

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you enjoyed a good holiday weekend and time spent with family and friends as we celebrated Independence Day. As we move into the middle of July, things continue to remain busy and active in the parish. This past week our annual Vacation Bible School was running, with over 130 kids taking part in "Kingdom Rock". Our crew, led by Judy Gruel and her team, constructed an amazing set (including a castle in the parish center gym!) to bring to life the message of Jesus' Kingdom. The love and energy and dedication that went into it was amazing - how blessed we are to have such dedicated staff and parishioners! The goal of the week was to let our kids enter the epic adventure of God's love, in Jesus, that gives us strength and courage. My prayer is that all of the children, youth, and adults that took part in it are leaving the week with hearts touched and changed by God's love.

This past week we also had our 2nd annual Boom Mission Week running for our high-schoolers. Led by Matt Malone, our high school youth minister, the week took our high-schoolers out on mission throughout the Baltimore area. There are so many needs right in our own communities and our teens had a chance to bring the Lord's love, in action, to places like the Little Sisters of the Poor, Our Daily Bread, My Brother's Keeper, and Shangri-La Nursing Home, just to name a few. What is so great about this week is that it's not just service. Everything is rooted in prayer, at the start and the end of every day, so our teens are brought into an experience of God's love, and then given the chance to share that love in action. We've also remained busy with the construction project on our new interactive learning center and lab in Harrison Hall that will serve our school children and parish groups. We're so grateful for the generous grant from the Knott Foundation for \$65,000 but still have more money to raise in order to cover the cost of the new space. If you'd like to find out more about how you can help, please give Jodi Phelan, our school development director, a call at (410) 744-4251 x.223 or email her at jphelan@olphschool.org.

We're excited about opening the new center this Fall but still need help to make it happen!

Have a very blessed new week!

Rev. Erik Arnold

MEMORIAL FLOWERS:

This Weekend's Altar Flowers
are given in memory of
ANGELA KURMILKO.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: July 21, 2013
16th Sunday in Ord. Time



Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalms 15:2-3, 3-4, 5
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 13 (*Saint Henry*)

8:15am Mary Jane Gloth ✠
4:30pm Alma Vinton ✠

Sunday, July 14 (**15th Sunday in Ord. Time**)

7:30am Carol (unknown last name) ✠
9:00am Sally Ross ✠
11:00am For the People of the Parish
5:00pm Michael McArdle ✠

Monday, July 15 (*Saint Bonaventure*)

8:15am Raymond Gick ✠

Tuesday, July 16 (*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*)

8:15am William P. Feaga ✠

Wednesday, July 17

8:15am Angelina Porro ✠

Thursday, July 18 (*Saint Camillus de Lellis*)

8:15am Mary Ann Humm ✠

Friday, July 19

8:15am William DeCoursey ✠

Saturday, July 20 (*Saint Apolloniaris*)

8:15am Tim Luckenbach ✠
4:30pm John Taneyhill ✠

Sunday, July 21 (**16th Sunday in Ord. Time**)

7:30am For the People of the Parish
9:00am Dorothy and Charles Aaron ✠
11:00am William O'Brien ✠
5:00pm Steffie Szubrowski ✠

"Whoever is near us and needing us must be our 'neighbor'; it does not matter whether he is related to us or not, whether he is morally worthy of our help or not. The love of Christ knows no limits. It never ends; it does not shrink from ugliness and filth." —St. Edith Stein

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

BECOME A DOCENT AT THE BALTIMORE BASILICA

Do you like history? Are you interested in Catholic history? Do you enjoy talking to people? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be interested in a unique volunteer opportunity. Become a docent for the Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As a volunteer for the Basilica, you will learn all about the history of America's first cathedral, including facts about the lives of Archbishop John Carroll, Maryland's first bishop, James Cardinal Gibbons, and the great architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who designed the Basilica culminating in what many believe as his greatest masterpiece. You will gain knowledge of the many important historical events that took place in the cathedral as well as the many dignitaries, historical figures and saints that have visited. You will work alongside our already knowledgeable and dedicated team of docents to give tours and answer questions from our many visitors. The time commitment could be as much as once a week or as little as once a month, working a four-hour shift in the morning or afternoon. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting and fun volunteer opportunity, please contact Kathy Wandishin at 410-727-3565 X220 or kwandishin@baltimorebasilica.org



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting is Monday, July 15th at 7pm in the Parish Office Living Room. Everyone is welcome. Our mission is to help the needy so if you are interested, we invite you to attend and find out more about our activities. Please call Ed Parvis at 410-379-2902 if you would like more information.

SUMMER VOICE LESSONS ARE BACK!

It's been said that he who sings prays twice. But if you think your "joyful noise" is better suited for the shower than the sanctuary, Dana La Rosa, OLPH Director of Music, is offering up to 3 free voice lessons to any interested parishioner. Lessons are open to singers of all ages - sign up by yourself, or share a lesson with a friend. Come learn how to make the most of the voice God gave you! Available lesson times fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! See Dana after Mass, or contact her at dlarosa@archbalt.org or 410-747-4334 for more information.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSIONS

The Altar Server Training Session for July 23rd is now full. We will be adding an additional training session. If you are still interested, please call the office. Requirements: Servers must be entering into the fifth grade or older, and must have received his/her First Communion. New servers must be available to serve on a regular basis. To sign up, please call the parish office at 410-747-4334.

