



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, Palm Sunday, we commemorate the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As Jesus rode into the city, humbly and lowly seated on a donkey, the people saw that a key prophecy from Scripture was being fulfilled, which said "See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey..." (Zechariah 9:9) The people celebrated his entrance by laying down their cloaks in front of him, as well as small branches of trees, and singing from Psalm 118: "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" Today, we join with the people of Jerusalem as we acknowledge the Lord Jesus as our King, and as they did, we greet him with palm branches, a symbol of triumph and victory. His victory, however, is through the Cross, a very different kind of victory than what the world expects. As we enter into Holy Week, may the Lord keep us close to himself in his sufferings, so that we might experience the victory of his great love and mercy in our lives.

Please join us for the events of this coming Holy Week, most especially our Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm, the celebration of the Passion on Good Friday at 3:00pm and the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening at 8:00pm. In these days we unite ourselves to Christ and enter into all that He did, almost hour by hour at times. Our complete schedule can be found on our parish website, as well as in the Lenten booklets we distributed just before Ash Wednesday. I hope that you'll be able to carve out some time to join us in prayer as we see the great love of the Lord made visible in all that He suffered for our sake.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our parish cleanup this Saturday, especially Chuck and Sue Steele who did so much prep work and helped to coordinate the day. I'm so grateful for all of our generous volunteers who have helped to make our campus so beautiful, especially in preparation for Easter and our First Communion Masses. Thank you so much! And another big thank you to everyone who helped with our OLPH Parish Family Dinner. It has become a great tradition to begin Holy Week together sharing dinner and a time of fellowship. Thank you to the entire crew of chefs, kitchen workers, servers and all who helped with the setup and cleanup!

Finally, please mark your calendars to join us for the celebration of Josh's ordination as a deacon on Saturday, May 10 at 10:00am at the Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in downtown Baltimore. It will be a beautiful Mass and a wonderful time to support Josh as he commits his life to the Lord in service, being united in Ordination with Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve. Please join us!

Rev. Erik Arnold

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 12

8:15am Patrick Mulroy ☩

4:30pm Victor L. Rendon, Sr. ☩

Sun., Apr. 13 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)

7:30am Messile Padathiparambil ☩

9:00am Eddie, John, and Frances Turos ☩

11:00am Amy Martin ☩

5:00pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, April 14 (Monday of Holy Week)

8:15am Rosemary Lynch ☩

Tuesday, April 15 (Tuesday of Holy Week)

8:15am William Brooks ☩

Wednesday, April 16 (Wednesday of Holy Week)

8:15am Int. of Shibu Jose and Alyssa Jose

Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday

8:15am Morning Prayer. No Mass.

7:00pm Mary Ann Humm ☩

Friday, April 18 (Good Friday of the Lord's Passion)

8:15am Morning Prayer, No Mass.

3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 19 (Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil)

8:15am Morning Prayer. No Mass.

8:00pm Carvel and Josephine Lucas ☩

Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday)

7:30am For the People of the Parish

9:00am (Church) Benedicta Monsen ☩

9:00am (Parish Ctr.) Lorraine Kosiba ☩

11:00am (Church) John Taneyhill ☩

11:00am (Parish Ctr.) Int. of Cynthia Kadiri (birthday)

No 5pm Mass.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: April 20, 2014 **Resurrection of The Lord: Easter Sunday**

Acts:10:34A-37-43

Psalms 118:1-2,16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4 OR 1 Corinthians 5:6B-8

Sequence - Victimæ Paschali Laudes

John 20:1-9

ANNUAL EASTER WALK The John Paul II Hiking Club will sponsor its 5th Annual Easter Walk on Sunday, April 27th, Divine Mercy Sunday, at Patapsco Valley State Park. Join us as we celebrate the canonizations of Pope John Paul II and Pope John XIII. This easy walk on the paved path along the river is geared for families and hikers of all abilities; wheelchair participants are welcome too! Please gather in the church parking lot at 12:30 pm. We will drive to the Avalon Area off Route 1; there is a \$3/person fee to enter the park. We plan to be back to the church by 4 pm.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Nominations currently being accepted. We are looking for a few good men and women to serve as members of the Pastoral Council. Elections will be held on May 17th and 18th at all Masses. If you are at least 16 years of age, are a baptized and confirmed Catholic and are a registered parishioner of OLPH, please consider this worthwhile opportunity. If interested in running for a Council position or if you have any questions, please contact Pete Gobell at 410-465-9628 or the Parish Office at 410-747-4334.

