Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday, we end the Church’s liturgical year, celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King. In the Gospel, the “good thief” makes his request to the Lord: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” This prayer not only recognizes Jesus as King, and the reality of His kingdom, but it expresses the thief’s desire to be a part of it. The expression of this desire is what leads the thief to enter into the Kingdom, as Jesus promised: “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” We know that Jesus wanted both of the thieves to be with Him, but only one desired it. As we end the Church’s year with this great celebration, may the Lord give us the grace to cry out to Him, as the good thief did, expressing our desire to be with Him for all eternity.

Next Sunday, we begin a new liturgical year and the season of Advent. As in the past, families and individuals in the parish help with the lighting of the Advent Wreath at each Mass. Please take a look at the sign-up calendar in the narthex and be a part of this great tradition. Also, make sure you take (or download) a copy of our Advent Booklet with the schedule for all of our Advent activities, all the way through Christmas. This Advent, in the Sunday readings, Fr. John and I feel like the Lord has a particular message for the parish family, so we’ve been working together on our homilies so that the entire parish family is able to hear a consistent message over the coming weeks. As you can see from the Advent Booklet, the theme we feel the Lord is giving us is “Unexpected—Learning to find God where we least expect Him.” The readings reveal that the Lord comes to us in unexpected times, places, and ways. We’re looking forward to learning how to find Him in those places we least expect Him!

Mass Intentions—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass for a friend or family member, please call 410-747-4334, or stop by the parish office. Dates fill quickly. The customary offering is $10.

Sunday, November 24 (Christ the King)
7:30am For the People of the Parish
9:00am Int. of The Fontedig Family
11:00am Shirley Ann Miller ✦
5:00pm Thomas Saia, Sr. ✦

Friday, November 25 (Saint Catherine of Alexandria)
8:15am Mark Karczewski ✦

Tuesday, November 26
8:15am Dorothy Schultz ✦

Wednesday, November 27
8:15am Sr. Ursula Marie Anselmo, SND ✦

Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving)
9:00am Raymond Gick ✦

Friday, November 29
8:15am Julia Smith ✦

Saturday, November 30 (St. Andrew, Apostle)
8:15am James Lay ✦
4:30pm Phyllis Brandt ✦

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:
December 1, 2013
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5;
Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Romans 13:11-14;
Mathew 24:37-44

“Meditate daily on the words of your Creator. Learn the Heart of God in the words of God, that your soul may be enkindled with greater longings for heavenly joys.” - St. Gregory the Great
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‘Tis the Season to Sing
The OLPH Traditional and Contemporary Choirs are looking for singers to join us for our Christmas Eve Masses. This is a wonderful opportunity if you have always wanted to sing in the choir, but are not able to make a year-round commitment. Rehearsals begin the first week of December. If you are interested, please contact Dana La Rosa, Director of Music at dlarosa@archbalt.org or 410-747-4334.

**Breakfast With Santa**
**Sunday December 8**
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
**Parish Center Gym**

**Breakfast With Santa Looking for Donations**
Do you have a home based business? Would you like a fun opportunity to promote it and generate extra sales? E-mail Joelle Eikenberg at Joelle.joy@comcast.net to learn more about hosting a sales table or donating raffle items for Breakfast With Santa on December 8th.

**Breakfast W/Santa Photographer Needed**
The Breakfast with Santa Committee is looking for a Photographer to donate their time on Sunday, December 8th from 8am-12pm to take pictures of the children with Santa. The committee will provide supplies. Are you interested or do you know someone who would be? Please contact Trish Baldwin at 410-852-3596 or trishbaldwin19@gmail.com

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**Keep Christ In Christmas**
2013 Christmas Card and Ornament Sale
Order forms and brochures for these beautiful religious Christmas Cards and Ornaments are now available in the Narthex.

