

Easter Blessings

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A joyful and blessed Easter to all of you and those who are visiting with us this Easter Sunday!

Today we celebrate the event that changed everything. If Jesus had not been raised from the dead, then his life, teachings, and works would have been added alongside the many other good or interesting people that have lived in this world, but nothing more. His Resurrection from the dead, however, confirmed by the witness of those who saw him afterwards, places him in a category by himself, confirming the claim he made about himself: that He is God.

C.S. Lewis, known popularly for his *Chronicles of Narnia* series, writes in his book *Mere Christianity* that we can view Jesus in only one of three ways: as a liar, a lunatic or Lord. Either (1) Jesus was not God, but he mistakenly believed that he was - making him a lunatic, or (2) Jesus was not God, and he knew it, but he said so anyway - making him a liar, or (3) He really is who he said he was - making Him Lord. Given the claims that Jesus makes about himself in the Gospels, these are the only three choices we have before us.

Jesus' Resurrection from the dead confirms the claim He made about himself and what He came to do. And this is where the joy of Easter becomes so real for us. If Jesus is who He claims to be, that means...
My sins can be forgiven.
I have a purpose for living.
I can have a home in heaven.

This is the reason for our Easter joy. Jesus took the weight of my sins on himself, which led to His death. In being raised from the dead, Jesus is victorious over sin – I really can be forgiven and set free from sin and death by the one who is greater than sin and death. And not only that, but He wants me to share in His risen life: “I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10) My life has a purpose: to share in His risen life. In the midst of life’s difficulties and trials, Jesus reminds us that we have a purpose for living: to know Him and share in His life. That means both now, in my life at this moment, and eternally in heaven. Jesus promised: “In my Father's house there are many dwelling places... And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.” (John 14:2-3) The One who was raised from the dead wants to raise me from the dead as well. All of this is made possible because Jesus is who He claimed to be, and that is why we are so joyful at Easter. That’s why everything is different now in light of His Resurrection.

To share in this joy and in His risen life, we are called to welcome Him as Lord of our life. This began in Baptism when our parents, through their faith, welcomed Him into our life on our behalf. But there must be a time as adults or young adults when we welcome Jesus into our life with our own faith, to welcome Him and accept Him as Lord. I pray that this Easter Sunday is a chance to do just that – to welcome Jesus into your life as Lord. It is then that we experience the real joy of Easter, knowing that our sins can be forgiven, that we have a purpose for living, and that we are called to a greater home in heaven where there is no more death, or mourning or weeping or tears.

Please know that you and your families are in my prayers this Easter! May God bless you!

Father Arnold

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE for April 19, 2009

Saturday	4:30 pm
Lectors	Green, Gregorini
EMHC	Brasauskas, Geller, Wesselman
Servers	Green, Green, McGuire
Greeters	Bertulis, Snead
Sunday	7:30 am
Lectors	Donna Weaver
EMHC	Maltagliati, Maltagliati, Quinn
Servers	Bochenek, Kisak, Steiner
Greeters	Kisak, Kisak
Sunday	9:00 am
Lectors	Zahor, Cynkar
EMHC	Biagiotti, Coffelt, Douglas, Guseman, Guseman, Holthaus, Kallmyer, Mulroy, Potter
Servers	Coffelt, Kallmyer, Kallmyer
Greeters	Dragin, Zeitler
Sunday	11:00am
Lectors	McHugh, Hochkeppel
EMHC	Auger, Childres, Childres, Coelho, O'Neill, O'Neill, Shugars, Shugars, Rose Weaver
Servers	Schroeder, Shugars, Shugars
Greeters	Seering, Seering
Sunday	5:00pm
Lectors	Rusnak, Mulholland
EMHC	K Baker, A Baker, Schuberth
Servers	Baker, Fioretto, Nagle
Greeters	Marks and Marks


A Quick Journey Through The Bible


Sunday Mornings - 10:15 - 10:45am - April 19 - June 7

We all want to feel like we understand a little something of the Bible. We've heard so many different stories, we have bits and pieces in our mind, but how does really all fit together? Is there something that connects it all together, something that makes sense?

