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# The Marian Messenger

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**Mary, Our Mother, Teach Us To Shine Your Quiet Light On Our Pathway to Jesus**

## ***Important Dates:***

Nov 13 Bazaar 9am-3pm  
Nov 14 Bazaar 9am-1pm  
Nov 23 EC mtg @ 7pm  
Dec 4 SU mtg  
Dec 5 Mass & Rosary @ 8am  
Christmas Party  
Dec 8 Immaculate Conception  
Dec 12 Fr. Tappe 25th Jubilee  
Dec 28 EC mtg @ 7pm/Rectory  
Jan. news articles due  
Jan 1 Mary, Mother of God  
Jan 2 Mass & Meeting @ 8am  
Newsletter published

## **Prefect's Perspective**

The holidays are upon us - my most favorite time of the year. As we enjoy our many blessings with our families, let us keep in our prayers those whose circumstances prevent them from being with their families. We are all part of the family of God for which we can be extremely thankful. This **November, let us pray** that God will meet the daily needs of those struggling to feed and care for their families.

As we enter Advent and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord, this **December, let us pray** that we are able to hear with open hearts the call to our Christian vocation. Let us offer a special prayer for Father Tappe as he celebrates 25 years of fidelity to his vocation as a priest.

May all of you have a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Laurie

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## **Around the Sodality**

- Many thanks to Kathy Schiek and Cindy Perry and everyone else who donated cakes and volunteered their time with the dessert table at the Oktoberfest on October 16th. Our combined efforts help raise \$266.00 for the church.
- Thank you to Martha Loutsch for coordinating the recent Day of Reflection. There were 20 attendees and 5 were men.
- A big thank you in advance to all those who will bake and serve at the Bazaar.
- Congratulations to Liz Labukas on her retirement from the Greenbelt Nursery School ... after 33 years of service!
- We look forward to our annual Christmas Party on Dec 5th, in Grenoble Hall, following our 8AM Mass and Rosary.

## Apostolic Spirituality : Being a Contemplative in Action

Apostolic Spirituality means healthy self-giving, in witness to the Gospel and in imitation of Christ's life of ministry. In Apostolic Spirituality, one views prayer as a means to being freely available to love the neighbor. The person who seeks to live an apostolic spirituality, seeks to act in cooperation with the will of God. This is Christian discipleship and there are three phases to the process that Jesus models for us; forgiveness (hospitality and freedom), friendship (intimacy and community), and mission (witness and service). In order for there to be a healthy spirituality, there needs to be balance between community and apostolate, family and ministry. We need to waste time with God and with each other if we are to witness a healthy spirituality.

In Ignatian terms (the Sodality is founded on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius), an apostolic spirituality demands that we learn to live and act as a discerner of spirits and a seeker of God's desire for us and our ministry. This means keeping my focus on my relationship with God and trusting that God will bring me to what God wants for me, provided I do what I can within the constraints of time available to me. It means growing as a contemplative in action, as a person who increasingly joins with God (contemplative) by healthily loving the neighbor (in action).

### Twelve Practices of a Contemplative in Action

1. Growing in one's knowledge of Sacred Scripture (Word) and actively participating in the church's sacramental life (Worship)
2. "Wasting time" with God through the discipline of dedicating definite periods of time to God, praying in whatever way works: for example, imaginative prayer, affective prayer, meditative prayer (i.e., pondering holy texts), praying before icons or holy pictures, engaging in centering prayer or Zen sitting.
3. Making the examination of consciousness daily.
4. Spontaneously and briefly turning to God, to Jesus, to the Spirit, to Mary or one of the saints, during the course of the day.
5. Seeking to live and act in the here-and-now.
6. Becoming more and more detached from my ego-centered thinking and feeling.
7. Recalling where my identity comes from as I act in my varied roles and need to deal with criticism that comes to me in my roles.
8. Developing a contemplative attitude, i.e., attending to the other (whether it be a rose, a sunset, or a person) as other and letting the other affect me, move me, on its terms.
9. Moving back and forth from the dance floor of direct engagement to the balcony view of the system as system, asking what God is trying to do on each level.
10. Deepening, and asking the Spirit to help me deepen, my gratitude as a fundamental virtue.
11. Learning how to discern spirits, moods, and feelings, as they affect my outlook, attitude and choices.
12. Making the effort, with increasing frequency, to choose what is more to God's greater (external) glory and more congruent with my deepest desires at significant junctures in my life.

