

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Merry Christmas! It's a joy to continue our Christmas celebration as a parish family as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. We meditate on the scene of Mary and Joseph caring for the newborn child, with all of the cares, concerns and worries that our own families experience. There is a comfort in knowing that our own daily concerns are not foreign to the Lord, but that He has entered into them and shared in the Himself. This is one of the beautiful aspects of the Lord's love for us: it is a love that comes to be with us right where we are. This means that to find the Lord and encounter Him we don't need to leave or escape from our daily lives. Rather, we just need to be willing to pause and open our hearts as we are, which we sometimes resist. Unhappiness, discontent or frustration with our daily lives can make them the last place we want to find the Lord. But He didn't come to offer us an escape from life but to bring meaning, purpose and hope to our lives. So, whatever our daily family life might look like right now, this feast reminds us that the Lord wants to be there in it with us. I pray that each of us will receive the grace to imitate the Holy Family and find the Lord in our very midst, bringing His love, peace and joy into even the most difficult situations.

I hope you have a very blessed New Year's Eve and look forward to seeing you at one of our Holy Day Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, including the midnight Mass and time of Eucharistic adoration that precedes it. God bless you all! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

GABRIEL DiZIO
Father of Susan Faeth
Grandfather of T.J., Andrew,
Christopher, and Matthew Faeth.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT

Separated and Divorced Support Group will meet on
January 6, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Parish Office.
All are welcome. For more information, please call
Sr. Lorraine at 410-747-4334, ext. 314.

The parish offices will be closed on New Year's Day,
Wednesday, January 1st. We will open again on
Thursday, January 2nd at 9am.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: January 5, 2014
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 28 (*The Holy Innocents*)

8:15am Int. Liz Hareza & Drew Brittle, Engagement
4:30pm Kelsey Mizerak ☩

Sunday, December 29 (Holy Family)

7:30am Robert S. Scarborough ☩
9:00am For the People of the Parish
11:00am Beth Szczybor ☩
5:00pm Alphonse Matulevich ☩

Monday, December 30

8:15am Tyler Aitchison ☩

Tuesday, December 31 (*Saint Sylvester I*)

8:15am Catherine Marie Kaskey ☩
5:00pm Rick Jenkins ☩

Wednesday, January 1—Mary, Mother of God

12:00am Leslie Simon ☩
9:00am For the People of the Parish

Thursday, January 2 (*Saint Gregory Nazianzen*)

8:15am Ruthanne M. Brown ☩

Friday, January 3 (*Most Holy Name of Jesus*)

8:15am Mr. & Mrs. Peter Brandel ☩
No School Mass

Saturday, January 4 (*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*)

8:15am Int. of Bill Fitzpatrick, Birthday
4:30pm Michael Marks ☩

Sunday, January 5 (Epiphany)

7:30am Alice Placek ☩
9:00am Julia Smith ☩
11:00am Janet O'Neill ☩
5:00pm For the People of the Parish

*“The first thing that a person finds in life and the last to which he holds out his hand,
and the most precious that he possess, even if he does not realize it, is family life.”*

—Blessed Adolph Kolping

Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society is helping a family who lost everything in a house fire earlier this month. Any donations would be appreciated.

Sizes and greatest needs are listed below. Thank you for your help and generosity.

Family Member	Coat/Jacket Size	Shirt size	Pants	Shoes
Male, age 51	Large	Large	40x30	9.5
Female, Age 39	Large	Large	14 Medium	7.5
Male, 19	Small	Small	30x30	8
Male, 17	Small	Small	32x30	9
Female, 16	Small	Small	2	4
Male, 9	Youth 12-14	Youth 12-14	Youth 12-14	Y-4.5
Female, 14 mo.	18-24 mo.	18-24 mo.	18-24 mo.	5.5

Household items needed, especially: furniture (sofas, beds), kitchen small appliances (blender, microwave, toaster), knives, mugs, plates, cups, can opener, cutting board, spoons, pots and pans, plastic ware. If you can help, please call the parish office at 410-747-4334. Thank you.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD—A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31, 2013

5:00pm – Vigil Mass for the Solemnity

8:00pm to Midnight – Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 am – Midnight Mass

Start the New Year in a different way! Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on New Year's Eve followed by Candlelight Mass at Midnight for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Stay afterwards as we toast the New Year!

