

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I pray you're having a very blessed Thanksgiving weekend with family and friends. As our nation gives thanks to the Lord, it's a good opportunity for our parish to do the same. As I look at the life of our parish, I'm thankful for the many families that make OLPH their spiritual home and bring it to life by their faith in the Lord. I'm thankful for those who are giving their talents back to the Lord in service to our parish: those who serve and support our Sunday Masses through music, service as ushers, greeters, extraordinary ministers, altar servers, and lectors. I'm grateful for those who help take care of our physical plant and parish grounds. I'm thankful for those who teach and assist in our elementary religious education programs, our middle school IMPACT program and with our many high school programs. I'm grateful for those who are helping to prepare our 2nd graders and 8th graders for the sacraments of initiation. I'm thankful for those who continue to give generously in the offertory each Sunday to support the many good programs and works our parish is accomplishing. I'm grateful to those who have and are supporting our Capital Campaign. I'm thankful for the great love you have shown me in my years with you in the parish family. There is much, much more for which our parish can give thanks to the Lord. I pray that the list might come easily for you as you spend time in thanksgiving for all the Lord has done for us.

As we now begin the season of Advent, please know that I will be praying for our parish family that these coming weeks will be filled with a peace and joy that helps us prepare well for the celebration of Savior's birth. Please make sure that you take home one of the Advent booklet of activities which includes our Christmas Mass schedule. God Bless!

Rev. Erik Arnold

Upcoming Changes to your Catholic Review Subscription!

Effective January 3rd 2010, only parishioners who subscribe to the Catholic Review will continue to receive home delivery service. If you would like to continue receiving the Catholic Review, please look for a new blue Catholic Review Subscription envelope in your December-January envelope packet. Simply return this envelope with a payment of \$45 for a one-year subscription either during January 3rd weekend Mass or mailed to the Parish Office by January 11th, to guarantee uninterrupted service.

Currently, OLPH provides the Catholic Review to all registered parishioners. Parishioners have the opportunity to cover the annual subscription rate of \$45 through secondary monthly collections. As collections have not met the expense to provide this service to all, the parish must subsidize the difference at a net cost \$20,000. It is with the hope of retaining this money at OLPH for programs and ministries that benefit parishioners, that we will begin a new process for collection and distribution of this periodical will occur in January 2010.

Please stay tuned for more details!



Masses For The Week

Mon., November 30	8:15 am	Bernardine O'Neill †
Tues., December 1	8:15 am	Ryan Meise †
Wed., December 2	8:15 am	Maude Gabbert †
Thurs., December 3	9:00 am	Anna Kelly †
Fri., December 4	8:15 am	Greg Kugler †
Sat., December 5	8:15 am	Edna Deuchler †
	4:30 pm	James Bowling †
Sun., December 6	7:30 am	Ed & Terri Yocum †
	9:00 am	Ott & Liz Deuchler †
	11:00 am	Sara & Ron Silver
	5:00 pm	William Sullenberger †

CHRISTMAS BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER NIGHT!

Parents, enjoy a night out while your kids have fun here at OLPH, all while supporting our High School Youth Ministry! On Friday, December 18th, our high school youth and parents will be hosting a Christmas Hang-out night for kids ages 2-11, from 6:00-11:00 pm. Pizza, movie, crafts, and games will be provided. Cost is \$20 for the first child in your family, \$10 for the second, and \$5 for each additional child in your family. Children can stay for all or part of the evening. All proceeds benefit OLPH High School Youth Retreats and Pilgrimages. Email Kristen to sign up to attend: kfisher_olph@yahoo.com

CALLING ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND BALTIMORE CITY GOVERNMENT WORKERS!!!!

It isn't too late to make your tax deductible contribution to the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Region (#99104) or the Maryland Charity Campaign (#3452) or the Combined Charity Campaign (#3452). Contributions can be made on line or by check and will be accepted through the end of the year. Please list Our Lady of Perpetual Help School and the specific designation number on your check. Donations to the CFCNCA can be made on line at www.cfcnca.org. Contributions to the MCC and/or CCC can be mailed to 100 South Street, P.O. Box 1576, 5th floor, Baltimore, MD 21203-1576. Thank you!!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for December 5-6th , 2009

