

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we begin the month of May, we enter into a busy time of the year, both in the life of the Church and in our culture: First Communion this weekend, Mother's Day celebrations, our parish May Crowning, Memorial Day, Parish Ministry Fair, the Solemnity of Pentecost, and graduations, just to name a few. I pray that in the midst of the busy events and activities of this month you continue to find in the Lord Jesus the anchor for your life to keep you steady and joyful.

I want to share some wonderful news about the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. As of April 21st, the Archbishop's Appeal has received \$7,881,586 from 39,180 gifts. Here at OLPH, your generosity has resulted in 400 gifts totaling \$118,069. This is more than \$18,000 over our parish goal and represents an increase of 26 donors over the 2008 appeal. This is truly amazing, especially considering the fact that we are also still raising the much needed funds for our own parish capital campaign. On behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity, especially the most needy, thank you!


I also want to thank you for your continued faithfulness to our regular Sunday offertory. You know that the Sunday collection is what our operating budget relies on to pay all of our bills: electricity, water, gas, maintenance, insurance, salaries and health care benefits for staff, etc. The practice has always been to publish the figures each Sunday for the prior week's collection. A number of parishioners have stopped me and asked how the Sunday collection is doing, rightly concerned that we are able to cover our expenses. Many have looked at the Sunday figures and have asked me if there has been a drop in the offertory, thinking that it looks less now than it has been in the past. I want to respond to that question because I know it is one that many more parishioners must also be asking. Overall, our Sunday offertory is about where it was at this time last year.

Certainly we hope, and in fact need, the offertory to grow each year, at least enough to cover the increased cost of doing business. Just as you experience a rise in the cost of living each year, so too does the parish. So I hope that our parishioners will give a little more each year simply because our expenses rise, even without us adding anything new to the budget. A second important point to make is this: Many of our parishioners are now giving electronically so that their gifts to the parish are processed just once a month, not weekly. This means that some weeks the collection may appear low, and other weeks it may appear high. So we are moving out of the day when you could look Sunday to Sunday and judge how the parish is doing financially. With electronic giving, as well as those parishioners who choose to put all of their weekly envelopes in the collection one Sunday a month, we are at a point where it is better to look monthly, rather than weekly.

With your continued generosity we will be able to meet all of our regular expenses and also make sure that we have a reserve fund that will allow us to deal with the bigger repairs that we need to plan for in advance. So thank you for continuing to support the ministries, programs and activities of the parish and buildings we need to run them!

I pray you have a wonderful new week and please know that I am praying for all of you! God Bless!

Rev. Erik Arnold

 Masses For The Week		
Mon., May 4	6:30 am	Robert Klein †
	8:15 am	Betty Lanham Warsavage †
Tues., May 5	6:30 am	Richard E. Smith †
	8:15 am	Caroline Mulligan †
Wed., May 6	6:30 am	Joseph Mizerak †
	8:15 am	John Walterhoefer †
Thurs., May 7	6:30 am	Sandy M Paredes †
	9:30 am	Doug & Amy Martin †
Fri., May 8	6:30 am	Gregory Snead †
	8:15 am	Pearl DeSelm †
Sat., May 9	8:15 am	William Harrigan †
	4:30 pm	For the People
Sun., May 10	7:30 am	For Mothers
	9:00 am	For Mothers
	11:00 am	For Mothers
	5:00 pm	For Mothers

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

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

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


FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for May 10, 2009

Saturday	4:30 pm
Lectors	Double vacancy
EMHC	Dolan, Higgins, Wesselman
Servers	Jegade, Saia, Vacancy
Greeters	Jenkins, Stromberg
Sunday	7:30 am
Lectors	Zeminsky, Mulholland
EMHC	Lucas, Maltagliati, Torosino
Servers	Katulski, Sarnecki, Tavera
Greeters	Kisak, Kisak
Sunday	9:00 am
Lectors	The Children
EMHC	Funk, Glover, Guseman, Hunter, Kallmyer, Mansfield, Mansfield, Randazzo, R. Weaver
Servers	Funk, Glover, Hunter
Greeters	Rendon-Sherman, Zeitler
Sunday	11:00am
Lectors	McHugh, Muldoon
EMHC	Ackroyd, Clagett, Holthaus, McCormack, Merl, Mulroy, Sonni, Vaccarino, Vaccarino
Servers	Brown, Brown, Gettmann
Greeters	K & S Smith
Sunday	5:00pm
Lectors	Fontana, Griffith, Vacancy
EMHC	Massari, Rusnak
Servers	Nagle, Shotting, Sobon
Greeters	Marks & Marks

