

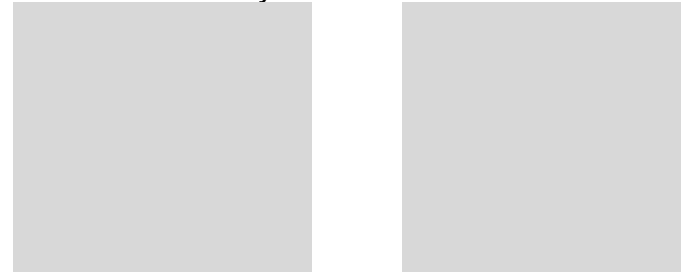
# Mass Intentions

November 28, 2011 – December 4, 2011



MON	6:30 pm All Souls <i>Is 2: 1-5</i>	<i>Mt 8: 5-11</i>	Chapel
TUE	6:30 pm All Souls <i>Is 11: 1-10</i>	<i>Lk 10: 21-24</i>	Chapel
WED	6:30 pm All Souls <i>Rom 10: 9-18</i>	<i>Mt 4: 18-22</i>	Chapel
THU	6:30 <i>Is 26: 1-6</i>	<i>Mt 7: 21, 24-27</i>	Chapel
FRI	9:00 am 6:30 pm <i>Is 29: 17-24</i>	<i>Mt 9: 27-31</i>	Church Chapel
SAT	9:00 am 5:00 pm <i>Is 30: 19-21, 23-26</i>	<i>Mt 9: 35-10:1, 5a, 6-8</i>	Church Church
SUN	8:00 am Parishioners of SPN 9:30 am 11:00 am <i>Is 40:1: 1-5, 9-11</i>	<i>2 Pt 3:8-14</i> <i>Mk 1: 1-8</i>	Church Church Church

## Prayers for the Sick



Those that are ill or an immediate family member can call the Parish Center to have a name added to the "Prayers for the Sick List". Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of all the faithful departed. May they rest peacefully in the arms of the Lord.

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

"Liturgy of the Hours is the richest single prayer source of the Catholic church. It provides prayer, psalms and meditation for every hour of the day. It has existed from the earliest times to fulfill the Lords' command to pray without ceasing"

( <http://universalis.com/> )

On every Wednesday, beginning November 30<sup>th</sup>, Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed after the 6:30 pm Mass. On the last Wednesday of each month, Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed specifically for the intention of those recently deceased members of our parish community.

**All are invited to attend.**

## St Philip Neri Sacrificial Giving

**Due to publishing deadline, the offertory will be published in the next bulletin.**

**Thank-you**

### Bulletin Announcements:

All bulletin announcements must be submitted **11** days prior to publication. Those submitted after deadline, will be in the next bulletin.



**Catholic Media CD's**

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's are now available again in the North Lobby. The CD's are great for personal use or for family and friends. They are easy to listen to at home or in the car. A great way to learn about a variety of vital topics and pass on compelling talks. CD's are \$3.00 each and can be placed directly in the display.

A **new Catholic Lighthouse Display** is located in the **South Lobby**. Various titles can be located in the north lobby display as well, If you can't locate a title, leave the title and your phone number in the box and we will contact you if it is in stock.

**NEW TITLES AVAILABLE.**

- Pure Freedom (young adults)
- Pursing Holiness St. Francis De Sales
- I'm not Being Fed
- Understanding the Eucharist
- 15 Things to do in the Midst of Suffering
- Defending Truth and Life
- Power of a Mother's Prayer
- The Mass Come Alive (kids) Episode 1
- Amazing Angels and Super Saints (kids) Episode 1
- The Pornography Plague
- The Healing Power of Confession
- Building Better Families
- God Will Provide
- How to Bring Fallen Away Catholics back to Church
- Counting your Blessings
- The Truth about Angels and Demons
- Discipline that Lasts a Lifetime
- Former Satanist becomes Catholic
- Call to Joy
- Why I am a Catholic when I could be anything else

