



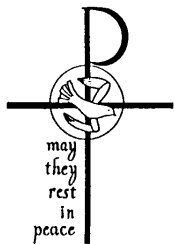
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday marks forty days since our celebration of Christmas. It was on the fortieth day after birth that Jewish law required parents to present their first-born male son to the Lord, together with a sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons" (Luke 2:24) Just as the people would make an offering of the first fruits of the land to the Lord at harvest time, so too would parents present their first-born son to the Lord, as a way of remembering that everything is a gift from Him, and so everything belongs to Him.

When Jesus was presented in the Temple, an old man named Simeon, who was devout and holy, declared Jesus to be the "Light of revelation" even for the gentiles. Inspired by these words, a custom developed in the Church of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation, remembering that Christ has come as the Light of the World. With this custom, the feast also became known as "Candlemas", a simple abbreviation of "Candle Mass".

Today we share in the wonderful tradition of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation and will invite each family to take a blessed candle home so that what we celebrate here at Mass can make its way into our homes as well. God bless you all!

Rev. Erik Arnold



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

JOSEHPINE LUCAS
Mother of Steve Lucas

MARY KENNARD
Mother of Sandy McHugh

TOM MATHIAS
Son of Donald and Joyce Mathias

**ALTAR FLOWERS
ARE IN MEMORY OF
MARGARET MARY KMETYK**



**ICON FLOWERS
ARE IN MEMORY OF
AMY DESANTIS**

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

The Separated and Divorced Support Group will meet on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 in the Parish Office Living Room. Please contact Sr. Lorraine at 410-747-4334 with any questions. All are welcome.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: February 9, 2014
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalms 112:4-9;
1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 1

8:15am Carvel Lucas ☩
4:30pm Larina Luzzi ☩

Sunday, February 2 (The Presentation of the Lord)

7:30am Douglas Martin ☩
9:00am Helga Stockmann ☩
11:00am For The People of the Parish
5:00pm Cathy Hooven ☩

Monday, February 3 (St. Blaise & St. Ansgar)

8:15am Theresa Nam ☩

Tuesday, February 4

8:15am Intention of Erika Lucas

Wednesday, February 5 (St. Agatha)

8:15am Intention of Dr. Joseph Orlando

Thursday, February 6 (St. Paul Miki & Companions)

8:15am Richard D'Souza ☩
9:30am Ruthanne M. Brown ☩

Friday, February 7

8:15am Patricia Chairs ☩

Saturday, February 8 (Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita)

8:15am Gabriel DiZio ☩
4:30pm Roger Conner ☩

Sunday, February 9 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30am Robert Goodwillie ☩
9:00am For The People of the Parish
11:00am Carvel Lucas ☩
5:00pm Charles Nitsch, Sr ☩

"Our goal is God, the source of all good."

- St. Jerome Emiliani.

The Presentation of the Lord

MARRIED COUPLES, YOU ARE INVITED!

February 7-9, 2014: Build-Your-Own Marriage Weekend. Because of the high cost of going away on a marriage retreat, Our Lady of Perpetual Help is hosting a very special weekend for married couples. Fr. Arnold and Joe & Cinda DeVet will present three opportunities for reflection. Please join us for the whole weekend, or what fits your schedule. Friday night: 6:30-9:30: Prayer in Marriage, Holy Hour, and fellowship. Saturday-9:00-3:30: Day of Reflection—Excellence in Marriage, 4:30pm Mass and 6:00pm Dinner (Saturday includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner). Sunday: 1:00pm-4:00pm Afternoon of Reflection—Our Marriage and Our Blessed Mother.

Cost is \$100 if you are attending Saturday.

No cost for Friday and Sunday. To register, please visit the parish website: www.olphparish.org.

If you have questions please contact Kathy Schmidt 410-747-5611 or mak.schmidt@gmail.com

OLPH SPRING CLEAN UP



Mark your calendar! This year's infamous Spring Clean-up will be on **Saturday, April 12**. We are in need of volunteers to spend Saturday morning raking, weeding and trimming the various beds around the church and other buildings.

With enough help, we can begin at 9:00am and be finished by 1:00pm. If you can help with this twice-a-year project please contact Sue Steele at srsteele3@verizon.net or by calling 410-730-3521.

Great project for Middle and High School Students looking for service hours.



EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Friday, February 7, 7:30 pm, in the Church

Come and spend time in the presence of the Light of the World, the King of Kings, the Lamb of God, our beloved Savior Jesus Christ.

Jesus loves you beyond all understanding. He lives in constant hope of you.

No matter where you are on your conversion journey, Jesus will meet you.

Scripture readings, music, and reflection will gently and beautifully help guide you in praise and prayer in the presence of our beloved Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

MASS AT ST. VERONICAS



Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Fr. Cletus, the pastor at St. Veronica's has invited our parish to attend their traditional African Mass on Sunday, February 23rd at 9:00 am.

"We would be delighted if you and your congregation could join us that day for this most festive occasion" says Fr. Cletus.

A reception will follow the mass so we would like to provide them with a count of parishioners who plan to attend. If you plan to attend, please RSVP via the sign up sheets in the Narthex or on our parish website.

FAMILY DINNER NIGHT



Join us on Friday, February 28th for our next Family Dinner Night. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 8:00. Stay tuned for more details.

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

"Anna & Family"
Rob Baldwin
Lynn Bauer
Paul Bauer
Lucy Bodner
Joe Botkin
Debbie Buckley
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
Ted Jarkiewicz
Joan Klosek
Marian Kubic

Fred Lourenso
Josephine Lucas
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
Brian Sarnecki
Bill Schone
Sheila Schone
G. Stephen Schulmeyer

Jack Simpson
Ardellia Smith
Bill Snyder
Rose Sorbello
Crystal Spicer
Mary Stevens
Ted Stromberg
Linda Uliana
Lauretta Vaccarino
Sunny Vacek
Wes Walker
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.



