

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend I'll be speaking at all of the Masses to encourage you to take part generously in this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal, which you have supported in an amazing way over the last many years. Again this year we will be taking the parish portion of your gifts and giving them away to support some of our own special causes: our sister parishes in Baltimore (St. Veronica) and Haiti (Our Lady of the Nativity) and the evangelization work of ChristLife, which has grown tremendously over this past year. You were so generous last year that we were able to give away \$66,693 to these good works (42.5% each to our sister parishes and 15% to ChristLife) over and above the \$118,000 that went to support the ministries and activities benefiting from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal such as Catholic Charities. Thank you for your great generosity! I hope that we can be as generous again this year and continue our support of these good works that are really making a difference.

I hope that you'll be joining us for our next Parish Family Dinner Night on Friday, Feb. 8. This dinner will be our "Feb-toberfest" celebration - a great Oktoberfest-style meal with amazing homemade grilled sausages and bratwursts. Our last dinner was our biggest yet, but I think this one may come close to topping it. If you've never been out, please join us and see why these dinners have grown more and more popular over the last several years. If you know you're coming, you can RSVP for the dinner on our parish website at olphparish.org/dinner. The RSVPs aren't required but they help us to plan well for the big crowds.

Have a very blessed new week!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

PATRICIA DONADIO
Wife of Robert Donadio

MARTIN LOBERT
Husband of Sarah Lobert

PHYLLIS BRANDT

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR AND ICON FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of:
BRIDGET EBUEKU and AGNES ADENIYI.

The OLPH Icon flowers are given in memory of:
JOSEPH PERNA.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

February 10, 2013

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
1 Corinthians Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11
Luke 5:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 2 (*Presentation of the Lord*)

8:15am Int. of the Dueñas Toledano Family
4:30pm Jane Stromberg †

Sun., February 3 (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30am Laura Wancowicz †
9:00am Robert Klein †
11:00am Jane Stromberg †
5:00pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, February 4

8:15am Eunice Neighbours †

Tuesday, February 5 (*St. Agatha*)

8:15am Marie A. Nista †

Wed., February 6 (*St. Paul Miki & Companions*)

8:15am Karen Kerns †

Thursday, February 7

8:15am Patricia Chairs †
9:30am Ross Cirrincionet †

Fri., Feb. 8 (*Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita*)

8:15am George Sweeney †

Saturday, February 9

8:15am Henry E. Richter †
4:30pm For the People of the Parish

Sun., February 10 (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30am John Baker †
9:00am Int. of John and Jenny Mohler
11:00am James Sharp †
5:00pm Jim Gallagher †

"Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself, 'Who could be the master of these beautiful things?' I felt a great desire to see him, to know him and to pay him homage." —Saint Josephine Bakhita

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY—FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

Do you like to cook or bake? We are always in need of volunteers to donate their time and talent (and food) for our funeral luncheons. This is a wonderful way to bring comfort and support to those going through a painful loss, and to be more involved in the parish.

Your time and generosity are appreciated. If you would like to be on our Funeral Luncheon list, or have any questions about this ministry, please call Sister Lorraine at 410-747-4334, ext. 314.

OLPH FAMILY DINNER NIGHT—FEB-TOBERFEST!

Mark your calendars for the next OLPH Family Dinner night on Friday, February 8, from 5:30-8pm.

Join us for Oktoberfest in February with **homemade bratwurst, Wiener schnitzel, German potato salad, fresh vegetables, garden salad and fresh baked rolls.** Come and see why everyone loves our Family Dinner night!

Bring your family and friends All are welcome!

Do you love to bake? We are in need of people willing to donate a dessert for the Dinner Night.

Please email lschuberth@verizon.net if you are willing to donate a dessert for Feb. 8.

HOWARD COUNTY PREGNANCY CENTER—HIRING

Seeking a Registered Nurse or Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer to staff and run our soon-to-open sonogram clinic in Columbia, MD. The position is paid and part time. Hours are flexible. The candidate should have a heart for the pro-life movement. Sonography training will be provided at the Center's expense. For more info or to apply for the position, please call Kim Hartman at 410 730-3223.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

Please join us in the parish office on February 4th at 7pm. All are welcome! For more information, please call Sister Lorraine, 410-747-4334, ext. 314.

DID YOU GET A NEW CELL PHONE RECENTLY?