Join us on these Sunday mornings for a series of easy-to-understand 30 minute talks on DVD by Jeff Cavins that quickly step us through the big picture of the Bible. These Sunday morning bite-size talks are perfect for those who have never been involved in Bible study or who simply have not been able to commit to a big weekly Bible study. Both beginners and those who are more familiar with Scripture will enjoy Jeff Cavins' style and approach to presenting the big picture of the Bible.

Childcare will be available so join us before or after Mass! No experience needed! No registration! No homework! Just come and join us! Location: Parish Center Triple Rooms

	
Offering for Palm Sunday	
Envelopes 485	\$16,609.00
Loose	\$2,421.00
Children	\$62.96
Total	\$19,092.96
Poor Box	\$542.23
Utility Collection	\$2,990.09

 Masses For The Week		
Mon., April 13	6:30 am	Amy Martin †
	8:15 am	Edward Turos †
Tues., April 14	6:30 am	The Kim Family †
	8:15 am	Kenneth Crizer †
Wed., April 15	6:30 am	Mary Shobe †
	8:15 am	Bill Collins
Thurs., April 16	6:30 am	Joanne Finn †
	9:30 am	John Bach †
Fri., April 17	6:30 am	Lois Malarkey †
	8:15 am	Maureen Carlson †
Sat., April 18	8:15 am	Pearl DeSelm †
	4:30 pm	Bill Hawes †
Sun., April 19	7:30 am	For the People
	9:00 am	Richard E. Smith †
	11:00 am	Genevieve Deppe †
	5:00 pm	Lorraine Kosiba †

The 5:00 PM Contemporary Music Group is looking for an experienced bass player. Please contact Mark & Kathy Schmidt for more information. 410-747-5611 mak.schmidt@gmail.com

Mulch—going...going... Knights of Columbus has bags of Mulch for sale. If interested, please see one of the Knights after mass in Harrison Hall on April 19th, 26th, or May 3rd. For pickup only.

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

Paul Bagley	Jayne Fleischer	Rosemarie Rippel
John L Baker	Richard Flynn	Mary Ann Sharp
Mary Barber	Mary Grace Howard	Debbie Shipley
Carol Beall	Francis Hubbard	Ann Shively
Clyde Bradley	Eugene Huget	Mary Ellen Shotting
Miss Lucy Bodner	MaryAnn Humm	Billy Simpson
Diane Buckley	Conrad Katulski	Jack Simpson
Helene Cadman	Jack Kelly	Christopher Sliker
Rose Centineo	John F. Klosek	Ardelia Smith
David Clark	Fred Lourenso	Julia Smith
Mary E. Clarke	Joyce Mathias	Bill Snyder
Daniel Couvillion	Lucy McKenna	Rosemary Snyder
Patricia Donadio	Sandy Miller	Joanne Strock
Mike Doshim	Joseph Murray	Jessica Tupis and
Warren Drell Jr.	Nathan Niessner	Tupis Babies
Doris Eustis	Mary Joyce O'Neill	Edna Walker
Janet Feldman	Larry Putgenter, Sr.	Libby Weller
	Mary Reichel	Kyla Zeilinger

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

GATHOLIC FORMATION MINISTRIES

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

Vacation Bible School is back! Registration and Volunteer forms are available in the vestibule of the Church and at the Ministry Center. Mark your calendars for July 13th through the 17th! Many volunteers are needed to make VBS a success. **SO, SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH US!** Contact Judy Gruel at 410-747-0131, or jgruel@archbalt.org if you are able to help.

Be an early bird!! Register NOW for Religious Education for the 2009-2010 school year! Pre-K through High School forms are available in the vestibule of the church and the Ministry Center

Attention Parents of 3, 4, and 5 Year Olds!! Join us for our Pre-K and Sunday Kindergarten Open House on Sunday, April 26th. Visit with teachers after the 9:00 or 11:00 Mass, or stay and visit during the session. Review new materials for next year and receive program information! For further information, contact Judy Gruel, 410-747-0131.

Coming This Easter: *Discovering Worship*


Wednesday Evenings - 7:00-8:30pm - April 22 - May 27

We can talk about God a lot, but something special happens when we become aware of His Presence and begin to respond. Everything becomes different: the way that we pray, the way that we read the Scriptures, the way that we listen, the way that we sing. Worship is what happens when we begin responding to God's presence.

