



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 28-29, 2012**

**Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28**

After the call of the first disciples Mark moves to present a picture of Jesus at work. The journey begun by the lake now moves to Capernaum. The ministers of God's saving work must go to the people.

Jesus' words affected the people deeply. They perceived a different quality in the teaching. They perceived a different kind of authority behind the words which contrasted with the usual teaching from the Scribes.

Scribes were professional religious experts on the Law or Torah. The scribes that Jesus knew were probably Pharisees but all religious groups had their scribes. These experts were first of all defenders of the tradition, hence their tendency to be particular about the letter of the Law. They would also be wary of those they considered amateurs.

In his Gospel, Mark will continue to present Jesus as Teacher. The authority of Jesus will be established not only with words but also with deeds.

The teaching and discussion is interrupted. Into the synagogue breaks a man suffering from a disorder which caused convulsions. He challenges Jesus by yelling abusively. Jesus addresses the disturbed spirit in the man. "Be muzzled!" This is a strong word and conveys more than the usual rendering of the word as "be silent!"

Jesus is saying that there is only one Word to be uttered and that is the Word of God. This is echoed in 1:34 where Mark says that Jesus would not permit the demons to speak. In the second part of the drama Jesus expels the disturbed spirit. Thus the ministry of healing begins.

One of the great wonders of the Gospels is the way the evangelists pack so much into so few words. In the course of a few sentences Mark establishes Jesus in his ministry and sets the scene for the pattern of discipleship. Jesus is established as Prophet through his authority which is recognized by the people. It is the ordinary people who are able to discern what is authentic.

**PRAYER LIST FOR January ...**we pray for: Gary Hudson, Sylvia Lester, Betty Yeater, Brayden Sines, Laura Harrison, Sue Shaw, Consi & Aiden White, Brian Zerbe, George Miller, Holly Marshall & Family, Rob McBee, Barbara Parker, Stephen Ross, Bill Mott, Joan Johnson, Michelle Vail, Judy Stark, Arden Bothe, Annemarie Poyer, Jack Ward, Kathy Hemmer, Tom Stuckey, Patrick Ashby, Sharon & Pat Rothman, all the sick of our parish, and all military personnel. God bless them all. (Names are taken off on the first weekend of each month. You may call the office at any time during the month.)

**†Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults...Sunday in the basement of the church after the 9am Mass.**

**Next sessions:**

2/5...Rite of Acceptance...at the 9am Mass & Nicene Creed (10am to 11:30am)

2/12...Bible: Old & New Testament



**2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is here!**

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to our parish. For example, *funds support our sister parish, parish youth ministry and various maintenance projects at our church.*

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Entrusted With a Stewardship." We have been entrusted with a stewardship to care for the less fortunate members of our community. Let us act as our Savior Jesus Christ and touch their lives with compassion.

Your gift will enable archdiocesan support of ministry, education, and services that touch thousands of lives here and throughout the world.

Our parish receives 25% of each dollar contributed up to our goal of \$26,900. Then, we receive 50% of the additional funds received. This year, we will commit our parish rebates to help our sister parish and assistance with a Habitat Build in our community.

Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be billed in ten monthly installments.

Thank you in advance for your support. God bless.

**†Lay Minister Schedule for Masses:**

2-4-12 4pm Read: Perez

EM's: Myers, Rodeheaver, Gillespie

2-5-12 9am Read: Utterback

EM's: Tomlin, Thorne, Kealy, Nolan\*

**†Sunday School Schedule of Events:**

**Jan. 29 – 15<sup>th</sup> Class/Family Life Program**

- Parent Mtg. for Family Life 10am

- Reconciliation Mtg. 11:15am

**Feb. 5 – 16<sup>th</sup> Class/Family Life Program**

**HOMEBOUND PRAYER INTENTION for**

**JANUARY:** That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives. **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:** That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all people of good will.

