

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Merry Christmas and happy Feast of the Epiphany! As I mentioned at Mass last weekend, I am away now on a pilgrimage to the Holy land, serving as a chaplain for a group of pilgrims. It is an incredible blessing to visit and pray at the very sites that we are hearing about in the Scripture readings during this Christmas season. Please know of my prayers for each of our parishioners as I remember you at these holy sites.

This Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation, or making known, of Christ as the Savior of all peoples. As the three magi come from afar to acknowledge Christ, we see that He indeed came not as a Savior for a few, but for all people. This takes nothing away from the deeply personal love He has for each one of us, knowing that His death was for each individual, not just for humanity as a giant mass of people. I pray that your awareness and experience of this reality deepens in your heart as we continue through this Christmas season.

I will be away on pilgrimage through next weekend, but I look forward to seeing you at Mass again after I return home. I am grateful to Fr. Larry for his extra help in caring for the parish while I am gone, as well as Bishop Rozanski's gracious help in celebrating some of our Masses this Sunday. God bless you!

Fr. Arnold

Please include the sick of our parish in your prayers that they may experience Christ's comfort and healing.

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| Clyde Bradley | Eugene Huget | Mary Ann Sharp |
| Diane Buckley | MaryAnn Humm | Ann Shively |
| Helene Cadman | Jack Kelly | Mary Ellen Shotting |
| David Clark | Fred Lourenso | Billy Simpson |
| Daniel Couvillion | Lois Malarkey | Jack Simpson |
| Patricia Donadio | Joyce Mathias | Ardelia Smith |
| Mike Doshim | Lucy McKenna | Julia Smith |
| Warren Drell Jr. | Joseph Murray | Bill Snyder |
| Doris Eustis | Nathan Niessner | Joanne Strock |
| Jayne Fleischer | Mary Joyce O'Neill | Edna Walker |
| Richard Flynn | Larry Putgenter, Sr. | Laura Wall |
| Mary Grace Howard | Mary Reichel | Libby Weller |
| | Rosemarie Rippel | Kyla Zeilinger |

If you or your loved one is on the mend, please notify the Rectory!

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

"Deacon Ray" Crawford

Husband of Helen, formerly of OLPH



Masses For The Week

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| Mon., January 5 | 6:30 am | Marie Mee † |
| | 8:15 am | Gregory Snead † |
| Tues., January 6 | 6:30 am | Betty L. Warsavage † |
| | 8:15 am | The Kim Family † |
| Wed., January 7 | 6:30 am | Marcella Cugle † |
| | 8:15 am | Robert Klein † |
| Thurs., January 8 | 6:30 am | Gertrude Rybarczyk † |
| | 9:30 am | Gerry Rafferty † |
| Fri., January 9 | 6:30 am | Mary Murphy † |
| | 8:15 am | John Wiley Hunt † |
| Sat., January 10 | 8:15 am | Cecilia Frederick † |
| | 4:30 pm | Ray Gick † |
| Sun., January 11 | 7:30 am | Amy Desantis † |
| | 9:00 am | Robert Armstrong |
| | 10:30 am | Anna Romeo |
| | 12:00 noon | For the People |

**Please Note:
Schedule Change Coming in
March**

Our Parish Mass Schedule is Changing!

As we announced before Christmas, our parish Mass schedule will be changing on March 1, 2009!

Beginning the First Sunday of Lent – **March 1, 2009** –
Our New Sunday Mass Schedule will be:

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| Saturday: 4:30pm | (Contemporary) |
| Sunday: 7:30am | (Silent) |
| 9:00am | (Children's Choir / Youth Choir / Cantor) |
| 11:00am | (Adult Choir) |
| 5:00pm | Contemporary Choir) |

Please visit our website for more details or pick up one of the handouts in the church.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MINISTRY SCHEDULE for January 10-11, 2009

Saturday 4:30 pm— Fr. Larry
 Lectors Mulholland, Hochkeppel
 EMHC Berdan, Brasauskas, Coelho
 Servers Berdan, Berdan, Coelho

Sunday 7:30 am
 Lectors Zeminski, Maltagliati
 EMHC Ackroyd, Mills, Mills
 Servers Ackroyd, Ackroyd, Mills

Sunday 9:00 am
 Lectors The Children
 Euch. Min. Dolan, Dolan, Funk, Glover, Hunter, Manley, Mansfield, Mansfield, Randazzo

Servers Funk, Hartman, Hartman

Sunday 10:30 am
 Lectors Rusnak, Fox
 EMHC Childres, Childres, Lucas, Merl, O'Neill, O'Neill, S. Smith, Steele, Steele

Servers Childres, Sarver, Sarver

Sunday 12 Noon
 Lectors Massari, McHugh
 EMHC Gettmann, C Krause, McHugh
 Servers Gettmann, Krause, McHugh

*Subject to change when necessary.

Schedules can be found on the web site. In the rack in the back of church or online—contact the parish office during regular hours to get your log in and web site directions..



Is one of your New Year's Resolutions to get more involved at OLPH? Do you love to sing or play an instrument? The Music Ministry is looking for new members for winter and spring 2009! Consider joining the Traditional Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, Youth

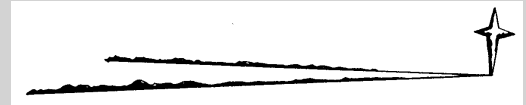
Choir, Children's Choir, or Chant Scola. We will also be forming a second contemporary group who will minister at the 5 PM Sunday Mass beginning in March - details will follow in the coming weeks. For more information, contact Dana La Rosa, Director of Music, at dlarosa@archbalt.org or 410-747-0131



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| Offering for 12-21-08 | | |
| Envelopes | 442 | \$15,222.00 |
| Loose | | \$967.00 |
| Children | | \$26.75 |
| Total | | \$16,215.75 |
| Poor Box | | \$244.53 |

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S DESK

Our very own **Right to Life Committee** will meet on January 12th. At 7pm in the Library; located on the lower level of the Parish Center.



CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Catholic Book Club will be on January 16th, 2009. We will again have two meetings: one at 10 am in the Ministry Center and another at 7 pm in the Parish Center. We will be discussing Pope Paul VI's encyclical, "Humanae Vitae" (on Human Life). This encyclical, which celebrated its 40th anniversary this year, made many prophecies which have come true. Come and learn more about what happened to the world and to the Church. You can obtain the encyclical on-line. Go to www.vatican.va; click "Holy See, English"; then click on "Site Map" in the upper middle of the screen; click on "H"; click on "Humanae Vitae"; then choose "print" or read it on-line. For more information, contact Fr. Larry

BIBLE CONFERENCE

The next in our series of Third Monday of the Month Bible Conferences will take place on January 19th at 7 pm in the Parish Center. The topic for this talk will be "The Church as the Bride of Christ in the Gospel of John." These conferences are based upon the Bible Study Retreat that I went on this summer in Latrobe, PA with Scott Hahn, Brant Pitre, and John Bergsma. For more information contact Fr. Larry.



THE THEOLOGY OF THE ICON

Join Fr. Larry at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St., on 15 January at 12:30 to 1:30 pm for a talk on the "Theology of the Icon" followed by a Eucharistic Holy Hour from 1:30 to 2:30. For more information, contact Fr. Larry.

GATHOLIC FORMATION MINISTRIES

Office Phone Numbers: 410-747-0131, 410-455-0399
Office Hours are Monday—Friday 9am—4pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is accepting applications for Kindergarten 2009. You are also welcome to attend the Kindergarten Information Session on January 13 at 10:00 a.m. Please call the school office or e-mail bmunoz@olphschool.org to obtain a questionnaire or to sign up for the session. Admissions for all other grades are on an ongoing basis. Shadow days and testing for prospective students for Grades 1-8 for Fall 2009 may be scheduled at any time.

Important Religious Education Note

If Howard County Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all Religious Education classes will be cancelled unless you are notified otherwise. If Howard County Schools cancel their afternoon and evening activities, all Religious Education will also be cancelled.

AROUND THE AREA...

SPECIAL CARE COLLECTION

The annual Special Care Collection for Archdiocesan Priests will be taken at all Masses on the weekend of **January 17-18, 2009**. The theme is, "Give to them as they gave to us," with funds being used to support those archdiocesan priests in need of special medical care in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, as well as those priests, regardless of age, who are convalescing following surgery or serious injury or illness.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 16

Join hundreds of Catholics on President's Day – Monday, **February 16, 2009** – for the annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis. This advocacy event gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including: supporting pregnant women in crisis, Catholic schools, the death penalty, marriage, and poverty. Registration is required and carpools from the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be arranged. Visit www.mdathcon.org or call 410-269-1155 to sign up.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY COUPLES:

Couples wishing to receive special recognition from the Archdiocese for 25 and 50 years of marriage should contact wmdjubilee@gmail.com or call 410-987-4210 by February 1, 2009.

SEEKING OUR LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE:

Our parish is participating in Worldwide Marriage Encounter's search for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

One nominee from each parish will be honored during a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Edwin O'Brien. Please report the names, address, wedding date, and phone number of your candidate couple, married at least 50 years, to the PARISH OFFICE no later than **January 18, 2009**. The parish will inform the longest married couple that they have been chosen, and the longest married from each parish will receive a follow-up call from the World Marriage Day committee.

Pre-K and Sunday Kindergarten Programs: The Pre-K classes and Nursery will be open today and January 18th. All are welcome to join us at our monthly Children's Liturgy at the 9:00 Mass on January 11th. **There are no Pre-K classes or Nursery on Sunday, January 11th and Sunday, January 25th in preparation for Catholic School's Week.**

Elementary Religious Education: This Monday, January 5, and Tuesday, January 6th are the last days to contribute money to help the missions through the **Holy Childhood Association**. **All blue coin boxes should be turned into Rel. Ed. teachers this week!!** Our contributions will be mailed next week.

Parents: Be sure to check out our Religious Ed bulletin board in the lobby of the school for important announcements and reminders!!!

Mark this date!! A mandatory **Parent Meeting** for those children eligible to begin preparing for the **Sacrament of Holy Eucharist** will be held on **Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm in the Gym**. Please arrange your schedules now to attend this very important meeting!!



Living Covenant
in a Contract World

Our marriage vows call us to a covenant relationship, a bond of mutual, life-giving, lifelong, unconditional love. Our society reminds us over and over that life is one contract after another, an assignment of risks and benefits, tasks and roles, givings and gettings, with always an escape clause. How does a couple live with these conflicting views?

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

MAK SCHMIDT AT 410-747-5611 OR mak.Schmidt@gmail.com

Living Covenant in a Contract World is a weekend retreat for married couples geared to taking a step back from all that is going on in everyday life and to examining the basic relationships of marriage with each other, with our family, with God, with society. It is a wonderful opportunity for the couples to consider privately these important relationships and to grow in faith and love. The weekend is slow-paced, allowing extensive time for reflection and prayer.

For more information, contact Kathy Schmidt at 410-747-5611 or mak.Schmidt@gmail.com