



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hear the familiar parable of the sower and the seed this Sunday, which always calls us to look at our own hearts and the “quality of soil” we offer the Lord as He plants His Word in them. Jesus distinguishes between the path, the rocky ground, the soil surrounded by thorns and the rich soil. It’s not that we’re simply born with one type of heart (rocky or thorny, etc.) and have to live with it - rather, it’s a matter of how we choose to receive the Word and act on it. If you were determined to grow a garden at home, you would do what you need to do to clear the ground, get rid of rocks, get the soil tilled, etc. Just so our hearts: if we are determined to let God’s Word grow in our hearts then we will do what we need to do to welcome that Word. The good news is that the Lord sows generously and He is the one who causes the growth. Our job isn’t to make it grow, but simply welcome it and guard it. So remain faithful to Sunday Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, make time for prayer each day at home, maintain some good Christian friendships - all of these normal parts of the Christian life will allow God’s Word to grow within you and bear great fruit.

Please keep our upcoming Vacation Bible School in your prayers! Judy Gruel and her team of adult and youth volunteers are ready to welcome our children this week - please pray that the Lord will bless their time here with us and that it may really be a week when our children experience God’s love for them in an intense and life-changing way!

Rev. Erik Arnold

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

MARIE ELIZABETH BURKE

Sister of Fran Burke

Aunt of Brendan and Justin Burke

A THOUSAND THANKS to our generous friends in the OLPH parish family for their very generous donations of clothing to the Franciscan Center! Last Sunday, the parish collected enough clothing to fill the Center’s cargo van to the ceiling – what a blessing! Pictured here are Franciscan Center volunteers who assisted our Clothing Department staff in sorting and organizing your donations for distribution to our neighbors in need. Please know that your kindness will make an important difference in the weeks ahead in the lives of Baltimore’s most vulnerable citizens. Special thanks to Mr. Tony Mello and the St. Vincent de Paul Society at OLPH, for organizing this collection.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: July 13, 2014

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalms 86:5-6,9-10,15-16

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 12

8:15am—Joyce Wandrey ☩

4:30pm—Int. of the Wier Family

Sunday, July 13 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30am—Reginald Malloy ☩

9:00am—Victor Rendon ☩

11:00am—For the People of the Parish

5:00pm—Int. of Gail Higgins

Mon., July 14 (Saint Kateri Tekakwitha)

8:15am—Intention of the Corbett Family

Tuesday, July 15 (Saint Bonaventure)

8:15am—Ryamond Gick ☩

Wed., July 16 (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

8:15am—Edmond Matlosz ☩

Thursday, July 17

8:15am—Mary Xavier ☩

Friday, July 18 (Saint Camillus de Lellis)

8:15am—Angelina Porro ☩

Saturday, July 19

8:15am—Mary Ann Humm ☩

4:30pm—Cherian Padathiparambil ☩

Sunday, July 20 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30am—Timothy Luckenbach ☩

9:00am—Ronald DellaPenta ☩

11:00am—John Taneyhill ☩

5:00pm—For the People of the Parish

“Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you in all your life.”

—Saint Mary MacKillop

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALLED TO BE A CATECHIST? Now is the time to contact Judy Gruel to discuss volunteering in the Fall. Our Elementary Religious Ed program needs catechists for children K-5th grade from September to May. All Religious Ed catechists must be STAND certified. Also, formation will be provided. So use this time to pray about this rewarding opportunity to share your faith with our parish children. Email Judy today, jgruel@archbalt.org.

FREE SUMMER VOICE LESSONS ARE BACK!

It's been said that he who sings prays twice. But if you think your "joyful noise" is better suited for the shower than the sanctuary, Dana La Rosa, OLPH Director of Music, is once again offering free voice lessons to any interested parishioner. Lessons are open to singers of all ages - sign up by yourself, or share a lesson with a friend. Come learn how to make the most of the voice God gave you! Lessons will be held on Thursdays in July and August. Half-hour time slots are available from 6-9 PM. You can register for up to 3 lessons per person/group. Available lesson times fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! See Dana after Mass, or contact her at dlarosa@archbalt.org or 410-747-4334 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2014-2015 WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT! REGISTER NOW.

