

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 11, 2010**

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Masses for the Week

Monday

6:30 Eleanore Zygmunt (1st Anniversary)
8:00 John Snyder

Tuesday

6:30 Bridget and Patrick Mahon
8:00 Deceased Members of Blythe and Flasiniski Families

Wednesday

6:30 Little Audrey Santo
8:00 Ron Kazio

Thursday

8:00 Ralph Langdale

Friday

6:30 Catherine O'Malley (12th Anniversary)
8:00 Giovanna Earo

Saturday

8:00 Millicent McNally
5:15PM People of OLC

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

7:30 Armando DiCarlo
9:30 Walter and Frances Hook
11:30 Mary C. Murray



Parish Calendar

April 12	Mon.	7pm	Pre-Baptism Class
April 13	Tues.	4:30pm	Legion of Mary Meeting
April 14	Wed.	5:30pm	Fresh Hope AA
April 17	Sat.	7pm	OLC Spring Fling



Home field advantage. They talk about the importance of fans in football, baseball, basketball, hockey, soccer, and other sports. In fact, in football, the so-called "13th" player is the noise and the roar of the fans in the stands. Fans and team become one.

After Jesus' Resurrection, the disciples were still on their opponent's home field. That's why they hid themselves in the upper room, afraid that what happened to Jesus might also happen to them. But when Jesus appears to them, the game is changed forever. Peter, who denied Jesus not too many days before, now walks through Jerusalem preaching and healing and bringing converts to the "Way."

Because we have not seen the physical, resurrected Jesus, we might be tempted to make Jesus' Resurrection more of a theological concept rather than the core of our lived-out faith. Thomas, who missed Jesus' first visit to the disciples, upon seeing Him exclaims that Jesus is for Him both Lord and God.

As the numbers of believers continued to grow from within the circle of disciples and from those who heard the message preached to them, the pendulum would swing. Using the growing numbers and the events of history like the fall of Jerusalem, the church would soon grow to be a living presence of Jesus in our world. And it has remained that presence even until today.

Prepare The Word – 2010

Thank You

We want to thank all those who assisted in preparations as well as those who participated in various Liturgies during Holy Week and Easter. It is wonderful to experience our parish family praying and worshipping together.

May the Risen Christ bless you and your families abundantly!

Exposition



The chapel in the Parish Center will be open daily, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 3:45 PM for Exposition and on Fridays from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. On Tuesdays only, Exposition will continue in the Chapel until 7:00 PM at which time special devotions will take place including Benediction. Please plan to be with us.

FOCUS

The Pillar of Fire



What is this great paschal candle that stands in our midst, that during the Fifty Days of Easter seems always to be burning, never to go out?

It is the pillar of fire by which God led the children of Israel from slavery to freedom, through the dusty desert to the land flowing with milk and honey. Behind it, we marched freed from sin from the gloom of exile back into our church's house on Easter's eve. With it, we led those chosen for the sacraments of new life to the font of baptism that is both tomb and womb.

It is the holy sign of Christ our Light. (Thanks be to God!) On it, we traced the sign of Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega. Into it, we pressed five jewels that are the wounds of divine hands and feet and side. For it, we sang our song of consecration and praise: "Accept, O God, this Easter candle. Let it shine with the lights of heaven and bravely burn forever!" From it, we take our own light, a flame divided but undimmed. All who are baptized walk in its glow.

For fifty days it shines gloriously in the assembly of the church. Then, held in a place of honor near the font, it is brought out and lit for every evening sacrifice of praise, for every baptism and every funeral, every birth and birth unto eternal life. And as the days and seasons turn, slowly this pillar of finest wax and strongest wick is consumed, burned down, eaten up by fire, sacrificed – like Christ Himself – and never truly extinguished. And so it measures our days and seasons until it is Easter again, until once more we sing in the light of a new paschal candle: "May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, the Morning Star, who came back from the dead and shed His peaceful light on all people." Thanks be to God!