Saturday	4:30 pm
EMHC	Sebastian , Sebastian, Wesselman
Lectors	Gregorini, Fox
Servers	Rau, Sebastian, Sebastian
Greeters	Cicala, Stromberg
Sunday	7:30 am
EMHC	Brigoli, Vaccarino, Vaccarino
Lectors	Beck, Benedict
Servers	Brigoli, Carr, Jegede
Greeters	Brigoli, Kisak
Sunday	9:00 am
EMHC	Kallmyer, Krause, McCarthy, Mills, Mills, Randazzo, Schroeder, S Smith, One Needed
Lectors	Billy Swann, J Zahor
Servers	Krause, Ross, Ross
Greeters	Sherman, Zeitler
Sunday	11:00am
EMHC	Childres, Childres, Gettmann, McCormack, O'Neill, O'Neill, Roche, Roth, Sarver
Lectors	Sarver, Mathias
Servers	Gettmann, Pellegrino, Roche
Greeters	Pellegrino, Sonni
Sunday	5:00pm
EMHC	Couvillion, Craumer, Saia, Schubert x2
Lectors	Curiel, Zeminsky
Servers	Brown, Caufield, Saia

OLPH is Now Hiring!

Last weekend we announced that Lynne Jones will be leaving her service to our parish. As we prepare to say goodbye, we have now begun the search for a new Parish Office Administrator. Please feel free to share this employment opportunity with those you think may serve our parish family well.

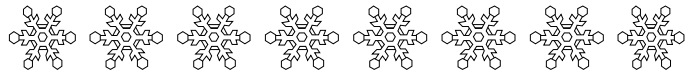
Parish Office Administrator

Performs administrative and secretarial duties which include but are not limited to the following: provides support to the Pastor; prepares correspondence, reports and memos; maintains computer based and paper files; responsible for purchasing office supplies; schedules appointments and facilities usage; administers in-person and phone inquiries/requests from parishioners and vendors; handles parish mail and email communication. Our parish is looking for a highly effective organized individual with excellent interpersonal skills, independent judgment and discretion, as well as computer skills. The position is full-time and would be eligible for benefits.

For inquiries and more information please contact Lisa Sliker in the Parish Office at (410) 747-4334 or lmслиker@gmail.com



This weekend the St. Vincent de Paul Society will begin the annual Christmas Giving Tree program. The tags are decorating two trees in the Narthex. Please select a tag and **remember to return the wrapped gift to the Church by 11:00 AM on December 13th.** Thank you for your generosity and support.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Thursday, December 24, 2009

4:00pm - Church (*Children's Choir*)

4:00pm - Parish Center Gym
(*Contemporary*)

6:00pm (*Youth Choir*)

8:00pm (*Traditional Choir*)

12:00am Midnight Mass (*Contemporary Ensemble*)

A musical prelude will begin 20 minutes before each Christmas Eve Mass.

The Children's Christmas Program will begin at 3:30pm

Christmas Day Mass

Friday, December 25, 2009

9:00am (*Organ and Cantor*)

Solemnity of Mary

Mother of God

A Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 31, 2009

7:00pm – Vigil Mass

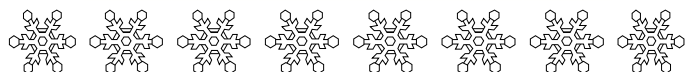
11:00pm – 12:00 am Midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 am Midnight Mass following Adoration

Friday, January 1, 2010

9:00 am Mass

Start the New Year a different way! Join us for a quiet hour prayer on New Year's Eve followed by Mass at Midnight for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. A light celebration will follow.



**Net income from the 2009 Turkey Dinner—
\$13,212.04**

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

1st Grade Rel. Ed. Aide needed! A Religious Education aide is needed, to begin in January, for a 1st grade class on Tuesdays, from 5:30-6:30. With our large numbers of first graders, it is extremely important that we have two adults in every class. If you can help us, please contact Judy Gruel, 410-747-0131 or email jgruel@archbalt.org. If interested, please contact us as soon as possible so all STAND paperwork can be completed.

4th Grade Catechist and Rel. Ed. Aide needed immediately! Due to the large number of 4th graders at the Monday, 6:30 pm session, we must divide the class into two classes. A teacher and aide is needed as soon as possible to alleviate this situation. Please call Judy Gruel, 410-747-0131, or email jgruel@archbalt.org Please help so God's Word can more effectively be taught to our parish children.

ABLAZE is now every **TUESDAY** night for December from 6:30 - 8:00 - all high schoolers are invited to worship, pray, and fellowship with friends for at this 90 minute retreat to keep the fire in your heart blazing!

