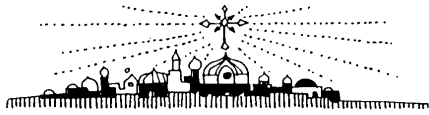


From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We continue our Christmas celebrations this Sunday with the Feast of the Holy Family. Knowing that the holidays can bring out both the best and worst of us, especially in the context of our own families, we want to use this Feast as a chance to pray for our families, especially for healing and reconciliation, and the grace to love one another, even to the point of sacrifice. Often it seems easier to love others that we only know casually, while it is more difficult to love our own families, whom we know so well. This reality reveals the truth that love is not just a matter of feelings, but the difficult and sacrificial choice to put the good of others before ourselves. Only with God's grace can we love in this way. Thanks be to God that He offers us this very grace! On this Fest of the Holy Family we pray for our own families, and our parish family, for the help we need to love one another fully and completely. God Bless and Merry Christmas!

Fr. Arnold



New Year's Eve Celebration

Start the New Year a different way! Join us for a quiet hour of Eucharistic Adoration on New Year's Eve followed by Mass at Midnight for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Adoration begins at 11:00pm, followed by Mass at Midnight. A light celebration will follow. Please join us!



FAITH DIRECT NEWS

Through Faith Direct you can make all of your contributions to OLPH via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card – just as many of you do now with your mortgage payments and cable and phone bills. To sign up, just visit www.faithdirect.net with our parish code **MD115** and your parish envelope number. They will guide you through the secure process, or you can use one of the enrollment forms that are available in the church. Please consider taking advantage of this convenient and safe way of supporting the work of our parish.



Masses For The Week

Mon., December 29th	6:30 am	Jack Hartle †
	8:15 am	Ricky Knight †
Tues., December 30th	6:30 am	Joseph Pino †
	8:15 am	Isabel Frances Moore †
Wed., December 31st	6:30 am	Joseph Cicero †
	8:15 am	Leo Maurey †
	7:00 pm	Richard E. Smith †
Thursday January 1st	Midnight	Eleanor Short †
	9:00 am	Bill Neal, Jr. †
	7:00 pm	The Kim Family †
Fri., January 2nd	6:30 am	Gregory Martucci †
	8:15 am	Angie Stallings †
Sat., January 3rd	8:15 am	Paul Feldman †
	4:30 pm	M/M Anthony Maltosz †
Sun., January 4th	7:30 am	For the People
	9:00 am	Claire Anderson †
	10:30 am	William Hawes †
	12:00 noon	Maggie Feiss †

All Parish Offices will close early on December 31st and be closed January 1st. We will re-open January 2nd.

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

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

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



MINISTRY SCHEDULE for January 3-4, 2009 Epiphany

Saturday	4:30 pm— Fr. Larry
Lectors	Green, Snavely
EMHC	Craumer, Geller, Saia
Servers	Sinnott, Sinnott, Sinnott
Sunday	7:30 am— Fr. Larry
Lectors	Torosino
EMHC	Baker, Baker, Schroeder
Servers	Antonsen, Baker, Schroeder
Sunday	9:00 am— Fr. Larry
Lectors	Cynkar, Shotting
EMHC	Biagiotti, Douglas, McCarthy, Potter, Quinn, Roche, Schwerdt, Wesselman, West
Servers	Brown, Brown, Douglas
Sunday	10:30 am—Bishop Rozanski
Lectors	Zahor, Zahor
EMHC	Marks, McCormack, Mulroy, Plants, Procopio, Roth, Sebastian, Shugars, Shugars
Servers	Fabella, Fabella, Mulroy
Sunday	12 Noon - Bishop Rozanski
Lectors	Hanratty, Couvillion
EMHC	Crizer, Goode, Hanratty
Servers	Fioretto, McLamb, McLamb

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God



December 31st—7pm Vigil Mass
11pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Midnight Mass—Silent Mass
January 1, 2009 9:00am and 7:00pm

Honoring Our Past, Preserving our Future: Our Capital Campaign

If you have not already done so, please take the time during this wondrous time of year to consider making a gift or pledge to our capital campaign. Join the 275 OLPH households who have already stepped forward to make a sacrifice to preserve and enhance the future of our parish.

