

Dear Parishioners,

As we move into the month of October, the Church celebrates a number of well-known and beloved saints. Among those whose feast days fall in this month we have *St. Therese of Liseux*, *St. Francis of Assisi*, *St. Faustina Kowalska* (Divine Mercy), *St. Theresa of Avila* and *St. Luke*. How does the Church decide what the official feast day of a saint is? Normally it is the day of their death. *Why?* Because it is on that day that the saint is welcomed home to heaven, and from his or her place in heaven, they intercede and pray for us.

This Sunday we remember St. Francis of Assisi as we celebrate a *Blessing of Animals* at 2:00pm. St. Francis certainly had a great love and appreciation for God's creation, one that was motivated by his great love of Christ. St. Francis teaches us that putting God first doesn't mean that love of others will suffer. In fact, it's just the opposite: the more we love God, the more we will love all that God has created.

We remember this connection between love of God and love of neighbor in a profound way as we begin *Respect Life Month*. During this month we reflect on the beauty and dignity of each and every human life, from the moment of conception until natural death. Please join us in caring for the gift of human life by taking part in the many opportunities our parish is offering this month to bear witness to and support the dignity of each human life.

Have a very blessed new week!

Fr. Arnold

Quest for Masculine Spirituality: Join Fr. Phillip Chavez, Solt for a *Summit for Men* on Saturday, November 8, 2008, held at St. John's Church in New Freedom, PA, 8:30a-2:30p. At this conference Fr. Phillip will cover a man's deepest need to fathom his masculine identity, develop his gifts, and realize his mission in life. He will lead an inspiring journey into the restoration of Christian men as strong husbands, fathers, and vital leaders. Cost: \$15 pre-registered; \$20 at the door; includes lunch. Students and clergy free. For registration information or for the event program, email paulw@AmatorInstitute.org or call 717-759-4782.

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

Carol Beall	Mary Grace Howard	Larry Putgenter, Sr.
Clyde Bradley	Francis Hubbard	Mary Reichel
Diane Buckley	Eugene Huget	Rosemarie Rippel
Helene Cadman	MaryAnn Humm	Mary Ann Sharp
Jane Caldwell	Jack Kelly	Ann Shively
David Clark	Buck Kroll	Mary Ellen Shotting
Daniel Couvillion	Martin Lobert	Billy Simpson
Patricia Donadio	Fred Lourenso	Jack Simpson
Mike Doshim	Lois Malarkey	Ardelia Smith
Warren Drell Jr.	Joyce Mathias	Msgr. Richard Smith
Doris Eustis	Lucy McKenna	Julia Smith
Jayne Fleischer	Joseph Murray	Bill Snyder
Richard Flynn	James Myers	Edna Walker
Mary Galindo	Nathan Niessner	Laura Wall
Caroline Herrmann	Mary Joyce O'Neill	Libby Weller

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



Masses For The Week

Mon., October 6	6:30 am	Visubasa Selvekumar
	8:15 am	Maria Mee †
Tues., October 7	6:30 am	Danny Vacin
	8:15 am	Susan Sowbee †
Wed., October 8	6:30 am	Mary Liz Martin †
	8:15 am	Bernadette Shea †
Thurs., October 9	6:30 am	Mickey Lippy †
	9:30 am	John Hunt †
Fri., October 10	6:30 am	Elaine Patchett †
	8:15 am	Wayne Harting †
Sat., October 11	8:15 am	Emilio Suarez †
	4:30 pm	Mr & Mrs John Turos †
Sun., October 12	7:30 am	Irma Koenig †
	9:00 am	Sean Finnegan †
	10:30 am	William L. Rogers Jr. †
	12:00 noon	For the People



"Do you know someone hurting inside following an abortion?"

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion trauma will be held in Maryland October 24-26, 2008 in Sparks, MD.

The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion.

Costs: \$150.00 per person (scholarship assistance is available)

For more information, please call 410-354-6900 and 800-286-4224 or email: projectrachel@archbalt.org, local website is www.project-rachel.net. National Rachel's Vineyard contact is 1-877-HOPE-4-ME or www.rachelsvineyard.org.