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, or Kristen Fisher, kfisher.olph@gmail.com, if you have questions about our programs.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS!

Sign up for email updates on Howard County Y.A. activities! HOW? Visit this website:

www.hococatholic.weebly.com

to sign up and stay in the loop on events & activities!

Email Rachel, the area YA Coordinator at rbarron17@gmail.com if you have any questions!

Upcoming Events:

Sunset Serenades in the Park—July 16
End of Summer Cookout—August 16

CALLED TO EVANGELIZE: *The Church's Story of Evangelization and How You Fit Into That Story*

Monday nights, 7pm-8:30, in the iLC, July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4. In this 4-part series, Fr. John will lead you through the Acts of the Apostles and a study of the Church's evangelizing mission. Starting from Pentecost, we will survey how the Church has proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ from her earliest times until our present

New Evangelization. Within each period, we will see lessons and insights for our own call to spread the Good News. Most importantly, we will see how we fit into this story and what the New Evangelization entails.

While certainly encouraged, it is not necessary to come to each session. Study materials will be provided.

For more information, please contact Fr. John at johnrapisarda@gmail.com.

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
Debbie Compher
Evelyn Cunningham
Sean Cunningham
Anna Curry
MaryJo DeFillipo
Kay Donahue
Robert Dovalovsky
William Dovalovsky
John Duvall

Janet Feldman
Charles Fleischer
Carol Freese
Thomas French
Julie Gallagher
Ray Gallagher
George Green
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
Rosemarie Rippel
June Rosemary
Ephel Sandford
Hugh Sandford
Pearline Sandford
Brian Sarnecki
Bill Schone
Sheila Schone
Jack Simpson
Ardellia Smith
Ken Smith
Bill Snyder
Crystal Spicer

Mary Stevens
Ted Stromberg
Linda Uliana
Lauretta Vaccarino
Sunny Vacek
Ed Ward
Jon Web
Richard Weinroth
Robert Welsh, Jr.
Robert Welsh, Sr.
Kyla Zeilinger

We need your help! We are trying to keep this prayer list updated.

If you or your loved one have gotten better, please notify the Parish Office at 410-747-4334.



OLPH CATHOLIC MOMS

Are you a Catholic mom who is looking to share your faith and time with other mothers and their children? If so, we would love for you to join the Catholic Moms Group. We are a group of moms with children ages 0-5. We have a variety of events every month, including activities for stay at home moms and working moms, as well as events for the entire family!

July Event: Friday, July 18th at 1:00 pm- Pool Day at Taylor Village

For more information about how this group may enhance your experience in the OLPH parish, please contact Kelly or Emily at
OLPHCatholicMoms@gmail.com.

You can also find our calendar of events at
www.olphparish.org/CatholicMoms

HEALING FOR A HURTING MARRIAGE

Has your marriage become cold or unloving? Are you making plans to move out, considering separation or even divorce? There is a program called Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) that can help you rediscover one another. Our next weekend is September 19-21, 2014. All calls and inquires are confidential. To register or obtain more information visit our website at:

www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email: **retroconnor@yahoo.com.**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

“Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.” Sometimes, as much as we love each other it seems like the thorns of life are choking our marriage and family. Take time to kill the thorns by taking time for your Sacramental marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are October 3-5, 2014 in Rockville, MD; November 7-9, 2014 in Germantown, MD; and September 12-14, 2014 and November 14-16, 2014 in Herndon, VA.

For more information and to apply online visit **wwme.org**, or call **301-541-7007**, or email at **applications@welovematrimony.org.**

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. All are welcome: Catholic and non-Catholic alcoholics, family and friends of alcoholics, members of N.A., Nar-Anon, Al-Anon, and anyone concern 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. 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** or call Jim O at 480-861-1107.