CD of the month club is available at [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.com](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.com)



JUNIOR CHOIR (ages Kindergarten and up) will begin practice on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th from 6:00 to 6:30 in church. Please come and sing praises to the Lord. For more information call Karen Strecker at 410 850 0782 or 410 615 3564



**Knights of Columbus**

St. Philip Neri Council #14612 of the Knights of Columbus meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center Hall and the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in the rectory. Both meetings start at 8:00pm. Check out our blog at: <http://linthicumknights.blogspot.com>



**"Keep Christ in Christmas" Cards**

The cards are sale in the North Lobby by the St. Philip Knights of Columbus Council after Masses in the Parish Hall. Remember, Christmas is only **4 weeks** away!!!

**Men's Club**

We would like to invite all Men to attend our meetings. The Men's Clubs meets every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month in the Parish Center.

**The Blessed Mother Sodality**

*The Rosary intention for November is for the eastern Churches, that their venerable tradition may be known and appreciated as a spiritual treasure for the entire Church.*

Pope Benedict XVI



The next Sodality Meeting on December 6, 2011 at **6:30 PM** in the Rectory. (new time of meeting)



My Offering	
Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____
State	_____
Zip	_____
Phone	_____
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Second Offering Next Week will be for the **Repair & Maintenance Fund, Outreach and Christmas Flowers**

**MARK FORREST**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 2011 & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011**

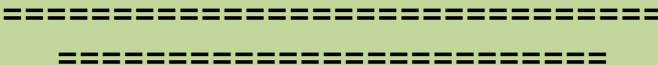
**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011 @ 7 pm  
ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH WILL HOST A CHRISTMAS CONCERT FEATURING  
**MARK FORREST**

TICKETS FOR THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING NOVEMBER 6, 2011. TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AFTER ALL MASSES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER, 6<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 27<sup>TH</sup> IN THE PARISH HALL.

TICKETS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 410-859-0571 OR HELEN ELLERMAN

**TICKET PRICES ARE \$10.00 IN ADVANCE AND \$15.00 AT THE DOOR. CHILDREN \$5.00.** TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A "MEET THE ARTIST" RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE CONCERT



**AN ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER**

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011 @ 7 pm, MARK FORREST WILL PRESENT A **SPIRITUAL ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER.**

THIS WILL BE A TIME OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, PRAISE, MUSIC, MEDITATION AND QUIET PRAYER. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY DESIGNED TO HELP US PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST CHILD



**Fall Craft Fair**

**TUITION ASSISTANCE RAFFLE TICKETS**

Tickets are available for November and December. They can be picked up at the school office or the Parish Office on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, please call 410-859-1212 .

**PARENT NIGHT OUT**



You and your spouse can enjoy an evening out with babysitting provided by Girl Scout Troop 1588.

**WHEN:** Friday, December 2, 2011

**WHERE:** St. Philip Neri School

**TIME:** 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**AGE LEVEL:** 3 to 9 years old

**COST PER EVENING:** \$5.00 per child.

*This covers cost for activities, pizza, snacks and drinks.*

Troop members have received their Babysitting Certification and will be supervised by adult troop leaders. You **MUST** email Maryann Kulesz at [RAKAK@aol.com](mailto:RAKAK@aol.com) or Jane Jarzynski at [JaneJarz@msn.com](mailto:JaneJarz@msn.com) to register your child/children for this evening.



**Court Mother Seton  
#2119 Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

The members of Court Mother Seton invite all catholic women, 18 years of age or older, to come and see what we are all about. Meetings are held in the rectory on the second Wednesday of the month from September to June at 7pm.

