



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we move into the second week of Advent I pray that you're able to enter a little more deeply into this season of preparation. To help you with your daily prayer, you can find our parish booklet of daily Advent reflections, prayers and actions on our website - you can download it and use it each day for prayer. Last Sunday we began our Advent homily series looking at the unexpected times that the Lord wants to come to us. This Sunday we look at the unexpected places the Lord comes to meet us - beginning with the image of the desert. I hope you find some encouragement and practical help in this as we keep moving through the season of Advent.

Two important reminders: **This Monday night at 7:00pm, at the Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City, we'll have our regional Advent Penance Service.** It falls a little earlier this year, but I hope you'll carve out some time to take advantage of this opportunity to receive the Lord's mercy. We'll have a large number of priests available, so you'll have the freedom to choose from among many different confessors. **Note: there is a mistake in the Advent schedule we published. There is no 7:00pm Mass on Monday, Dec. 9!** Our Masses for the Immaculate Conception, on Monday Dec. 9, will be at 8:15am and 9:30am. (The feast is shifted by a day since Dec. 8 is a Sunday).

Finally, join me in congratulating all of our second graders who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Saturday. What a beautiful day for them! Special thanks to our catechists and parents who worked with Judy Gruel to prepare our children for this day. Thank you!

God Bless you!

Rev. Erik Arnold



**SOLEMNITY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Masses at: 8:15am
and 9:30am (School Mass)
NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.
NO 7pm Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass for a friend or family member, please call 410-747-4334, or stop by the parish office. Dates fill quickly. The customary offering is \$10.

GIVING TREE GIFT REMINDER:

All Giving Tree gifts are due next weekend, December 15th, no later than the end of the 11am Mass (12pm Noon).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

December 15, 2013

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10;
Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 7 (*Saint. Ambrose*)

8:15am Ken Yaeger ☩

4:30pm Emerito Asuncion ☩

Sunday, December 8 (**Second Sunday of Advent**)

7:30am Michael Marks ☩

9:00am Elizabeth Taneyhill ☩

11:00am For the People of the Parish

5:00pm Jeanne Kathleen Sokas ☩

Mon., Dec. 9 (*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

8:15am Therese McElwee ☩

9:30am Caroline Herrmann ☩

Tuesday, December 10

8:15am Bryan T. Bolster ☩

Wednesday, December 11 (*Saint Damasus*)

8:15am Franz Stockmann ☩

Thursday, December 12 (*Our Lady of Guadalupe*)

8:15am Robert Keyes ☩

Friday, December 13 (*Saint Lucy*)

8:15am Guillermo Gámez, Jr. & Gaspara Franco ☩

Saturday, December 14 (*Saint. John of the Cross*)

8:15am Julia Smith ☩

4:30pm Edward Strock ☩

Sunday, December 15 (**Third Sunday of Advent**)

7:30am Thomas A. Hambles ☩

9:00am For the People of the Parish

11:00am William P. Feaga ☩

5:00pm Owen DeVet ☩

“Christ used the flesh and blood of Mary for his life on earth, the Word of love was uttered in her heartbeat. Christ used his own body to utter his love on earth; his perfectly real body, with bone and sinew and blood and tears; Christ uses our bodies to express his love on earth, our humanity. A Christian life is a sacramental life, it is not a life lived only in the mind, only by the soul... Our humanity is the substance of the sacramental life of Christ in us, like the wheat for the host, like the grape for the chalice.” — Caryl Houselander

The Second Sunday of Advent

COLLEGE ADVICE FOR MILITARY VETERANS

Patrick Young is Coordinator of Veteran's Services at Towson State University and is willing to offer advice on gaining entrance into any college for those in the military or recently discharged from the military.

You can reach Pat in his office at 410-704-2991 or by email at pyoung@towson.edu.

Pat is a member of the Catholic War Veterans Charles Carroll Post 1961. For additional information about CWV call 443-537-3902.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Weekly Confessions:

Saturday afternoons, 3pm-4:15pm

Regional Penance Services:

Monday, December 9 at 7pm
at Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City.

Tuesday, December 10 at 7pm
St. Louis Church, Clarksville.

OLPH CATHOLIC MOMS

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. We are a group of moms with children ages 0-5. We have a variety of events every month, including activities for stay at home moms and working moms, as well as events for the entire family!

Friday, December 13: Christmas Service Project at Emily's House (10:00 am-noon)

For more information about how this group may enhance your experience in the OLPH parish, please contact Kelly or Emily at

OLPHCatholicMoms@gmail.com.

You can also find our calendar of events at www.olphparish.org/CatholicMoms.

ANNUAL ADVENT HIKE—JOHN PAUL II HIKING CLUB

The John Paul II Hiking Club will be leading the 5th Annual Advent hike through Patapsco State Park to the All Saints Sisters of the Poor Priory in Catonsville on Sunday, December 15th from 12:45pm to 5:00pm.

Please plan to meet in the church parking lot at 12:45pm. For more information, please contact Greg Douglas at rgdouglas1@comcast.net or Clem Purcell at cpurcell@yahoo.com.

“By his own will Christ was dependent on Mary during Advent: he was absolutely helpless; he could go nowhere but where she chose to take him; he could not speak; her breathing was his breath; his heart beat in the beating of her heart....In the seasons of our Advent - waking, working, eating, sleeping, being - each breath is a breathing of Christ into the world.”

