

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This first Sunday of Lent we read, as we do every year, one of the accounts of the temptations of Christ in the desert. These temptations took place just after Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan, when the Holy Spirit descended upon Him: "Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." (Luke 4:1-2) These temptations are very real and very necessary as part of Jesus' work to save us. As Pope Benedict explains: "It is a descent into the perils besetting mankind, for there is no other way to lift up fallen humanity. Jesus has to enter into the drama of human existence, for that belongs to the core of his mission; he has to penetrate it completely, down to its uttermost depths, in order to find the "lost sheep," to bear it on his shoulders, and to bring it home." So in these temptations, Jesus is already revealing his readiness to share completely in the struggles of our human life, even to the point of sharing in death itself.

As we reflect on these temptations this Sunday, we are encouraged by the words from the Letter to the Hebrews: "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help." (Hebrews 4:15-16) I pray this season of Lent will bring us the confidence we need to approach the Lord for mercy and grace, most especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are many opportunities for confession this Lent, including "The Light Is On For You" hosted regionally at Resurrection every Wednesday night from Feb. 20 - March 27 in the chapel of their Pastoral Center. Priests from the Ellicott City parishes will be there ready to hear confessions from 7:30-9:00pm - please take advantage of this great opportunity!

Have a very blessed new week!

*Rev. Erik Arnold*

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**ELIZABETH WELLER**

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**ALTAR AND ICON FLOWERS**

There are no flower memorials during Lent.  
Memorials will begin again the weekend of April 14th.

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**OLPH/RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE!**

Our only Blood Drive this year will be held on Sunday, March 3 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](mailto:Imerl@comcast.net).  
Let's make this our best blood drive yet!

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**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

*February 24, 2013*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 9:28b-36

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 16**

8:15am Int. of the Dueñas Toledano Family

4:30pm Virginia Carino †

**Sunday, February 17 (First Sunday of Lent)**

7:30am Jon L. Wiser †

9:00am For the People of the Parish

11:00am Samuel Welsh †

5:00pm Julia Lee †

**Monday, February 18**

8:15am Mary Ann Humm †

**Tuesday, February 19**

8:15am Marie A. Nista †

**Wednesday, February 20**

8:15am Jeanne Kathleen Sokas †

**Thursday, February 21 (St. Peter Damian)**

8:15am Timothy Luckenbach †

9:30am Darrien Delotte †

**Friday, February 22 (Chair of St. Peter the Apostle)**

8:15am Betty Quinn †

**Saturday, February 23 (St. Polycarp)**

8:15am Raymond Franckewitz †

4:30pm Benjamin R. Monastero †

**Sunday, February 24 (Second Sunday of Lent)**

7:30am Matthew Clements †

9:00am Raymond Franckewitz †

11:00am For the People of the Parish

5:00pm Int. of John and Jenny Mohler

*"Your soul must hold fast to Him, you must follow after Him in your thoughts,  
you must tread His ways by faith, not in outward show."*

— Saint Ambrose

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### PROJECT FRESH START

Some of our Confirmation Candidates are collecting toiletries to help those suffering from poverty in Baltimore. St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore distributes over 200 personal care bags each month to homeless guests at the Beans & Bread Center. Please help out by donating any of the following items: shampoo, bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant and disposable razors. Travel sizes are preferred. There is a collection box in the narthex of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

### JOY AND HOPE, A FAITH AND LIGHT COMMUNITY

...serving the developmentally disabled in Howard County, invites you to our next meeting, Wednesday, February 20th at 6:30pm in Harrison Hall.

This month, we focus on James, the son of Zebedee, who was called to leave everything to follow Jesus without conditions. Bear witness to his love of the poor and destitute. This month, we celebrate Valentine's Day and also President's Day. This year we remember Abraham Lincoln, the people's president, the "Great Unifier", who brought peace and unity to the United States of America after the bloody civil conflict that saw brothers fight against brothers.

Activities will include a remembrance of the Transfiguration of Jesus, witnessed by James, the Apostle (the Feast of Light), making a Valentine for someone we love along with some fun with things we remember about Lincoln. For directions or more information, please contact Bob Donadio, 301-596-5122 or John Hooper, 410-799-8977.

