



The meeting with Christ as a living person who satiates the thirst of the heart cannot but lead to the desire to share with others the joy of this presence and to make it known so that all can experience it.

Pope Benedict, XVI Message for World Mission Day 2012

**Whether you are new to Saint Mary's
or you have been a parishioner for a while,**

You Are Invited to

Saint Mary's Tithing Fund Weekend
in Farrell Hall after All Masses on
February 18th and 19th.

Come and Learn about the Ministries
Funded by Parish Tithing Funds
and

Learn How You Can Participate in Parish Social Ministry.



But faith is a gift that is given to us to be shared; it is a talent received so that it will bear fruit; it is a light that must not be kept hidden, but illumine the whole house. It is the most important gift that has been given to us in our lives and we cannot keep it for ourselves.

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Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary of Sorrows:

Thank you for your interest in the Saint Mary of Sorrows Tithing Funds. Thanks to the generous contributions of parishioners to Sunday and holy day collections and to the continuing support of our pastor, our parish distributes ten percent of those collections to organizations and activities that help people who are poor and vulnerable, or otherwise in need, and those still in the margins of our society.

On **February 18th and 19th**, we will be celebrating Tithing Fund Weekend in Farrell Hall. This will be an ideal opportunity for those considering sponsoring an organization or activity in an application for tithing funds to better understand the kinds of allocations that are made. Please plan to attend! Meet the 2012 tithing fund sponsors and learn about the organizations they sponsor. Pick up an application folder and become familiar with its contents, including the FY12 tithing fund budget and the requirements for sponsors.

Your participation in Saint Mary's tithing fund program is welcomed. Please plan to play an active role in Parish Social Ministry whether or not you decide to submit an application.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Coleman, Chairman, Tithing fund Committee, 703-978-4141, x20 or Carol Mayfield, 703-978-4141, x19.

In Faith,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Mayfield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol Mayfield
Parish Social Ministry Coordinator