—Caryll Houselander

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

“Anna & Family”
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
Effie Fernandes
Charles Fleischer

Jayne Fleischer
Richard Flynn
Carol Freese
Thomas French
Julie Gallagher
Lorraine Gallagher
Ray Gallagher
Tommy Gregorini
Joe Haupt
Gail Higgins
Mary Grace Howard
Chuck Hutzell
Alan Ignacio
Meghan Jaecksch
Ally Jarkiewicz
Aaron Johnson
Marian Kubic
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
Jack Simpson
Ardellia 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.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
*2013 Christmas Card and
Ornament Sale*

Order forms and brochures for
these beautiful religious
Christmas Cards and Ornaments
are now available in the Narthex.

Your Knights of Columbus Council 9638 is
sponsoring this sale. Please direct any questions to
co-Knights in Charge Dan Borisko (410-313-8155)
and Paul Mainhart (410-929-0819) or email us at
9638ChristInChristmas@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

THE FRANCISCAN CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Franciscan Center is asking churches,
organizations, local businesses, and concerned
individuals to help us collect new and unwrapped
winter clothing and personal hygiene items for the
hundreds of homeless and poor men, women, and
children who come through our doors each day.

We will be distributing these donations from our
Center during the Christmas season and throughout
the coldest winter months. We are looking for:

Men, Women, and Children

(Adults: All sizes. Children: S to 4XL):

Coats, Hooded sweat shirts, Sweatpants,
Flannel shirts, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Thermals,
Undershirts, Underwear, Socks

Babies: Coats and winter clothing, Diapers,
Baby formula and baby food

Everyone: Soap, Deodorant, Hand towels,
Wash cloths, Toothbrushes and toothpaste,
Disposable shaving kits. (No mouthwash, please.)

**Items can be dropped off from December 16 to 20
at the Franciscan Center, 101 W. 23rd Street,
Baltimore, MD 21218 from 9:00am to 3:00pm.**

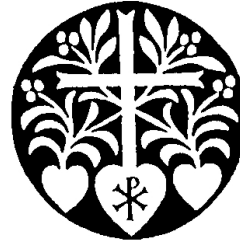
Depending on your location, we may also be able to
help with your pick up. If you would like to get
involved, please contact Donté Taylor at
410-467-5340 x 113 or dtaylor@fcbmore.org.



*What soever you do to the least of
my brothers, that you do unto me.*

OLPH CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

OLPH Catholic Book club has the next book selection!
Please join us in reading *Jesus Shock* by Peter Kreeft. Jesus
is the single greatest agent of change in human history. A
quote from page 43 of *Jesus Shock* is interesting, Copies of
Jesus Shock may be available on the OLPH Bookrack for
three dollars. Meeting date to be determined soon.



MARRIED COUPLES

SAVE THE DATE!

February 7-9, 2014:

Build-Your-Own Marriage
Weekend. Because of the high
cost of going on a retreat, we are
planning our very own weekend
for married couples at Our Lady
of Perpetual Help.

Fr. Arnold and Joe & Cinda DeVet will present three
opportunities for reflection. You may choose to go to
one, two, or all three. Friday night: Holy Hour and
reflection on Prayer in Marriage followed by a time of
fellowship. Saturday: Day of Reflection—Excellence
in Marriage followed by dinner and fun. Sunday:
Afternoon of Reflection—Our Marriage and Our
Blessed Mother. Stay tuned for more information.

MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES

Want to learn the secret to living your marriage
sacrament freely, totally, faithfully, and fruitfully?

Come learn Natural Family Planning; it's highly
effective and can do wonders for your relationship.

A series of classes is beginning December 14th at
OLPH. For more information, call Mark and Kathy
Schmidt, 410-747-5611, or to register, please visit

www.ccli.org.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Attention, single Catholic young men 18-30 years of
age: The Knights of the Holy Eucharist, a community
of lay brothers faithful to Holy Mother Church and
dedicated to fostering reverent devotion to

Our Eucharistic Lord, invite you to discern your
vocation to the brotherhood at their House of
Formation, located at the Shrine of the Most Blessed
Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. Learn more at
their website, knights.org

PREGNANT, NEED HELP?

Call Gabriel Network at 1-800-ANGEL OK or visit
WWW.GABRIELNETWORK.ORG

SUFFERING POST-ABORTION STRESS?

Call Rachel's Vineyard Baltimore at 410-625-8491

The Second Sunday of Advent

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatohuac (1474-1548) Feast Day: December 9

Thousands of people gathered in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe July 31, 2002, for the canonization of Juan Diego, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared in the 16th century. Pope John Paul II celebrated the ceremony at which the poor Indian peasant became the Church's first saint indigenous to the Americas. The Holy Father called the new saint "a simple, humble Indian" who accepted Christianity without giving up his identity as an Indian. "In praising the Indian Juan Diego, I want to express to all of you the closeness of the church and the pope, embracing you with love and encouraging you to overcome with hope the difficult times you are going through," John Paul said. Among the thousands present for the event were members of Mexico's 64 indigenous groups.

First called Cuauhtlatohuac ("The eagle who speaks"), Juan Diego's name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12). After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, however, little more is said about Juan Diego. In time he lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish and compassionate catechist who taught by word and especially by example. During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Blessed John Paul II confirmed the long-standing liturgical cult in honor of Juan Diego, beatifying him. Twelve years later, he was proclaimed a saint.



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<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1224>

GRECCIO LIVING NATIVITY: This December 14th and 15th at 7:30pm the Shrine of St. Anthony will again hold its Greccio Living Nativity to celebrate the coming of the Christmas Season. The Nativity Scene is a deep tradition within the Franciscan order dating back to when St. Francis popularized it in a little town called Greccio. Our Living Nativity is located at our hay barn and features carols, adoration, and refreshments. There is no charge for this event. For more info check our website at www.ShrineofStAnthony.org or call 410-531-2800.