Make your gift now and take your income tax deduction for 2008. If you have stocks that have appreciated over the years (yes, it might have occurred even in this downturn), you can benefit in a number of ways from doing so. You obtain the deduction for the amount of your gift, and you also eliminate the payment of the capital gains tax you would have to pay had you sold them.

Help us reach the \$800,000 mark in 2008!

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:

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.

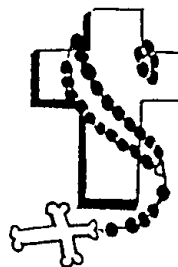
CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

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

THE MEANING OF THE MASS

In case you missed the recent presentation by Fr. Larry on the Meaning of the Mass: Making Present the Sacrifice of Calvary, it is now available on-line at our local Knights of Columbus website. Thanks to the technical skill of Dennis Bartko, the presentation is available in a live audio recording, or if you don't want to listen to Fr. Larry's voice for 50 minutes, you get read or download a textual version of the presentation. For the talk, the text, and more information about the Knights of Columbus go to <http://www.knightsofcolumbus9638.org/html/faith.html>

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS



Jesus told us to "Pray that the Master may send more workers into His vineyard. Join us on Friday, January 2nd, at 7pm in the Church for Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary for vocations. For more information, contact Fr. Larry

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Fr. Erik Arnold is pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Ellicott City. His vision for his parish includes strengthening and enriching the marriages of his parishioners. He has a special understanding of how

his vocation to the priesthood can inform and serve the vocation of marriage. His deep love and reverence for the Eucharist, his love and knowledge of the Scripture, his sense of humor, and his enthusiasm for his priestly life recommend him as a director for this retreat.



Joe and Cinda DeVet have been involved extensively in Family Life Ministry, including Sponsor Couple training, Marriage Encounter, Natural Family Planning teaching, family vocation ministry, and days of reflection. But it is

their love for and commitment to the continuing journey of growth in love and understanding of the vocation of matrimony that most contributes to their involvement in this retreat. After 42 years, their love continues lively, and their enthusiasm and willingness to laugh at their own mistakes invigorate their presentation style.

February 13-15, 2009

Registration begins Friday at 5:30pm.
and dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

The program begins promptly at 7:30.

Closing Mass to follow lunch and final conference on Sunday.

We will adjourn by 2:00 pm.

Bring Bibles and any personal aids to prayer.

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

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?

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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GATHOLIC FORMATION MINISTRIES



“Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience....”

Jesus asks us to learn how to live in our families with the qualities necessary to be truly one body in the Lord. Am I willing to learn how to do this? The next

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb. 8-10, 2009 and August 8-10, 2009. For more information or to register call toll free 1-877-558-LOVE (5683) or visit our Web site at <http://wwme.net>.

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

OLPH Nursery: Our Nursery is available to all parishioners on Sundays during the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. Children who can sit up, up to age three are welcomed to join us! The Nursery is located in the Kindergarten Room, on the first floor of the School. There is no cost for Nursery services. Space is limited to two toddlers per high school volunteer. **The Nursery will be open on Jan. 4 and 18.**

Washington, D.C. March for Life: Thursday, Jan. 22, is the anniversary of Roe v Wade which marks the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy. Join tens of thousands of others to show the new administration and our legislators that we will not tolerate abortion on demand, partial-birth abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia. Please plan to participate in this March! Call your Respect Life Coordinator.

**Pregnant, Need Help? Call the Gabriel Network
1-800-ANGEL-OK**
**Suffering Post-Abortion Stress? Call Project Rachel
1-800-286-4224**

The Big Money Raffle Tickets are in the Mail!! Watch your mail box for your chance to win the big Raffle, to be drawn at the Bull Roast! **THE 2009 OLPH BULL ROAST** is just around the corner!! Saturday February 21, 2009 7-11pm, Ten Oaks Ballroom. Only 400 tickets to be sold-- guaranteed to sell out--NO RESERVATIONS- Please call Vince Florenzo for ticket purchase. \$50 per person; \$450 for table of ten We have ALWAYS sold over 600 tickets for this event so book your sitter, gather your friends and get ready for a good time!! Vince Florenzo (240) 464-3415 vcmaflo@verizon.net