

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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Masses for the Week

Monday

6:30 Holy Souls In Purgatory
8:00 Earl S. Autenreith (5th Anniversary)

Tuesday

6:30 George and Mary Davis
8:00 Virginia Bratton

Wednesday

6:30 James Miele
8:00 Deceased Charitians of Past Year

Thursday

8:00 Philip and Vencenza Calvarese

Friday

6:30 Rita Bingnear and Helen Boyle
8:00 Camille Kerrigan

Saturday

8:00 Florence Villanova
5:15PM People of OLC

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010

7:30 Deceased Members of Quattro & Mitchell Families
9:30 Mary and Vera Burns
11:30 Esther D'Aquanno and Rita Silverstein

appliances, the need to collect these things to feel safe, is lifted." Downsizing your temple can mean upsizing your spirit.

Prepare The Word – 2010

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'Ars.

Please come and venerate the 1st Class Relic of St. John Vianney this 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

Mary At Mass

Devotion to Mary remains a hallmark of the Catholic faith. Some people unfamiliar with our religion assume that prayer to Mary forms the backbone of the Mass. Wrong! Prayer to Mary is certainly the backbone of the rosary, but there isn't a single prayer addressed to Mary in the entire Mass, front to back, on any day of the liturgical year.

When it comes to prayer, we acknowledge Hebrews 7:25, which says Christ lives for ever to make intercession for us. So we direct our prayers to God through Christ.

However, because of Mary's central role in salvation history, she makes several appearances in the Mass texts – every Mass, every day of the liturgical year.

Most important, Mary's name is pronounced right in the heart of Mass – in the Eucharistic prayer. She is called by two titles made mystic by their juxtaposition; virgin and mother. In the second Eucharistic prayer for children, she is also called "Mother of God and our mother."

Mary also appears in the Creed, as the virgin who gave birth to the Word made flesh.

At times we celebrate a Mass in her honor, under a title like Mary, Mother of the Church, or to commemorate an event in her life, like the Visitation. A preface often prayed on those days echoes her song of praise, the Magnificat. But most frequently she is remembered as the Virgin Mother.

By connecting these two titles of Mary, the church invites us to reflect on her son. Mary's special role as the Virgin Mother reminds us that the miraculous birth of Jesus introduces the world to an extraordinary child whose miracles would never cease.

At first, the title "Mother of God" sounds wrong. God is the uncreated creator of all. How could God have a mother? That puzzling question draws us into a deeper meditation on the identity of Jesus. Because Jesus is both fully God and fully human, Mary must be called Mother of God.

In the liturgy Mary's role always bows to her Son. She gives birth to Him not only in time but in the liturgy and in our hearts. During



Parish Calendar



May 3	Mon.	7pm	Pre-Baptism Class
May 4	Tues.	4:30pm	Legion of Mary Meeting
May 4	Tues.	7:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul Meeting
May 5	Wed.	8am	Charitians' Mass and Meeting
May 5	Wed.	5:30pm	Fresh Hope AA
May 6	Thurs.	7pm	Choir Practice
May 7	Fri.	1pm	May Procession



The Power of Half

In His vision of the holy city, the author of the Book of Revelation says he saw no temple; the temple was God. There was no need for a temple because the presence of God filled the city.

In a way this shift from the material to the spiritual was at work in the story of the Salwen family of Atlanta. When 14-year-old daughter Hannah encountered a homeless man on a street corner, she pressed the family into doing something. As chronicled in the book "The Power of Half: One Family's Decision to Stop Taking and Start Giving Back", written by Hannah and her father, Kevin, an Atlanta entrepreneur, they came up with a radical response: sell their \$1.5 million home for a smaller one and give half the proceeds to an organization that assists villagers in Ghana.

The Salwens don't think other families have to do something as dramatic. They merely want others to consider "the power of half": the possibility they could help others if they considered giving things like half their TV time or half their coffee money to charity.

Another point the book drives home, said one reviewer, is how generosity can benefit the giver. "You feel lighter reading this book, as if the heavy weight of house and car and

the month of May, many will address devotions to Mary, and rightly so. But she will direct them to Christ.

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First Holy Communion



Let us pray for our parish children who received the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time on Sunday, April 26th. They are: Matthew Basciano, Matthew Bidoli, Gavin Birch, Kristina Bruton, Melanie Chiponis, Samuel Clements, Nicholas Corrado, Ryan Costigan., Vincent Del Rossi, Dominic Ellis, Evan Fooks, Dylan French, David German, Rebecca Gomes, Vincent Griffin, Ryan Haughey, Kenneth Jensen, Adrianna Kelly, Morgan King, Damion Kinslow, Linda Kulis, Hayley Larrabee, Charles Leslie, Samantha Louise, Skylar Lynch, Luis Malo, Deanna Miller, Gerald McGee, Michaela McLaughlin, Enrique Perez, Jovanni Perez, Andrew Peticca, Chloe Reagle, Zachary Scully, Brian Stekowicz, Sophia Tumolo, Ava Turchiarolo, Dominic Turchiarolo, Morgan Vay, Dylan Waters, Hailey Weaver, Michael Wiciak and Leo Wright.

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 has a profound impact on our community as approximately 250,000 people annually in the five counties of the Archdiocese are served in some way by the Appeal. Through the generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the hungry are fed, the sick and infirm cared for, and children in need of homes are placed with adoptive families to name a few of the services that depend on the Catholic Charities Appeal.

Last year, only 5 cents of every dollar raised by the Catholic Charities Appeal was spent on expenses and administrative costs. This figure is well below the national average and all independent standards set for charitable entities.

Please prayerfully consider giving generously to our brothers and sisters in need.

