

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Easter! This is the day that is the reason for our hope and strength and joy as Christians: Jesus has been raised from the dead, making possible the forgiveness of sins and the chance to begin living a new life that can lead to heaven.

On Palm Sunday, as we meditated on the Lord's Passion, Pope Francis invited us to ask ourselves one question: Who am I? Among all the individuals present in the Lord's final week that ended in His Death and Resurrection, who am I?

Am I among the group of rulers, the teachers of the law, who decided to kill him? They waited for the chance to apprehend him. Am I one of them? Am I like the disciples who couldn't understand any of it, who fell asleep while Jesus suffered. Am I like that other disciple who wanted to settle everything with the sword? Am I like Judas, who made a show of loving and kissing Jesus, only to hand him over, to betray him? Am I like Pilate? When I see that the situation's tough, I wash my hands and don't know to take my responsibility and I let them condemn – or do I condemn – people? Am I like that crowd which didn't know whether it was taking part in a religious gathering, a trial or a circus, and chooses Barabbas? Am I like the soldiers who strike the Lord, spit on him, insult him, enjoying themselves by humiliating the Lord? Am I like Simon the Cyrenian who was coming home from work, was tired, but had the goodwill to help the Lord carry the cross? Am I like those courageous women, and like Jesus' mother, who were there, suffering in silence? Am I like Joseph, the hidden disciple, who carries the body of Jesus with love to give it a tomb? Am I like the two Marys who remain before the Tomb crying, praying? Where is my heart? Which of these people am I like?

And here is the Good News: even if I consider myself among the worst of those mentioned, I have a future because of what Jesus has done for me. As the saying goes, "Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future." No matter where we find ourselves, Jesus is loving us and wanting to give us a future full of mercy, hope and joy. There is power in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, the power of love that forgives and offers us a second chance. I pray that this Easter you might experience, in the most personal way, the great love of the Lord Jesus and without resistance or fear, surrender to it, in order to live a new life in Him.
Happy Easter!



Rev. Erik Arnold

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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.

Monday, April 21 (Monday within the Octave of Easter)

8:15am Mariyamma Veluthadathparambil ☩

Tuesday, April 22 (Tuesday within the Octave of Easter)

8:15am James Connell ☩

Wednesday, April 23 (Wednesday within the Octave of Easter)

8:15am Cecilia Masiello ☩

Thursday, April 24 (Thursday within the Octave of Easter)

8:15am Theresa Barbar ☩
9:30am Rosemary Lynch ☩

Friday, April 25 (Friday within the Octave of Easter)

8:15am Int. of Suzanne Lucas

Saturday, April 26 (Saturday within the Octave of Easter)

8:15am Judy Dellenbach ☩
4:30pm Joseph Aliano ☩

Sunday, April 27 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

7:30am Rita Hinson ☩
9:00am For the People of the Parish
11:00am Josephine Lucas ☩
5:00pm Mary Fansher ☩

Easter Sunday

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

ROBERT FRAZER

Husband of Peggy Frazer
and

MARY PFAFF

Mother of Patrice Holtz

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: April 27, 2014
Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts:2:42-47

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

*our Catechumens/Candidates who were fully received
into the Church at the Easter Vigil:*

Kristen Byrnes
Charles Della Porta
Timothy Shaffer
Henry Shoemaker
Matthew Tedeschi

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP will take place on Monday, April 28th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office. Please call Sr. Lorraine at 410-747-4334 ext. 314 if more information is needed.

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.

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.

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.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY MEETING

Monday, April 21st at 7:00 pm

Parish Center - 2nd Floor - Triple Room 205

Everyone is welcome. Our mission is to help the needy so if you are interested we invite you to attend and find out more about our activities. Please call Ed Parvis at 410-379-2902 if you would like more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Monday, April 28st at 7:30 pm - Church

All OLPH families, boy scouts, girl scouts, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters and Legion of Mary members are invited to this memorable event. Reception to follow in the gym.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPARD: We are currently gathering information about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. If you are certified to teach this program at Level 1, or any other Level, please contact Judy Gruel, jgruel@archbalt.org or 410-747-0131.



SCHOOL
NEWS

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

The faculty, staff, and students of OLPH School would like to wish everyone in the OLPH parish community a very blessed Easter!

The weeks leading up to our Easter celebration were very busy at OLPH. After much preparation and lots of motivational activities, students in grades 3 through 8 completed 6 days of standardized testing. We then experienced a week-long celebration of "Explore Outside Your Door," which offered various cultural arts to the students, including Mad Science, Autism Awareness, Kids on the Block Puppets teaching about bullying, and a full afternoon focused on bike safety, nutrition, skateboarding, and prayer. The 7th grade's portrayal of the "Living Stations of the Cross" was a beautiful, reverent, and prayerful way to end the week and begin our journey to Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

There were also many learning opportunities in each class over the last few weeks. Second graders presented their "Hall of Saints" in which they each dressed as and spoke about a saint they had chosen. In grade three, students studied Navajo sand paintings to learn about their culture, and then created some sand paintings of their own. Their blubber experiments showed how polar bears keep warm in Arctic temperatures. The fourth grade is learning about early Maryland history in social studies class, and visited Londontown on a field trip.

We look forward to an exciting few weeks filled with activities such as Field Day and the Race for Education!

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.

Easter Sunday

“JOY AND HOPE”, A FAITH LIGHT COMMUNITY for our friends with special needs, announces our regular monthly meeting, on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Harrison Hall (adjacent to the OLPH School), 4795 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043.

The them for April is: “He is risen, Alleluia!” We share the Passion and suffering of Jesus on the Cross and receive the news of the resurrection with great joy. Come join us as we celebrate the Easter season.

Need directions or more information: please contact Bob Donadio, 301-596-5122 or John Hooper, 410-799-8897. At Resurrection, please contact Chris Duck, 410-465-9240.

THANK YOU! to the men, women and youth who turned out to help with the clean-up day on April 12. While we were given credit in last week’s bulletin for the preparation and coordination of the project, its success was due to you who gave of your time to help us. We saw many new faces this year and we hope you will once again help the parish in this worthy endeavor next year.

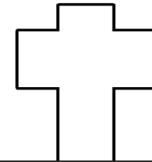
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