

The scene of the temptation, which opens the public life of Jesus, declares in the Gospels in a very forceful manner the great change in our lives that He introduces into the world by His work of redemption. Where Adam fell, Christ, the new Head of humanity, triumphs over the power of Satan: at the time of His passion "the prince of this world" will be cast out. The Gospel of the temptation heralds Christ's victory.



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights to Knights speaker series: Save the Date: Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Ryken High School** Come hear Steve Ray discuss "The Failure of Sola Scripture and Why I Believe in the Church." This talk is open to the public and is free.

**Retreat for Women:** March 16-18 at Loyola Retreat House. Please consider taking time away from the busy world and renew your inner peace. Loyola has private rooms - you won't be in a dormitory setting. The retreat is silent, so you have ample time for reflection. The grounds are beautiful and welcoming. The cost is \$225, but please don't let that stop you from making the retreat. They are willing to help anyone have a retreat who wishes one. Please call Loyola at 301-392-0801 for more information. To register for a retreat, send your name, gender, address, home phone and a deposit of \$110 to Loyola Retreat House, Attention: Reservations, P. O. Box 9, Faulkner, MD 20632. The schedule for the retreat is at [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com)

**St. Mary's Ryken** is hosting an **Open House** on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for prospective students and parents to explore all that St. Mary's Ryken has to offer! Meet the students, faculty, and coaches. Learn about the college preparatory curriculum and the extracurricular activities. Tour the beautiful college-like campus. Information on admission, scholarships and financial aid will be available. For more information, visit [www.smrhs.org](http://www.smrhs.org) or contact the Admissions Office at 301-373-4183.

**Pictorial Directory:** The pictorial directories are in the sacristy for all those who had their pictures taken, please pick up your copy if you have not done so already.

**Southern Maryland Youth Day: Mission Possible** will be on March 17, 2012 from 9:30am to 8:30pm at St. John Francis Regis Church in Hollywood, MD. This event is open to youth from 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. It is a day-long opportunity for Southern Maryland teens to rejuvenate their faith. This year's keynote speaker is Sr. Maria de la Revelacion Castaneda, SSVM. The day will include Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Mass, and an evening dance. Registration is officially open online at [www.stmaryscatholicityouth.com](http://www.stmaryscatholicityouth.com).



**Mass Intentions  
February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday	9:00am	Frank Dean
Wednesday	9:00am	Robbie Norris
Thursday	9:00am	Mary Mercure
Friday	9:00am	Lee Fangmeyer, Sr.
Saturday	5:30pm	Intentions of Diana Phelps
Sunday	8:15am	Robbie Norris
Sunday	10:30am	St. Michael's Parish

**Lent**

**Good Friday** is a day of fast and abstinence. **All Fridays** during Lent are days of abstinence. **The Light is on for You:** Confessions on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

**Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier** is from Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> through Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Holy Face Church will host a **Lenten Retreat** from March 7<sup>th</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm each evening in the church. The Retreat will be led by Sister Rose Clarisse Gadoury, Sisters of St. Ann. The theme of her 3-day program will be "Who Are You: What Do You Want?" Wednesday's reflection will be "Love: The Way of Discipleship" and will be followed by reconciliation. Thursday will be Mass and the reflection will be "People of God"; Friday will be Stations of the Cross and the reflection will be: "Discipleship: Way of Intimacy."