Catholic Book Club
 May 29th 10 am Ministry Center and 7pm in the Parish Center. This month's book: *Understanding the Sacraments a guide for Prayer & Study* by Father Peter Stravinskias. For more information contact Father Larry


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The Knights of Columbus will sponsor the recitation of the Rosary in May in honor of Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother. The Rosary will begin 30 minutes before each Mass. If you are interested in leading the Rosary in May, please contact Greg Douglas at 410-799-1527 or by email at rgdouglas1@comcast.net


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Pastoral Council elections will be held mid-May. Please consider volunteering for this very important role in our parish. We will have 3 open positions to fill. The primary purpose of the Council is to accept responsibility, as a collaborative and consultative body, with the pastor for the life and mission of the Church in the parish. Areas that are addressed are: Education, Evangelization, Finance, Liturgy, Maintenance, Pastoral Care and Outreach, and Planning. A more detailed description of the activities of the council can be found on the Parish website under Pastoral Council at http://www.olphparish.org/parish_ministries. Please contact James Hunter (jamesahunter@verizon.net) if you have any questions regarding the level of commitment, or need additional detail on the activities of the council, etc. Your name and a brief biography must be received by May 4. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our parish!

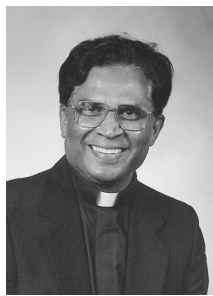

PENTECOST
Extended Pentecost Vigil Mass

Join us on Saturday, May 30 at 7:00pm for a special extended Pentecost Vigil Mass with additional readings from Scripture and songs as we imitate Mary and the Apostles who prayed expectantly for the gift of the Holy Spirit. This special Mass includes additional readings and song to help us prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit for our parish and ourselves. Join us as we pray to the Lord for an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our parish and all of its ministries! (Please note: our regular Saturday vigil Mass will still be celebrated as usual at 4:30pm!)

PARISH MAY PROCESSION—NEW TIME!!!!



Please come to our parish May Procession on May 17th after the five p.m. Mass. This year's May Procession will be very family friendly. Bring the children out to experience a May Crowning and encourage their devotion to the Blessed Mother. First Communicants are especially invited to attend in their First Communion outfits and join in the procession. If your daughter is interested in being in the drawing to select the girl to crown Mary or son in the drawing to carry the pillow, call Jennifer Schuberth at 410 750-7964 or email at praiseGod8@gmail.net"



Father Isaac Karoor is retiring!

Father Isaac, our former Associate Pastor -1997-2005 Will be retiring in July 2009.

He will also mark his 40th Anniversary as a priest.

Please see the parish web site for more details on the special Mass and reception to celebrate the years of ministry to the parishioners of OLPH and the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

www.olphparish.org

GATHOLIC FORMATION MINISTRIES

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

Vacation Bible School is coming July 13-17!



MANY VOLUNTEERS are still needed! **Planning needs to begin, NOW, for all Station Leaders.** If you have a special talent or would like to be a Station Leader, (crafts, music, movie, snacks, games, pre-school activities, etc.) please call Judy Gruel as soon as possible! 410-747-0131 (See the VBS display in the vestibule of the church for forms and other information)

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE: Join us for our spring Middle School Dance *NEXT* Friday, May 8th, 7:30-10:00 pm in Harrison Hall! Tickets are \$5 at the door. All Middle Schoolers (parishioners and non) are welcome! **Adult chaperones are needed, appropriate attire is required.**