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

Rob Baldwin
Domenick M. Bellia
Lucy Bodner
Joe Botkin
Graham Burrell
Maureen Coakley
Kaelynn Collazo
Sean Cunningham
Anna Curry
MaryJo DeFillipo
O.P. Ditch
Kay Donahue
Robert Dovalovsky
William Dovalovsky
John Duvall
Janet Feldman
Jayne Fleischer
Richard Flynn
Carol Freese

Thomas French
Julie Gallagher
Ray Gallagher
Antoinette Haigley
Joe Haupt
Gail Higgins
Mary Grace Howard
Chuck Hutzell
Alan Ignacio
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
Ephel Sandford
Hugh Sandford
Pearline Sandford
Bill Schone
Sheila Schone
Victor Shellhorse
Jack Simpson
Ardellia Smith
Lorraine 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.

RETURNING RELIGIOUS ED. STUDENTS REGISTRATION

Don't forget to register! Parents of returning Religious Ed students: Please do not forget to register, now, for the 2013-2014 year of Religious Ed. The deadline for returning students, only, is Wednesday, July 31st. After July 31st a \$25.00 per family late fee will be applied. If you are unsure of your child's schedule for the fall, please register anyway. We will be happy to change your time prior to the beginning of classes. Knowing expected numbers now, saves us money on shipping costs, supplies, etc. Thanks so much for helping us out!!

DID YOU KNOW....

Did you know that our Religious Education enrollment increases every year??

Forms to register for Religious Education classes, Pre-K through Middle School are available in the narthex of the church, in the Parish Office, and from our website,

www.olphparish.org.

New parish children and youth are always welcome, even if they have never attended religious formation classes before.

For further information, please contact Judy Gruel, Director of Religious Education, **jgruel@archbalt.org.**

ATTENTION PARENTS OF INCOMING FIRST GRADERS!

The Archdiocese of Baltimore requires children who will be preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the Second Grade to attend Religious Education in the First Grade. This provides a necessary, remote catechesis and foundation in order to adequately develop the faith needed to receive the Sacraments in Second Grade with meaning and grace. Please note the information about Religious Education Registration in the bulletin.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High School Students come be a part of OLPH high school youth group! We meet every Sunday night from 6:15-8PM. We meet each week to hang out, share and grow in our faith, and pray as a group. We also meet on Wednesday mornings for Mass and Breakfast. Meet up for the 8:15 morning mass, and hang out with your friends afterwards! For more info, contact Matt...see you this week!!

OLPH SCHOOL AWARDED \$65,000 KNOTT GRANT NEW MEDIA CENTER BEING CONSTRUCTED

A new library, computer lab, and reading resource room will be finished, furnished and ready to welcome OLPH students in August thanks to the generosity of the Knott Foundation, school families, staff, parishioners, alumni, and local businesses.

The \$65,000 Knott grant will cover approximately thirty percent of the total project budget of \$220,000. Driven by a commitment to provide students with the best instructional technology, school principal, Mr. Victor Pellechia had this to say, "We are thrilled and extraordinarily grateful for the Knott Foundation's support of this initiative. In order to be effective educators, we must meet the demands of the digital world in which our children live.

This new 21st century learning environment will serve as the foundation of an enhanced instructional program that provides our students with access to cutting edge technology while fostering a tradition of innovative and engaging learning at our school." The school consulted with many authorities on digital learning while planning for renovation, including parishioner and school parent, William Glover, Chief Information Officer and Director of Informational Technology for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Mr. Glover notes that technology-rich learning options are, "critical for keeping pace with the evolving educational needs of our school, parish and the greater community. The media center's well-equipped and flexible learning environment will include interactive technology that will link students and faculty to the latest educational resources available, including one-to-one tablet resources and video conferencing. The OLPH media center will be a model learning environment for Catholic education and for Howard County."

Renovations are underway by contractor F.M. Harvey Construction Company. The need for a new media center was prompted by the opening of a Pre-K4 program in 2011. The library relocated to Harrison Hall when Pre-K took its space in the Parish Center. Fundraising for the project began last fall and included an annual fund drive, a local business partnership program called Angels in the Community, naming opportunities, and writing the Knott grant proposal. Aside from the grant, the school has raised over \$100,000 for this project. A dedication ceremony is planned for the afternoon of September 30, with Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski presiding. Mark your calendars!

The Marion I. & Henry J. Knott Foundation is a Catholic family foundation committed to honoring its founders' legacy of generosity to strengthen our community. The Knott Foundation provides funds in five areas of interest with a focus on Catholic organizations, education, and nonprofit leadership.

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR CATHOLIC SAINTS:

St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, Martyrs (July 9)

Christianity arrived in China by way of Syria in the 600s. Depending on China's relations with the outside world, Christianity over the centuries was free to grow or was forced to operate secretly. The 120 martyrs in this group died between 1648 and 1930. Most of them (87) were born in China and were children, parents, catechists or laborers, ranging from nine years of age to 72. This group includes four Chinese diocesan priests. The 33 foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious, especially from the Order of Preachers, the Paris Foreign Mission Society, the Friars Minor, Jesuits, Salesians and Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse (Paris Foreign Mission Society) to his martyrdom in Beijing. Augustine was baptized and not long after was ordained as a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815. Beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonized in Rome on October 1, 2000.

Among the Martyrs: Ann Wang, a 14-year-old, withstood the threats of the torturers who invited her to apostatize. Ready for her beheading, she declared with a radiant face: "The door of heaven is open to all", three times murmuring: "Jesus". 18-year-old Chi Zhuzi, cried out fearlessly to those who had just cut off his right arm and were preparing to flay him alive: "Every piece of my flesh, every drop of my blood will tell you that I am Christian".

Excerpted from *Saint of the Day*, Leonard Foley, O.F.M.; Wikipedia; and the Homily of John Paul II (Sunday, October 1, 2000)



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Suffering Post-Abortion Stress? Call Rachel's Vineyard Baltimore/Project Rachel
410-625-8491 rvbaltimore@archbalt.org
