

Our Lady Help of Christians
February 5th 2012, The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Repent in the name
of Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:38

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends:

Greetings and welcome! In our readings this weekend for this Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, each of the main figures, Job, St. Paul and Jesus, are confronted with somewhat stressful circumstances. While the tensions are different for each, they are not unique to our contemporary experiences in living out our own baptismal call. The readings this weekend are very helpful to us as we reflect on this baptismal call to bring the good news of Jesus to others. Job reminds us of the importance of humility in our actions and trust in the Lord God, especially in suffering. St. Paul exemplifies the need for self-sacrifice and compassion to those who may be different from us. Jesus challenges us to listen to His words and see how they transform us to the Kingdom of God. You may recall a few weeks ago when Jesus began His public ministry His announcement was very simple, "The kingdom of God is at hand – repent and believe!"

"Praise the Lord Who heals the brokenhearted!"

Many thanks to our Home and School, school administration, parents faculty and students for a very nice celebration of Catholic Schools Week. We have much to be grateful for as we continue to recognize our school for all that we have accomplished in the past and what we continue to do for our students. There is a great spirit in our school, which will certainly continue with the changes that we are experiencing and the good work that will continue.

This weekend our second collection care of our infirmed and retired priests of the Archdiocese.

May God bless you and have a good week!
Father Janton...



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 2/6 8:00 - **Mabel Hargrove**

St. Paul Miki & companions

Tues. 2/7 8:00 – **Marjorie Palagruto**

Wed. 2/8 8:00 – **Vincent Gallagher**

St. Jerome & St. Josephine

Thurs. 2/9 8:00 – **Thomas Seifert**

Fri. 2/10 8:00 – **Dick Sayer**

Sat. 2/11 8:00 – **Joseph & Regina**

O'Donnell

Our Lady of Lourdes

Please pray for our sick: Isabelle Therese Ramos, Katie McCollum.

Please pray for those serving in our armed forces: Robert Filosa, Duke Ferro, Angelo Melendez III, Brian Schoendorfer and T.C. Sawick.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

If you wish a particular family member or friend to be placed on the Bulletin Prayer, please call Donna at 215-886-3456.

THIS WEEK AT OLHC

Mon. 2/6 – OLHC Prayer Group 7:30

Tues. 2/7 – Rosary 7:30

Wed. 2/8 – Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy 6:30

Fri. 2/10 – OLHC 55 & Over Club St. Valentines Day Party

OLHC 55+OVER CLUB

The OLHC 55 & Over club will hold its St. Valentines' Day Party **this Fri. Feb 10th** in the Church hall at 12:30 pm. The Lunch Menu includes Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Spring Garden Salad, Home Baked Cakes by the Ladies of the Club and Beverages. We will play Bingo after lunch. Admission Fee is \$2. Club Membership is \$10 a year. There is an Executive Board Meeting at 11:00 prior to the regular meeting. All members are welcome to attend this is meeting.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

To request Flowers at the Altar, contact Donna at 215-886-3456. Donation \$45.00.



LITURGY CORNER
MUSIC FOR TODAY

Entrance: #489 "Gather us Together"
Gift Preparation: #412 "Open my Eyes"
Communion: #340 "Precious Lord"
Recessional: #416 "Lead me Lord"

TODAYS READINGS:

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22 -23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

The miracles Jesus performed during his public ministry were not feats of magic. They were significant events because they were signs of his God-given power to heal. The miracles of Jesus were also a living, loving, and tangible sign that the Kingdom of God had finally arrived on earth. Jesus shows his loving concern in today's Gospel by healing Simon's mother-in-law, who was ill with a fever. Jesus approaches the woman, and in the presence of Simon, Andrew, James, and John, takes her hand and helps her up; by this very action of healing, the fever left her, and as the Gospel account tells us, "she waited on them." Jesus' action of healing was the foreshadowing of his resurrection, in which we will all share at the end of time. In what ways are you in need of healing? Allow Jesus to take you by the hand and raise you up.

January 29th, Stewardship Report

Collection: \$9802.00 Thanks!
Envelopes: 305
Candles: \$41.00
Thank you for your generous support!

REMINDER:

The 2012 Daily Mass Book is open. You may come into the rectory Mon. – Fri. between 9:30 and 3:30 or call to request mass intentions for your loved ones. The cost of an announced Mass is \$15.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Mrs. Ring and the Future Cities team, they did it again. They won First place in the Philadelphia Region. The presenters are Joel Hediger, Rebecca Reilly and Meredith Moore.

