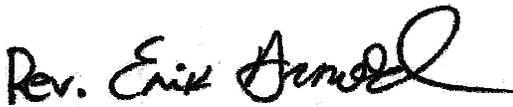


Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we move into the third week of Lent I want to encourage you in your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Some of you may have begun Lent strong but have found yourself drifting or losing focus, while others had the desire to begin but never actually got going. Whatever the case may be, remember that this season of Lent is God's gift to us, to help focus our hearts on loving Him and our neighbor. So it's not too late for us to make the most of this season and, by God's help, allow it to be a time of real growth in our spiritual lives. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation stands at the center of this season. Next Sunday we will hear the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son (or maybe better, as Pope John Paul II said, the parable of the Merciful Father). I pray that the Lord will move in your hearts to seek His forgiveness and the grace to begin anew in His love. As I've mentioned, there are opportunities for confession each Wednesday night of Lent at the Church of the Resurrection, our regular Saturday confessions here, and the two large regional penance services on March 11 and March 12. (All of the details for these can be found in our Lenten activities booklet and online). Have a very blessed week!



Rev. Eric Arnold

ALTAR AND ICON FLOWERS

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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Family Dinner Nights:

March 23rd & May 11, 5:00pm-8pm

Praise and Worship:

Friday evenings, 7pm: April 5, May 3, June 7

Keep watching the bulletin or the parish website for more information on these and many other events.

PREGNANT, NEED HELP?

Call 1-800-ANGEL OK

SUFFERING POST-ABORTION STRESS?

Call Rachel's Vineyard Baltimore at 1-800-286-4224

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

March 10, 2013

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 2

8:15am Int. of the Dueñas Toledano Family

4:30pm Stella Monastero ☩

Sunday, March 3 (Third Sunday of Lent)

7:30am John Eisele ☩

9:00am For the People of the Parish

11:00am William Bach ☩

5:00pm Saritha Sequiera ☩

Monday, March 4 (Saint Casimir)

8:15am Ian Ravenscroft ☩

Tuesday, March 5

8:15am Max Messman ☩

Wednesday, March 6

8:15am Dale Murphy ☩

Thursday, March 7 (Saints Perpetua & Felicity)

8:15am Phyllis A. Brandt ☩

9:30am Thomas Linkous ☩

Friday, March 8 (Saint John of God)

8:15am Martin Lobert ☩

Saturday, March 9 (Saint Frances of Rome)

8:15am Int. of Gail Higgins

4:30pm Jean Knaecke ☩

Sunday, March 10 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

7:30am Bertha J. Brecht ☩

9:00am For the People of the Parish

11:00am Rosy Mascarenhas ☩

5:00pm Francis McNerney ☩

"The field of earth and of our human nature is now no longer barren but full of the seed of divine life. But it takes time for the seed to grow, for the Kingdom to come, and we are commanded to pray and work for that coming, that growth, even if we do not yet see the fruits, or even the blossoms, or even the leaves" —Dr. Peter Kreeft

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)

Married and Engaged Couples: Learn a safe, healthy and effective way of planning your family that pays off big dividends in communication, feelings of love, and mutual respect. An NFP course is being offered at OLPH starting March 23, 2013. For more information, contact Mark & Kathy Schmidt 410-747-5611; mak.schmidt@gmail.com or to register go to www.ccli.org.

OLPH CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

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 Schubert 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

SALVATION ARMY PASTA BLITZ & WINTER FESTIVAL

The Howard County Board of the Salvation Army will be hosting a winter festival to support our local families in need. Dinner provided by Eggspection Restaurant of Ellicott City. Join us at Ilchester Elementary School on Sunday, March 3, 2013 from 3pm to 6pm. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. In addition to dinner there will be a cash and carry table, silent auction, moon bounce, children's games, clown and entertainment all day.

Save the Date!
Parish Reception
10am ~ 1pm
Sunday, March 17

learn about OLPH School's new media center initiative and how you can help
Make a Perpetual Difference
by making the new media center a reality!

Stop by anytime after the 9 and 11 am Masses; you'll be home in plenty of time to get your comed beef & cabbage started!



