



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. As I shared with you last weekend at all of our Masses, your generosity last year was truly amazing and your gifts made a real difference in the lives of those helped by the charities, ministries and programs you helped to support. I pray this year we will be able to make another profound difference, especially through the feeding program we support at Our Lady of the Nativity in Haiti; the youth served at St. Veronica's, whose youth minister salary is supported by your gifts; as well as the thousands of hearts touched by ChristLife, whose ministry of Catholic evangelization you also helped to support and fund. Thank you so much for taking part again in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal!

Thank you to everyone who served and cooked and took part in this past Friday's Parish Family Dinner Night! I'm so happy we're able to get together as a parish family for no other reason than to share a meal and enjoy the gift of friendships and family. The Lord's plan is for the Church to be our family, something much more than just an hour on Sunday - thank you to everyone who is making that happen here at OLPH!

Finally, this Wednesday we enter into the season of Lent - please see the bulletin for our schedule of Masses for Ash Wednesday. This season brings with it so many graces as we prepare our hearts to enter into the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Please know of my prayers for you as we begin Lent and ask the Lord to bring about a real conversion of heart within us.

God bless you all!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

DELORES GREEN
Mother of Kevin Green

ALTAR AND ICON FLOWERS

There are no flower memorials during Lent.
Memorials will begin again the weekend of April 14th.

OLPH/RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE!

Our only Blood Drive this year will be held on Sunday, March 3 from 8am to 1pm in Harrison Hall. This will be a fully scheduled blood drive. For an appointment or questions, please call Lori Merl at 410-455-9440, or send an e-mail to Imerl@comcast.net.

Let's make this our best blood drive yet!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

February 17, 2013

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 ☩

Monday, February 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes)

8:15am Arlene Morraye ☩

Tuesday, February 12

8:15am Marie A. Nista ☩

Wednesday, February 13 (Ash Wednesday)

6:30am Donald Frasch ☩

9:30am Amy DeSantis ☩

5:00pm Mary Koshurba ☩

7:00pm Christopher Sliker ☩

Thursday, February 14 (Sts. Cyril & Methodius)

8:15am Ray Phillips ☩

No School Mass Today.

Friday, February 15

8:15am Int. of Rose Kunnappallil

Saturday, February 16

8:15am Int. of the Dueñas Toledano Family

4:30pm Virginia Carino ☩

Sunday, February 17 (First Sunday of Lent)

7:30am Jon L. Wiser ☩

9:00am For the People of the Parish

11:00am Samuel Welsh ☩

5:00pm Julia Lee ☩

"We too are called to withdraw at certain intervals into deeper silence and aloneness with God...not with our books, thoughts, and memories but completely stripped of everything, to dwell lovingly in God's presence - silent, empty, expectant, and motionless." —Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.**

SAVE THE DATE: OLPH SCHOOL 2013 SPRING FLING ,

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 prize of

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).



ENTER INTO THE
SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

February 13, 2013

6:30am,

9:30am (School Mass)

5:00pm, 7:00pm

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.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—OREMUS FOR TEENS!

All High School students are invited to sign up for Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer for Teens! Join us for an 8-week session that will help you dive deeper into relationship with the Lord. We'll be talking about the how-to's of prayer and then putting them into practice! Oremus for Teens starts Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30pm in the parish office basement. Contact Matt at mattc.malone@gmail.com to sign up or for more information!

*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
Ray 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

HOLY WEEK CHOIR MEMBERS

If you have ever wanted to get involved with Music Ministry but are not able to make a yearlong commitment, please consider joining us for one or more of the Holy Week liturgies. Being a seasonal choir member is a wonderful Lenten commitment, and a beautiful way to enter more deeply into the celebration of the Easter Triduum.

The Sunday Morning Contemporary Ensemble invites singers and instrumentalists to join us for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and the 9am Mass on Easter morning. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm, beginning at the end of February.

The Traditional Choir invites singers for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9pm, beginning at the end of February. For more information or to sign up, please contact Dana La Rosa, Director of Music, at 410-747-4334 or dlarosa@archbalt.org

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!

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GETTING TO KNOW OUR CATHOLIC SAINTS: *St. Scholastica (480-542?), Feast Day: February 10*

Twins often share the same interests and ideas with an equal intensity. Therefore, it is no surprise that Scholastica and her twin brother, Benedict (July 11), established religious communities within a few miles from each other. Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies. Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery. The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.



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According to the Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day. He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey. Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it." Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

*Saint of the Day; Lives, Lessons and Feast. By Leonard Foley, O.F.M.; revised by Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.
Found at: <http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1287>*

PREGNANT, NEED HELP? Call 1-800-ANGEL OK

SUFFERING POST-ABORTION STRESS? Call Rachel's Vineyard Baltimore at 1-800-286-4224