Catholic Daughters Court Mother Seton is currently running its Education Contest for 2012. The themes are "Planting Seeds of Faith" and "Inspiring Others to Grow." The categories are Art, Poetry and Essay. The contest is open to students in grades 4 through 8. Religious Education students and students from neighboring schools are invited to participate. Prizes are awarded at the local, state and national levels. For rules and more information call Betty at 410-859-1281

We are also currently selling 50-50 Raffle tickets for the benefit of our charities. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. The winner will be drawn at our December meeting just in time for Christmas. If you wish to "take a chance" please call Margaret Elliott at 443-889-1842 or email her at russse63@verizon.net.

**Youth Group**

**High School Youth Gatherings:**  
*November 27- NO YOUTH GATHERING*

\*High School Youth Gatherings happen on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month from 6-7:45 p.m. except for Holidays.

\*Middle School Youth Gatherings happen on the 2nd Friday of the month from 7-8:30 in the SPN school Library.



**Join St. Philip Neri Seniors  
Spring Fling on: April 14, 2012  
Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA**

***New Musical: Jonah***

**Price includes:**

**Bus**

**Lunch at Bird-In-Hand Restaurant  
Show**

**Cost: 105.00 / Adult**

**55.00 / Child 12 and under**

**Deposit: \$25.00 by January 5, 2012**

**Mary Scott:**

**Cluster**

***Holy Day Schedule***



**Immaculate Conception**

Good Shepherd	5:30 pm	December 7
Holy Trinity	6:00 pm	December 7 <i>(Spanish)</i>
St. Philip Neri	6:30 pm	December 7
Crucifixion	8:30 am	December 8
St. Philip Neri	9:00 am	December 8 <i>(school Mass)</i>
Arthur Slade	10:00 am	December 8
Holy Trinity	7:00pm	December 8
St. Philip Neri	7:00 pm	December 8
St. Bernadette	7:30 pm	December 8

**CATHOLOCISM SERIES**

*Come and Explore the Catholic Faith  
Journey around the world deep into the Faith. Witness  
the most significant story ever told. For the first time,  
witness in cinematography The beauty and truth of the  
Catholic Faith.*

**November 22, 29  
December 13 and 20  
January 10, 17, 24, 13  
February 14, 21**

**7:00 to 8:30 PM**

St.Philip Neri Parish Rectory  
6405 S. Orchard Road  
Linthicum, MD 21090

Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and Theologian, Fr. Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic Treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people.

**Call the Parish Office at 410-859-0571 ex. 217  
and register with Jenise for this course.**

## Social Outreach



“The Gift of Giving”

As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season, we are aware of these difficult times and the suffering of many due to job losses etc. The Social Outreach Ministry is working to help in as many ways and situations as possible. The amount of food in which you have given to help feed the less fortunate this Thanksgiving has been overwhelming! We **Thank You!** For the past several years we have sponsored an **Angel Tree** to provide gifts for those who would otherwise do without at Christmas. We ask that if at all possible you help us again with this project and help to spread the gift of giving this Christmas. Beginning November 26/27 there will be small trees in each lobby of the church and on each tree will be angels. Each angel will list either clothing, toy or gift suggestions for a particular person. Some angels will be for children and some will be for their parents or older siblings. We ask that you help us to provide a Christmas for these families who need our assistance. Simply take an angel home with you, buy for the wish on the angel. **You can wrap your gift or place it in a gift bag and mark it by securing the angel to your gift. \* Please return the angel as this is our way of identifying the gifts to the recipients. Please return your gift on or before but no later than Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.** (You may place your gift in the lobby in the designated gift box.) This allows us to distribute the gifts in plenty of time before Christmas. If you find that all the angels have been taken from the trees, and you would still like to participate we will accept gift cards to local stores such as Wal-Mart, Target, Toys R Us, and Best Buy. Any gift that you give will be most appreciated and will make a big difference in another person’s life. You might just be the ANGEL they need!

H.O.P.E. (For All)

### “CLOTHE THE COLD”

Sunday - December 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**St. Philip Neri Parking Lot**

Please help us as we face the challenge of meeting the growing needs in our communities.