It's that time of the year to sign up for MOUNT 2009! Spend Valentines Weekend with the true love of your life - Jesus! Contact Erin to register - spots are limited so act FAST! Erincooneyolph@yahoo.com

We will not have IMPACT on Sunday, Nov. 29th

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVENT PARTY! Join us for our Annual Advent Party on Saturday, December 5th, 7:00-9:00 pm in Harrison Hall. Gingerbread House making contest, Dasher and Dancers Dodgeball Tournament, Frozen Turkey bowling, and more! All middle schoolers are welcome.

CONFIRMATION Family Activities will be email on Monday, November 30th. If you do not receive your Family Activities by the end of the day, please email Kristen. kfisher_olph@yahoo.com



High Schoolers! Don't forget to mark your calendars for **Erin and Joe's wedding on December 12th at 12:00!** They want YOU there! A Christmas Party/ Reception just for you is to follow. Bring a wrapped/bagged gift under \$15 to participate in a White Elephant gift exchange!! More chaperones are needed - parents, contact Erin if you would like to help out!

What have you done for your marriage today?
ForYourMarriage.org



The challenge is to help couples turn 'I Do' into 'We Can.' (Scott Stanley) *Is there something you thought you couldn't do before marriage but now, with the help of your spouse, you can?*

"Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." (Ruth 1:16) This scripture was originally said by Ruth to her mother-in-law. How's your relationship with your mother-in-law? If it needs a little tweaking, today might be a day to start.

Building Fund Envelopes
To those parishioners who made pledges earlier in the campaign, please keep using your envelopes that are mailed to you with your statement.

If you are interested in a Baptismal Certificate suitable for framing please contact Jeanne Martin at the Parish Office 410-747-4334 Tuesday and Thursday.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS' TESTING SCHEDULED FOR TWO SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER

For the first time, the Catholic High Schools' Placement Test (HSPT) will be offered to 8th grade students on two consecutive Saturdays: **December 5th and December 12th**. Registration is 8:30 AM (pre-registration is not required). The test begins promptly at 9:00 AM (no late admittance). Cost: \$30 cash or check (no credit cards). For convenience, students may take the test at any Catholic high school. Different tests will be administered on each Saturday. Students may take the test **ONE TIME ONLY**. Results will be tallied using a student's first test submission. Any second/additional test will be discarded by the testing service. For more information, visit www.archbalt.org.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Santa Claus is coming to town! Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 19th Annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 13th 8 am - 12 Noon in the Parish Center. Santa will be available for photos until 11 am and there will also be face painting, crafts and the Secret Shop for the kids and more! If you would like to donate items for the Secret Shop, please take them to the school office.

Living Covenant In a Contract World

A Scripture-based Valentine's Day
Retreat
for
Married Couples

February 12-14, 2010
Bon Secours Spiritual Center

Registration forms in the Narthex of the
Church

Space is limited
Reserve your place today!

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

John Austraw	Janet Feldman	Nathan Niessner
Paul Bagley	Jayne Fleischer	Mary Joyce O'Neill
John L Baker	Richard Flynn	Brenda Pelton
Mary Barber	Carol Freese	Larry Putgenter, Sr.
Lucy Bodner	Shawna Giuffrida	Rosemarie Rippel
Janet Brigoli	Will Houck	Maureen Roche
Diane Buckley	Mary Grace Howard	Mary Ann Sharp
Helene Cadman	Francis Hubbard	Debbie Shipley
Jennifer Campbell	Chuck Hutzell	Jack Simpson
Rose Centineo	Michelle Janson	Ardelia Smith
Betty Clausen	Ally Jarkiewicz	Julia Smith
Kaelynn Collazo	Jack Kelly	Bill Snyder
Daniel Couvillion	Lauren Kelly	Rosemary Snyder
MaryJo DeFillipo	John F. Klosek	Mary Stevens
Michele DeLean	Josephine Lucas	Lauretta Vaccarino
Patricia Donadio	Fred Lourenso	Ed Ward
Mike Doshim	Lucy McKenna	Edna Walker
Warren Drell, Jr	Sandy Miller	Libby Weller
Doris Eustis	Joseph Murray	Kyla Zeilinger
	Robert Myers	

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

The Flowers on the Altar this past week were
in Memory of
Alexander Kurmilko