

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past week the Archdiocese hosted an event in celebration of catechists during the Year of Faith. As part of the celebration, the Archdiocese honored a small group of catechists from various parishes as "Catechists of the Year". Among those honored were our own **Judy and Marty Kersse**, who have been leading our baptismal preparation classes here at the parish. Judy and Marty bring great passion and faith into their work and recognize that many young couples need extra encouragement and someone they can relate to as they take this step forward in their own faith and the faith of their children. What a blessing it is for our parish to have Marty and Judy recognized in this way! But we were blessed even more to have our own Director of Religious Education, **Judy Gruel**, honored that night by the Archdiocese for her excellence in the work of catechesis and evangelization over the years. Judy was one of just three individuals in the Archdiocese who received the "New Evangelization Award for Excellence". We are incredibly proud of the work Judy does for our parish families and children, as well as for her service to Archdiocese. What a blessing it is to have Judy guiding and leading our religious education program, together with a great team and committed catechists along side her. Please join me in congratulating both Judy Gruel and Judy and Marty Kersse for their outstanding service!

We're keeping all of our students in our prayers as they return back to school this week, both here in our own parish school and throughout the county, as well as the other Catholic schools in the area. We pray especially that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct their studies this year so that our students will be shaped not only in their minds, but in their hearts as well, with the truth. And for all of our teachers, please know of our prayers for you as well, that the Lord will work through you and use you for the good and well-being of our children. God Bless!



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**ALTAR AND ICON FLOWERS**

This weekend's Altar Flowers are given in memory of:  
**J. THOMAS NOVOTNY**

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**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**

**Friday, September 13th, 7-8pm, in the church.**

Are you struggling in your prayer life?

Do you long to be closer to our Lord Jesus?

Well guess what? Jesus longs to be with you, too!

Scripture readings, music, and reflection in the presence of our beloved Lord Jesus are here for you to help gently and beautifully guide you in prayer.

You need only invite Him into your heart.

All are encouraged and warmly welcomed.

*"I am the living bread that came down from Heaven"*

—John 6:51

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**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: September 1, 2013**  
**22nd Sunday in Ord. Time**

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Psalms 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24A

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, August 24 (Saint Bartholomew)**

8:15am Int. of the Dueñas Toledano Family

4:30pm Joanne Pietrangelo ✠

**Sunday, August 25 (21st Sunday in Ord. Time)**

7:30am Robert J. Gordon ✠

9:00am Joseph Thomas Wensus ✠

11:00am J. Thomas Novotny ✠

5:00pm For the People of the Parish

**Monday, August 26**

8:15am William Feaga ✠

**Tuesday, August 27 (Saint Monica)**

8:15am Kathryn Crawford ✠

**Wednesday, August 28 (Saint Augustine, Bishop)**

8:15am Gila P. Rendon ✠

**Thursday, August 29 (Passion of Saint John the Baptist)**

8:15am Int. of Nkiruka Obioha

**Friday, August 30**

8:15am Gene Wichmann ✠

**Saturday, August 31**

8:15am Jerome Bujanowski ✠

4:30pm For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, September 1 (22nd Sunday in Ord. Time)**

7:30am Albert M. Smith ✠

9:00am Gila P. Rendon ✠

11:00am Int. of Gregory Kadiri (Birthday)

5:00pm John Calton Poston ✠

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***"The big, blazing truth about man is that he has a heaven-sized hole in his heart, and nothing else can fill it. We pass our lives trying to fill the Grand Canyon with marbles. As Augustine said: "Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."— Dr. Peter Kreeft***

## 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

### FALL FESTIVAL! SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 6

OLPH 78th Annual Fall Festival Featuring:  
Homemade Delicious Turkey Dinner by our Parish  
Dinner Team. The White Elephant Sale is BACK  
New Games and Amusements and the Popular Cake  
Wheel

### THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

The Parish Finance Committee is a mandated body having an advisory and consultative role on behalf of the Pastor. The Committee meets approximately ten times per year to review the financial statements of OLPH Parish and School and assist the Pastor in the preparation of the annual budget, the creation and communication of periodic financial reports and protection of parish temporal goods. At this time, the Committee is expanding and is accepting names for appointment by the Pastor. Committee members are to have prudence, uprightness and a knowledge of the Catholic faith that will enable them to put in to practice the message of the Gospel, as well as experience in general business management, banking, law, or insurance.

