

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 18, 2010**

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Masses for the Week

Monday

6:30 Frances Masci
8:00 Joseph Pirri (21st Anniversary)

Tuesday

6:30 Michael J. O'Malley (31st Anniversary)
8:00 Dominick and Maria Stortini

Wednesday

6:30 John McGovern
8:00 Marie Stefancic

Thursday

8:00 Joyce Breen

Friday

6:30 Bernard Peskin
8:00 John Zaremba (4th Anniversary)

Saturday

8:00 Earl S. Autenreith
5:15PM People of OLC

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010

7:30 Constantine and Jennie Ferriola
9:30 Living Members of St. Vincent DePaul Society
11:30 Deceased Members of Diamond Family



Parish Calendar

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| April 19 | Mon. | 7pm | Pastoral Council Meeting |
| April 20 | Tues. | 4:30pm | Legion of Mary Meeting |
| April 21 | Wed. | 5:30pm | Fresh Hope AA |
| April 25 | Sun. | 2pm | First Holy Communion |
| April 26 | Mon. | 7pm | Knights of Columbus Meeting |



There is a neighborhood in Chicago that is a sad reminder of what damage we cause nature. A building is up for sale. It had not long ago been a thriving fishery and restaurant located on the bend of the Chicago River. Its boats docked there and went out daily to catch the perch that the fishery processed. The restaurant served the best fried perch in the city. But overfishing, pollution, and the introduction of predator species not native to Lake Michigan have taken their toll. Then the State of Illinois declared a moratorium on perch fishing, and the business was doomed. So much for the saying, "there's always more fish in the sea."

Today's wonderful gospel about 153 large fish being caught and the net not being torn foretells of numbers beyond counting that one day would hear the message of the disciples about the death and Resurrection of Jesus, a message they were brave enough to preach in front of the religious leaders who were threatening them.



How would all the new disciples be "caught?" The message that would hook them and that catches us today is the challenge to care for one another and in doing so reflect our love of God. It is a message that

would be covered with the blood of martyrs from the beginning until today. It is a message of sharing in the risks, wisdom, and strength of the slain lamb, Jesus, who will feed all who join with Him. There are many we need to bring to Jesus. The sea is still teeming with fish to be caught.

Prepare The Word – 2010

Congratulations and best wishes to Sister Anne DeConcini, RSM., our Business Manager. Sister Anne celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of Mercy last weekend. We thank her for 50 years of dedicated and faithful service that she has given to the Church.

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

Eastertime – A Sense of the Season



First, we kept the forty days, with praying, fasting and giving alms. Then we celebrated the three days of Christ's passion, dying and rising. Now we delight in the fifty days, with rejoicing, feasting and giving witness! The season of Easter is fifty days long. It is a time of unbridled joy, of exuberant rejoicing. The church tells us, "The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one 'great Sunday.' These above all others are days for the singing of the alleluia." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, #22).

Why is Eastertime fifty days? The ancient cultures that gave us the Bible had great respect for numbers. They believed that numbers contained hints about God and the meaning of life. The number seven was thought to contain fullness: There are seven days in the week, according to God's original way of ordering time, creating all that there is and resting. So if you multiply 7 times 7, you have "fullness times fullness."

But wait! 7 x 7 is 49! With God, there is always more than we can ever imagine. So our holy season of Easter is even more than "fullness times fullness." It's "fullness times fullness" and then some: 7 x 7 + 1. That's what love is like: more than we can ever imagine. That's what heaven is going to be like: more than we can ever imagine.

The fifty days are days for looking for the risen Lord among us, for hearing in each other's stories of rising from the big and small deaths, days when we experience something of Christ's triumphs. That's why we look to the newly baptized, robed in bright new clothes and oily with gladness. At Easter, they died and rose with Christ! Now they take their places with us. Together, like the apostles who were so full of the Spirit that people thought they were drunk, we rush about with good news: Death is not the last word! Life and love are forever! And slowly, painstakingly, we work together, together with Christ, to change this world into the world to come. Sing Alleluia!

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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.

Catholic Charities Campaign



All parishioners should be receiving a letter and a donation card from Cardinal Justin Rigali regarding the Catholic Charities Appeal 2010 ~ *You gave me hope*. Please take time to read the letter. The Catholic Charities Appeal plays a vital role in our community by providing funds for diverse human services sponsored by the Archdiocese in outreach to the poor and vulnerable in our society. Many agencies are helped by Catholic Social Services along with assistance that is provided to the five schools of special education. Please, prayerfully consider supporting the Appeal. Even a few dollars a month makes a difference to the nearly 250,000 people in our Archdiocese in need of help.