If so, consider donating your old cell phones & accessories to the Cell Phones for Soldiers collection program sponsored by our Catholic War Veterans Post 1961. Simply deposit your old phones in the collection box in the Narthex of the church. Each old phone provides approximately one hour of calling time for our troops so they can stay connected with their families.

Thank you for your generosity!

SAVE THE DATE: OLPH SCHOOL 2013 SPRING FLING , (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE BULL ROAST)

Theme: *The Best of Baltimore:*

Dinner, Dancing, Casino Gaming, Live and Silent Auction

March 9, 2013, 7pm-12am, OLPH Parish

Center ,Catering by Dimitri's International Grill

Dinner tickets on sale starting in January.

\$55 each or \$50 each for tables of 8 or 10

Money raffle tickets \$10 each or 3 for \$25

(Prize of \$5,000 cash or OLPH School tuition for 1 child for 1 year)

TV raffle tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10

(46" Samsung LED 1080P HD TV)

For more info, please contact Karen Vorsteg (kvorsteg@gmail.com) or Vince Florenzo (vcmaflo@verizon.net).

*Please include these people and their families in your prayers
that they may experience Christ's comfort and healing.*

John Austraw
Rob Baldwin
Lucy Bodner
Ron Bondo
Joe Botkin
Wayne Buckley
Graham Burrell
Kaelynn Collazo
Sean Cunningham
Anna Curry
MaryJo DeFillipo
Robert Dovalovsky
William Dovalovsky
John Duvall
Janet Feldman
Jayne Fleischer
Richard Flynn
Carol Freese

Thomas French
Julie Gallagher
Lorraine Gallagher
Lewis Goode
Joe Haupt
Gail Higgins
Mary Grace Howard
Chuck Hutzell
Meghan Jaecksch
Ally Jarkiewicz
Emily Kerstetter
Joanne Kerstetter
Marian Kubic
Anne Labagh
Phil Lewellen
Fred Lourenso
Josephine Lucas
Diane Lydic

Claire Mathews
Baby Grace Mathews
Jim McKelvey
Lucy McKenna
Bob Moan
Peggy Moan
Caroline Mohler
Joseph Murray
Nathan Niessner
Tina Prangley
Sara Ann Ring
Rosemarie Rippel
June Rosemary
Sally Ross
Ephel Sandford
Hugh Sandford
Pearline Sandford
Bill Schone

Sheila Schone
Barbara Segala
Jack Simpson
Ardellia Smith
Julia Smith
Bill Snyder
Rose Sorbello
Crystal Spicer
Mary Stevens
Linda Uliana
Lauretta Vaccarino
Ed Ward
Jon Web
Richard Weinroth
Robert Welsh, Jr.
Robert Welsh, Sr.
Clyde Wenzel
Kyla Zeilinger

We need your help! We are trying to keep this prayer list updated.

If you or your loved one is on the mend, please notify the Parish Office at 410-747-4334.

SAVE THE DATE!! ATTENTION PARENTS!

A Parent Meeting for those families with children eligible to receive First Communion in May, will be held on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center Gym. This meeting is required for all parents. Please mark your calendars today. For further information contact Judy Gruel, jgruel@archbalt.org.

PARENTS! SAVE THE DATE!

OLPH Vacation Bible School, "Kingdom Rock" will be July 8-12, 2013! Please mark your calendars now for this exciting and inspirational week! Children ages 3 to those entering 5th Grade are invited to join us! **Only 130 children can be accommodated**, so watch the narthex for our VBS display and registration forms to be coming soon! As always, we need many volunteers to make this a huge SUCCESS! Middle School youth through adults are needed. Please contact Judy Gruel, jgruel@archbalt.org, for further information. **Join us for "Kingdom Rock"- Where Kids Stand Strong for God!**

STEBENVILLE SUMMER CONFERENCE

Are you ready for an awesome weekend of sacraments, talks, prayer, community, and so much more?! Sign ups for our annual high school Steubenville Summer Conference have arrived! We will be going June 21-23. In order to secure your spot, you must turn in a \$100 deposit along with the OLPH permission slip, as well as the Steubenville Youth Registration and Liability Release Form. Forms can be found on the rack in the back of church and on the parish website in the High School section. Please note spots cannot be guaranteed through messages via email, Facebook, etc. but are only guaranteed with a deposit and both permission forms which can be turned into the parish drop box/office in an envelope marked Matt. All rising freshman to outgoing seniors are invited to attend! Act quickly because spots fill up within days! Questions? Email Matt at mattc.malone@gmail.com

OLPH CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

We will be reading *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*, by Sherry A. Weddell. We will discuss the book on Thursday evening, March 21 at 7:30pm at the Schuberth home, 4721 Knapp Court, Ellicott City. All are welcome to join us. .