***OUR GREATEST NEEDS AT THIS TIME ARE WINTER COATS FOR CHILDREN AGE INFANT TO SEVENTEEN WINTER CLOTHING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE FIVE TO SEVENTEEN***

***All clothing, with the exception of underwear and socks, does not need to be new.***

***However, we ask that it be clean and in good condition.***

<u>Infants&amp; Toddlers (0-5T)</u>	<u>Boys &amp; Girls Clothing</u>
<u>Men’s &amp; Women’s Clothing</u>	
Clothing shirts	Long sleeve long sleeve shirts
Hats, scarves, gloves pants)	Underwear (shirts & dress pants/kakis & jeans
Diapers, wipes	Tennis shoes, boots underwear & socks
Socks, shoes gloves	hats, scarves, sweatpants/ hooded
	Boots, hats, gloves scarves
Also needed: Beds, adjustable frames, dressers, love seats NO SOFAS, linens, blankets comforters, new pillows, and towels.	
Hygiene products of all sizes. Paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, & all types of household cleaners.	

**This will be a one day event only.**

**H.O.P.E van will be in the church parking from 8 to 1:00 only.**

**Please do leave any items in the parking lot at any time the HOPE van is not present**

If you need to make other arrangements, please call 410-859-1297.

***We would ask that all donations be limited to these items only.***

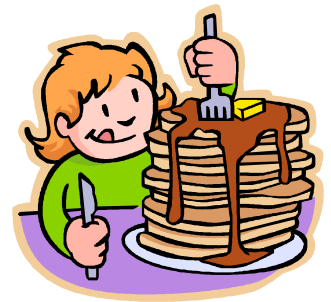


# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sunday December 11th  
9:30 am-1pm  
St. Philip Neri – Zorbach Hall

## What's on the menu?

Buffet Style Breakfast of  
Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,  
Cereal, Juice, Milk, Coffee & Tea



**Other Activities Scheduled**  
Crafts for Children, Raffles....  
*and a visit with Good ole St Nick!*



**COST IS**

**\$7.00 adults**

**\$5.00 Children 3-12**

**Under 3 Free**



(cut here and return the bottom portion to St. Philip Neri School to reserve your spot at the Breakfast with Santa.  
Please place in an envelope marked "BREAKFAST WITH SANTA" c/o Jeanne White)

Yes, I would love to attend Breakfast with Santa. I would like the following tickets:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Ticket(s) at \$7.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Children (ages 3-12) Ticket(s) at \$5.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Under 3 Tickets at NO CHARGE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to St. Philip Neri School Office in an envelope marked "BREAKFAST WITH SANTA"! Checks made payable to "TROOP 447". Tickets will be sent to your child's homeroom.*





## Major Retailers want to give Our School Money!!!!

Dear SPN Parishioners:

We are pleased to share some “**exciting news**” about a new fundraising program for our school. It is called “**SCRIP**” and it’s the fundraising program that works while you shop!

**SCRIP** is simply a word that means “substitute money” in other words, **SCRIP** is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They are the same gift cards that you purchase at the store.

The beauty of **SCRIP** is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work! You earn money for our school with spending a single additional penny. **SCRIP** can be used for any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out.

### HERE IS HOW IT WORKS:

- Go online to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and set up an account.
- The school enrollment code is **4ABL22A529679**.
- Enter your checking account information.
- Send the form and payment into the school or parish office.
- Checks are to be made out to: St. Philip Neri School.
- A comprehensive list of retailers and percentage earned for our school is available online as well as a printable order form.
- Orders will be placed the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- You need to pick the cards up in the Parish Office when they are available the hours of Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- The cards will be available 2-3 days after the order is placed.
- You need to pick them up in person-if other arrangements need to be made, please contact me.

St. Philip Neri School Scrip Program promises to be a simple and effective fundraising program.

Thank you for your support!

