

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The readings this weekend give us two beautiful examples of how in welcoming and genuine hospitality we can encounter the Lord himself. It happens to Abraham as he welcomes the Lord in the three mysterious guests who arrive at his tent (often seen as a sign of the Trinity) and to Martha and Mary as they welcome Jesus. At times we may want to compartmentalize our "regular life" and our "spiritual life" but the readings today show us how God enters into the ordinary aspect of life - in this case, preparing and sharing a meal with a guest. This is a wonderful reminder that all things are open to God, that nothing is off limits from His loving presence.

We get a chance to enter into this ourselves at our next Parish Family Dinner Night this coming Friday, July 26 from 5-8pm. What might seem like an ordinary meal has become a great blessing for our parish over the last several years as we get together for a great meal and a wonderful time of fellowship and fun. Our Family Dinner Nights have been bringing together everyone from our parish, from little kids and their families to our more senior parishioners, to individuals and couples. It really has become a great blessing to our parish. If you haven't been to one yet, please join us this coming Friday night! The doors open at 5pm and we'd love to have you come. If you're nervous about coming alone then grab a friend or join another family!

Rev. Erik Arnold

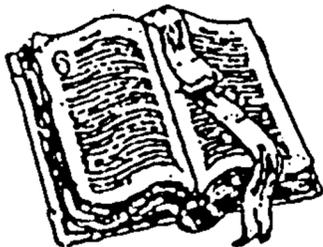
\$1300 FOR HAITI!

Thanks so much to the Vacation Bible School participants and their parents for their kindness and generosity. It is our hope that combined with other donations from the parish, we will be able to help our sister parish, Our Lady of the Nativity, realize their dream of a new cafeteria for their school children.

FAMILY DINNER NIGHT

We invite you to please join us this Friday evening, July 26th from 5pm-8pm for this month's OLPH Family Dinner Night. This dinner will begin the 4th year that we have been gathering as a parish family to enjoy great food, fun and fellowship

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: July 28, 2013
17th Sunday in Ord. Time



Genesis 18:20-32
Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3,
6-7, 7-8
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

We invite you to join us for a Holy Hour of praise and worship before the Blessed Sacrament on Friday August 2 at 7:30pm in the church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 ✠

Monday, July 22 (*Saint Mary Magdalene*)
8:15am Krista Zeffiro ✠

Tuesday, July 23 (*Saint Bridget*)
8:15am Thomas Liberto ✠

Wednesday, July 24 (*Saint Sharbel Makhlif*)
8:15am Int. Bill & Mary Sharp, Anniversary

Thursday, July 25 (*Saint James*)
8:15am James McFadden ✠

Fri, July 26 (*Sts. Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)
8:15am Jeanne Kathleen Sokas ✠

Saturday, July 27
8:15am Woodrow Kitchen ✠
4:30pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 28 (**17th Sunday in Ord. Time**)
7:30am Pauline Papademetriou ✠
9:00am Patricia Romo Lujan ✠
11:00am Allison Evans ✠
5:00pm Int. of Vianney Wallace

***"The deeper that sorrow carves into your being the more joy you can contain.
Is not the cup that holds your wine the very cup that was burned in the potter's oven?"***
— Kahlil Gibran

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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.

OLPH CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

...has a new selection for the summer! We will read *The Deceiver, Our Daily Struggle With Satan* by Livio Fanzaga. Discussion of *The Deceiver* will be led by Father John Rapisarda in the Triple Rooms of the Parish Center on Friday night August 23 at 7:00p.m. All are encouraged to read this important book and join us on Aug. 23. An excerpt from pg.232-233 is, "*How many persons will be saved or lost does not depend on God alone, but also on us, who are called to be His collaborators. The words of Christ on eternal perdition must be heard in their terrible seriousness, but, at the same time, must serve as a stimulus to sacrifice our lives to cooperate with total dedication in the eternal salvation of souls.*"

Books may be available on the bookrack.

RCIA

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps you've been thinking of becoming a member of OLPH or perhaps you are just curious about what Catholics believe.

Please join us on Wednesday August 7th in the Parish Office at 7pm for a question and answer session. For information please call Sr. Loraine at 410-747-4334 ext. 314, or email lmcgraw@archbalt.org.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER COLLECTION

July 27-28 and August 3-4 we will be collecting canned and non-perishable goods to benefit the Howard County Domestic Violence Center.

