

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Easter! This second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday, when we read the Gospel account of the Lord Jesus, after His Resurrection, breathing the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and giving to them the authority and power to forgive sins in His name. This is not a power they will exercise apart from Him - the Apostles are simply the instrument through which the Lord will work. Nevertheless, it is clear that the Lord wants to use them in this way. Often, someone will say, "Why should I confess my sins to a priest, when I can just go directly to God?" This question creates a division where no division was ever intended: it's a not matter of confessing to either God or a priest. Rather, it is a matter of confessing to God *through* the priest. Just as Baptism is never administered as a do-it-yourself sacrament, or the Eucharist something we celebrate by ourselves at home, so too the Sacrament of Reconciliation was never intended by God to be something we do on our own, apart from the Church. On Divine Mercy Sunday we rejoice in the Lord's gift of mercy, offered to us so abundantly through His Church.

I hope you will join us tonight at 7:00pm in the Parish Center to hear a few of our parishioners share some of their own stories about the questions they faced in life (questions that we all ask) and how they found answers and hope in Christ and the Church. This evening is perfect for everyone, but most especially I want to encourage you to invite those who perhaps think that their own questions should keep them from taking a step toward Christ and His Church. Sometimes we think that we need to resolve all of our questions before drawing close to Christ, but the truth is that we come to Him precisely because we have questions and are looking for answers. Please join us - all are welcome!

Rev. Erik Arnold



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

April 14, 2013

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41

Psalms 30: 2, 4-6

Revelation 5: 11-14

John 21: 1-19 or 21: 1-14



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

J. THOMAS 'GUS' NOVOTNY

Father of Cindy Ackroyd, Karen Trask and Carol Wolfe

HAVE QUESTIONS IN LIFE?

IT'S OK—SO DO WE...

Join us in the Parish Center tonight, April 7, at 7:00 pm to hear the stories of some of our own parishioners who were asking big questions in life and found answers and hope in God.

It will be an encouraging and comfortable night. You won't get all the answers but you'll learn that you're not alone. Visit www.olphparish.org/questions for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 6

8:15am Bernard Pohlhaus ☩

4:30pm Margaret Mary Kmetyk ☩

Sunday, April 7 (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

7:30am Marie Elaine McCallister ☩

9:00am Martin Lobert ☩

11:00am Catherine Lang ☩

5:00pm For the People of the Parish ☩

Monday, April 8 (The Annunciation of the Lord)

8:15am James Emekwue ☩

Tuesday, April 9

8:15am Rocky Belluomo ☩

Wednesday, April 10

8:15am Intention of Bill Sharp

Thursday, April 11

8:15am Joseph Holland ☩

9:30am Paul Gorbachev ☩

Friday, April 12

8:15am Joseph E. Kaminski ☩

Saturday, April 13

8:15am Edward Robel ☩

4:30pm Anton Matesi, IV ☩

Sunday, April 14 (Third Sunday of Easter)

7:30am For the People of the Parish

9:00am Brandon Gillhouse ☩

11:00am Robert Myers, Jr ☩

5:00pm Ray Franckewitz ☩

"Our sins are nothing but a grain of sand alongside the great mountain of the mercy of God." —St. John Vianney



**SAVE THE DATE:
OLPH PARISH PICNIC!**

Please mark your calendars!
OLPH Parish Picnic, **Sunday,
June 9, after the 5pm Mass.**
Plan on bringing the whole
family for a relaxing and fun
evening!



EUCCHARISTIC HOUR OF PRAYER

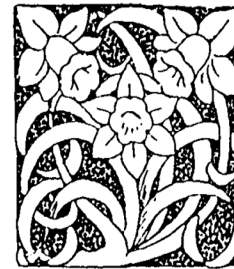
Please join us for an Eucharistic Hour of
prayer for vocations on Friday, April 12 at
7:00 pm.



clothe the naked

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—BUNDLE
SUNDAY
April 13 and 14**

We accept all books (especially large
print), medical supplies (wheelchairs, walkers,
canes...etc.), small appliances and clothing of all types
(especially larger sizes). Thank you!



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

*our Catechumens/Candidates who were fully
received into the Church at the Easter Vigil:*

- Kareem Abdul-Ali**
- Bill Babcock**
- Shaida Farid**
- Jason Kymingham**
- David Mackey**
- Mark McPherson**
- Kelly Miller**

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 11th. 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
Phil Fiackos
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
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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 8—12!
REGISTER TODAY!



Only 19 spots are left for participants! If you haven't registered your child, please do so within the next few weeks. Registration forms can be found on the VBS display in the narthex.