LITURGICAL SUNDAY

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for October 11-12

Saturday 4:30 pm
 Lectors Hochkeppel, Sarver
 Euch. Min. Brasauskas, Donahue, Stromberg
 Servers Bochenek, Sarver, Sarver

Sunday 7:30 am
 Lectors Torosino
 Euch. Min. Jones, Maltagliati, Maltagliati,
 Servers Farrell, Ross, Ross

Sunday 9:00 am
 Lectors Children
 Euch. Min. Funk, J Hunter, Mansfield, Mansfield, Potter,
 Sebastian, Sebastian, Shugars, Shugars
 Servers Funk, Hunter, Sebastian

Sunday 10:30 am
 Lectors Mathias, Minadeo
 Euch. Min. Biagiatti, Coelho, DeMelo, D Hunter,
 McCormack, Sharp, S Smith, Steele, Steele
 Servers Brown, Brown, Coelho

Sunday 12 Noon
 Lectors Hanratty, Green
 Euch. Min. Couvillion, Craumer, Holthaus
 Servers Fioretto, Green, Green




Blessing of Animals
Sunday, October 5th
2:00 p.m.

In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi we will be celebrating a blessing of animals on **Sunday afternoon, October 5 at 2 p.m. outside the church.**

Please bring your household pets of all varieties for the blessing but make sure they are secured and well-behaved!

(All dogs should be on leashes!)

*Subject to change when necessary.

	
Offering for September 28, 2008	
Envelopes	\$15,034.00
Loose	\$1,921.00
Children	\$82.00
Total	\$17,037.00
Poor Box	\$157.00

Important Haiti Update

Dear Parishioners,

I recently received an important update from our Missions Office about the state of our sister diocese of Gonaives, Haiti, where our own sister parish *Our Lady of the Nativity* is located.

As you may know, three back-to-back storms recently battered Haiti in a severe and devastating way. Flooding has placed everything under water, including both crops and buildings (including churches and schools). The people are suffering from a lack of food, fuel and water. In addition, the flooding destroyed the bridges that lead into the region, leaving the people even further isolated.

Deacon Mortel, the Archdiocesan Director of the Missions Office, is making an appeal to all the parishes in the Archdiocese to offer some support to aid the people of Gonaives, Haiti. Therefore, I would like to designate the Poor Box collection on the weekend of Oct. 11/12 specifically for these needs. On the weekend of October 11 and 12 we will take all of the monies donated to the Poor Box and forward it to the Missions Office to be used to assist the people of Les Gonaives. Please be generous in giving to the Poor Box on this weekend so that we can offer our help!

Deacon Mortel also shared with me that our sister parish *Our Lady of the Nativity* recently received a new pastor, Father Murat Dorcent. Please pray for Fr. Dorcent and his people that they will not lose hope in the midst of the destruction and devastation that so often strikes Haiti.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

Fr. Arnold

Next weeks second collection is for the Catholic Review. Your generosity is much appreciated. The Poor Box offerings will be for Our Sister Parish In Haiti, devastated by the multiple tropical storms this year.



*Honoring our Past
 Preserving Our Future*

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1,750,000
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1,500,000
1,399,448

214 Pledges have been made to date. We now have 1,399,447.95 in pledges and \$732,704.84 paid to date.

***Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
 Pray for Us***

CATHOLIC FORMATION MINISTRIES

Office Phone Numbers: 410-747-0131, 410-455-0399

Office Hours are Monday—Friday 9am—4pm

The **Nursery** is now open for those toddlers who can sit up, up to the age of 3. Children are welcomed on a first come-first serve basis. High school students are operating the Nursery during the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. The Nursery is located in the Kindergarten Room in the School. There is no cost for Nursery services.

Pre-K and Nursery Program: Classes began last week! If you have a 3, 4 or 5 year old who would like to join us, please contact Judy Gruel, at 410-747-0131. Space is limited in some classes.

Elementary Religious Ed: One 4th Grade class is still in need of some teaching help during the 5:00 session. If you can help, even every other week, please call Judy Gruel. Also, substitutes are needed on Mondays, during the 5:00 and 6:30 sessions and on Tuesday, during the 5:30 session. Please let us know if you can help.

