

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

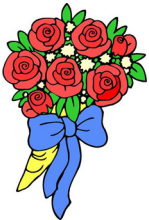
On Saturday, at two different Masses, our second graders received their First Holy Communion - please join me in congratulating them and their parents on this wonderful step in their spiritual life! This special moment is never just the checking off of a box and counting down to Confirmation, so that one can be done with religious formation (even though many, sadly, treat it this way). It is the most intimate moment in our friendship with Christ, when He gives himself to us with such great love as food for our very hearts and souls. Please join me in praying for the families of our second graders that this special day might touch all of their hearts and draw them back as a family each and every Sunday to come. Please join me as well in thanking Judy Gruel, our Director of Religious Education, and her many catechists and aides who have worked so hard to help prepare our children for this day. Their generous service is essential to making this happen - thank you for all you have done!

Next weekend we will have Fr. Dave Pivonka with us, preaching at all the Masses, in preparation for the start of our Parish Mission on May 13, 14 and 15 at 7:00pm. I hope you're planning on joining us for what will be a great and very dynamic time of prayer and preaching. No RSVP is needed, just join us each night! All are welcome!

Finally, we are looking forward to our annual Extended Pentecost Vigil Mass on Saturday, May 18 at 7:00pm. This Mass has become our parish's way of entering even more deeply into the mystery and power of Pentecost as we gather in vigil for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and in prayer, worship and Scripture join with the Apostles and Virgin Mary as we ask the Lord to pour out the Spirit on us and our parish family. The Vigil Mass is followed by a great time of fellowship as our kitchen crew prepares some of the best homemade pizza you'll ever have. Please join us - all are welcome!

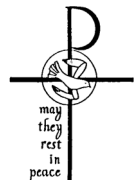
Rev. Erik Arnold

MEMORIAL FLOWERS



Icon Flowers are offered:  
*In joy and gratitude from the 33 Days to  
Morning Glory Marian Consecration  
Prayer Group.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR  
PRAYERS:**



**WILLIAM O'BRIEN**  
*BROTHER OF PAT O'BRIEN*

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

May 12, 2013

*The Ascension of the Lord*

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-9

Ephesians 1: 17-23 or

Hebrews 9: 24-28; 10: 19-23

Luke 24: 46-53



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, May 4**

8:15am Phyllis Brandt ☩

4:30pm Mary Springer ☩

**Sunday, May 5 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)**

7:30am Virginia "Ginger" Baer ☩

9:00am Intention of Dayo Taiwo

11:00am Genevieve Palko ☩

5:00pm For the People of the Parish

**Monday, May 6**

8:15am Intention of Students' Exams

**Tuesday, May 7**

8:15am Bernice Ellerman ☩

**Wednesday, May 8**

8:15am Gus Novotny ☩

**Thursday, May 9**

8:15am John Walterhoefer ☩

9:30am Andrew Rusy ☩

**Friday, May 10 (St. Damien de Veuster)**

8:15am Gila P. Rendon ☩

**Saturday, May 11**

8:15am Intention of Nick DiRubba

4:30pm Intention of Anthony Kadiri, Birthday

**Sunday, May 12 (The Ascension of the Lord)**

7:30am Margaret Mary Kmetyk ☩

9:00am Mothers Day Novena

11:00am Kelsey Mizerak ☩

5:00pm For the People of the Parish

*"I find consolation in the one and only friend who will never leave me, that is, our Divine Saviour in the Holy Eucharist... Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the most tender of friends with souls who seek to please Him"-  
St. Damien of Molokai*



**OLPH PARISH MISSION  
MAY 13, 14, 15  
SPIRITUAL FREEDOM:  
GOD'S LIFE CHANGING GIFT**

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, God wants you to be freer. There is always more freedom, more grace, more forgiveness, more mercy, more God.

Our Parish Mission will be led by Fr. Dave Pivonka (from Franciscan University in Steubenville), known for his dynamic preaching, writing and other spiritual work. He will be leading us into greater freedom:

Monday, May 13 - **"The God of Freedom"** with confessions offered afterward.

Tuesday, May 14 - **"The Cross and Hope - God and Our Suffering"** and Eucharistic Adoration and worship.

Wednesday, May 15 - **"Living in Freedom Life Abundantly"** - Mass with Extended Homily and reception to follow.

What is a Parish Mission? A mission is an opportunity to experience faith, prayer and the sacraments in a heightened and more intense way that gives new meaning and purpose to life and our relationship with God.

**Join us each night at 7:00pm in the church!**



**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!



The Evangelization committee is looking for people interested in donating goodies to the parish Mission reception to be held on Wednesday evening, May 15th after the Mission. If you would like to send in baked goods or snacks, please email Jennifer Schuberth at [praiseGod8@gmail.com](mailto:praiseGod8@gmail.com).



**MAY CROWNING,  
MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 12 2012  
Please join us on May 12th,  
after the 9am Mass.**

All are welcome and encouraged to join us as we process out of church to crown Mary. Please bring bouquets of flowers from home. Vases will be provided. Any girl may put her name in the drawing to crown Mary and any boy may enter his name in the drawing to be the one to carry the pillow by emailing Jennifer Schuberth at [praiseGod8@gmail.com](mailto:praiseGod8@gmail.com) or calling 410-925-6804. Please include full name, age, and phone number.

*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  
Kay Donahue  
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  
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 REGISTRATION  
IS FULL!**



All registration forms received will be put on a waiting list. Parents will be notified if space becomes available.