Adult and teen volunteers are still needed! Help us to spread God's Word by volunteering your time and talents each morning!

Please contact Judy Gruel, jgruel@archbalt.org, for further information.

**"Kingdom Rock"
Where Kids Stand Strong for God!**

ATTENTION ALL SOFTBALL PLAYERS



Parishioners from OLPH will join forces with Fr. Matt and his St. Paul's parishioners to play together on a coed recreational softball team in the Howard County Softball League. Games will be on Monday evenings beginning April 15th. Men and women who are 18 years or older and interested in playing on the Ellicott City Catholic team should contact Clem Purcell at cpurcell@yahoo.com or 443-445-3330 for more details and information.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR SEPARATED,
DIVORCED AND BEREAVED

The 23rd Annual Conference for the Separated, Divorced and Bereaved is going to be held at the Bon Secours Spiritual Conference Center in Marriottsville, MD on Saturday, April 27. For more information go to www.singleagain@itgo.com or call 410-302-0754.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for our youth here at OLPH on Saturday, April 13th. Bishop Rozanski will preside at a special 12:30 Mass, and at the regular 4:30 Saturday evening Mass. Parents of candidates - if you do not remember which Mass your child is scheduled to attend, please contact Kristen.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MULCH SALE IS COMING!
APRIL 27, 2013

Look for details and order form in this weekend's bulletin. Or e-mail KC9638MS@GMAIL.COM

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Please help our school by collecting Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education and used ink cartridges.



The money/equipment raised by these programs helps our school. These items can be dropped off in the OLPH School box in the Narthex of the Church. We appreciate your help!

OLPH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Friday, April 12, 10-11:30am

It's not too late!

We are still enrolling for Pre-K4 through Grade 5.

Middle school grades have a waiting list! Join Us!



Thank you to all who stopped by the OLPH School Reception to find out more about our media center renovation.

If you missed it and would like an update, please contact Jodi Phelan at 410-744-4251 ext. 223 or Development@OLPHschool.org



TODAY—JOHN PAUL II HIKING
CLUB

APRIL 7TH

The John Paul II Hiking Club will sponsor its 4th Annual Easter Walk on Sunday, April 7th, Divine Mercy Sunday, at Patapsco Valley State Park. This easy walk on the paved path along the river is geared for families and hikers of all abilities; wheelchair participants are welcome too! Please gather in the church parking lot at 12:30 pm. We will drive to the Avalon Area off Route 1; there is a \$3/person fee to enter the park. We plan to be back to the church by 4 pm.



MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

Join us for our Spring Dance on Friday, May 3rd from 7:30 to 10:00 pm in Harrison Hall! Tickets are \$5.00 at the door, drinks are \$1.00 inside. STAND certified adult chaperones are needed.

Gabriel Network Gala: Have a fantastic evening and help support and empower women to choose life by attending the **Gabriel Network Gala 2013** on Friday, **April 19, 2013** from 6:30 to 10:30 pm at the Argyle Country Club in Silver Spring, MD. The featured speaker will be Margaret (Peggy) Hartshorn, Ph.D., from Heartbeat International. For more information visit www.GabrielNetwork.org or call 1-800-ANGEL-OK, ext. 301.



GETTING TO KNOW OUR CATHOLIC SAINTS (AND SAINTS TO BE...):

St. John Baptist de la Salle (1651-1719) Feast: April 7

The schools of the Christian brothers have had a profound and lasting effect upon education. The saintly founder of this order was the eldest son of a noble French family. Turning down the profession of law, he chose to follow his cousin who was a canon at the Cathedral of Rheims. John Baptist excelled in learning and piety, when he pursued his seminary work at St. Sulpice in Paris. At this time both his parents died, forcing the 21-year-old to leave seminary and attend to the care of his nine brothers and sisters.

As soon as possible, he was ordained to the priesthood and began his duties as canon in Rheims. He paid particular attention to assisting brave laymen who were trying to teach poor children. In time, his assistance both material and spiritual led him to give up his money and position. He realized that the teachers needed to be organized into a spiritual brotherhood. Later, he wrote: "If God had revealed to me the good that could be accomplished by this institute, and had likewise made known to me the trials and sufferings which would accompany it, my courage would have failed me, and I would never have undertaken it."

As it happens, the brothers spread all over France and the world, teaching the poor in their own tongue, instead of Latin. The saint endured many trials before his death, on Good Friday, 1719; his last words were:
"In all things I adore the will of God in my regard."



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PREGNANT, NEED HELP?

Call 1-800-ANGEL OK

SUFFERING POST-ABORTION STRESS?

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