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Questions? Contact Jodi Phelan at Development@OLPHschool.org

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

The Separated and Divorced Support Group will meet on Monday, March 4th at 7pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome!

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
Antoinette Haigley
Joe Haupt
Gail Higgins
Mary Grace Howard
Chuck Hutzell
Meghan Jaecksch
Ally Jarkiewicz
Marian Kubic
Anne Labagh
Phil Lewellen
Fred Lourenso
Josephine Lucas
Claire Mathews
Baby Grace Mathews

Jim McKelvey
Lucy McKenna
Herb Michael
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.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING!

If you missed the First Communion Parent Meeting on February 19th, please contact Judy Gruel to pick up important preparation materials. 410-747-0131, ext. 312 or email: jgruel@archbalt.org.

PARENTS! SAVE THE DATE!

OLPH Vacation Bible School, "Kingdom Rock" will be July 8-12th 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 100 spots remaining! DON'T DELAY!

Registration forms can be found at the VBS display in the narthex! 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!

STEUBENVILLE 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

SHROUD OF TURIN LECTURES

Pope John Paul II called the Shroud of Turin

"the greatest relic in Christendom."

On Friday, March 15, at 7:30pm, at The Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City, Mr. Barrie Schwartz, a member of the 1978 Study Team and lecturer at the Pontifical Seminary of Rome will present the latest in scientific evidence as to whether the Shroud is the resurrection cloth of Jesus Christ or a forgery of the Middle Ages. He will explain using numerous slides why no one has been able to reproduce it.

For additional information go to our website

www.olphparish.org or www.shroud.com or call 410-992-4665. The lecture is free and open to all.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life in Catonsville. Join hundreds of others of all ages in this peaceful, prayer vigil outside Hillcrest abortion facility that offers women and families hope, help, and healing. If you've never prayed on the public sidewalk before, you are not alone; 1/3 of prayers each vigil are new to this ministry. For details, videos, pictures, etc, visit www.40daysforlife.com/baltimore or contact Johanna Coughlin at (410) 707-9842; johanna.coughlin@archbalt.org

MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE: Can you believe that Maryland has the 4th highest abortion rate in the nation? 650,000 people marched for life in Washington, DC. Now let's bring that enthusiasm and commitment to Annapolis! Join Archbishop Lori and hundreds of pro-life Marylanders for a powerful, public witness of our commitment to building a culture of life. The Maryland March for Life will be on Monday, March 11th, 2013, beginning at 5:15pm in Annapolis for Mass, March, Rally at Lawyer's Mall, and Chick-fil-A and fellowship at St. Mary's. We will win the battle - with prayer and with love - and through family-friendly activities like this. To learn more, visit www.marylandmarchforlife.org

OLPH Pre-K 4



March 7, 7-8:30pm

Give your child the

building blocks for success!

- Nurturing Christian environment
- Language and Literacy, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Religion
- Teacher-Student ratio 1:10
- PE, Art, Music and Library
- Full-day with half-day option
- Before and after-care

PRAY PLAY GROW

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

OUR CATHOLIC SAINTS: *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity* (d. 203?), Feast: March 7

“When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, ‘Do you see this vessel—waterpot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?’ ‘No,’ he replied. ‘So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.’” So writes Perpetua, young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus. Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity (a slave woman and expectant mother) and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There, Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts. Perpetua’s mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22. In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: “*What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else.*” Felicity gave birth to a girl a few days before the games commenced. Perpetua’s record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. “*Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will.*” The diary was finished by an eyewitness.



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Found online: <http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1315>*

OLPH SPRING CLEAN-UP We need volunteers to help with this year’s Spring Clean-up on **Saturday, March 23**. The work to be performed will be mainly cleaning up debris, raking, cleaning the planting beds and trimming some shrubbery. With enough help, we can begin at 9:00am and be finished by 1:00pm. If you can help with this twice-a-year project that keeps the OLPH campus looking good, please mark your calendars and let Chuck Steele know you will be able to help. He can be contacted at **chucksteele3@verizon.net** or by calling 410-730-3521.