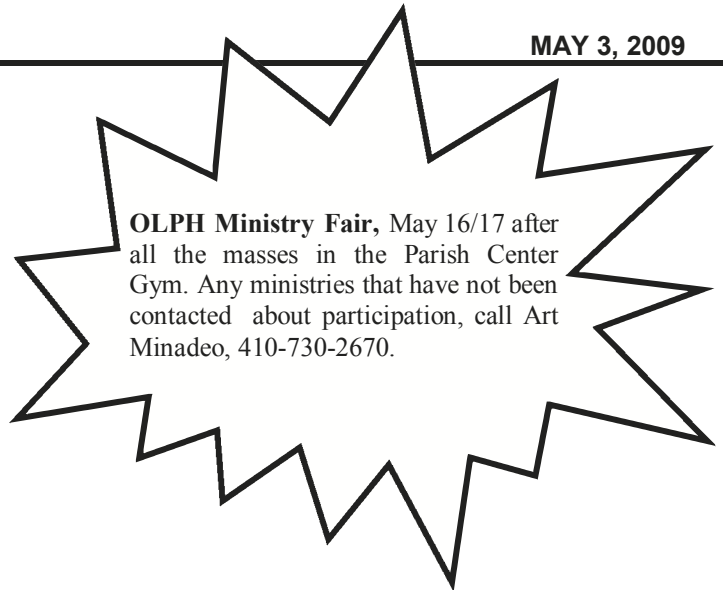
Religious Education Registration has begun!! Save \$25 by registering before July 30, 2009! Forms for Pre-K through High School are available in the narthex of the church and at the Ministry Center.

A BIG THANKS to all of the Elementary Religious Education families who contributed to our Lenten Operation Starfish Program. Over \$700.00 was collected to help the needy in Haiti and Latin America. Your small daily sacrifice will make a huge difference in helping to alleviate the suffering of others! Thank you for your generosity!

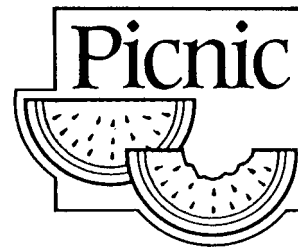
CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP—UPDATE!!!!



There are still some spots remaining for Catholic Heart Workcamp this summer from August 2nd - 8th! Deadline has past, but contact Erin ASAP if you plan to come at ErinCooneyOLPH@yahoo.com.



OLPH Ministry Fair, May 16/17 after all the masses in the Parish Center Gym. Any ministries that have not been contacted about participation, call Art Minadeo, 410-730-2670.




Please mark your calendars for our sixth annual parish picnic which is scheduled for Sunday, June 14th at 6:00 pm. This year our picnic will be held right after the 5:00 Mass and promises many fun family activities. You don't want to miss it. Look for more exciting details in coming weeks. (Mmmm Smores...)

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—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. Customary Donation \$25

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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 front of the Parish Center on April 26th and May 3rd. By email: scottleary@kofc9638.org


American Girl Tea Party

Family Fun Day

OLPH Girl Scout Troop 003 is sponsoring an **American Girl Tea Party** for girls and their American Girl dolls. This event is open to OLPH school and parish girls **in Grades K and up and also Community 61 Girl Scouts**. Our Tea Party will be on **Saturday, May 9** from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Join us in **Harrison Hall**. **The cost is \$15**. A flyer was included in the April 26 Sunday Bulletin. If you missed it and would like information, please contact Gen Weyandt at gencowee@msn.com or 410-312-4362.

Family Fun Day - The Archdiocese of Baltimore will be hosting a Family Fun Day for persons with developmental disabilities, their families, and friends. There will be entertainment, activities, lots of games to play and plenty of prizes and snacks for all participants. Admission to Family Fun Day is free and the event will be held rain or shine on Sunday, May 17, 2009 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Msgr. O’ Dwyer Retreat Center, located at 15523 York Rd, Sparks, Maryland 21152. For more information, please contact Bill Fleming at 410-547-5410 or by email at bfleming@archbalt.org.

 PARISH SUPPORT	
Offering for April 26, 2009	
Envelopes 485	\$12,992.50
Loose	\$1,845.00
Children	\$92.00
Total	\$14,929.50
Poor Box	\$267.50



The Good Shepherd watches over us. He knows that the values of the world can tear us apart like the wolf that tries to scatter our flock. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are August 14-16, 2009 and November 6-8, 2009. For more information or to register call toll free 1-877-558-LOVE (5683) or visit our Web site at <http://wwme.net>.