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2014

9:00am – Mass for the Solemnity

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
 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
 Joan Klosek
 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
 Pearlina Sandford
 Bill Schone
 Sheila Schone
 Jack Simpson
 Ardellia Smith

Bill Snyder
 Rose Sorbello
 Crystal Spicer
 Mary Stevens
 Ted Stromberg
 Linda Uliana
 Laretta 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.



**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 OLPH. 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 COUPLES...

The Annual World Marriage Day Mass is now in September. Marriage Encounter is still seeking nominations for the Longest Married Couples for their national search, but the Archdiocesan Marriage Mass for all will be celebrated on September 28, 2014 at Cathedral of Mary Our Queen at 11 a.m. Archbishop Lori will celebrate all married couples, no matter how long they have been married.

Longest Married Couple Search

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is seeking nominations for longest married couples. Please submit your names to our parish office, to be entered into the national search conducted by World Wide Marriage Encounter. **Nominations must be received by January 6th, 2014.** Call 410-747-4334, or email olphparish@archbalt.org

CATHOLIC WAR VETERAN POST 1961 MEETING:

The Charles Carroll Post 1961 of the Catholic War Veterans of America serves veterans and active duty military. The post will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 207 in the Center for New Evangelization of St. Paul Church (755 Saint Paul Street, Ellicott City). All Catholic veteran or active duty military are invited to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPER BOWL (OF SOUP) SALE

Knights of Columbus Council 9638 will be selling its famous Maryland Crab soup as a "Super Bowl Soup Sale" fund raiser. Our soup will be for sale by the pints or quarts and will be available for pick-up after each Mass on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, 2014. More details coming soon!

FIRST GRADE CO-CATECHIST NEEDED!

First Grade Co-Catechist Needed! A First Grade Co-Catechist is needed, immediately, for our Tuesday evening, 5:30-6:30, Religious Education Class, beginning on Tuesday, January 7th. For this volunteer position, the catechist will need to be STAND certified, and will share planning and instructing with another Co-Catechist. If you would like to share your faith with children, please contact Judy Gruel, as soon as possible, at jgruel@archbalt.org.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT CHILDREN'S MASS

Join us for our next Children's Mass, Sunday, January 12th, at 9:00 am! During these masses, the priest delivers a special homily appropriate for children ages 3 to 10. Please bring your children and have them join Father on the floor, in front of the sanctuary, at the time of the homily. Our Children's Choir leads us in song, and children serve as lectors and gift bearers. Donuts, juice, and coffee are served in the Gym following Mass. Enjoy fellowship with other parishioners!



HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH... *make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our*

families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

Courtesy of the Missionaries of the Holy Family, <http://www.msf-america.org/holy-family-prayers/the-holy-family-prayer.html>

RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH

It's not too early to sign up to attend this coming year's 41st March For Life on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. For more information, please call Sue Smith at 410-750-7577.

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

Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton (1774-1821) Feast Day: January 4

Mother Seton is one of the keystones of the American Catholic Church. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. All this she did in the span of 46 years while raising her five children. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is a true daughter of the

American Revolution, born August 28, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence. By birth and marriage, she was linked to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. Reared a staunch Episcopalian by her mother and stepmother, she learned the value of prayer, Scripture and a nightly examination of conscience. Her father, Dr. Richard Bayley, did not have much use for churches but was a great humanitarian, teaching his daughter to love and serve others. The early deaths of her mother in 1777 and her baby sister in 1778 gave Elizabeth a feel for eternity and the temporariness of the pilgrim life on earth. Far from being brooding and sullen, she faced each new “holocaust,” as she put it, with hopeful cheerfulness. At 19, Elizabeth was the belle of New York and married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed, penniless, with five small children to support. While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicity in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805. To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, her group followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809. The thousand or more letters of Mother Seton reveal the development of her spiritual life from ordinary goodness to heroic sanctity. She suffered great trials of sickness, misunderstanding, the death of loved ones (her husband and two young daughters) and the heartache of a wayward son. She died January 4, 1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963) and then canonized (1975). She is buried in Emmitsburg, Maryland.



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