**Adult and high school volunteers still needed!**

Many hands are needed to safely manage the groups at the various stations throughout our campus. Please consider taking part in this uplifting and spiritual endeavor! Forms are still available in the narthex of the church, or email Judy Gruel, [jgruel@archbalt.org](mailto:jgruel@archbalt.org) if you can help. A few spots have been left open for those adults who wish to volunteer and haven't registered their children.



**A BIG THANKS** to all of the Elementary Religious Ed children who donated \$840.00 to benefit the Missionary Childhood Association. The money will help missionaries throughout the world to spread the Good News of Jesus to the poor. God bless you for your generosity!

**REGISTER  
NOW!**

**Religious Education Registration for the 2013-2014 school year has begun!**

Forms are available in the narthex of the church and from the Parish Office. Forms can also be downloaded from our website,

[www.olphparish.org](http://www.olphparish.org), by clicking on the blue bar (Parish Ministries) and scrolling down to Religious Education. Pre-K through Middle School (IMPACT) forms are available now. Watch the bulletin, in the coming weeks, for new and exciting changes to our High School Religious Formation Program!

For more information contact Judy Gruel,  
[jgruel@archbalt.org](mailto:jgruel@archbalt.org).

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

As always, many dedicated volunteers are needed to instruct our children and youth on Sundays and during the weekdays. If you have been thinking about becoming a catechist, or would like to be an aide for one of our programs, please contact Judy Gruel, as soon as possible. **We would love to have all of our catechists and aides on board by August!**

Archbishop Lori has a wonderful evening planned for all parish catechists in August, and we would love for you to be able to take part in our training and planning sessions for the fall. **Don't delay! Call Judy Gruel, 410-747-0131, or email at [jgruel@archbalt.org](mailto:jgruel@archbalt.org) to be come a valued member of our catechetical team!!**

**ME AND MY GUY DANCE**

On Friday, May 10 from 7-10pm in the Parish Center Gym, OLPH Girl Scout Troop 160 is sponsoring an **OLPH Me & My Guy "Disney Prince & Princess"** Dance for OLPH school and parish girls in Grades Pre-Kindergarten thru High School and their guys.

**PLUS NEW THIS YEAR – The dance is also open to non-parish/school families/friends of parish and school families.** You do not have to be a girl scout to attend. This is a fundraiser to support the troop's trip to Savannah, GA this June and to host a wonderful time for our girls and guys in the school and parish and their families/friends!!! Please see the flyer in the bulletin for registration details. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Katulski at 301-466-7675 or [brenda.katulski@ars.usda.gov](mailto:brenda.katulski@ars.usda.gov). We hope to see many of you at the dance this Friday!!

**ATTENTION  
HIGH  
SCHOOLERS**

All high schoolers are invited to our High School Youth Group Kickoff **Sunday, May 5th** after the 5:00 pm mass! We'll have a bonfire and cookout with tons of games and prizes. You don't want to miss the big kickoff of our weekly high school youth group meeting every Sunday night!

Contact Matt at [mattc.malone@gmail.com](mailto:mattc.malone@gmail.com) with any questions. See you there!

**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP**

Please join us in the parish office on Monday, May 6th at 7pm. All are welcome!

For more information, please call  
Sister Lorraine, 410-747-4334, ext. 314.



**FORENIGHT FOR FREEDOM  
OPENING MASS**

Archbishop William E. Lori will celebrate the Opening Mass of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fortnight for Freedom on Friday, **June 21 at 7 p.m.** at the Baltimore Basilica. The Fortnight, June 21 to July 4, is an initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic bishops aimed at bringing Catholics together with people of all faiths for prayer, study, and peaceful action to remind ourselves and others about the importance of preserving the fundamental right of religious freedom. The Mass will be nationally televised. All are welcome. For more information, visit [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org).



**GETTING TO KNOW OUR CATHOLIC SAINTS:  
St. Damien of Moloka'i (1840-1889) Feast: May 10**

This humble figure in a broad black hat, known to us from a few photographs, has inspired many even beyond the confines of the Catholic Church. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote in his defense, and Mahatma Gandhi wondered at the source of his heroism.



Image:  
saintdamien.com

Damien followed his brother into a missionary order in Louvain, Belgium. When his brother fell ill before being sent to Hawaii, Damien took his place. Ordained a priest in Honolulu at the age of 23, he soon volunteered to serve in a colony of lepers.

The King of Hawaii had set aside an inaccessible peninsula on Moloka'i Island for the isolation of lepers. Sadly, the colony had become rife with violence and immorality, as healthy social structures were never formed. Damien, the first priest to arrive, immediately built a church and then began tending to the physical and social needs of the people as well. Treated now as true children of God, the people begged Damien to stay, which he did, until he contracted the dreaded disease himself. Words written to his brother took on a new meaning: "I make myself a leper with the lepers to gain all to Jesus Christ." Damien died on Monday of Holy Week in 1889 and was buried on the island beneath the same tree under which he had slept on his arrival. Following his beatification, his body was returned to Belgium, but his right hand remains on Moloka'i.

**WE NEED  
YOU**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

*Nominations currently being accepted.*

We are looking for a few good men and women to serve as members of the Pastoral Council.

***Elections will be held on May 18th and 19th at all Masses.***

If you are at least 16 years of age, are a baptized and confirmed Catholic and are a registered parishioner of OLPH, please consider this worthwhile opportunity. If interested in running for a Council position or if you have any questions, please contact Pete Gobell at 410-465-9628 or the Parish Office at 410-747-4334.