**Jenise Pichini, St. Philip Neri Great Lakes Scrip Chairperson**

**410-859-0571 extension 217**

[jpichini@st.philip-neri.org](mailto:jpichini@st.philip-neri.org)



### Introduction

*The Bishops of Maryland have written a statement on religious liberty which reviews the history and role of religious freedom in our society, highlights present-day threats to this freedom, and offers ways to get involved.*

*Copies of the complete statement are available at your parish, on diocesan websites and on the Maryland Catholic Conference website at [www.mdccathcon.org](http://www.mdccathcon.org).*

The Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns has a simple mission: to help expectant mothers in need, assisting over 1,000 women each year with support, parenting classes, furniture, and more.

The Center is the kind of charitable organization that public officials should promote. Yet Baltimore tried to curtail its mission and free speech rights simply because it is pro-life. No similar restrictions were placed on abortion clinics.

Efforts to restrict the rights of individuals and institutions because of their religious or moral beliefs are on the rise here in Maryland and around the nation. Religious liberty—right rooted in our human dignity and protected by the First Amendment—is being silently and subtly eroded.

We know that religious liberty is a foundational element of a vibrant democracy and helps guarantee those other precious freedoms we Americans enjoy. The only way to preserve it, is through the vigilance of concerned citizens and their willingness to stand up for this right.

### History

Religious liberty began in the New World with the founding of Maryland. It is one of our state's greatest

## THE MOST SACRED OF ALL PROPERTY: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND

November 2011

contributions to the nation and the world.

In 1634, settlers arrived at St. Clement's Island in Southern Maryland at the invitation of the Catholic Lord Baltimore, who had been granted Maryland by the Protestant King Charles I of England. While Catholics and Protestants were killing each other in Europe, Lord Baltimore imagined Maryland as a society where people of different faiths could live together peacefully.

But Maryland's early history teaches us that, like any freedom, religious liberty requires constant vigilance and protection, or it will disappear.

Maryland's experiment in religious toleration ended within a few decades. The royal charter was revoked and the Church of England became the established religion. Discriminatory laws, including the loss of political rights, were enacted against those who refused to conform. Catholic chapels were closed. The Catholic community lived under these conditions until the American Revolution.

When the framers of our Constitution adopted a Bill of Rights, religious freedom was given the distinction of being at the forefront of the First Amendment, which guarantees that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." This amendment provides the foundation for our pluralistic society, in which people of different faiths and beliefs can live and worship in peace.

### A Natural Right

Religious freedom is not merely a civil right afforded us by our government, but, more fundamentally, it is a natural right due each person because of his human dignity.

Each person is made in the image and likeness of God. He offers us His love

but He does not force us to accept it. The Lord respects our freedom to accept Him or to reject Him; so too must government and society.

Religious freedom is an essential element of the human person and a basic human right. It protects the ability to practice any faith or no faith. It preserves the right to follow one's conscience, in acts both internal and external, in private and public, as an individual and as a member of a community.

### A Contribution to the Common Good

Religious freedom is so fundamental to our nature that not only does it uphold individual human dignity, but it is also integral to the establishment of a good and just society. Individuals who are free to exercise religious liberty are free to live out their faith in service to others and to build up the common good.

Faith groups and religious organizations often are the largest providers of private social services, including hospitals and health clinics, schools and universities, shelters and food pantries.

Religious liberty also enables religious groups to provide a voice for the voiceless. At the dawn of our nation, the Quakers led the charge in publicly challenging our new national government to abolish slavery.

Religious individuals and groups have played a key role in reminding society of their intrinsic value and worth. Those who suffer from mental or physical disabilities are often ignored or, at times, even outright rejected by society. The Church here in Maryland was a leader in successful efforts in 1989 to ban the execution of those with an intellectual disability.