SUMMER NURSERY! We are planning a Summer Nursery during the 9am Mass from May to September. It will be held on a sign-in basis for children 3 years and younger, in the Kindergarten Room of the School. Parents who use the Nursery for their children should plan to share in the babysitting on a rotating basis. We will also have teens helping in the Nursery. **All parents, and teens 14 years of age and older, will need to be STAND Certified.** Please contact Judy Gruel, jgruel@archbalt.org, or 410-747-0131 if you are interested in using the Nursery this summer.

THE CALIX SOCIETY: The Calix Society is an association of Catholic alcoholics who are maintaining their sobriety through affiliation with and participation in the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. The first concern is to interest Catholics with an alcoholic problem in the virtue of total abstinence. The second stated purpose is to promote the spiritual development of our membership, and integration of sobriety and the teachings and practice of the Catholic faith. All are welcome: Catholic and non-Catholic alcoholics, family and friends of alcoholics, members of N.A., Nar-Anon, Al-Anon, and anyone concerned with the illness of these kinds of addictions. We meet for prayer, fellowship, and discussion at **OLPH every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 9am-10am in the Parish Office. Our next meeting is on Saturday, April 26.** Please contact us at olphcalix@yahoo.com, or simply show up to one of the meetings! For more information about the Calix Society, please visit www.calixsociety.org

OUR OLPH FOOD PANTRY THANKS YOU ... Thank you for the quick response to replenish our food pantry. The outpouring has been great! —Darlene Brotzman, St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

"Anna & Family"	Janet Feldman	Lucy McKenna	Mary Stevens
Rob Baldwin	Charles Fleischer	Herb Michael	Ted Stromberg
Lynn Bauer	Carol Freese	Bob Moan	Linda Uliana
Paul Bauer	Thomas French	Peggy Moan	Lauretta Vaccarino
Lucy Bodner	Julie Gallagher	Caroline Mohler	Sunny Vacek
Joe Botkin	Lorraine Gallagher	Joseph Murray	Les Walker
Debbie Buckley	Ray Gallagher	Nathan Niessner	Ed Ward
Graham Burrell	Annie Golnoski	Rosemarie Rippel	Jon Web
Maureen Colclough	George Green	June Rosemary	Richard Weinroth
Kaelynn Collazo	Gail Higgins	Ephel Sandford	Robert Welsh, Jr.
Debbie Compher	Mary Grace Howard	Hugh Sandford	Robert Welsh, Sr.
Sean Cunningham	Chuck Hutzell	Pearline Sandford	Clyde Wenzel
Anna Curry	Alan Ignacio	Brian Sarnecki	Kyla Zeilinger
MaryJo DeFillipo	Meghan Jaecksch	Bill Schone	
O.P. Ditch	Ally Jarkiewicz	Sheila Schone	
Kay Donahue	Ted Jarkiewicz	Jack Simpson	
Robert Dovalovsky	Joan Klosek	Ardellia Smith	
William Dovalovsky	Marian Kubic	Bill Snyder	
John Duvall	Fred Lourenso	Crystal Spicer	

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Registration forms are available! Visit our display in the narthex of the church and pick up a form to register your children for this summer's VBS! Lots of help is needed, as always! Forms for Adult and Teen volunteers are also available on the display. We have adjusted the age range for participants in order to accommodate more Elementary-aged children. Also, we will have a Nursery this year for those adults who would like to volunteer and have little ones younger than 4 years of age. For more information, please contact Judy Gruel, jgruel@archbalt.org, or 410-747-0131.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! We contributed \$4,996.77 to the Religious Retirement Collection. Thank you again for remembering the contributions of religious women and men who have given so much in the past. Your gift will enable the religious institutes to provide for the care they need and deserve. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Sr. Maria Luz Ortiz, MSHS, Delegate for Religious, Diocesan Coordinator for the Religious Retirement Collection (Archdiocese of Baltimore).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2014-2015

...has begun!! Forms are now available online, in the narthex, and from the Parish Office for Pre-K through Middle School Religious Education sessions. The deadline, for returning students only, is July 31st, so don't delay. Pick up a registration form and return it to us as soon as possible! Please contact Judy Gruel, jgruel@archbalt.org, if you have questions about our programs.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTER EGG HUNT

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite children ages 12 and under to join us after the 9:00am Mass on Easter Sunday for an egg hunt on the lawn in front of church. Please bring your own baskets to collect goodies. The lawn will be divided, specifically to ensure that the little ones are successful! For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Billy Swann, eswann3rd@gmail.com.

