Mass & Mtg  
8:00am Grenoble Hall
- May 2** Sodality Union Mtg
- May 8** May News Articles Due
- May 12** EC Mtg/7pm/Rectorly
- May 24** Sodality Mass & Mtg  
8am/Grenoble Hall
- May 24** Newsletter published

## Apostolic Life

About 125 University of Maryland students enjoyed a home cooked dinner compliments of St. Hugh's Parish on Wednesday, March 4. Different parishes take turns providing the meal after the 5:30 pm mass on Wednesday nights at the Catholic Student Center. The students feasted on baked ham, baked potatoes, creamy broccoli casserole, delicious corn pudding and a wide variety of desserts. Fifteen Sodalists and other parishioners were cheerful servers, greeters and kitchen crew.

The students were extremely grateful and appreciative and entertained the helpers during cleanup with rousing karaoke songs. Father Kyle Ingels, chaplain of the Catholic Student Center, expressed his thanks and appreciation as well. A wonderful time was had by everyone.

The Sodality would like to thank all of the volunteers who cooked items for the dinner as well as those who also transported food and helped with setup, serving and cleanup. (See photo on right).

Without your help this event would not have been possible.

Suzanne Lomax



## What Are You Doing Thursday Night?

On most Thursday evenings, the Archdiocese of Washington pre-records a Mass for Sunday broadcast. The taping of the Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Crypt Church. The Crypt Church is located on the lower level of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Then WHUT, Channel 32, broadcasts the Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday.

The Sodality Union of the Archdiocese of Washington, as a part of its commitment to spirituality and service, asks its member Sodalities for support. They ask for monetary contributions to help the Archdiocese defray the costs of recording and broadcasting the Masses. They also ask our Sodalists to attend the tapings.

Our Special Services Committee Chairwoman, Mrs. Blanche Rumbold, has the schedule for the remainder of 2009. She also posted a copy of it on the Church bulletin board. Why not attend one or more of these Masses? You will be letting those who are unable to make it to the Church know we remember them.



A University of Maryland student posed for a photo in front of the dessert table on Wed, Mar 4.

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## Prayer

Lord,  
give us the  
courage  
to speak when  
we should,  
to keep silent  
when silence is better,  
to face life as it is, and  
to dedicate each new day to You.



Give us the wisdom to see the  
possibilities of holy service, and then  
grant us a strong will to dare to do  
everything that needs to be done.  
Your will, not ours, be done, O Lord.

Amen

## Prayer Corner

Please remember in your prayers all of the intentions listed in the Sodality Prayer book found on the table at the entrance of St. Hugh's Church. Also remember to pray for the following people and their families:

**Margaret Kivlin:** as she fights on in her battle against cancer.

**Theresa Smallwood's** husband: he suffered a stroke last fall and he now requires constant care.

**Father Tappe:** for the continued healing of his shoulder injury.

**Karl McFarland,** Kathleen McFarland's son: for success of the multiple surgeries he is undergoing for a brain aneurism.

**Chuck Hatcher** and **Dalisay Lopez:** for a return to health of these parishioners who both were recently hospitalized.

**Gloria Wilson:** for her rapid recovery from dental surgery

**Father Kyle** and all the **students** at the **University of Maryland's**

**Catholic Student Center:** may their faith community continue to prosper and grow.

**In thanksgiving:** for all those who generously donated their time, talent and treasure to the Taste of Home Outreach at the UMD.

**In thanksgiving:** for all the lay ministers of our parish, may their labors in the vineyard be a light that draws others to God.

## History Corner

As many of you may know, most of our historical files were "lost" after prefect Mary Curley passed away in 2000. We would like to try to recapture our history through the kindness of our current Sodalists and through the family and friends of those Sodalists who have passed away. If you have a photograph or a story or a memory you could share, please consider giving our newsletter editor, Mary Wade, a call. Photos can be scanned and returned to you. Stories can be shared by telephone, email or mail...or even in person.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter would have the name of "Sunday of the Divine Mercy". He made his proclamation during the ceremony of the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000. "Theologically, it is significant that this Sunday is the conclusion of the Octave of Easter," said Cardinal Francis Arinze of Divine Mercy Sunday. "Thus is shown the strict link between the paschal mystery of the Redemption and the Feast of Divine Mercy."