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Prayer For Priests



Ever-loving God and Father of us all, You give to your Church the Priesthood of Your Son, Jesus. And with the grace of the Holy Spirit, You provide holy priests for a holy people. We pray for all our priests, for those who celebrate the Sacraments and teach us the Word of God, for those who are young and for those who are old, for those who serve in difficult and trying circumstances, for those who are faithful and those who are faltering, and for those who have died. We entrust all our priests to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary that they will persevere with fidelity to You and to Your Church. With Saint John Vianney, patron of priests, we pray that our priests will never fail to lead us to You. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Food Collection



The monthly canned food collection will be next weekend, April 17th/18th after all Masses. Anyone wishing

to donate non-perishable food items can place them at the exits of the Church. The food items will be given to the Bernadine Center.

We received a thank you letter from the Bernadine Center for our donation of 235 pounds of food last month. Thank you for your continued donations

Catholic Charities Volunteers



In 1912 the first Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Charities, later named the Catholic Children's Bureau, was established in Philadelphia by Archbishop Edmond F. Prendergast. While the Bureau met the needs of children's services throughout the Diocese of Philadelphia at that time, services for adults, families of needy children and the elderly were lacking.

It was in 1958 that John Cardinal O'Hara realized the time had come to provide a solid financial support base for these expanding services and needs. It was this year the Catholic Charities Appeal was founded. Over \$2.1 million was raised in that first appeal.

Today, the Catholic Charities Appeal funds over 80 agencies and programs throughout the five counties of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and raised an average of \$8.5 million annually over the past five years.

The Annual Catholic Charities Appeal begins on April 28th. As the kickoff of the 2010 Catholic Charities Appeal approaches, please prayerfully consider giving generously to our brothers and sisters in need. Should you have any questions, wish to make a pledge or gift, or like to volunteer on behalf of the Appeal please contact the Appeal office at 215-587-3651 or visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org

If you are interested in becoming a member of the parish committee please contact Corinne O'Grady at 610-874-3041.

Pre-Baptism Class



The Pre-Baptism class will be held on **Monday, April 12th, at 7:00 PM** in the Rectory Meeting Room. This class is **mandatory** for all parents who have not previously attended a class. A date for Baptism can be scheduled after attending this class.

Picnic Committee Volunteers

It was discussed at the March Pastoral Council Meeting about the possibility of having another Parish Picnic this year. We need some committee members to organize this picnic. If you are interested in being on the committee, please call Joan at the Rectory with your name and telephone number no later than **Thursday, April 15th**.



OLC Spring Fling

The 4th Annual OLC Spring Fling and All Class Reunion will be on **Saturday, April 17th from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM** in the Church Hall. Food, beer, soda and DJ. 50/50 Raffle. Advanced ticket price: \$25/person, \$45 couple. At the door: \$30/person, \$50/couple. It's that time again to reconnect with old friends and share great (or not so great) memories from grade school. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This year we will not be asking for raffle basket donations. We will only have a 50/50 raffle. We are, however, looking for food and beverage donations to help with the cost of the reunion. This is always our biggest expense. All proceeds benefit the students of OLC. If you or anyone you know is willing to make a donation, please email Diane DiCarlo Glatts at dglatts@comcast.net

Baseball and Fireworks with the Blue Rocks

Come and join the families of OLC Parish for a night of Blue Rocks baseball followed by fireworks at Frawley Stadium. The date is set for **Friday, June 18th** with game time at 7:05 PM. The cost will be \$10.00 per ticket. Reservations and payment can be made at the Rectory Meeting Room on **Sundays, April 18th and 25th from 10:15 AM until 11:15 AM**. For more information or questions, call



Jim Judge at 610-357-9531 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday-Friday. Tickets will be mailed.

IHN Hosting Week

OLC volunteers will be hosting the families in the Interfaith Hospitality Network the week of April 18th. We will be using the facilities graciously provided by the Upland Baptist Church for the week. If you are able to provide a meal, spend a couple of hours in the evening or perhaps stay overnight please call Lynn at 610-874-3276 or Mike at 610-876-5825.