Drawing upon her fifteen years of experience with the Catherine of Siena Institute, Sherry Weddell leads readers through steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God and gives help in reaching out to others to evangelize. Copies of *Forming Intentional Disciples* may be available on the OLPH bookrack. For more information email praiseGod8@gmail.com or call 410 925-6804

MEN'S & WOMEN'S CURSILLO RETREATS

The Cursillo Movement of Baltimore is offering a Men's Weekend Retreat, February 21 – 24 and a Women's Weekend Retreat, February 28 – March 3rd. You may learn more about Cursillo at www.baltimorecursillo.org. If you are interested in attending, please contact Greg Douglas at rgdouglas1@comcast.net or at 202-297-3293 for more information.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF MARYLAND CONFERENCE

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland will hold its annual conference, *Proclaiming Christ in a Secular World*, at Calvert Hall College High School in Towson, MD on Saturday, March 16th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The scheduled speakers include Ralph Martin, Steven Ray and Richard Lane. Archbishop Lori is scheduled to join for the closing Mass at 3 pm. Online registration is available at www.catholicmensfellowship.com/tickets.html For questions, please contact Greg Douglas at rgdouglas1@comcast.net or at 202-297-3293.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH!

Church of the Resurrection invites you to join them on Thursday, February 7, 2013 from 7:00pm-8:45pm for a Women's Night of Reflection with Fr. Dan Leary : **"OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST"**. Music by Dr. Stephen Lay will begin at 7:00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and talk by Fr. Dan will begin at 7:30pm. Benediction and closing will be at approximately 8:30pm. Confession will also be available during the evening. Free babysitting offered by the high school youth group, too! You don't want to miss this special evening! Fr. Dan Leary is the pastor of St. Andrew Apostle church in Silver Spring and is a popular and much sought-after speaker. His inspiring talks have drawn many closer to Christ and have helped them grow in their faith. For more information contact Cheri Keating: cherikeating@verizon.net

**SAINT MICHAEL'S ACADEMY—
A CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CO-OP**

...invites you to learn more about homeschooling and discern whether our group may be a good fit for your family. We meet every Thursday during the traditional school year in Woodstock, Maryland, and we offer classes for all ages, from preschoolers to 12th graders. We would be happy to see your family at one of our upcoming shadow days. We will also hold a Question and Answer meeting on February 5 at 7:30pm at Our Lady's Center in Ellicott City. For more information, please contact Megan Gaus at 410-480-3718.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GETTING TO KNOW OUR CATHOLIC SAINTS: *St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947), Feast Day: February 8*

This remarkable woman, canonized in 2000 by John Paul II, was featured in Pope Benedict's encyclical on hope, *Spe Salvi*. Born in Sudan, Bakhita was kidnapped at a young age by Arab slave traders and forcibly converted to Islam. Consequently, her precise birth date and given name are not known. She endured the horror of the slave trade, being sold five times and receiving over a hundred permanent scars on her back. Thankfully, an Italian diplomat finally bought Bakhita and gave her a dignified place in his home. When he returned to Italy, he entrusted her to sisters near Venice, who instructed her in the faith. At the age of 21, Bakhita was baptized. In the true God she found the best "Master" - in her phrase - Whom she determined to serve always. As she said: "I am definitively loved, and whatever happens to me, I am awaited by this Love. And so my life is good." She used to kiss the font where she became a child of God and recall how God's own Son had been flogged for her sake. She became a religious sister and spent the rest of her days in humble service to children and the poor. By the time of her death, "Mother Moretta" (the dark Mother) was beloved by the people of the region and revered for her sanctity. "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who not know him," she would say. "What a great grace it is to know God!"



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OLPH SCHOOL NEWS- ADMISSIONS FOR 2013-2014

On Wednesday, February 13, we will host an incoming assessment and meeting with the teachers for all students entering Pre-K and Kindergarten next year. If you have not yet submitted your application for the 2013-2014 school year, please do so and we will add you to the list of attendees. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet the teachers and see the classrooms. Families interested in enrolling for grades 1-8 may schedule a tour and shadow visit by calling the school office (410-744-4251).

Admissions is on a space-available basis, so don't delay.