Mark this date!! Reconciliation Parent Meeting, Tuesday, October 7, 7:00 pm in the Gym. All parents of children eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation are required to attend.

Sacrament Preparation: If you are a registered parishioner at OLPH, but your child attends another private or Catholic School and participated in religious formation last year, please contact the Ministry Center to make sure that you are in our database to receive all of the necessary communications to begin preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Archdiocesan guidelines require one year of remote catechesis prior to the immediate catechesis for preparation of a sacrament.

HIGH SCHOOL AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Summit Lake Religious Ed retreat is November 14th - 16th! Permission slips are in the back of the Church!

Baltimore Catholic Youth Conference (BYCC) in Ocean City November 21st - 23rd registration deadline is approaching! Spaces are very limited and will be filled on a first come first serve basis! Forms are in the back of the Church. Email ErinCooneyOLPH@yahoo.com **this week** to reserve a spot.



Natural Family Planning can be helpful for couples of marginal fertility who wish to achieve pregnancy. NFP is also the healthy alternative to unnatural forms of birth control. Course starts October 25 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. For more information call Mark & Kathy Schmidt 410-747-5611 or schmidtfamily@cclcentralmd.org.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
Presents
Jim & Michele Cowan
For a
Live Concert and
Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wed. Oct. 8th at 7:00 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
4795 Ilchester Rd.
Ellicott City, Maryland
410-747-4334

a free-will offering will be taken

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE—OCTOBER 14

You must be registered in order to vote in November's general election for president and U.S. Congress. The deadline to register to vote in Maryland is Tuesday, **October 14**. Basic requirements include American citizenship, Maryland residency, and being at least 18 years old by the election. For more information or to register, please visit www.elections.state.md.us or call 1-800-222-8683.

TURKEY DINNER AND FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

White Elephant items may be dropped off in the back of Harrison Hall. Look for the 2 boxes labeled "White Elephant Donations" underneath the coat rack. Donations may also be brought to the festival starting at 8:00 am.

Please consider baking a cake for the cake wheel. In order to comply with the Health Department regulations no cakes can require refrigeration and all must have a card attached to the top or side listing the main ingredients. This includes the type of oil used. (Recipes are acceptable for this). Cakes may be brought in on Saturday Oct. 11th from 4-6 pm at Harrison Hall or to the Festival starting at 8:00 am.



Booth Construction will be Wed Oct. 8th starting at 4:00 pm. Bring a screwdriver and a pair of gloves. The more people we have the faster we can have them set up.

**The Little Sisters of the Poor will hold their
Annual Ceramic Bazaar and Bake Sale
at
St. Martin's Home
601 Maiden Choice Lane, Catonsville MD
21228
On Saturday October 25th, 2008
From 9:00a.m.—4:00p.m.**

Free Architecture Lecture at the Basilica
Sunday, October 12, 2008
2:00pm
Cathedral & Mulberry Streets

Mr. Thomas Gordon Smith, AIA, noted architect, will offer his lecture "The Basilica - From Athens, through Rome, to Greece." This is the second of three lectures in the Basilica's 2008 Lecture Series.

For more info visit baltimorebasilica.org or call 410-727-3565.



Come join us for Casino night at Mount DeSales Academy Gym—October 18, 2008. 8-11:30pm Poker, Roulette, Craps, Blackjack with professional dealers. DJ, appetizers, desserts by Sugar Bakers, Wine, Beer and a Margarita Fountain. Prizes will include a flat Screen TV, Sports Memorabilia, iPod touch, and many other fun prizes. Tickets are \$40 per person--all proceeds go to MDSA Athletic Dept. Event is 21 or older. Please call Patrick Massari (410-418-9198) for tickets.

Our Lady's Center Chapel, 3301 S. Rogers Ave., Ellicott City has Eucharistic Adoration every Friday afternoon and evening following the Friday 12 noon Mass until the 8 PM Mass Friday evening for the sanctity of life and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. A Holy Hour begins at 7 PM every Friday followed by Confession, the Rosary, Benediction and Mass. 410-461-5066.



Our Website is under renovation, check us out at:
<http://www.churchsquare.com/olph/>