**THE "BIG" FISH DINNERS ARE COMING**

to our parish hall from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

\*February 24, 2012 to March 30, 2012\*

**Parish Gift Shop!** Shop in the church basement and at the Lake Center. Great gift ideas!

**COMMUNION CLOTH MINISTRY**

1/29/12...Jean Schrider 2/5/12...Jean Coviello

**Scout Recognition Dinner – The Pangborn Council #1365, Knights of Columbus, invites every Scout and Scouter to be their guest at a Scout Recognition Dinner on Sunday, February 12, 2012.**

The event begins at 3:00pm with a social and review of exhibits with dinner at 4:00pm. The location is the Council's home, 20340 Leitersburg Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland. **The dinner is FREE of CHARGE for each Scouter and Scout plus an adult guest.** Scouts and Leaders are requested to attend in uniform. **Please RSVP** to Fred Nugent by e-mail: [fnugent@verizon.net](mailto:fnugent@verizon.net), or telephone: 301-739-9325 no later than February 6, 2012. Hope to see you there.

**DAILY MASS...Bad Weather Policy**

If school is delayed or closed,

**no** Mass at 8:15am.

If school is closed or dismissed early,

**no** Mass at 6:30pm.

If school is closed or dismissed before lunch,

**no** Mass at 12 noon.

**THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON THE WEEKEND OR ON A HOLY DAY** does NOT apply if you are sick. **ALSO...**It does NOT apply if the weather is too treacherous for travel. CONSIDER YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS ON THE ROAD. **➔ We will have any cancellations of Sunday/Holy Day Masses due to snowy/icy weather conditions announced on the local radio stations.**

**All married couples** are cordially invited to join Cardinal-Elect Edwin O'Brien for the special World Marriage Day Mass and Reception at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, on **February 12, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is Feb. 17 - 19, 2012.** Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending. Early application is highly recommended. **Call 410-665-5700 for information.**

**Senior Moments (our 50+ gang) OUT TO LUNCH AND A MOVIE on Wednesday, (NOT FRIDAY!)**

**Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM. Meet at Uno's for lunch and go to the movie of your choice that same afternoon.** In case of inclement weather, the group should check their email, listen to the radio or call the church office. Do what you think is best, but we hope that we all get the chance to join in the merriment!

**OLD/USED CELL PHONES WANTED!!!**

*Help our church and help the environment!!!*

**From February 4 through February 27, we will have a Cell Phone Drive**



For the next few weeks, boxes will be provided at the doors of the church and the center.

Help our parish raise funds for community efforts and

get all those unused phones out of your house!!!

Thanks for helping!

**Help a Head Start child stay warm this winter!**

Several Head Start sites in Baltimore are in need of coats for their children. Help out with a donation of new or gently used coats. If you are able to help, call the Volunteer Coordinator at 410-276-5724 (Needed: GIRLS & BOYS sizes: 2T through size 10)

**CALCULATORS' SCHEDULE:**

Jan. 29/Church: Team #2-Coviellos, Bakers

Jan. 29/Center: Team #7-Gloeckl, Stahl, Mitchell

Feb. 5/Church: Team #4-Thorne, Stem, Gregory, Matthews

Feb. 5/Center: Team #8-Schriders, Shaw



**TAX TIME!** If you wish to have an accounting of your **envelope offerings** to the church for the 2011 tax year, please contact the parish office at 301-334-2202.



**In the Archdiocese of Baltimore, we will celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life on February 4, 2012.** This year's theme is:

**FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL.** Pope John Paul II called for the promotion of a consecrated life. There are different forms of consecrated life. We take this opportunity to promote vocations and to ask the Lord to bless those who have dedicated themselves to his service through consecrated life. Let us express our gratitude to those in the Archdiocese of Baltimore by asking God to continue being their strength and light so that they in turn may be strength and light for others.

**✠ Mass Intentions-Jan. 28-Feb. 5, 2012✠**

Sat	Parish Family	4:00pm
Sun.	Donald Helbig ✠	9:00am
Mon.	Gen & John Kovalic ✠	8:15am
Tues.	Christine Stegmaier ✠	6:30pm
Wed.	William Stuckey ✠	12:00pm
Thurs.	Communion Service	8:15am
Fri.	Arthur Nicholson ✠	8:15am
Sat	Joseph Ahern ✠	4:00pm
Sun.	Parish Family	9:00am

*(Daily Mass Intentions are subject to change due to emergencies, weather or the availability of a priest.)*