In a vision to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in 1935, the Lord revealed a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to say—the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy—and He promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it: **Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death...I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy... (DIARY, 687) Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. (DIARY,1731)**

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Chaplet is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically requested that it be used as a novena on the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter).

It is also appropriate to say the Chaplet during the three o'clock hour (recalling the time of Christ's death on the cross). In His revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for special prayer and veneration for His Passion during this time. (from: Marians of the Immaculate Conception, website: [www.marian.org](http://www.marian.org). See also: [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org))

## How to Recite the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

- 1. The Sign of the Cross**
- 2. Opening Prayer (optional):**  
O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (three times)
- 3. The Our Father**
- 4. The Hail Mary**
- 5. The Apostles' Creed**
- 6. On the "Our Father" bead before each decade:**  
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
- 7. On the "Hail Mary" beads of each decade:**  
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- 8. After 5 decades, the concluding doxology (3X):**  
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- 9. Closing Prayer (optional):**  
Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless, and the Treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen.

## Special Services

Two upcoming pilgrimages:

1. The Sodality of St. Margaret of Scotland is sponsoring a pilgrimage to *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton National Shrine and The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes*, Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on June 13, 2009 at 6:30am-6:30pm. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$30. Make checks payable to St. Margaret of Scotland Sodality. All money is due by May 17, 2009.

Contact:

Ms. Gloria Stewart @ 301-499-9264 or  
Ms. Jean Jackson @ 301-336-4882

2. Deacon Clark Glenn of Saint Ignatius Parish 2315 Brinkley Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744 is sponsoring a pilgrimage following the "Missionary Journey of St. Paul" from Nov 3-13. The cost is \$3100 per person and the initial deposit of \$300 is due by April 1, 2009. Payments can be made by credit card or by **check or money order payable to Trafalgar Tours**. Contact: Deacon Glenn at 301-567-4740

## February, March and April Birthdays:

Barbara Ford	March 2
Martha Loutsch	March 22
Gail Sockwell-Thompson	March 25
Mary Ann Schulz-Tretler	April 7
Cindy Perry	April 14
Blanche Rumbold	April 20

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## The Gabriel Network

Many of you have heard of the Gabriel Network (formally known as the Gabriel Project), but do not know the kind of services they offer women who find themselves in crisis pregnancies.

- **Transitional Housing**– about 70% of the women who come to the Gabriel Network for help, are homeless. The Network is able to provide transitional housing for 30 women for up to 6 months after the birth of their child.
- **Angel Friend Program**– trained volunteers provide the women with ongoing practical and spiritual help.
- **Aspire Educational and Professional Assistance**– \$10,000-15,000 a year is allocated for college, and professional training
- **New Mom's Health Program**– registered nurses educate new moms on proper care and nutrition needs of their child and themselves
- **Road to a New Life**– donations of used cars are matched with the needs of donors, e.g. transportation to doctor appointments, school and jobs
- **Computer for Clients**– after successful completion of a three hour course, moms receive a free computer

If you are able to make a donation of time, talent or treasure, or if you know of someone who may have found herself in a crisis pregnancy situation, contact the Gabriel Network at :

**1-800-ANGEL-OK**



This photo was taken at the **Right to Life March** in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, January 22, 2009...

*Courtesy of Mary Wade*

### **Reminder:**

Our lector for the April 26th general meeting will be Rita Radich. The gift bearers are Gloria Wilson and Barbara Ford. Flowers for the BVM statue will be donated by Peggy Compton. Our lector for the May 24th general meeting will be Suzanne Lomax. The gift bearers are Rosemary Sorber and Teresa Smallwood. Flowers for the BVM statue will be donated by Candy Culhane.