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, April 14th at 7:00 PM** in the Rectory Youth Room for all volunteers to plan the week.

Clothing Drive



The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will be at OLC on **Saturday, May 8th from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM** to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing. Small household goods and appliances will also be accepted.



Please Pray



In your generosity, please pray for the sick including: Frances Szurkowski, Ruth Ford, Mary Cisco, Eleanor Kikut, Danny Doyle, Shirley Gilpin, Margaret Koliba, Ann Stein, Adelaide Vernon, Lucas Wood, Diana Mazzagotti, Joan Archer, George Brill, Joseph Zdon, Suzette Bell.

Please pray for all our deceased, especially: Jack Dimeo and C. Walter McCray, Jr. Sympathy and prayers are extended to their families.

Dominican Days of Breakfast & Dessert With The Saints

For information on any of the following series,

Contact: Dominican Sisters: Our Lady of Charity Convent, 245 Upland Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015. Phone: 610-874-0172. Email: dominicansrsole@hotmail.com

Evening Series: Dessert with the Saints: Three Monday Evenings in April. Join us for a delicious dessert, coffee / tea, and a talk on a saint, time for discussion, and a short prayer service. Program runs from **7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. April 12:** St. Francis of Assisi; **April 19:** St. John Neumann; **April 26:** St. Dominic de Guzman. Presenters: Sr. Patricia Mood, OP; Sr. Nancy Garson, OP; Sr. Carolyn Krebs, OP. \$10.00 per evening.

Morning Series: Breakfast with the Saints: Three Tuesday Mornings in April. Join us for a simple continental breakfast, a talk on a saint, time for discussion, and a short prayer service. Come any time **after the 8:00 AM Mass.** Program runs from **9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. April 13:** St. Francis of Assisi; **April 20:** St. John Neumann; **April 27:** St. Dominic de Guzman. Presenters: Sr. Patricia Mood, OP; Sr. Nancy Garson, OP; Sr. Carolyn Krebs, OP. Cost: \$10.00 per day.

Weekend Retreat for Women April 23-25. Theme: "I have come that you may have life to the full." (John 10:10) The weekend will allow time for prayer, presentations, quiet and rest. Retreat begins Friday evening at 8:00 PM and will end late Sunday morning. Please call 610-874-0172 for more details or to make a reservation. Deposit: \$50; toward total offering of \$150.

OLC School News 2010-2011 Registration

Parish School Registration for 2010-2011 for parishioners and re-registration of current students has begun. Re-registration forms, tuition schedules and a letter were sent home. Parishioners may call

the school to request registration information or may go to the school website to download the registration form. The Family Registration Fee for Parishioners and current students is \$175.

Open Houses

Weekday Open House opportunities are available on **Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM** by appointment. Please call 610-874-0410 at least a day ahead of time to arrange for a tour. Registration will also be available on these days.

An evening Open House for new students and prospective students will be held on **Wednesday, April 14th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**. Teachers will be available to discuss our program. Remember that referring families of new students receive a \$100 tuition credit for each family successfully enrolled. Share the good news of OLC.

OLC Summer Camp and Child Care

Our Lady of Charity School provides a full day summer camp and academic program for children entering Kindergarten through Grade Five. The program begins Monday, June 21st continuing through Friday, August 20th. The camp is staffed by OLC faculty. Experiences will include reading, writing, mathematics, technology, religion and music in an interactive and entertaining format. Camp hours will be 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for programmed activities. Extended day CARES is available from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and from 3:00 PM to 5:45 PM at a rate of \$6.00 per hour. Cost of the program is \$165 per week for the first child and \$159 for the second or third child. Students can be enrolled for individual weeks or day to day. The per diem rate is \$33, if a family needs occasional days. **All service must be prepaid.** To register your child or to request further information, please call the OLC School Office at 610-874-0410 or stop by the school between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. To enter from the parking lot, use the middle door and ring the CARES bell.