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 this weekend at all the Masses for Catholic Charities. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Annual Flower Sale



An open sale for Mother's Day flowers will be held in the parking lot for parishioners 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 this **Sunday, May 2nd from 10:15 to 11:15 AM** in the Church Hall. *(Please note change in date.)*

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.**

St. Vincent De Paul Society News



Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 4th, at 7:30 PM** in the Rectory Youth Room. New members are always welcome. We thank all of our parishioners who put offerings in our poor box.

Charitians



A Memorial Mass for all our members who died since May 2009 will be held this **Wednesday, May 5th, at 8:00 AM**. In your charity, please remember those who have left us in the past year: **Al Hendricks, Thomas Lynam, Theresa Mellon and Mary Salvatore**. May they rest in peace!

A business meeting and continental breakfast will follow in our Church Hall.

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.

St. James Choir

The St. James Alumni Choir - the Blue and Gray Voices - will be visiting our parish on **Saturday, May 8th at the 5:15 PM Mass**. The Prelude will begin at 4:45 PM.



Finance Council Meeting

The Finance Council Meeting for May has been postponed to a later 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, Ronald Salombrino, Greg Wood, Judy Wood.

Please pray for all our deceased, especially: Anthony Szurkowski, Sr. Sympathy and prayers are extended to his family.

CYO "Early Bird" Fall Sports Registrations



Avoid vacation conflicts and possible higher registration fees and register now! Registrations are now open on www.wagdogs.com for JV (5th - 6th Grade) and Varsity (7th - 8th Grade) - *cheerleading (\$85 - cost of uniform), **football (\$80), soccer (\$45) and volleyball (\$80). The soccer clinic (\$35) is offered for K- 4th Grades.

The dates to drop off your registration fees are **Sunday May 9th and May 23rd from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM** in the Rectory Meeting Room. These fees do not include cost of uniform (except cheerleading). Family discounts available.

*If you already have a cheerleading uniform from the 2008 season and you do not need to purchase a new one, there is no fee to join the cheerleading squad

**Football registration fee listed on Wagdogs is \$95 (for out-of-parish participants), parish members do not pay online, your fee is \$80.

School News

As we draw closer to the end of the academic year, we remind all school families (Parish School and Archdiocesan High Schools):

- ~ To complete all tuition payments on time.
- ~ To satisfy all outstanding fees.
- ~ To continue to use church envelopes as your thank you to God for all His Blessings.

There are 52 families that still owe a total of \$47,666.26 in school tuition.

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 \$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.

May Procession

The annual May Procession will be held on **Friday, May 7th at 1:00 PM** with a prayer service in the Church. The theme will be "Our Lady of Charity". Following the service the Christian Witness Awards for the month of April will be presented.

Christian Witness Awards

The following students were recognized in March for demonstrating the virtue of integrity: Kindergarten – Erin Eufrazio and Andrew Haney; Grade 1 – Ali Abdul-Mumin; Grade 2 – Kenneth Raymond; Grade 3 – Samuel Clements; Grade 4 – Alex Mielechowsky; Grade 5 – Darria Brooks; Grade 6 – Anthony Eufrazio; Grade 7 – Anthony Peticca; Grade 8 – Audrey Ford.

Scholarship Winners

The St. James Alumni Association has notified Grade 8 students Ashley Fuller and Audrey Ford that they will be recipients of high school scholarships. The amount of the grants will be announced in May. These young ladies join three other classmates who have already been named scholarship winners at area prep schools.

May Programs At Our Lady of Charity Convent Dominican Sisters

Mother-Daughter Day of Reflection: Saturday May 8th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. "Celebrating a Unique Relationship".

Take time to relax together, pray together, share an unrushed meal together, and remember how supportive this relationship is for each of you. You have been together for the big moments of life; now, enjoy some intimate moments together. Presenter: Sr. Carolyn Krebs, OP. \$20.00 per person. Registration limited to 20 persons, so reserve early. Call 610-874-0172 or email dominicansrsolc@hotmail.com

Weekend Retreat for Women May 21st -23rd. Theme: "Food for the Journey". Scripture speaks of the rich banquet God will provide [Isaiah 25]. *In crises and in alm, Jesus teaches us to look for strength from God.* Presentations will help us uncover some of the ways God "feeds" us along our journey. 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 or email dominicansrsolc@hotmail.com for more details or to make a reservation. Deposit: \$50; toward total offering of \$150.

Financial Report

"Gift giving needs to be happy and love-laden. So too with church support – a proportionate share of income joyously given to God because of God's generosity to us."

Sunday Collection

4/27/08	\$10,216.00
4/26/09	\$10,274.29
4/25/10	\$10,593.99

Home Mission

2008	\$1,426.00
2009	\$1,280.00
2010	\$1,456.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Carnival and Picnic News

Only a few people attended the Carnival Meeting and only a few people expressed an interest in organizing a Parish Picnic. Both are on hold until further notice.

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 and Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM in the Rectory. *Please note: SCRIP will not be sold on Tuesday evenings until the fall.*

Trips

Wednesday, May 26th to Elaine Dinner Theatre, Cape May. Includes show and three course dinner, shopping at the Washington Street Mall and a guided tour of Cape May, via Video Motorcoach. Cost is \$75 per person.

Wednesday, June 23rd to Philadelphia Art Murals Tour with lunch on "The Spirit of Philadelphia". Drive through the diverse neighborhoods of Philadelphia to see numerous murals and hear the stories behind them. Board "The Spirit of Philadelphia" for a harbor tour, live entertainment and buffet lunch. Cost \$80.

Contact Jean @ 610-459-4684 for reservations and information about both trips. Sponsored by OLC Charitians.

OTHER NEWS

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 6th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Rose Tree Park.

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.