

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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Masses for the Week

Monday

6:30 Anna Dudek (20th Anniversary)
8:00 Geraldine Cerami

Tuesday

6:30 Francis Bingnear (16th Anniversary)
8:00 Deceased Members of Halpin & Brink Families

Wednesday

6:30 Lawrence and Michael Malinowski
8:00 David DiBardino

Thursday

8:00 Thomas and Mary O'Malley

Friday

6:30 Frances Masci
8:00 Eugene DiCarlo

Saturday

8:00 Helen Rucker
5:15PM People of OLC

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

7:30 Members of OLC Memorial Society
9:30 Walter and Francis Hook
11:30 Rev. Msgr. Thomas Herron



Parish Calendar

April 25	Sun.	2pm	First Holy Communion
April 26	Mon.	7pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
April 27	Tues.	4:30pm	Legion of Mary Meeting
April 28	Wed.	5:30pm	Fresh Hope AA
May 3	Mon.	7pm	Pre-Baptism Class



There seems to be a primordial instinct in most human beings to support the underdog. We read about it in fairy tales like "Jack and the Beanstalk." We see it in sports with the lithe receiver avoiding the onrushing linebacker twice his size. It happens in politics when the candidate without the clout takes on the political powerhouse and wins. It continues in movies like "The Lord of the Rings" when Frodo beats unbelievable odds.



Two thousand years ago the church began its history as an incredible underdog. There is no good reason – other than their message – for Paul and Barabus to be listened to, much less heard, and ultimately responded to. But they are, to the point of being persecuted. The followers of Jesus are compared to docile sheep protected by the good and powerful shepherd.

But we know there was an awesome strength and determination in the early church. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, aflame with the message of Jesus, the disciples spoke boldly and unafraid. They don't hesitate in moving on it not listened to.

We need to ask ourselves how boldly do our lives preach the gospel of Jesus Christ – at home, in the workplace, with our neighbors. The louder our voices proclaim the Word, the more confident we grow, the closer we come in attaining that life of perfection. And ultimately we will someday join the great multitude that stands before the Lamb of God in heaven forever. Not bad for the underdog.

Prepare The Word – 2010

Congratulations to our children who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday. May the great joy of this special day be repeated often in your lives!

Father Ronald Runtu's father passed away on April 12th in Indonesia. Fr. Ronald wanted to thank everyone for their prayers for his father and his family. If anyone wishes to send an expression of sympathy to Father, please send it to Father in care of the Rectory.

May his soul rest in peace!

St. John Vianney Relic

With the announcement of this Year for Priests, Pope Benedict XVI has declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Cure d'Ar.

Please come and venerate the 1st Class Relic of St. John Vianney next weekend, May 1st and 2nd, after all the Masses. This Relic is one of 8 relics visiting weekly, each of our 267 Parishes, Catholic High Schools, and Catholic Universities in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood!
St. John Vianney Pray for our Parish!

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.

FOCUS

Candle



They were eating lunch and discussing the Easter Vigil they had celebrated in their parish just a few weeks before. She had sung in the choir, and he had taken my place in a pew, squirming as the solemn rituals were celebrated in a manner that he thought was just a bit too casual.

"We didn't even begin in darkness," he lamented. "We just started with mood lighting and lit the candle almost as an afterthought."

She replied, "We brought it up to date. You're just too tied to that old stuff in the books."

Rather than argue, he changed the subject. He asked about her husband, who had recently undergone treatment for alcoholism. "You know," she said, "the difference between what life was like before he went to treatment and what life is like now is the difference between night and day."

He paused and said, "You know, the difference between what life was like before Christ came into our lives and what life is like now is the difference between night and day. That's why we light a candle in the darkness, to remind ourselves."

"Oh," she said.

Light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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Exposition



The Chapel in the Parish Center will be open daily, Monday through Thursday, 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.

Catholic Charities Campaign



The Catholic Charities Appeal supports our four schools of special education – Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf, St. Lucy Day School for Children with Visual Impairments, Our Lady of Confidence Day School and St. Katharine Day School. Our schools are committed to providing children with special needs an education that meets their spiritual, academic (cognitive), emotional, and psychological needs. Your contributions to the 2010 Catholic Charities Appeal – *You gave me hope* can make an astounding difference as the Appeal provides almost half of the revenue needed to educate these very special children.

You Can Give Hope

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

There will be a second collection next weekend at all the Masses for Catholic Charities. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pre-Baptism Class

Date of May Class Is Changed!!



The Pre-Baptism class will be held on **Monday, May 3rd**, 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. **Please note the date of the class has been changed to the first Monday of the month for May only.**

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 this **Sunday, April 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.

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.

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**. Floral baskets and bedding plants will be for sale after all Sunday Masses. Checks or cash are acceptable for payment. The sale benefits the parish school and Koller Scholarship fund.