Annual Flower Sale



The annual OLC Flower and Vegetable Garden Sale has begun and will end on April 15th. The pre-order sale forms are available from the school or at the exits of the Church. Completed order forms with cash or a check

made payable to "OLC School" are due to either the School Office or the Rectory Office by April 15th. Pre-order pick-up will be **Saturday, May 1st between 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM or Sunday, May 2nd from 7:00 AM to 1:30 PM** in the School Lot.

An open sale for Mother's Day flowers will be held in the parking lot for parishioners to purchase after Masses on **May 1st and 2nd**. We hope to see you there.

Mass Attendance

For parents of our children in grade, high school and PREP Program, Mass attendance is required and a financial offering to the parish is expected every week.

CYO March Lottery



Congratulations to the following winners: 3/22 – Margaret Flanagan, \$25; 3/23- Robert Cooke, \$25; 3/24 – John Bischof, \$50; 3/25 – Tom Tuttle, \$25; 3/26 – Anne Wilson, \$25; 3/27 – Joan Canci, \$50; 3/28 – Martha Drost, \$50; 3/29 – Danielle Gallo, \$35; 3/30 – Bill Sturm, \$25; 3/31 – Ed Weis, \$25.

OLC Calendar Lottery

March 27	#549	Josephine Reader	\$50
March 30	#345	Linda D'Iorio	\$35

SCRIP Corner

Scrip is sold every Sunday, 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM in the Rectory Meeting Room, Tuesday nights in the School from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM and Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM in the Rectory.

Justice for Immigrants Campaign

Christ said, "Whatever you do for the least among you, you do to me." With this mandate, the Catholic Church strives to protect the

most vulnerable among us. In all areas of life, we, the faithful, should work to protect the intrinsic dignity of every human person, especially the poor, sick, homeless, weak or unborn regardless of their country of origin. With this in mind, please take time to participate in the Bishop's campaign for Comprehensive Immigration Reform by filling out and sending postcards, (which you can find by the exits of the Church), to your elected federal representatives. Or you can log onto the www.justiceofimmigrants.org and send an electronic version of the postcard. Thank you.

Financial Report

"As a result of God's generosity and love for us, He sent His only Son, Jesus, to die for us. Jesus calls us, His disciples, to a new way of life – the Christian way of life – of which stewardship is a part. Our stewardship should mirror God's generosity."

Sunday Collection

3/30/08	\$10,569.95
3/29/09	\$10,990.00
3/28/10	\$11,970.00
4/06/08	\$13,151.00
4/06/09	\$14,321.51
4/04/10	\$9,547.00

Church In Europe

2008	\$1,235.00
2009	\$1,050.00
2010	\$840.00

Easter Collection

2008	\$27,230.08
2009	\$29,000.03
2010	\$26,321.00

Easter Flowers

2008	\$3,969.00
2009	\$3,522.00
2010	\$2,654.00

Rice Bowl

2008	\$2,493.15
2009	\$1,830.24
2010	\$875.00

Holy Land

2008	\$1,490.00
2009	\$1,489.00
2010	\$1,391.00

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

2008	\$620.00
2009	\$970.00
2010	\$753.00

Thank you for your generosity!

OTHER NEWS

Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Mary Magdalen Parish and the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy will celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday today at 2:00 PM** in St. Mary Magdalen Church, Upper Providence. All of the surrounding parishes are cordially invited to attend.

Wedding Anniversary Mass



The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass with Justin Cardinal Rigali will be held on **Sunday, May 2nd, in the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, at 2:30 PM** for couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage from Bucks, Chester and Delaware counties, *and* couples celebrating 25 or more years from all counties. For those with disabilities, an access ramp is on the parking lot side of the Cathedral. Please contact the Family Life Office at 215-587-3516, if someone will need special help. No registration for the Mass is needed.