\*The full text for this summary can be found on our website. Reprinted with permission from Brian O. McDermott, S.J.

### *Prayer Corner*

**O Jesus**, Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I offer you the prayers, works, joys,  
and sufferings of this day,  
for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart,  
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the  
world,  
 in reparation for my sins,  
for the intentions of the Holy Father, and  
especially for [name our own intentions]. Amen

### *Happy Birthday Sodalists*

Gloria Wilson Nov.1  
Rosemary Sorber Nov.13  
Franca Onunkwo Nov.15  
Vickie Caflin Nov.21  
Eunice Barber Nov.25  
Anne Chukwu Dec.16  
Mary Moien Dec.27



## Franciscan Lecture

Washington Theological Union presents its 2010 Franciscan Lecture on  
Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00pm.

### Holy Church and Holy Writ: Bonaventure's Contribution to the Debate Over the Meaning of Tradition

presented by C. Colt Anderson, Ph.D. WTU Academic Dean.

What is the relationship between scripture and tradition? What is the authority of canon law? Is the tradition living and capable of development? This lecture will explain St. Bonaventure's role in clarifying the nature of authority in the Catholic Church and will indicate potential trajectories of his thought for contemporary questions.

This lecture is **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**.

For more information, visit [www.wtu.edu](http://www.wtu.edu) or contact Fr. Michael W. Blastie, OFM at [mblastie@wtu.edu](mailto:mblastie@wtu.edu).

Refreshments will be served.

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## Apostolic Outreach: 40 Days For Life

For the second time this year, pro-lifers sponsored "40 Days for Life". St. Hugh's parishioners joined priests, deacons, and laity from neighboring parishes for prayer, fasting, vigils and community outreach.

The program targeted the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic at 5915 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights.

St. Hugh's prayed the rosary every Saturday morning before Mass, attended Wednesday evening prayer services in front of the clinic and supplied many who prayed before the clinic on Greenbelt Road from September 22 to October 31st. They prayed for the conversion of the abortionists and their staff, for the mothers and fathers considering abortion, for mothers and fathers who had had the abortion, and for all of us, that we will stand up and not be silent about the tragedy of abortion.

Pro-lifers presented the film, "Maafa 21", to the community at the Greenbelt Community Center, followed by discussion and distribution of brochures about abortion and abortion in Maryland. The film presents the history of the eugenics movement as it eventually turns to abortion to reach its goals. The film argues that the abortion industry and particularly, Planned Parenthood, promotes Black genocide in America. (A copy of the film is available for viewing.)

Plan to participate when "40 Days for Life" repeats.

*Rita Radich*

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## January is Vocations Awareness Month

On October 16th, Marti Galvin represented St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church at a workshop on Vocation Awareness. Plans are being made for a *Vocations Awareness Week* in January. Please consider the following invitation to:

### The Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society

#### Day of Reflection

Saturday, January 22, 2011 at

#### Annunciation Church

3810 Massachusetts Avenue NW, DC from 9:am-2:00pm.

For more information visit [www.dcvocations.org](http://www.dcvocations.org) or contact Maris Moriarty at [moriartym@adw.org](mailto:moriartym@adw.org) or 301-853-4584.

Look for details about upcoming events in our parish bulletin.

## Reminder..

Our lector for the 8 a.m. Mass on *December 5th* is **Suzanne Lomax**.

**Marti Galvin** will provide **flowers** for the BVM statue.

**Marti Galvin** and **JoEllen Sarf** will be our **gift bearers**.

Our lector for our 8 a.m. Mass on *January* is **Mary Wade**.

**Beth Osborne** will provide **flowers** for the BVM statue.

**Beth Osborne** and **Barbara Ford** will be our **gift bearers**.

Thank you.