Blood Pressure Screening

Our Parish Nurse Group will be conducting Free Blood Pressure Screenings for all ages next **Sunday, May 2nd from 10:15 to 11:15 AM** in the Church Hall. *(Please note change in date.)*



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: Theresa Cardinale, Caroline Mayrides, Anne Mullen and Mr. Runtu. Sympathy and prayers are extended to their families.

Please Note



The dumpsters located behind the Rectory are for Rectory, Church, Convent and School use only. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 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 27:** St. Dominic de Guzman. Presenters: Sr. Patricia Mood, OP; Sr. Nancy Garson, OP; Sr. Carolyn Krebs, OP. Cost: \$10.00 per day.

**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.

Honors Humanities Course

Upper grade children who have excelled in Language Arts and Social Studies have been invited to participate in our new Honors Humanities Course. The coursework for this enrichment program includes world history, Latin and Greek word origins and ancient history of those cultures. Currently, the class is joining with the Drama Club students to study the opera *La Traviata* by Verdi. On May 5th, the students will attend a dress rehearsal of the Philadelphia Opera Company production with their teacher, Barbara Shannon. Mrs. Shannon volunteers as an instructor for the opera company. **The trip is made possible in part by a generous donation from our Charitians whose gift is offsetting the cost of the bus transportation. We are most grateful to them for this unexpected assistance!**

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 \$150 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.

Living Stations

Students of Grades Seven and Eight from the parish school presented the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday evening. This would not have been possible without the significant efforts of many adults. Mrs. Maradel Newell, Grade Eight teacher, directed the program with Mrs. Hillary Heslop as music director and soloist. Parents who sewed the beautiful costumes were Mrs. Sue Della Rocco, Mrs. Immaculate Fuller and Mrs. Debbie Eastman. Lighting was done by Carrie Zamonski and Kelli McCray, Grade Seven. Other Grade Seven students who assisted were Joseph Oquendo, Benjamin Roarke, Sha'Cor Tyler and Edward Riffert. Grade Eight thanks these individuals for their support

Financial Report

"Gifts are a way of saying 'I love you'. All that we have is God's way of saying, 'I love you', and the return we make to the Lord says, 'I love you too'. Thank you for saying 'I love you, God.'"

Sunday Collection

4/20/08	\$12,695.00
4/19/09	\$10,137.00
4/18/10	\$10,191.00

Capital Improvement \$597.00

Thank you for your generosity!

OLC Memorial Society

\$520 – Martha Bergamo	\$50 – Rita Bioletti
\$50 – Edward Laskoski	\$50 – Catherine Mullin
\$30 – Charles McCauley	\$20 – Catherine Cuirlina
\$20 – Anne Gordy	\$20 – Suzanne Krystopowicz
\$20 – C. Walter McCray, Jr.	\$20 – Patricia McHale
\$20 – James Proctor	\$15 – Helen Ruggieri
\$10 – Betty Cross	\$10 – Ann Czajka
\$10 – Jack Dimeo	\$10 – Robert Drumond
\$10 – Bernadine Fannelli	\$10 – Madeline Gueva
\$10 – Dolores Irace	\$10 – Louis Lanza Sr.
\$10 – Louis & Mary Larkins	\$10 – Philip Kolea
\$10 – Marie Manerchia	\$10 – Patricia McManiman
\$10 – Rita Scanlan	\$10 – June Soscia
\$10 – James Short	\$10 – JoAnn Archer

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.

OTHER NEWS

O'Hara Spring Fair

April 27th through May 1st – Tues-Thurs 6:30 to 10:30 PM; Fri-Sat 6:30 PM to 11:30 PM. Advanced tickets are only sold as \$25 per sheet/20 tickets and will be a different color from the tickets sold during the fair and are good for 1 ride. Good for any night of our fair.

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.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

How well do you know your faith? Consider taking a class or making a retreat at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary this summer. Go to www.scsrdd.org for details.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

Reclaiming the Gift of Sexual Dignity is a spiritual program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual, or spiritual abuse. It is appropriate for anyone who has endured sexual abuse, rape, incest, or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood or adolescence. It is also appropriate for anyone who has been abused by clergy.

The program will be held from June 6th to 10th in Aston. Grief to Grace invites participants to journey through this program in the name of love – love for themselves, love for family and friends, love for those who have suffered unspeakable abuse and mistreatment, and love for the Church – the suffering body of Christ, who cries out for comfort and consolation in the midst of profound betrayal and abandonment. The program offers a very unique process for helping victims of abuse to grieve the past and discover spiritual healing and transformation. Dr. Theresa Burke who is the founder of Rachel's Vineyard – retreats for healing after abortion, composed the program and will serve as the facilitator for this retreat.