SAVE THE DATE!
Maryland March for Life
Monday-March 10th
More information to follow.

Activities and Events Outside of the Parish:

UNBOUND PRAYER

Have you ever felt stuck? Burdened by lies? Thinking life will never change?
Find freedom ~ discover Hope.

Unbound Ministry is for anyone who wants to enjoy the fullness of freedom Christ won for us. Unbound Prayer is based on 5 simple, Scriptural keys that will help you unlock areas of your life where you feel "stuck" or that have held you back in your spiritual growth. On Saturday morning, **February 22nd** there will be teams available to provide prayer ministry. The Unbound prayer model provides compassionate listening without judgment.

If you are interested in receiving this kind of prayer please contact Dan Gahagan by February 15th at 410-747-4334 extension 555 or by email at unboundministrymaryland@gmail.com to learn more and to schedule a time for prayer.

RETREAT @ THE SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY

The Shrine of St. Anthony is proud to host a time of retreat on February 8th from 8:30am to Noon for those who work so zealously to restore health to those who have lost it. This day is led by Br. Michael Duffy, OFM Conv. a licensed Nurse Practitioner who has directed many health care programs both in the States and abroad as well as teaching on health care related topics in numerous seminaries and colleges. To register for this event please call 410-531-2800 or for more info visit our website:
www.ShrineofStAnthony.org.

There is no cost for this event. Please RSVP by February 6th! CME credits available to registered guild physicians; for more information visit
www.bg-cma.org

**VALENTINE'S DINNER @ THE SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY
AN EVENING FOR COUPLES**

On Saturday February 15th, The Shrine of St. Anthony will hold an evening for couples to celebrate and reflect on the power of love both human and Divine! The evening will begin with Mass at 6pm, followed by Dinner served by the Friars, and ending with closing prayer at 8:30pm. Tables can be reserved for couples and for groups. Early reservations may select the room in the Shrine in which they would prefer to dine.

Tickets are \$80 per couple.
Please RSVP by February 5th. To purchase tickets or for more info call 410-531-2800 or see our website
www.ShrineofStAnthony.org

ARE YOU AN ADULT IN NEED OF CONFIRMATION?
A small group is now forming to prepare. Meetings will take place at your convenience whenever possible. Please contact Judy Gruel for additional information at jgruel@archabalt.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Summer is coming! Are you making plans for summer camps for your children? Our Vacation Bible School is an awesome choice! Join us for Monday, July 14th through Friday, July 18th, 9:30am to 12:30 pm each day. Watch for registration and more details coming within the next few weeks!

OLPH/RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE!



Our only Blood Drive this year will be held on Sunday, March 2 from 8am to 1pm in Harrison Hall. This will be a fully scheduled blood drive. For an appointment or questions, please call Lori Merl at 410-455-9440, or send an e-mail to lmerl@comcast.net.
Let's make this our best blood drive yet!

OLPH ANNUAL BULL ROAST

March 22-7:00 pm to midnight-in the parish center gym

Tickets are \$35 each or \$30 if purchasing a table of 8 or 10 people.
\$2,500 Bull Roast Raffle Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20-drawing held at Bull Roast

Tickets can be purchased after Mass or in the school office.

**CATHOLIC WAR VETERAN POST 1961 FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST**

The CWV Post 1961 will have a Fellowship Breakfast on Wednesday, February 5th at 8:00 am at the Bob Evan 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.

ELLICOTT CITY THEOLOGY ON TAP!

Come join area young adults for live music, socializing, and a great speaker! Thursday nights at Cacao Lane in Old Ellicott City, 6:30-8:30 from January 23rd to February 27th.
See www.facebook.com/groups/ellicottcityTOT for more details!

The Presentation of the Lord

St. Jerome Emiliani (1481-1537) Feast Day: February 8



Jerome Emiliani lay chained in the dark dirty dungeon. Only a short time before he had been a military commander for Venice in charge of a fortress. He didn't care much about God because he didn't need him -- he had his own strength and the strength of his soldiers and weapons. When Venice's enemies, the League of Cambrai, captured the fortress, he was dragged off and imprisoned. There in the dungeon, Jerome decided to get rid of the chains that bound him. He let go of his worldly attachments and embraced God.

When he finally was able to escape, he hung his metal chains in the nearby church of Treviso -- in gratitude not only for being freed from physical prison but from his spiritual dungeon as well.

After a short time as mayor of Treviso he returned to his home in Venice where he studied for the priesthood. The war may have been over but it was followed by the famine and plague war's devastation often brought. Thousands suffered in his beloved city. Jerome devoted himself to service again -- this time, not to the military but to the poor and suffering around him. He felt a special call to help the orphans who had no one to care for them. All the loved ones who would have protected them and comforted them had been taken by sickness or starvation. He would become their parent, their family.

Using his own money, he rented a house for the orphans, fed them, clothed them, and educated them. Part of his education was to give them the first known catechetical teaching by question and answer. But his constant devotion to the suffering put him in danger too and he fell ill from the plague himself. When he recovered, he had the ideal excuse to back away, but instead his illness seemed to take the last links of the chain from his soul. Once again he interpreted his suffering to be a sign of how little the ambitions of the world mattered.

He committed his whole life and all he owned to helping others. He founded orphanages in other cities, a hospital, and a shelter for prostitutes. This grew into a congregation of priests and brothers that was named after the place where they had a house: the Clerks Regular of Somascha. Although they spent time educating other young people, their primary work was always Jerome's first love -- helping orphans. His final chains fell away when he again fell ill while taking care of the sick. He died in 1537 at the age of 56. He is the patron saint of abandoned children and orphans.

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