If you are interested in serving on the OLPH Finance Committee, please contact Brian Connelly at [brianconnelly@verizon.net](mailto:brianconnelly@verizon.net) or 410 979 4604.

### WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Due to popular demand, the White Elephant sale will return to the Fall Festival. Please save your gently used items/knickknacks for donation. Donations will be accepted October 5 and morning of October 6. Thank you in advance for your support of OLPH School. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick King at [kings04@verizon.net](mailto:kings04@verizon.net).

### DO YOU ENJOY MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND ASSISTING OTHERS?

If so please come join our Hospitality Ministry. There will be an information/training session on Sunday, September 29th at 1pm, in the church. All are welcome.

### CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS BUS TRIP TO NAVY FOOTBALL GAME

It is not too late to join this trip. A few tickets are still available for the Catholic War Veterans Post 1961 bus trip to the Navy vs. Delaware football game on Saturday, September 14th. The cost of the trip is \$45 per person which includes a ticket to the game and bus transportation from/to OLPH parking lot. If you are interested in this trip, DO NOT DELAY and contact Gayle McAdams at 410-750-3011 for complete information. Space is limited. You do not have to be a CWV member or a veteran to go on this trip.

### Catholic War Veteran Post 1961 Fellowship Breakfast

The CWV Post 1961 will have a Fellowship Breakfast on Wednesday, September 4th at 8am at the Bob Evans Restaurant (4900 Beaver Run Court, off Rt. 100 and Executive Drive and opposite Chick fil A). Any Catholic veteran or active duty military interested in learning about the CWV are invited to attend. This would be a great time to learn more about the post and its activities. **The post holds a Fellowship Breakfast every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The Post holds monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at St. Paul's Church.**

*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 Colclough  
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  
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  
Sara Ann Ring  
Rosemarie Rippel  
June Rosemary  
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  
Ted Stromberg  
Linda Uliana  
Lauretta Vaccarino  
Sunny Vacek  
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.*

**PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REL. ED. NEEDS HELP!**

Interested in sharing our Catholic faith? Do you enjoy working with little children full of wonder and awe? Please consider volunteering to teach a Sunday School class! We are still in need of many catechists for Sunday Pre-K and Kindergarten religious education.

The classes cannot be held without teachers.

We are also in need of 8th grade or high school students to volunteer in the nursery (this is a great way to earn service hours). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maria Procopio, ASAP, at [mprocopio\\_olph@yahoo.com](mailto:mprocopio_olph@yahoo.com). Thank you!

**WANT TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH  
OUR PARISH CHILDREN?**

***Our Elementary Rel. Ed Program needs you!***

Monday, 5:00 openings:

Kindergarten, Catechist  
First Grade, Catechist and Aide  
Second Grade, Catechist  
Third Grade, Aide  
Fourth Grade, 2 Catechists and 2 Aides

Monday, 6:30 openings:

Kindergarten, Catechist and Aide  
First Grade, Aide  
Second Grade, Catechist and 2 Aides  
Third Grade, Aide  
Fourth Grade, 2 Catechists and 1 Aide

Tuesday, 5:30 openings:

First Grade, Catechist and Aide  
Second Grade, 2 Aides  
Third Grade, Aide  
Fourth Grade, 2 Aides  
Fifth Grade, Co-Catechist and Aide

Contact Judy Gruel if you would like to join our wonderful team of Elementary Catechists!  
([jjgruel@archbalt.org](mailto:jjgruel@archbalt.org))

**RALPH MARTIN OF RENEWAL MINISTRIES  
IS COMING TO OLPH PARISH!**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this very special event! Friday night, September 27 at 7 p.m.

We will meet again on Saturday morning, September 28 for two more incredible talks by Ralph Martin. Ralph has written *The Fulfillment of All Desire: A Guidebook for the Journey to God Based on the Wisdom of the Saints*, which is available on the OLPH book rack. Ralph also hosts

**The Choices We Face**, currently the longest running Catholic television program in the world. Ralph is very easy to listen to and you will be glad you came. Bring friends and family.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Separated and Divorced Support Group will meet on Wednesday, September 4, at 7pm in the Parish Office Living Room. All are welcome!