But perhaps the most striking example of the good fruits of religious liberty is

the civil rights movement. Led by a Baptist minister, it expressed an explicitly religious call for the equal treatment of African Americans. It is in this context that Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote from a Birmingham jail to his fellow ministers about the difference between just and unjust laws – a concept that presupposes a higher law. While Rev. King argued that there is a legal and moral responsibility to obey just laws, he cited St. Augustine for the principle that “an unjust law is no law at all.”

### Subtle Threats

Americans are blessed to enjoy freedoms for which many in our world can only hope. But in recent years there has been a subtle promotion of the idea that religious liberty should be restricted to Sunday morning worship. The right to exercise our faith and follow our conscience in all aspects of our lives are rights that are increasingly viewed with hostility.

A healthy democracy can function only when its citizens are able to freely engage in public debate. That includes the freedom to approach the public debate through the lens of faith and moral values.

Sadly, some view the Church's very presence in the public square as an act of imposition. They claim that our identification as persons of faith disqualifies us from participation in the public debate.

### Conscience Rights of Health Care Workers

**Workers:** Luke Vander Bleek owns a small-town pharmacy in Illinois that sells almost every drug – except the “morning after pill,” to which he has religious objections. Though a public hospital just a few blocks away sells it, the state of Illinois threatened to close his business and end his career. Mr. Vander Bleek was forced to retain an attorney and sue for his right to practice his profession in accordance with his religious beliefs. Thankfully, an Illinois trial court ruled in Mr. Vander Bleek's favor.

### Conscience Rights in Health Care Debate

**Debate:** As part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services efforts to enact the 2010 *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*, the department is mandating that all private health insurance plans cover surgical sterilization procedures and birth control, including IUD, “morning-after” pills and abortion-inducing drugs, in addition to “education and counseling” for women and girls of reproductive age. What is missing is any genuine exemption for the Catholic Church and other religious institutions to not offer health insurance with these mandates. Furthermore, individuals are given no protection against contributing to these procedures.

**Same-Sex Marriage:** Religious institutions and society in general are not the only ones at risk if same-sex marriage passes in Maryland. Religious business owners like florists, bakers, and musicians would be forced to work at same-sex marriage ceremonies. This violation is not hypothetical. A Christian photographer in New Mexico was found to have engaged in illegal discrimination after the company declined to photograph a same-sex ceremony. A Methodist church in New Jersey lost its tax-exempt status for declining to allow a same-sex couple to marry in a pavilion it owned.

### Defending Religious Freedom

What do we do to preserve and strengthen the great gift of religious liberty?

**Prayer:** Prayer is the most powerful tool we have. Conversation with Our Lord opens up wellsprings of grace that enable us to become effective instruments in His hands and that assist others in making prudent decisions.

**Education:** Religious liberty and the right of conscience will be further eroded unless the Catholic community stays informed about the challenges these rights face and the reasons why they are integral to a just society.

**Action:** The most basic way for us to participate in the political process is through our votes in local, state, and federal elections. Our Maryland Catholic Advocacy Network, run by the Maryland Catholic Conference,

provides updates on public policy issues and provides pre-drafted e-mails to send to lawmakers. Register online at [www.mdathcon.org](http://www.mdathcon.org). There are also opportunities to advocate for religious liberty in person.

We call on all Marylanders to reaffirm the basic, foundational principles upon which our democratic society is built. Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religious belief. No one should be subject to coercion because of those beliefs.

These are the principles that those first Marylanders brought with them. These are the principles embraced by our founding fathers and by our Church. These are the principles that are indeed the most sacred of all property.

### Our call as Christians

*Conscience is the most sacred of all property; other property depending in part on positive law, the exercise of that, being a natural and unalienable right.*

– James Madison, 1792

*Our rulers can have authority over such natural rights only as we have submitted to them. The rights of conscience we never submitted, we could not submit.*

– Thomas Jefferson,

### Notes on Virginia

*Religious freedom expresses what is unique about the human person, for it allows us to direct our personal and social life to God, in whose light the identity, meaning and purpose of the person are fully understood*

– Pope Benedict XVI,

**Message for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2011**