You Can Give Hope

Should you have any questions please contact the Appeal office at 215-587-3651 or visit www.CatholicCharitiesAppeal.org

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.



Pastoral Council Meeting

The Pastoral Council will meet **Monday, April 19th at 7:00 PM** in the Rectory Meeting Room. Council members can pick up the agenda and minutes in the Sacristy.

Charitians

The next meeting will be this **Wednesday, April 21st at 11:30 AM** at Brookhaven Municipal Building. "The New Tones" will be present to sing for us.



Clothing Drive

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will be at OLC on **Saturday, May 8^h 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, George Brill, Joseph Zdun, Suzette Bell.
Please pray for all our deceased, especially: JoAnn Archer, Susanne Krystopowicz, Maureen Walsh and Mary Wood. Sympathy and prayers are extended to their families.

Annual Flower Sale



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.

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 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**. **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.

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. 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.

Second Trimester Honors

Distinguished Honors for Second Semester were earned by: Grade 4 - Madison Thomason, Alex Mielechowsky ; Grade 5 - Reena Benny, Stephen Furman; Grade 6 - Gyanni Wesley; Grade 7 - My'Kelya Dickerson, Carrie Zamonski, Will Pinhak; Grade 8 - Eamonn Burke, Ryan Faust, Emily Glatts. These students maintained a 95% general average with no mark lower than 92%.

Second Honors were earned by: Grade 4 - Allison Riley, K'yanna Reeves, John Sheppelman, Jessica Skarren, Maggie Willard; Grade 5 - Danielle Bradley, Meghan Bush; Grade 6 - Nicole Bergamo, Meghan Bradley, Sydney Lynch, Joseph Urian, Anthony Eufrazio, Marie Sminkey; Grade 7 - Kelli McCray, Joseph Oquendo and Dalton Thomason; Grade 8 - Conrad Chambers, Sean McHugh, Joshua Ruggieri, Audrey Ford, Taja Mack, Brizhe Miller, Selena Moore, Alyssa Pyle. These students maintained a general average of 88% with no mark lower than 85%.

Christian Witness Awards

The following students were recognized for their dedication to scholarship: Kindergarten - Aryana Borreggine, Furey Eufrazio; Grade 1 - Gianna Poore; Grade 2 - Alexa Peticca; Grade 3 - Ronin Eufrazio; Grade 4 - Madison Thomason, Grade 5 - Reena Benny; Grade 6 - Stephen Furman; Grade 7 - My'Kelya Dickerson; Grade 8 - Eamonn Burke.

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.

OLC Calendar Lottery

There were no winners for the week.

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.

Office of the Cardinal

April 16, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The shortage of priests is a growing problem in the United States. In mission dioceses of the United States, where funding is often limited, the call to educate and encourage future leaders is a serious challenge.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal is dedicated to strengthening the Church here at home. It is sponsored by the United States Bishops' Committee on the Home Missions. It supports Home Missions from the Deep South to the Western Mountains and beyond. With your support, mission parishes will have greater opportunity to support seminarian training, religious education and other important pastoral functions that will ensure their growth in the faith.

The collection will be taken up next weekend at all the Masses.

I am deeply grateful to you for our assistance to this splendid cause.

Sincerely in Christ,

Cardinal Justin Rigali

Archbishop of Philadelphia

Financial Report

"Tithing has intensified my trust in God. It gives me the opportunity to think more and more and when in that frame of mind thinking becomes prayer. It is no longer a burden."

Sunday Collection

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| 4/13/08 | \$12,418.45 |
| 4/12/09 (Easter) | \$8,745.50 |
| 4/11/10 | \$10,775.99 |

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| Easter Collection 2008 | \$29,284.08 |
| Easter Collection 2009 | \$30,806.00 |
| Easter Collection 2010 | \$27,055.00 |

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| Easter Flowers 2008 | \$4,102.00 |
| Easter Flowers 2009 | \$3,553.00 |
| Easter Flowers 2010 | \$3,164.00 |

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| Holy Land 2008 | \$1,520.00 |
| Holy Land 2009 | \$1,599.00 |
| Holy Land 2010 | \$1,416.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

OTHER NEWS

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.

Mary Mother of Captives

This support group for those with a loved one in prison or about to be sentenced will be on **Wednesday, April 21st at 7:00 PM** in the Rectory Youth Room. For info, call Cathy at 610-874-2294.

Anointing Mass

Anointing of the sick will take place during the **11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, April 25th** at St. John Chrysostom Church, Wallingford. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