Your Knights of Columbus Council 9638 is sponsoring this sale. Please direct any questions to co-Knights in Charge Dan Borisko (410-313-8155) and Paul Mainhart (410-929-0819) or email us at 9638ChristInChristmas@gmail.com

**Thank you for your support!**

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**Blessed Mother**

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**We need your help!**

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**Please include these people and their families in your prayers that they may experience Christ’s comfort and healing.**

- “Anna & Family”
  - Rob Baldwin
  - Domenick M. Bellia
  - Lucy Bodner
  - Joe Botkin
  - Graham Burrell
  - Maureen Colclough
  - Kaelynn Collazo
  - Sean Cunningham
  - Anna Curry
  - MaryJo DeFillipo
  - O.P. Ditch
  - Kay Donahue
  - Robert Dovalovsky
  - William Dovalovsky
  - John Duvall
  - Janet Feldman
  - Effie Fernandes
  - Charles Fleischer
  - Jayne Fleischer
  - Richard Flynn
  - Carol Freese
  - Thomas French
  - Julie Gallagher
  - Lorraine Gallagher
  - Ray Gallagher
  - Tommy Gregorini
  - Joe Haupt
  - Gail Higgins
  - Mary Grace Howard
  - Chuck Hutzell
  - Alan Ignacio
  - Meghan Jaecksch
  - Ally Jarkiewicz
  - Marian Kubic
  - Phil Lewellen
  - Fred Lourenso
  - Josephine Lucas

- Jim McKelvey
- Lucy McKenna
- Herb Michael
- Bob Moan
- Peggy Moan
- Caroline Mohler
- Joseph Murray
- Nathan Niessner
- Sara Ann Ring
- Rosemarie Rippel
- June Rosemary
- Ephel Sandford
- Hugh Sandford
- Pearlane Sandford
- Bill Schone
- Sheila Schone
- Jack Simpson
- Ardellia Smith
- Bill Snyder
- Rose Sorbello
- Crystal Spicer
- Mary Stevens
- Ted Stromberg
- Linda Uliana
- Laurreta Vaccarino
- Sunny Vacek
- Ed Ward
- Jon Web
- Richard Weinroth
- Robert Welsh, Jr.
- Robert Welsh, Sr.
- Clyde Wenzel
- Kyla Zeilinger

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**Married Couples—Save the Date!**
February 7-9, 2014: Build-Your-Own Marriage Weekend. Because of the high cost of going on a retreat, we are planning our very own weekend for married couples at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Fr. Arnold and Joe & Cinda DeVet will present three opportunities for reflection. You may choose to go to one, two, or all three. Friday night: Holy Hour and reflection on Prayer in Marriage followed by a time of fellowship. Saturday: Day of Reflection—Excellence in Marriage followed by dinner and fun. Sunday: Afternoon of Reflection—Our Marriage and Our Blessed Mother. Stay tuned for more information.

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If you or your loved one is on the mend, please notify the Parish Office at 410-747-4334.
OLPH Catholic Book Club
OLPH Catholic Book club has the next book selection! Please join us in reading Jesus Shock by Peter Kreeft. Jesus is the single greatest agent of change in human history. A quote from page 43 of Jesus Shock is interesting, “Where do we find sloth? To go to your nearest Sunday morning church service, Protestant or Catholic. Then go to your nearest athletic field, amateur or professional. Compare the interest, the passion, the energy, the investment of the heart in those two places...Don’t we know what’s going on in church?” Copies of Jesus Shock may be available on the OLPH Bookrack for three dollars. Meeting date to be determined soon.

Calling All High School Students!
Our LifeTeen High School youth group meets every Sunday night after the 5:00pm mass. All high schoolers are invited to come and learn more about their faith and talk about how they can apply it directly to their everyday lives. Friends are always welcome! Our high school youth group also has monthly service/mission days, social events, and retreats throughout the year!

The Franciscan Center Needs Your Help
The Franciscan Center is asking churches, organizations, local businesses, and concerned individuals to help us collect new and unwrapped winter clothing and personal hygiene items for the hundreds of homeless and poor men, women, and children who come through our doors each day. We will be distributing these donations from our Center during the Christmas season and throughout the coldest winter months. We are looking for:

Men, Women, and Children
(Adults: All sizes. Children: S to 4XL):
- Coats, Hooded sweat shirts, Sweatpants,
- Flannel shirts, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Thermals,
- Undershirts, Underwear, Socks

Babies:
- Coats and winter clothing, Diapers,
- Baby formula and baby food

Everyone:
- Soap, Deodorant, Hand towels,
- Wash cloths, Toothbrushes and toothpaste,
- Disposable shaving kits. (No mouthwash, please.)