Next stop Washington DC as we defend our National Championship!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb. 10 – OLHC 55+Over Valentines Party
Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday
Feb. 23 – 1st Reconciliation
Feb. 25 – Father/Daughter Dance
March 3 & 4 – St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive
March 9 – OLHC 55+Over St. Patrick day Party
March 10 – Blood Drive Gym
 H & S Spaghetti Dinner
March 17 – Confirmation Retreat
March 26 – Confirmation at OLHC 4PM
April 13 – OLHC 55+Over Pot Pie Luncheon
April 21& 22 - Clothing Drive
 1st. Holy Communion Retreat
April 26 – 1st. Holy Communion Practice
April 29 – 1st Holy Communion OLHC 2PM
May 11 – OLHC 55+Over Happy Birthday Party
June 8 – OLHC 55+Over Luncheon

Men's Spirituality Conference
March 3rd, 2012

Sat. March 3rd, 2012 at Archbishop Ryan High School. Order your tickets by Feb. 8th to avoid late fees, order on-line at www.ManUpPhilly.com or call 1-484-278-1036
Tickets are \$ 35 & lunch is included. Visit the website for a full list of presenters

THANK YOU

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks all parishioners who generously participated in our Shoe Drive on Jan. 21-22. Our Lady Help of Christian's parish continues to be very responsive to those in need. Again, thanks to all who contributed and a special thanks to those who contribute to our poor boxes.

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PA STATE HOME HEATING FUEL ASSISTANCE REBATE PROGRAM

(LIHEAP) This program helps pay Home Heating Costs always runs out of money quickly. Don't delay any more. Call **United Social Services, (215) 923-1900, Mon. to Fri. 9 AM to 4 PM.** A staff worker will explain eligibility requirements, answer questions and assist with completing application. *All inquiries confidential.* **Fuel Assistance** is available to all ages within qualifying **income guidelines**, e.g., **1 person** - monthly income under **\$ 1,361.00; 2 persons** monthly income under **\$ 1,839.00.** This state rebate grant is not a loan and does not have to be repaid.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy Offers Seventh Grade Practice Entrance Exam Saturday, March 31, 2012

- Date: Saturday, March 31, 2012
- Time: 8:00am - 11:30am
- Location: 120 West Wissahickon Ave, Flourtown, PA 19031
- Fee: \$45 non-refundable test Registration fee payable online
- Register: Online only at www.msjacad.org. Registration begins on January 3, 2012, and ends on March 26, 2012.

Saint Basil Academy is sponsoring a Practice Examination for 7th grade girls on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 9am

The cost for the exam will be \$30.00. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Mrs. Maureen Walsh in the Admissions Office at 215-885-6952 to request an application. Saint Basil Academy is located at 711 Fox Chase Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046.

NAZARETH ACADEMY H.S.

7th Grade Practice Entrance Examination – Sat. March 10th at 7:45 am. Registration deadline is Fri. March 2nd. For additional info or to register call 215-268-1026 or download form at www.nazarthacademyhs.org.



Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy

The Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy will hold its Induction Ceremony next Saturday Feb. 11th at the 5:00 Vigil mass.

FREE OBSOLETE ELECTRONIC COLLECTION EVENT

Sat. Feb. 25th Abington Public Works Facility located at 2201 Florey Lane in Abington, will be accepting and responsibly recycling "Anything with a plug", including vacuum cleaners, small appliances, computers and printers from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Catholic Underground

Saturday, February 11, 2012-7:30PM to 10:30PM Celebrant and Homilist:

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput O.F.M. Cap.

OYYA invites all Young Adults, ages 18-39, to participate in this beautiful Holy Hour at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul and then to stay for the Coffee House in the church hall. February's featured artist is *The Erik Christensen Band*. A \$5 donation is suggested for the Coffee House.

OLHC CYO BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Registration can be done on-line at
WWW.WAGDOGS.COM

Softball – 4 - 8 Grade Girls

Call Andy Marsden at 215-885-4793.

Baseball – 5 – 8 Grade Boys – Call Shane Lavallie at 215-219-8872 or Tim Sawick 215-659-2319.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next weekend experience will be March 16-18, 2012. For more information or to apply, call 1 800 456 8330.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2011

Those parishioners who wish to receive a copy of their Church contributions for 2011 are asked to call the Rectory weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.