### SHROUD OF TURIN LECTURES

Pope John Paul II called the Shroud of Turin "the greatest relic in Christendom." On Friday, March 15, at 7:30pm, at The Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City, Mr. Barrie Schwartz, a member of the 1978 Study Team and lecturer at the Pontifical Seminary of Rome will present the latest in scientific evidence as to whether the Shroud is the resurrection cloth of Jesus Christ or a forgery of the Middle Ages. He will explain using numerous slides why no one has been able to reproduce it. For additional information go to our website [www.olphparish.org](http://www.olphparish.org) or [www.shroud.com](http://www.shroud.com) or call 410-992-4665. The lecture is free and open to all.

### ST VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY MEETING

Monday, February 18th at 7pm, Parish Center, 2nd Floor Triple Room 205. Everyone is welcome. Our mission is to help the needy so if you are interested in helping others 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.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—OREMUS FOR TEENS!

All High School students are invited to sign up for *Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer for Teens!* Join us for an 8-week session that will help you dive deeper into relationship with the Lord. We'll be talking about the how-to's of prayer and then putting them into practice! Oremus for Teens starts Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30pm in the parish office basement. Contact Matt at [mattc.malone@gmail.com](mailto:mattc.malone@gmail.com) to sign up or for more information!

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

John Austraw  
Rob Baldwin  
Lucy Bodner  
Ron Bondo  
Joe Botkin  
Wayne Buckley  
Graham Burrell  
Kaelynn Collazo  
Sean Cunningham  
Anna Curry  
MaryJo DeFillipo  
Robert Dovalovsky  
William Dovalovsky  
John Duvall  
Janet Feldman  
Jayne Fleischer  
Richard Flynn  
Carol Freese

Thomas French  
Julie Gallagher  
Ray Gallagher  
Lewis Goode  
Antoinette Haigley  
Joe Haupt  
Gail Higgins  
Mary Grace Howard  
Chuck Hutzell  
Meghan Jaecksch  
Ally Jarkiewicz  
Emily Kerstetter  
Joanne Kerstetter  
Marian Kubic  
Anne Labagh  
Phil Lewellen  
Fred Lourenso  
Josephine Lucas

Claire Mathews  
Baby Grace Mathews  
Jim McKelvey  
Lucy McKenna  
Bob Moan  
Peggy Moan  
Caroline Mohler  
Joseph Murray  
Nathan Niessner  
Tina Prangley  
Sara Ann Ring  
Rosemarie Rippel  
June Rosemary  
Sally Ross  
Ephel Sandford  
Hugh Sandford  
Pearline Sandford  
Bill Schone

Sheila Schone  
Barbara Segala  
Jack Simpson  
Ardellia Smith  
Julia Smith  
Bill Snyder  
Rose Sorbello  
Crystal Spicer  
Mary Stevens  
Linda Uliana  
Lauretta Vaccarino  
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!! ATTENTION PARENTS!**

A Parent Meeting for those families with children eligible to receive First Communion in May, will be held on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center Gym. This meeting is required for all parents. Please mark your calendars today. For further information contact Judy Gruel, [jgruel@archbalt.org](mailto:jgruel@archbalt.org).

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**PARENTS! SAVE THE DATE!**

OLPH Vacation Bible School, "Kingdom Rock" will be July 8-12, 2013! Please mark your calendars now for this exciting and inspirational week! Children ages 3 to those entering 5th Grade are invited to join us! **Only 130 children can be accommodated**, so watch the narthex for our VBS display and registration forms to be coming soon! As always, we need many volunteers to make this a huge SUCCESS! Middle School youth through adults are needed. Please contact Judy Gruel, [jgruel@archbalt.org](mailto:jgruel@archbalt.org), for further information. **Join us for "Kingdom Rock"- Where Kids Stand Strong for God!**

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**STEBENVILLE SUMMER CONFERENCE**

Are you ready for an awesome weekend of sacraments, talks, prayer, community, and so much more?! Sign ups for our annual high school Steubenville Summer Conference have arrived! We will be going June 21-23. In order to secure your spot, you must turn in a \$100 deposit along with the OLPH permission slip, as well as the Steubenville Youth Registration and Liability Release Form. Forms can be found on the rack in the back of church and on the parish website in the High School section. Please note spots cannot be guaranteed through messages via email, Facebook, etc. but are only guaranteed with a deposit and both permission forms which can be turned into the parish drop box/office in an envelope marked Matt. All rising freshman to outgoing seniors are invited to attend! Act quickly because spots fill up within days! Questions? Email Matt at [mattc.malone@gmail.com](mailto:mattc.malone@gmail.com)

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**OLPH CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB**

We will be reading *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*, by Sherry A. Weddell. We will discuss the book on Thursday evening, March 21 at 7:30pm at the Schuberth home, 4721 Knapp Court, Ellicott City. All are welcome to join us. .