**March Community Breakfast** - Father Andrew White School Home and School Association is sponsoring a community all-you-can-eat breakfast at Father Andrew White School on Sunday, March 4 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The menu features eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits with gravy, pancakes and more. Cost: Ages 13 and up - \$8 Ages 4-12 - \$4 Under 3 - FREE

**Stewardship Report**  
Offertory February 19<sup>th</sup>



**Weekend Ministries  
February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Committee** J. Kellam/M.

McKay

**Linens** M. Raley

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30pm**

A. Pratt (L), A. Bishop (R)

A. Bishop, S. Cassidy, T. Rossi (EMs)

Altar Servers: R. Cullison, J. Fore, A. McCloskey

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:15pm**

J. Kellam (L), R. Pajak (R)

J. Dominic, C. Carson, J. Kayser (EMs)

Altar Servers: H. Barickman, C. & T. Cooper

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am**

C. Miller (L), F. Hall (R)

J. Graham, P. Hall, C. Miller (EMs)



**Pray for the Sick**

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| Gerald Adkinson   | Ruby Adkinson     |
| Vivian Barnes     | Edith Bean        |
| Pam Bohmann       | Janice Cheseldine |
| Laura Clements    | Bertille Cooper   |
| Ann DeJong        | Willie Dunbar     |
| Peaches Fallon    | Joe Gatton        |
| Marian Gatton     | Michael Hammett   |
| David Harris      | Mary Agnes Hill   |
| Elizabeth Marcaux | Diane Miller      |
| Rosemary Miller   | Marie Morgan      |
| Fr. O'Connell     | Casey Potter      |
| Lawrence Potter   | Ross Raley        |
| Scott Raley       | Rene Sanders      |

St. Mary's Ryken will be leading a group of young people on the pilgrimage to **World Youth Day 2013** in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil. I am sure there are some young people, who would benefit greatly from this incredible experience. I would appreciate it if you could put something in your bulletin announcing this trip to the youth in your parish. Those interested can contact me directly at [gdempsey@smrhs.org](mailto:gdempsey@smrhs.org). We are trying to form a group now and we will have a solid price soon on the exact cost of the trip. We are estimating between \$3300-\$4000 because of the \$300 registration fee for WYD. We need to have our group complete by July 2012, yes 6 months away. The purpose of this is to allow time for our travel visas to clear through the US government. Passports alone are not sufficient for travel to Brasil and visas can take up to 11 months.

**Ladies of Charity meeting**, Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the sacristy.



**St. Michael's  
School News**



**Extra! Extra! Read All About It!** The Department of Elementary Schools of the National Catholic Education Association recognizes St. Michael's School as one of four recipients of the 2012 NCEA Distinguished Home and School Association Award. We won this honor last year for the wonderful "Thanks-A-Million" campaign and never before in the history of NCEA has a school won two years in a row! This year we submitted the Cash Bash event which was a huge success. None of this would have been possible without YOU! We are grateful to all of you for your commitment to Catholic education and outstanding contributions to the life of our school.

St. Michael's School and parish will participate in the **Share in Hope Food Drive** on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. The food collected will support our community and fill the shelves of St. Cecilia's food pantry. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make a check payable to the **First District Catholic Aid Society** and put in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued support of those in need in our community.

Our students will also participate in **Operation Rice Bowl** during Lent. This endeavor provides traditional Lenten themes of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. We are able to support people in need around the world, with 25% of the donations remaining in the Archdiocese to help food pantries. Please visit the Operation Rice Bowl webpage for additional information. Cardboard bowls are available in the back of the church for assembly. They may be returned to the back of the church on Palm Sunday.

The 8th grade is sponsoring a **Pizza Social** on March 2nd from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Pizza and fried shrimp will be served.

Help **Boy Scout Troop 1634** go hiking, camping and canoeing by getting your **spring mulch delivered and spread!!!** Single ground mulch \$ 3.75 per 50lbs (50lb bag equivalent/ Approx 3 cubic feet)\$ 3.00 per 50lbs spread. Delivery between March 15 and April 15, 2012 **\*\*QUANTITY IS LIMITED AND ORDERS ARE HANDLED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS\*\*** Place order directly with a scout, call Hank at (240) 925-4448 or e-mail your order to [TROOP1634MULCH@YAHOO.COM](mailto:TROOP1634MULCH@YAHOO.COM) - Info required: -mulch quantity requested, delivery address, delivery time and date, name and phone