

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we enter the second Sunday of Lent we are brought to Mount Tabor, where Jesus was transfigured before the disciples Peter, James, and John. This scene takes place after Jesus has spoken to his disciples about his Passion and Death. This Gospel is given to us every year on the second Sunday of Lent to encourage and strengthen us in our belief that the Passion always leads to the glory of the Resurrection, so that we remember our Lenten disciplines are never in vain.

Toward the end of this week, on February 28, Pope Benedict XVI will step down from his role as Successor of St. Peter and visible shepherd of the Church. Please pray for our Cardinals as they prepare to elect a new pope, that the guidance of the Holy Spirit will be with them in an abundant way and that the Lord's will be done through them. This is a momentous time in the life of the Church and as we prepare for it, we remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) This is a wonderful and very reassuring promise. Jesus is the great Shepherd of the Church and we know that He will continue to guide and care for His flock.

Finally, please remember the many opportunities there are for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during these days of Lent - a full schedule can be found on our parish website at www.olphparish.org. May God bless you this new week!

Rev. Eric Arnold

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

GENEVIEVE PALKO
Mother of Cindy Dolan

ALTAR AND ICON FLOWERS

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

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.
Let's make this our best blood drive yet!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

March 3, 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, February 25

8:15am Thomas Kerr McBride ☩

Tuesday, February 26

8:15am Marie A. Nista ☩

Wednesday, February 27

8:15am Anton Matesi ☩

Thursday, February 28

8:15am Katherine Joseph ☩
9:30am Bro. Desales Lawless ☩

Friday, March 1

8:15am Mary Patricia McMahon ☩

Saturday, March 2

8:15am Int. of the Dueñas Toledano Family
4:30pm Stella Monastero ☩

Sunday, March 3 (Third Sunday of Lent)

7:30am John Eisele ☩
9:00am For the People of the Parish
11:00am William Bach ☩
5:00pm Saritha Sequiera ☩

"Few souls understand what God would effect in them if they should give themselves entirely into his hands and allow his grace to act." —Saint Ignatius of Loyola

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PARENTS! SAVE THE DATE!

OLPH Vacation Bible School, "Kingdom Rock" will be July 8-12th 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 100 spots remaining! DON'T DELAY!

Registration forms can be found at the VBS display in the narthex ! 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, for further information.

**Join us for "Kingdom Rock"-
Where Kids Stand Strong for God!**

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

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POST 1961 MEETING

The Catholic War Veterans Post 1961 meeting will be this Wednesday, February 27th at 7pm in the Parish Center Triple Rooms (2nd floor). The meeting was changed due to a scheduling conflict. All Catholic veterans and active duty military are invited to attend.

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 or call 410 925-6804

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!

*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.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING!

If you missed the First Communion Parent Meeting on February 19th, please contact Judy Gruel to pick up important preparation materials. 410-747-0131, ext. 312 or email: jgruel@archbalt.org.

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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)

Fresh Start! Now is the time to strive for excellence in your marriage. Couples who use Natural Family Planning have a less than 5% divorce rate.

Find out what the secret is at a Natural Family Planning course offered for engaged and married couples at Our Lady of Perpetual Help starting March 23, 2013. For more information, contact Mark & Kathy Schmidt 410-747-5611;

mak.schmidt@gmail.com or to register go to www.ccli.org

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 or www.shroud.com or call 410-992-4665. The lecture is free and open to all.

PREGNANT, NEED HELP?

Call 1-800-ANGEL OK

SUFFERING POST-ABORTION STRESS?

Call Rachel's Vineyard Baltimore at 1-800-286-4224

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' RETREAT

There will be a spiritual retreat for Eucharistic Ministers to those who are sick, elderly, homebound, and in hospitals, nursing homes and group homes. Saturday, March 2nd, from 8:30 am until 12 Noon, at St. John the Evangelist Parish, at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Road, Columbia, MD 21044 The Retreat Leader will be Rev. Ron Carmada, who is currently studying at Loyola University. Retreat Format – The retreat will help us reflect upon our ministry, nourish us spiritually, provide time for quiet and prayer. Morning Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Please bring additional items to eat. A free will offering will be taken up. Please reserve your place by February 28, 2013 by contacting Jan Shaw at St. John's, 410-964-1425, JShaw@sjerc.org.

If you have questions about the retreat, please contact:
Linda Raudenbush, 410-381-2747,
DRLMR2004@yahoo.com or Father Ferdinand, 410-964-1425 X313, fezenwachi@sjerc.org.

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 For questions, please contact Greg Douglas at rgdouglas1@comcast.net or at 202-297-3293.

THE MOUNT ST. JOSEPH HS MOTHERS' CLUB 47TH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW : "CELEBRATING FASHION WEEK"

Sunday, April 14, 2013 from 1pm to 5pm at the BWI Airport Hilton. Cost is \$50 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres, luncheon, and dessert. is also a silent auction, gift and gourmet basket raffle, 50/50 raffle and door prizes. All proceeds benefit the Mount Saint Joseph Scholarship Fund.
For tickets, please contact Pat Randall at 410-566-6561 or patrandall57@verizon.net.
Tickets will not be available at the door.

FREE LECTURE @ MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY

To mark the season of Lent during this Year of Faith, we invite you to a free lecture on *"The Christian Meaning of Suffering,"* presented by Fr. James Sullivan, OP, novice master for the Dominican Province of St. Joseph. This 45-minute talk will take place at Mt. de Sales Academy in Catonsville, MD, on Sunday, March 17th at 3pm. For more information, visit www.piusv.org or call Rich Hauf at 410-747-0398.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

OUR CATHOLIC SAINTS: *St. Agnes of Bohemia* (1205-1282), Feast: March 2

Agnes had no children of her own but was certainly life-giving for all who knew her. Agnes was the daughter of Queen Constance and King Ottokar I of Bohemia. At the age of three, she was betrothed to the Duke of Silesia, who died three years later. As she grew up, she decided she wanted to enter the religious life. After declining marriages to King Henry VII of Germany and Henry III of England, Agnes was faced with a proposal from Frederick II, the Holy Roman Emperor. She appealed to Pope Gregory IX for help. The pope was persuasive; Frederick magnanimously said that he could not be offended if Agnes preferred the King of Heaven to him. After Agnes built a hospital for the poor and a residence for the friars, she financed the construction of a Poor Clare monastery in Prague. In 1236, she and seven other noblewomen entered this monastery. St. Clare sent five sisters from San Damiano to join them, and wrote Agnes four letters advising her on the beauty of her vocation and her duties as abbess. Agnes became known for prayer, obedience and mortification. Papal pressure forced her to accept her election as abbess; nevertheless, the title she preferred was “senior sister.” Her position did not prevent her from cooking for the other sisters and mending the clothes of lepers. The sisters found her kind but very strict regarding the observance of poverty; she declined her royal brother’s offer to set up an endowment for the monastery. Devotion to Agnes arose soon after her death on March 6, 1282. She was canonized in 1989.



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<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1310>*

OLPH SPRING CLEAN-UP We need volunteers to help with this year’s Spring Clean-up on **Saturday, March 23**. 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.