**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. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please come to one of our upcoming events.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wednesday, August 28th- Pool Party 10:00am-Noon  
Sunday, September 22nd- Apple Picking at Larriland Farm 3:00pm-5:00pm

For more information about how this group may further your family's walk with Christ, check out the church website: [www.olphparish.org/CatholicMoms](http://www.olphparish.org/CatholicMoms) or contact Kelly or Emily at [OLPHCatholicMoms@gmail.com](mailto:OLPHCatholicMoms@gmail.com)

**CORNERSTONE MEN'S RETREAT**

The Cornerstone Men's Retreat will be November 8 & 9 in Catonsville. The 26-hour retreat begins at 6:00pm on Friday, and concludes with Saturday evening mass. The weekend consists of ordinary men sharing stories and experiences of trying to live the Gospel amidst the challenges of the modern world. It is a very casual atmosphere and provides a great opportunity to step out of your daily routine to think about those things that matter most. For more information, please contact Michael O'Connor at 410-796-6771, [moconnor6771@comcast.net](mailto:moconnor6771@comcast.net), or visit [olphcornerstone.wordpress.com](http://olphcornerstone.wordpress.com).

**YOU ARE INVITED! HAVE YOU HAD A BABY OR  
TODDLER BAPTIZED WITHIN THE LAST YEAR?**

Then, you are invited to our Baptism Reunion, on September 8, following the 11:00am Mass, in our Parish Center Gym. Meet others, who, like you, are alive with God's love. Sacraments are to be celebrated and remembered, and we want to take this opportunity to remember with you! Baptism is not just a moment--for what we say and do during those moments, is lived each day for the rest of our lives! So, bring your family, and enjoy some fellowship with others who are enjoying their newest children of God! For further information, please contact Judy Gruel, [jjgruel@archbalt.org](mailto:jjgruel@archbalt.org), or 410-747-0131.

## 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

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### **OUR CATHOLIC SAINTS: St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430), Feast: August 28**

*A brief biography of the great St. Augustine of Hippo, that does not do justice to his incredible life.*

Augustine was the son of a pagan father who converted on his death bed, and of Saint Monica (Feast: August 27), a devout Christian. Raised a Christian, he lost his faith in youth and led a wild life. In adolescence he mixed with unruly friends He liked to brag, to tease, and to be destructive. At the age of 17, he fell in love with a woman, lived with her, and they had a son, whom he named Adeotadus, which means “the gift of God.” A brilliant man, he taught rhetoric at Carthage and Milan, Italy. After investigating and experimenting with several philosophies, he became a Manichaeian for several years. A summation of his thinking at the time comes from his *Confessions*: “*God, give me chastity and continence – but not just now.*” Augustine finally broke with the Manichaeians and was converted by the prayers of his mother and the help of Saint Ambrose of Milan, who baptized him. On the death of his mother he returned to Africa, sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and founded a monastery. Monk. Priest. Preacher. Bishop of Hippo in 396. Founded religious communities. Fought Manichaeism, Donatism, Pelagianism and other heresies. Oversaw his church and his see during the fall of the Roman Empire to the Vandals. Doctor of the Church. His most famous book is “The Confessions.” It begins by telling of his own 33-year journey to baptism. He spent 30 years on an important book, “The City of God”. As a writer, he was prolific, persuasive, and a brilliant stylist. He wrote about 113 books during his life. Over 6,000,000 words that he wrote still exist today. He became a Christian teacher for the entire Western world. His writings also greatly influenced Western culture and education. His later thinking can also be summed up in a line from his writings: “*Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you.*”

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#### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

The Bereavement Support Group will meet on Wednesday, September 4th at 7pm in the Parish Office, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

All are welcome. For more information, please call Sister Lorraine at 410-747-4334, ext. 314.

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**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 September 11th in the Parish Office at 7pm for a question and answer session. For information please call Sr. Lorraine at 410-747-4334 ext. 314, or email [lmcgraw@archbalt.org](mailto:lmcgraw@archbalt.org).