

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you've had a blessed and enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend! This Sunday the Church begins the season of Advent and we're excited to begin a homily series that will continue through Advent to Christmas Day, entitled "Unexpected: Learning to find God where we least expect Him." I pray that these days of Advent will draw us closer to the Lord, in preparation for His coming among us. Remember that Advent is not just about celebrating what God has already done (being born in Bethlehem), but it is also about making our hearts ready for His coming even now, especially as He comes to us in the Eucharist, feeding us with His Body and Blood. Please remember to check our Advent booklet of activities for all the special Advent events that are coming up.

Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they prepare for their First Reconciliation this coming Saturday. We want them to know and experience, even now in second grade, the tremendous love that the Lord has for them, and His constant readiness to forgive our sins and give us a new start. Please pray that this will be a blessed day for them and their parents!

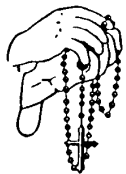
God Bless you!

Rev. Erik Arnold



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Teresa Thomas
SISTER OF LAURA ROBBINS



FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY
Saturday, December 7, immediately following the 8:15 Mass. All are welcome to pray the rosary on the first Saturday of the month as requested by Our Lady of Fatima



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
December 8, 2013
Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11: 1-10;
Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Romans 15:4-9;
Mathew 3:1-12

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 30 (*St. Andrew, Apostle*)

8:15am James Lay ☩
4:30pm Phyllis Brandt ☩

Sunday, December 1 (**First Sunday of Advent**)

7:30am Leslie Allan Simon ☩
9:00am Shirley Ann Miller ☩
11:00am Int. of Christopher & Emileigh Lucas
5:00pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, December 2

8:15am Int. of Michele Burget

Tuesday, December 3 (*Saint Francis Xavier*)

8:15am Michael Fitzpatrick ☩

Wednesday, December 4 (*Saint John Damascene*)

8:15am Michael Marks ☩

Thursday, December 5

8:15am Edgar Boston ☩
9:30am Int. of Erik Shipley

Friday, December 6 (*Saint Nicholas*)

8:15am Sherman Babcock ☩

Saturday, December 7 (*Saint. Ambrose*)

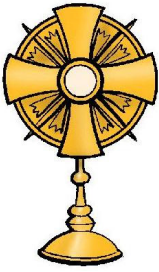
8:15am Ken Yaeger ☩
4:30pm Emerito Asuncion ☩

Sunday, December 8 (**Second Sunday of Advent**)

7:30am Michael Marks ☩
9:00am Elizabeth Taneyhill ☩
11:00am For the People of the Parish
5:00pm Jeanne Kathleen Sokas ☩

It is part of God's plan for us that Christ shall come to us in everyone; it is in their particular role that we must come to know him. He may come as a little child, making enormous demands, giving enormous consolation. He may come as a stranger, so that we must give the hospitality to a stranger that we should like to give to Christ... — Caryl Houselander

The First Sunday of Advent



EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Friday, December 6, 7:30 pm, in the Church

When we praise God we can experience joy, peace, love, healing, forgiveness, and freedom through

His Grace. No matter where you are on your conversion journey, Jesus will meet you there.

Invite Him into your heart and your life.

He longs to be with you just as you are!

Scripture readings, music, and reflection will gently and beautifully help guide you in praise and prayer in the presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8

8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

PARISH CENTER GYM

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to have fun while benefiting the children of OLPH school? Adult Volunteers are needed! Please consider volunteering for this fun and festive fundraiser for OLPH school.

All adult volunteers should be STAND certified. For more information, please contact Thuy Strong at thuyvu00@yahoo.com (2 zeros before the @, not letter o's).



'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 by Tuesday, December 3.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

We will meet this Monday, December 2 at the Parish Office at 7pm. Please call Sr. Lorraine at 410-747-4334 with any questions. All are welcome!

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
Pearline Sandford
Bill Schone
Sheila Schone
Jack Simpson
Ardellia Smith
Bill Snyder

Rose Sorbello
Crystal Spicer
Mary Stevens
Ted Stromberg
Linda Uliana
Lauretta Vaccarino
Sunny Vacek
Ed Ward
Jon Web
Richard Weinroth
Robert Welsh, Jr.
Robert Welsh, Sr.
Clyde Wenzel
Kyla Zeilinger

We need your help! We are trying to keep this prayer list updated.

If you or your loved one is on the mend, please notify the Parish Office at 410-747-4334.

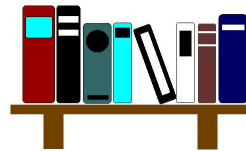


KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
2013 Christmas Card and
Ornament Sale

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!



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? 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.

THE FRANCISCAN CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP



What soever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.

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@fcbmore.org.

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.



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.

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OUR CATHOLIC SAINTS: *St. Nicholas (Abt. 270-343)* Feast Day: December 6



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The absence of the “hard facts” of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that, after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet, historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor. As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him—an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries. Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man’s window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint’s feast. In the English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

Patron Saint of: Bakers, Brewers, Brides, Children, Greece, Grooms, Merchants, Pawnbrokers, Russia, Travelers.

*From: Saint of the Day, Lives, Lessons and Feast By Leonard Foley, O.F.M.; revised by Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.
<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1221>*

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**