The donations will help those who seek shelter at local safe houses. The Center's pantry is running extremely low on supplies.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Especially needed: diapers (esp. sizes 3T-4T), pull-up diapers/training pants, baby wipes, paper goods (napkins, paper towels, toilet paper), cleaning supplies, hand soap, foil & plastic wrap, AA batteries, laundry detergent (high efficiency), dryer sheets, baby formula, peanut butter & jelly, hot & cold cereals, juice, crackers, powdered/evaporated milk, boxed dinners, baking mix (Bisquick, pancake, cake, cookie, and brownie mixes) canned vegetables, mac & cheese, and canned soups.

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
Lorraine 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
Catherine Nelan
Nathan Niessner
Meaghan Nigra
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.**

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 CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

Are you a Catholic mom who is looking to share your faith and time with other mothers and their children?

If so, we would love for you to join the Catholic Moms Group at OLPH. We are a group of moms with children ages 0-5 who meet twice a month.

One gathering is during the day and the other is on a weekend or evening, so whether you're a stay-at-home mom or working mom you can join us. The second get together is an opportunity for moms and their spouses to get to know one another. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please come to one of our upcoming events. 1st meet up: July 24th-craft and chat at Emily's house (10am-12pm)
2nd meet up: Aug 4th- An afternoon of family fun at OLPH field/playground (3-5 p.m.)

For more information about how this group may further your family's walk with Christ, check out the church website: www.olphparish.org/CatholicMoms or contact Kelly or Emily at

OLPHCatholicMoms@gmail.com

The Father Joseph J. Comyns 9638 Knights of Columbus Council will hold the installation of officers next Sunday, July 28, 2013, at the OLPH Church at 12:30pm with a reception following at the OLPH gym. All Knights and their families are cordially invited and are encouraged to attend.

The officers are listed below:

Grand Knight: Billy Swan
Financial Secretary: Gregory C. Sobon
Deputy Grand Knight: John W. Mansfield
Chancellor: Edward C. Niehenke
Recorder: Kevin M. Nelson
Treasurer: Edward G. Schluth
Advocate: Edward J. Ross
Warden: Dan R. Borisko
Inside Guard: Paul D. Mainhart
Outside Guard: Kevin T. Longo
One Year Trustee: Stephen E. Lucas
Two Year Trustee: David W. Shawhan
Three Year Trustee: James R. Higgins, Jr.
Chaplain: Rev. John Rapisarda
Lecturer: Robert Gregory Douglas

ARE YOU AN EXPERIENCED RECREATIONAL SOFTBALL PLAYER LOOKING FOR A TEAM?

"White Smoke – Safe by Grace" is looking for a few players (age 18 or over) to join our Howard County co-ed recreational softball team consisting of men and women mostly from (but not limited to) OLPH and St. Paul's parishes. The 7-week Fall season begins the week of August 11th. We are close to our roster limit for men, but are in need of several women with some experience playing recreational softball.

If interested, contact Clem Purcell at **cpurcell@yahoo.com** or 443-445-3330 for details.

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR CATHOLIC SAINTS:

St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373), (Feast: July 23)

Bridget, the most famous Swedish saint, was recently declared a patroness of Europe. When she was born, in 1303, Sweden was thoroughly Catholic, dotted with monasteries. Although Bridget belonged to one of the richest families in Sweden and grew up at court, her heart was always set on God. She married at the age of 13 and had 8 children, one of whom, Catherine, is also a saint.

Bridget and her husband, Ulf, devoted themselves to works of charity. Meanwhile, Bridget progressed in the spiritual life. She had many mystical visions by which she learned details regarding the life of Jesus. Her writings concerning His Nativity and Passion informed the art of the Middle Ages. Following Ulf's death, Bridget and her children were able to expand the work of the order she founded, which is now known as the Brigettines. Towards this end, she went to Rome where she spent several years; there she also acted as prophetess, condemning the evils that she found. She was instrumental in persuading the Pope to return to Rome from the safety and comfort of Avignon. At nearly seventy years of age, she set off for the Holy Land on a pilgrimage in obedience to a vision. Returning to Rome she died in a building which her nuns still occupy, more than 700 years later; her body, however, was brought back to Sweden by her daughter, Saint Catherine.



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Interested in Classes in Scripture, Theology, or Church Ministries? Apply to the Ecumenical Institute of Theology, the evening/Saturday division of St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore, for the fall semester! You might take a course such as The Gospels & Jesus...or perhaps Women in Ministry, Biblical Storytelling,—or one of many others. You may want to take just one class, or you may be interested in pursuing a degree or certificate. The possibilities are many! For more information, contact Patty Rath (410/864-4203 or prath@stmarys.edu), or visit www.stmarys.edu/ei.