

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday our Gospel is perhaps the most familiar and moving of all the parables Jesus told: the prodigal son. As I wrote at the beginning of Lent, each of us is invited in this season, like the Prodigal Son, to return home to the Father's embrace, to deliberately make the choice that we don't want to settle for anything other than the Father's love. Like the Prodigal Son we often get lured away by the promises and enticements of the world, only to discover the hard way that they never really satisfy. And all the while, the Father patiently waits, inviting us and calling us to come home. Lent is the season and the time to come home. May we each experience the grace to return home to the Father this Lent.

The great opportunity to make this return comes in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Monday night, March 11 at 7:00pm, we will host the regional reconciliation service for eastern Howard County. We have over 15 priests ready to hear confessions, wanting to help lead you back to the Father. Please join us! If you can't make it Monday then look to Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00pm, when a similar service will be hosted at St. Francis of Assisi in Fulton, just 15 minutes south off of Rt. 29.

Have a very blessed week!

Rev. Eric Arnold

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Family Dinner Night:
March 23rd, 5:00pm-8pm

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

LENT 2013

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3pm-4:15pm

Lenten Penance Services:

Monday March 11th, OLPH, 7pm.

Tuesday, March 12, St. Francis of Assisi, Fulton, 7pm

Fridays during Lent:

Stations of the Cross 2:30pm (w/school children), 7pm
Simple Soup Supper, 6pm, Parish Center

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

March 17, 2013

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 ☩

Monday, March 11

8:15am Anthony Brocato ☩

Tuesday, March 12

8:15am Bernard J. Conroy ☩

Wednesday, March 13

8:15am Helga Stockmann ☩

Thursday, March 14

8:15am Bernard Pohlhaus ☩

NO 9:30AM SCHOOL MASS

Friday, March 15

8:15am Rita Martensen ☩

Saturday, March 16

8:15am Int. of Laura Randazzo & Family
4:30pm Saul Levine ☩

Sunday, March 17 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

7:30am For the People of the Parish
9:00am Catherine Steinberg ☩
11:00am Jeanne Kathleen Sokas ☩
5:00pm Francis Coyle ☩

"...Now it is our turn; and all ministering spirits keep silence and look on. O let not your foot slip, or your eye be false, or your ear dull, or your attention flagging! Be not dispirited; be not afraid; keep a good heart; be bold; draw not back; you will be carried through...O children of a heavenly Father, be not afraid!" — John Henry Cardinal Newman

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all who came to the Blood Drive last Sunday. The Red Cross collected 52 pints from 50 people (yes, some gave 2 pints!).

We look forward to our next blood drive in March, 2014. In the meantime, to find a local blood donation location, please call **1-800 Give-Life** to make a life saving donation.



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 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

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 corned beef & cabbage started!



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Questions? Contact Jodi Phelan at Development@OLPHSchool.org

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY Are you interested in developing a deeper more intimate relationship with our Blessed Mother? Join in a 7 week program and learn how Mary influenced the lives of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Blessed John Paul II. *33 Days to Morning Glory* will be held on Thursday evening beginning April 10th. Materials fee is \$25.00. To register contact: Carolyn Horton (410) 480-1032 – cghorton@verizon.net or Nick Sungenis at sungenisnick@hotmail.com

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

Rob Baldwin
Lucy Bodner
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
Victor Shellhorse
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.



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!**

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

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.

PREGNANT, NEED HELP?

Call 1-800-ANGEL OK

SUFFERING POST-ABORTION STRESS?

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

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

ENRICH YOUR RETIREMENT...

ENRICH THE LIVES OF OTHERS...

Are you retired or finished raising your family? Do you want to give back, enrich your spiritual life, and build community with other mature adults? Consider joining the Ignatian Volunteer Corps in Baltimore. Our volunteers serve 2 days per week (September through June) in local organizations that work directly with poor people, and meet monthly for prayer and shared reflection in the Ignatian tradition. You are invited to join us for an information session on the following Wednesdays: April 3rd and May 1st from 1-2:15 pm. For more details and to register for a session, email Marilyn Dunphy, Regional Director, at mdunphy@ivcusa.org or call her at 410-752-4686.

For further information, visit our website, www.ivcusa.org and click on the "Baltimore" page.

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 contact Chuck Steele at chucksteele3@verizon.net or by calling 410-730-3521.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)

It's about staying in touch. In touch with each woman's natural cycle of fertility, which expresses itself clearly in signs that each couple can learn to recognize.

In touch with each other. In touch with God's plan for our lives. Learn more by attending a Natural Family Planning course offered to engaged and married couples at Our Lady of Perpetual Help 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

OUR CATHOLIC SAINTS: *St. Louise de Marillac Le Gras (1591- 1660)*

Louise de Marillac was born probably at Ferrieres-en-Brie near Meux, France, on August 12, 1591. She was born out of wedlock on August 15, 1591. She never knew her mother. She was educated by the Dominican nuns at Poissy. She desired to become a nun but on the advice of

her confessor, she married Antony LeGras, an official in the Queen's service, in 1613. After Antony's death in 1625, she met St. Vincent de Paul, who became her spiritual adviser. She devoted the rest of her life to working with him. She helped direct his Ladies of Charity in their work of caring for the sick, the poor, and the neglected. He said that he had never had any idea of starting a new community, that it was God who did everything. "*Your convent,*"

he said, "*will be the house of the sick; your cell, a hired room; your chapel, the parish church; your cloister, the streets of the city or the wards of the hospital.*" Their dress was to

be that of the peasant women. In 1633 she set up a training center, of which she was Directress in her own home, for candidates seeking to help in her work. This was the beginning of the Sisters (or Daughters, as Vincent preferred) of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (though it was not formally approved until 1655). She took her vows in 1634 and attracted great numbers of candidates. She wrote a rule for the community, and in 1642, Vincent allowed four of the members to take vows. Formal approval placed the community under Vincent and his Congregation of the Missions, with Louise as Superior. She traveled all over France establishing her Sisters in hospitals, orphanages, and other institutions. By the time of her death in Paris on March 15, 1660, the Congregation had more than forty houses in France. Since then they have spread all over the world. She was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1934, and was declared Patroness of Social Workers by Pope John XXIII in 1960. Her feast day is March 15th.



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