FAMILY STORY TIME & COFFEE HOUR

Our Lady's Center is starting a monthly Kids & Moms (or Dads!) Story Time and Coffee Hour during the Summer. Come to the conference room on Friday, July 25 at 11:00 am for free Mystic Monk Coffee for the grown-ups, juice for kids, a great book and a little craft! For July we'll be reading *Hildegard's Gift*, by Megan Hoyt and illustrated by David Hill. Please call if you have any questions (410) 461-5066.

HELP NEEDED!

The Center for Pregnancy Concerns (Help for women in unplanned pregnancies to keep their babies) is in need of BOYS Summer baby clothes (gently used or new) for sizes newborn through 3T and diapers and wipes sizes newborn - 5. If you can be of any assistance please contact our Respect Life Coordinator, Sue Smith at **suziloveshim@verizon.net** or call 410-750-7577. Thank you.

FR. GEORGE COYNE LECTURE: "AN AWAKENING TO FAITH: WE ARE MADE OF STARDUST"

St. Ignatius Church, Baltimore will host the Annual Ignatian Day Lecture on Monday, **July 28th**. This year's featured speaker is Fr. George Coyne speaking about the theme "Faith and Science". The Specific Lecture will be "An Awakening to Faith: We are Made of Stardust." The St. Ignatius Day Lecture will be held in the Chapel of Grace at 7:30 PM, there is no charge, and a reception will follow in Ignatian Hall. St Ignatius Church is located at 740 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. For more information call 410-727-3848. All are welcome!

MATT MAHER TO GIVE ANNIVERSARY CONCERT IN FALL

Celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the 50th Anniversary of the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House, featuring Catholic songwriter, performer, and recording artist Matt Maher on Sunday, September 21, 2014 at Loyola Blakefield outdoors on The Hollow. Grounds open at 1:30 p.m. and program begins at 2 p.m. (In the event of rain, the concert will be held at the same time in the Performance Gym in Knott Hall). General Admission tickets can be purchased for \$15 on-line at http://securepay.archbalt.org/ODwyer_c_15.html.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP (1842-1909)

If St. Mary MacKillop were alive today, she would be a household name. It's not that she sought the limelight. On the contrary, she simply wanted to serve the poor wherever she found them in her native Australia. But along the way, she managed to arouse the ire of some rather powerful churchmen. One even excommunicated her for a time. Born in Melbourne in 1842 to parents who had emigrated from Scotland, Mary grew up in a family that faced constant financial struggles. As a young woman she was drawn to religious life but could not find an existing order of Sisters that met her needs. In 1860 she met Father Julian Woods, who became her spiritual director. Together they founded a new community of women—the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, also known as the Josephite Sisters. Its members were to staff schools especially for poor children, as well as orphanages, and do other works of charity. As the congregation grew, so did Mary MacKillop's problems. Her priest-friend proved unreliable in many ways and his responsibilities for direction of the Sisters were removed. Meanwhile, Mary had the support of some local bishops as she and her Sisters went about their work. But the bishop in South Australia, aging and relying on others for advice, briefly excommunicated Mary—charging her with disobedience—and dispensed 50 of her Sisters from their vows. In truth, the bishop's quarrel was about power and who had authority over whom. He ultimately rescinded his order of excommunication. Mary insisted that her congregation should be governed by an elected mother general answerable to Rome, not to the local bishop. (There were also disputes about whether or not the congregation could own property.) In the end, Rome proved to be Mary's best source of support. After a long wait, official approval of the congregation—and how it was to be governed—came from Pope Leo XIII. Despite her struggles with Church authorities, Mary MacKillop and her Sisters were able to offer social services that few, if any, government agencies in Australia could. They served Protestants and Catholics alike. They worked among the aborigines. They taught in schools and orphanages and served unmarried mothers. Money, actually the lack of it, was a constant worry. But the Sisters, who begged from door to door, were bolstered by faith and by the conviction that their struggles were opportunities to grow closer to God. By the time Mary was approaching the end of her life, the congregation was thriving. She died in 1909 at the age of 67. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1995. In 2010, when Pope Benedict XVI canonized her, she became Australia's first saint.



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