

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past fall, in the midst of many headline-grabbing interviews, Pope Francis wrote an extensive piece entitled *The Joy of the Gospel*, in which he called the Church (each of us) back to the fundamental mission of evangelizing, of sharing the Gospel with the world around us. What he wrote builds on what other popes have been saying over the past 50 years, but his characteristically simple style and blunt honesty have made his message stand out that much more.

In one of his early paragraphs, Pope Francis shared this from his heart about how he would like to see the Church transformed: "I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation." This transformation requires what Pope Francis refers to as a "missionary conversion" - a deep and fundamental change in each of our hearts that leads us to see everything in light of Jesus' call for us to be "the light of the world". We often think of missionaries in a restricted sense as those who travel to foreign lands or work in the remotest areas to spread the Gospel. This is true, but Pope Francis is calling us back to a deeper and more authentic sense of mission found in today's Gospel: each one of us has been filled with the Light of Christ and has been made to bring that light out into the world around us. We need to do a lot to help practically teach what that means, but the basic truth remains: Bringing the Light of Christ into the world isn't something we can do, it's what we were made to do, it is our deepest identity as Christians.

The Lord is calling us, as a parish, to step up and bring His light out into the world around us. I don't know exactly what this will look like for each of us but I do know that it will require a broad transformation of how we approach our daily living as Christians and as a parish, nothing less than what Pope Francis calls a "missionary conversion". The words of the Gospel today carry a sober chill when Jesus tells us that unless we step up as daily missionaries, as salt for the world around us, we are "no longer good for anything but to be thrown out..." Please pray that the Lord will show us how He wants us to live this out in our parish and our individual lives!

Rev. Erik Arnold



ALTAR FLOWERS
ARE IN MEMORY OF
AMY DESANTIS



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
JAYNE FLEISCHER
Wife of Charles Fleischer

MEMORIAL FLOWERS



Weekly memorial flower offerings
are now available.
Altar Flower Donation is \$50.00
Icon Flower Donation is \$25.00
Please call the parish office for
available dates.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: February 16, 2014
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sirach 15:15-20;
Psalms 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34;
1 Corinthians 2:6-10;
Matthew 5:17-37.

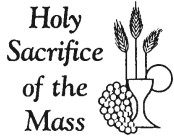
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 8 (<i>Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita</i>)	
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 ☩
Monday, February 10 (<i>St. Scholastica</i>)	
8:15am	Rick Peterson ☩
Tuesday, February 11 (<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>)	
8:15am	Intention of Heidi and Michael Roosa
Wednesday, February 12	
8:15am	Ann Cosentino ☩
Thursday, February 13	
8:15am	Judy Friel ☩ and Family
9:30am	Christopher Sliker ☩
Friday, February 14 (<i>Saints Cyril and Methodius</i>)	
8:15am	Bruce Crader ☩
Saturday, February 15	
8:15am	Intention of David Jose (<i>Birthday</i>)
4:30pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, February 16 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)	
7:30am	Joseph Veluthed Thparampil ☩
9:00am	Frank Painter ☩
11:00am	Charles Panushka ☩
5:00pm	Amy DeSantis ☩

"If we are truly in love with Christ and if we sense how much he loves us, our heart will 'light up' with a joy that spreads to everyone around us."

— Pope Francis, 2013

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



MASS AT ST. VERONICAS

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.

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.

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.



Respect LIFE

Fr. Paul Schenck Speaking at St. John Neumann: "Pope Francis: Catholic Social Teaching, the Sanctity of Human Life" will be the talk given by Fr. Schenck on Thursday, February 13, 2014, 7:30 pm, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Seelos Hall, 620 N. Bestgate Road, Annapolis 21401. Fr. Schenck is the founder of National Pro-Life Action Center on Capital Hill, (NPLAC.org), and the National Pro-Life Radio, (NPLR.net) and is currently the head of the Respect Life Office for the Diocese of Harrisburg, and Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Spring Grove, PA. Fr. Schenck is a well-known and sought after speaker. Come and join others for this important talk!!