Items can be dropped off from December 16 to 20 at the Franciscan Center, 101 W. 23rd Street, Baltimore, MD 21218 from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Depending on your location, we may also be able to help with your pick up. If you would like to get involved, please contact Donté Taylor at 410-467-5340 x 113 or dtaylor@fcbm.org.

Fall Festival at the Shrine of St. Anthony
You are invited to a Fall Festival at the Shrine of St. Anthony this November 30th from 1 to 4pm the Saturday after Thanksgiving! The holiday season can get so busy so fast and go by without blinking so why not start this season off with your family and friends at the Shrine of St. Anthony. This event features hay rides, a build your own advent wreath workshop, Br. Gerry’s train garden, snacks and cider, a bon fire and more. The Shrine is opening its doors to all those who are looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of the shopping weekend. There is no charge for this event and please bring your friends and family!

For more info check out our website at www.ShrineofStAnthony.org or call us at 410-531-2800. Peace and all Blessings!

Mount De Sales Academy’s Annual Christmas Bazaar and Spaghetti Dinner
The Parents’ Club of Mount de Sales Academy will host its annual Christmas Bazaar and Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, December 8, from noon to 6 p.m. The school is located at 700 Academy Road, Catonsville, Maryland. Shop for handmade crafts, enjoy delicious sweets and baked goods, visit Santa’s Secret Shop for children, bid on silent auction theme baskets, raffles, and much more! Student performers will fill the air with festive holiday music.

Enjoy an authentic Italian spaghetti dinner including homemade meat sauce, salad, freshly baked bread, and beverage. Tickets for dinner are $9 for adults, $7 for senior citizens and $6 for children, ages 6-12. Children under the age of 5 are free. Carry out dinners may be purchased.

All proceeds will benefit Mount de Sales Academy, a Catholic, all-girls, college preparatory high school.

Daughters of Charity Advent Online Discernment Retreat December 1-5, 2013
For Single Catholic Women Ages 18-40
~Is God calling you?
~Searching for a deeper meaning in your life?
~Curious about women religious?

Attend this private discernment retreat from wherever you are & as it fits your busy schedule. During the retreat week you are invited to take time for prayer, reflect on a call, and speak to a spiritual guide via email, phone or Skype. For more information about this retreat, or to register, please email Sr. Virginia Ann Brooks at dcvocations2@doc.org or phone 812-963-7563. Deadline to register is Wednesday, November 27, 2013.

This retreat is sponsored by The Daughters of Charity www.daughters-of-charity.com
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*St. James of the Marche (Giacamo della Marca) (1394-1476) Feast: November 28*

Meet one of the fathers of the modern pawnshop!

James was born in the Marche of Ancona, in central Italy along the Adriatic Sea. After earning doctorates in canon and civil law at the University of Perugia, he joined the Friars Minor and began a very austere life. He fasted nine months of the year; he slept three hours a night. St. Bernardine of Siena told him to moderate his penances.

James studied theology with St. John of Capistrano. Ordained in 1420, James began a preaching career that took him all over Italy and through 13 Central and Eastern European countries. This extremely popular preacher converted many people (250,000 at one estimate) and helped spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. His sermons prompted numerous Catholics to reform their lives and many men joined the Franciscans under his influence.

With John of Capistrano, Albert of Sarteano and Bernardine of Siena, James is considered one of the “four pillars” of the Observant movement among the Franciscans. These friars became known especially for their preaching. To combat extremely high interest rates, James established *montes pietatis* (literally, mountains of charity) — nonprofit credit organizations that lent money at very low rates on pawned objects. Not everyone was happy with the work James did. Twice assassins lost their nerve when they came face to face with him. James was canonized in 1726.


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**YOU ARE INVITED**...You’re invited to attend a magnificent spiritual event featuring the screening of *The Blood & The Rose* on December 12, the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, hosted by the Catholic Business Network of Baltimore. Location: Maryvale Prep. Reception: 6pm; Formal Program: 7pm. Registration Deadline is December 2—Space is Limited! For more information, please contact Carolyn at 443-541-2380

To purchase tickets online or to view the film’s trailer, please visit: [www.cbnbaltimore.org](http://www.cbnbaltimore.org)