THE OLPH CATHOLIC MOMS INVITE YOU...

The OLPH Catholic Moms Group invites you and your little ones to an Easter Egg Hunt and picnic on Wednesday, April 16th, from 10-12 noon at the OLPH school playground! Please bring 12 filled plastic eggs for hiding and a food item to share! We look forward to a "hopping" good time! Please contact Kelly at olphcatholicmoms@gmail.com or call 410-379-0075 for additional information.

VBS SCENERY TEAM NEEDED! A team of people is needed to plan, paint, and construct our scenery for this year's Vacation Bible School, *Weird Animals-Where God's Love is One of A Kind!* The scenery resembles a forest with lots of bold, wild flowers. A team of individuals is needed to work on this scenery in conjunction with others from St. Michael's in Poplar Springs, and Calvary Lutheran Church in Mt. Airy. Each church will be responsible for a portion of the scenery. Please contact Judy Gruel, 410-747-0131 or jgruel@archbalt.org, if you are interested in helping. We will be having a planning meeting in April and scenery needs to be completed by Friday, July 11th.

A BIG THANKS to all of the catechists and peer ministers who served in our Religious Education Programs this year! May God bless you for sharing your faith and helping others to encounter Jesus Christ in their lives.

CATHOLIC WAR VETERAN FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: The CWV Post 1961 will have a Fellowship Breakfast on Wednesday, April 16th at 8:00 a.m. at the Bob Evans Restaurant (4900 Beaver Run Court, off Rt. 100 & Executive Drive, opposite Chick fil A). Any Catholic veteran or active duty military interested in learning about the CWV are invited to attend.

ACTIVITIES AT THE SHRINE OF SAINT ANTHONY

The Shrine of St. Anthony will hold its annual Tenebrae Service Wednesday, April 16th from 8 to 8:45pm. From the Latin word for shadows, Tenebrae is an ancient liturgical custom of walking with Jesus to the Cross and Tomb through scripture and song. As Christ, the Light of the World, descended into the darkness of sin and death, this liturgy uses light and darkness to symbolize the mystery of the Cross.

On Holy Saturday, April 19th the Shrine of St. Anthony will hold its 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt from 10:30am to 1:00pm. Due to the great success of last year's event we have doubled our amount of eggs for this year and increased the area where the hunt will be held! There is no charge for this event but the Friars will be grilling Hamburgers and Hot dogs for those interested in staying for a picnic lunch after the Hunt. Please bring your own baskets, blankets, and kites to fly! For more info please call the Shrine at 410-531-2800 or visit us at www.ShrineofStAnthony.org

PREGNANT, NEED HELP?

Call the Gabriel Network 1-800-ANGEL-OK,
SUFFERING POST-ABORTION STRESS?
Call Rachel's Vineyard Baltimore/Project Rachel
410-625-8491 rvbaltimore@archbalt.org

SPRING BUNDLE SUNDAY CANCELLED. Any questions, please call Tony Mello at 443-296-7119

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS (ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES) (1844-1879), Feast: April 16

Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age. There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig. According to Bernadette, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25 she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." It was only when the words were explained to her that Bernadette came to realize who the Lady was. Few visions have ever undergone the scrutiny that these appearances of the Immaculate Virgin were subject to. Lourdes became one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world, attracting millions of visitors. Miracles were reported at the shrine and in the waters of the spring. After thorough investigation Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862. During her life Bernadette suffered much. She was hounded by the public as well as by civic officials until at last she was protected in a convent of nuns. Five years later she petitioned to enter the Sisters of Notre Dame. After a period of illness she was able to make the journey from Lourdes and enter the novitiate. But within four months of her arrival she was given the last rites of the Church and allowed to profess her vows. She recovered enough to become infirmarian and then sacristan, but chronic health problems persisted. She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35. She was canonized in 1933.



Saint Bernadette

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