Lobby Night: On President's Day, Monday, February 17th, Maryland Catholic Conference invites us to join Maryland's bishops and hundreds of fellow Catholics for the 30th annual Lobby Night in Annapolis to be held at St. John Neumann, 620 Bestgate Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401. Lobby Night is an advocacy event that educates us about legislative issues coming up in the General Assembly and provides Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials regarding these issues. Time is from 3 – 8 pm (2:30 check-in). Registration is required. To register go to www.mdcathcon.org/LobbyNight or call 410-269-1155. Event and light supper FREE



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

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
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

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
Les 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.



OLPH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
4 YR. OLD PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE
Tuesday, February 10
10:00 am to 11:30 am

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 Imerl@comcast.net. Let's make this our best blood drive yet!

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@archbalt.org

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 MEETING

The Charles Carroll Post 1961 of the Catholic War Veterans serves veterans and active duty military. The post will be meeting on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in room 207 in the Center for New Evangelization of St. Paul's Church (755 saint Paul Street, Ellicott city). All Catholic veteran or active duty military 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!

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](tel:410-747-4334) or by email at unboundministrymaryland@gmail.com to learn more and to schedule a time for prayer.

**MY BROTHERS KEEPER BAGS AND BASKET BINGO
MARCH 9 IN MSJ HS CAFETERIA**

Doors open at 1 pm, with early bird Special Raffle beginning at 1:45. Bingo will feature theme filled Longaberger Baskets and Vera Bradley Bags. Tickets are \$20. For tickets call Kathy at 301-490-7918 or email kholden123@gmail.com. To make a donation towards this event contact Mary at 410-869-0243.

**SETON KEOUGH HS PARENT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
VERA BRADLEY & PANDORA BRACELET BINGO**

Sunday March 16 2014 @ 2 pm. Doors open at 1 pm. All proceeds benefit Seton Keough Athletics. Tickets \$16 in advance and \$18 at the door. For more information call Cindy Stiner @410-247-7319 or George Asseng @ 410-674-9333.

DISCOUNTED BURIAL SITES AT MEADOWRIDGE PARK

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, a Pre-K through 12 Catholic School, in Middle River owns several burial sites at Meadowridge Park in Elkridge. These sites are now being sold at a 40% discount to raise funds to support the Catholic School. The cost per site is \$2697.00, plus an additional \$85.00 deed transfer fee from the cemetery. If you have additional questions or would like to purchase a site please contact Linda B. Owen, Prearrangement Specialist at Meadowridge Park at 410-796-1144. Learn more about Our Lady of Mount Carmel School at www.olmcmd.org

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saints Cyril and Methodius (826 or 827 and 815) Feast Day: February 14

Cyril and Methodius must have often wondered, as we do today, how God could bring spiritual meaning out of worldly concerns. Every mission they went on, every struggle they fought was a result of political battles, not spiritual, and yet the political battles are forgotten and their work lives on in the Slavic peoples and their literature.

Saints Cyril and Methodius were Byzantine Greek brothers born in Thessalonica in the 9th century who became Christian missionaries among the Slavic peoples of the Great Moravia and Pannonia.

Through their work they influenced the cultural development of all Slavs, for which they received the title "*Apostles to the Slavs*". They are credited with devising the Glagolitic alphabet, the first alphabet used to transcribe Old Church Slavonic. After their deaths, their pupils continued their missionary work among other Slavs.

Both brothers are venerated in the Orthodox Church as saints with the title of "*equal-to-apostles*". In 1880, Pope Leo XIII introduced their feast into the calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. In 1980, Pope John Paul II declared them co-patron saints of Europe, together with Benedict of Nursia.

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=39
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saints_Cyril_and_Methodius



Saint Cyril and Methodius by Stanislav Dospevski, Bulgarian painter