Join us on these Wednesday evenings to discover worship - to discover how to respond to the Lord's presence through prayer, Scripture, music, silence. These evenings are not just lecture but experience. Through prayer, contemporary worship music, Scripture, and a little teaching, we want to offer an opportunity to discover how to worship in a way that will make your own personal prayer and your time at Mass much more meaningful. No experience needed! No registration! Just come and join us!

—New—

Flower Memorial before the Altar



Flowers are a visual expression of love, sympathy, and respect. Beginning this Easter Season, flowers may be given in memorial, in celebration, or in thanksgiving for a person, ministry, or event. If you wish to offer a floral donation, please obtain and fill out a flower memorial envelope located on the bulletin table in the back of church. Completed envelopes may be placed in the offertory baskets or returned to the Parish Office during business hours. Feel free to contact the Parish Office at 410 747 4334 for further details.

UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH SINCE VATICAN II

Join us for the next meeting of the Catholic Book Club on April 17th at 10 am in the Ministry Center and 7 pm in the Parish Center. We will discuss *THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES: UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH SINCE VATICAN II* by Fr. Richard Gilsdorf. The articles in this book "demonstrate the historical and theological points of division in the Church that arose in the past few decades. After finishing this book, the reader will understand what caused the many distortions and misapplications of the Second Vatican Council's teachings." (Patrick Beno, editor). Please join us even if you have not read the book for an interesting discussion of the Church today. For more information, contact Fr. Larry.

FAITH AND LIGHT COMMUNITY MEETING: Come, let us celebrate Jesus' Glorious Resurrection.

The Faith and Light Community of OLPH and Resurrection Parishes will hold our next meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. at 7:00 PM-8:00 PM, in Harrison Hall, adjacent to the OLPH School, 4795 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City, Maryland. The theme will be, "Let us love each other as Jesus loved us". The meeting will focus on the joys of Easter and will include prayerful discussions, songs, activities and refreshments. All developmentally challenged individuals, their loved ones, friends and caregivers, are welcome. For information or transportation, please contact Dr. Robert Donadio, 301-596-5122 or John Hooper, 410-799-8897 or Chris Duck at Resurrection, 410-465-9240.

Think Green—we are going to discontinue sending weekly offertory envelopes to parishioners who have elected to use the **Faith Direct Program** for their contributions—save a tree, a little money and a few steps for the postal carrier! Faith Direct enrollment forms can be found in the Narthex

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CONSCIENCE AND ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE



May 9, 2009 1-4:30 PM

St. Joseph Medical Center, Towson, MD

Hosted by Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien and the Archdiocese of Baltimore

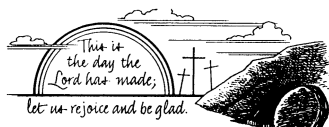
Sensitive to the legal, cultural, and moral pressures facing Catholic healthcare professionals, Archbishop O'Brien invites you to join him in dialogue about exercising your rights of conscience and providing healthcare that truly reflects a Catholic approach to human life, the body, and fertility.

Please RSVP by May 1, 2009 to johanna.coughlin@archbalt.org or at (410) 547-5537



You are invited to attend a series of classes on Natural Family Planning taught by the Couple to Couple League to learn a method that is safe, effective and morally acceptable. It will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help beginning May 2. For more

information or to register, contact Mark & Kathy Schmidt (410-747-5611, mak.schmidt@gmail.com).



The OLPH Girl Scout Sunday Mass is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, 2009 9AM with a social following in Harrison Hall. In celebration of Girl Scout Sunday, every Girl Scout and leader that attends OLPH church or any other Catholic church in the area is invited to attend and wear their uniform. Any questions, contact Brenda Katulski at brenda.katulski@ars.usda.gov or 301-466-7675.

Knights of Columbus 2nd Annual Comedy Knight event: May 9, 2009: Ticket prices \$25 each. All Proceeds go to the Parish and Scholarship fund. Tickets available for sale after masses in Harrison Hall on April 19th, 26th and May 3rd. By email: scotttoleary@kofc9638.org