Drawing upon her fifteen years of experience with the Catherine of Siena Institute, Sherry Weddell leads readers through steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God and gives help in reaching out to others to evangelize. Copies of *Forming Intentional Disciples* may be available on the OLPH bookrack. For more information email [praiseGod8@gmail.com](mailto:praiseGod8@gmail.com) or call 410 925-6804

**HOLY WEEK CHOIR MEMBERS**

If you have ever wanted to get involved with Music Ministry but are not able to make a yearlong commitment, please consider joining us for one or more of the Holy Week liturgies. Being a seasonal choir member is a wonderful Lenten commitment, and a beautiful way to enter more deeply into the celebration of the Easter Triduum.

The Sunday Morning Contemporary Ensemble invites singers and instrumentalists to join us for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and the 9am Mass on Easter morning. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm, beginning at the end of February.

The Traditional Choir invites singers for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9pm, beginning at the end of February. For more information or to sign up, please contact Dana La Rosa, Director of Music, at 410-747-4334 or [dlarosa@archbalt.org](mailto:dlarosa@archbalt.org)

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**DID YOU GET A NEW CELL PHONE RECENTLY?**

If so, consider donating your old cell phones & accessories to the Cell Phones for Soldiers collection program sponsored by our Catholic War Veterans Post 1961. Simply deposit your old phones in the collection box in the Narthex of the church. Each old phone provides approximately one hour of calling time for our troops so they can stay connected with their families. Thank you for your generosity!

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**MEN'S & WOMEN'S CURSILLO RETREATS**

The Cursillo Movement of Baltimore is offering a Men's Weekend Retreat, February 21 – 24 and a Women's Weekend Retreat, February 28 – March 3rd. You may learn more about Cursillo at [www.baltimorecursillo.org](http://www.baltimorecursillo.org). If you are interested in attending, please contact Greg Douglas at [rgdouglas1@comcast.net](mailto:rgdouglas1@comcast.net) or at 202-297-3293 for more information.

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**CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF MARYLAND CONFERENCE**

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland will hold its annual conference, *Proclaiming Christ in a Secular World*, at Calvert Hall College High School in Towson, MD on Saturday, March 16th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The scheduled speakers include Ralph Martin, Steven Ray and Richard Lane. Archbishop Lori is scheduled to join for the closing Mass at 3 pm. Online registration is available at [www.catholicmensfellowship.com/tickets.html](http://www.catholicmensfellowship.com/tickets.html) For questions, please contact Greg Douglas at [rgdouglas1@comcast.net](mailto:rgdouglas1@comcast.net) or at 202-297-3293.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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### GETTING TO KNOW OUR CATHOLIC SAINTS: *Saint Polycarp* (69-155), Feast: February 23

The reason for St. Polycarp's unique fame is this: while being a disciple of St. John the Evangelist himself, he is still personally accessible to us. This is possible through an extant letter he wrote to the Philippians, through letters from Sts. Ignatius and Irenaeus which mention him, and through eye-witness accounts of his martyrdom. Having learned about the Lord Jesus from those who walked with Him, especially the beloved disciple, and having received Episcopal ordination at his hands, Polycarp became a revered figure in his day. He travelled from Smyrna (present day Turkey) to Rome to discuss with the Pope weighty matters, especially the divisive question of when to celebrate Easter. On one such occasion the Pope showed his respect for his guest by inviting Polycarp to offer Mass in the Papal chapel. The saint's zeal is seen in one episode when he was confronted by the heretic, Marcion, who begged: "Recognize us!" Polycarp responded: "Ah, I recognize the first-born of Satan!" His staunch fidelity was undiminished by age, when in his 86th year, the soldiers of Emperor Marcus Aurelius came to arrest him. He appeared to survive burning at the stake, so they plunged a spear into his heart. Polycarp's legacy to us is not only his letter, which quotes amply from the freshly written New Testament, but his fearless witness to the Lord to the end.



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### OLPH SPRING CLEAN-UP

We need volunteers to help with this year's Spring Clean-up on **Saturday, March 23 (just in time for Easter)**. The work to be performed will be mainly cleaning up debris, raking, cleaning the planting beds and trimming some shrubbery. 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 that keeps the OLPH campus looking good, please mark your calendars and let Chuck Steele know you will be able to help. He can be contacted at **chucksteele3@verizon.net** or by calling 410-730-3521.