



# OLPH NEWSLETTER

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is committed to providing an affordable, quality education in a Catholic, Christian atmosphere within the framework of the teaching of Jesus and His Church.*

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## Calendar Reminders

April 22 - No School, Good Friday, OLPH Parish Stations of the Cross at 12:00 pm

April 24 - Easter Sunday

April 25-29 - No School, Easter Vacation

April 30 - Nite @ the Races basket making, 9:00-12:00 in room 103

May 2 - School resumes

May 3 - 4<sup>th</sup> Parents' Club Meeting at 7:00 pm in the parish hall

May 6 - Minimum Day, 12 Noon Dismissal, Faculty Meeting

May 7 - Third Grade First Communion at 10:00 a.m. in the church

May 10 - Mother's Day Prayer Service at 9:00 am in the church

**Easter Sunday** – Regular Mass Schedule except there will be **no 6:30 a.m. Mass.**

## Earth Day Essay & Poster Contest

Congratulations to the following students whose essay or poster was chosen for the Earth Day Contest. Each student was recognized during last week's assembly and received an Earth Day t-shirt to wear. Their work is posted on the office bulletin board. Good job!

- Kindergarten**–Richard Rivas
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**–Daniel Santacroe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**–Damian Montano
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**–Mahir Nafis
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**–Kara Diaz
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**–Sierra Hilton
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**–Citlaly Zamora
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**–Gabriela Garcia
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**–Philie Kennedy

Thank you to Amanda Flores and Guadalupe Saldivar for organizing this contest. Both students are members of Student Council. We appreciate your hard work!

## Earth Day – Why It's So Important... Earth Day Is About Working Together to Safeguard Our Planet

Earth Day is becoming one of the most important hallmarks in the world of conservation and recycling. It carries with it powerful connotations of ecological responsibility and taking ownership of our planet; after all, it is the only Earth that we have, and taking steps to lessen the impact that you and your fellow man have on it is nothing short of revolutionary.

Earth Day gives those people who have not taken part in recycling the opportunity to make changes to their lives and their community that they will cherish for a lifetime. Many organized groups have adopted a pay as you throw program in their local communities. With these programs, you only pay for the trash you put out by the curb thereby saving money on your trash bill.

You can also help celebrate earth day this year by attending a national or community-recycling event. This will help support all of

the volunteers and organizers to show them that you really care. If you don't have an event scheduled in your community this earth day April 22nd, then you can organize one yourself. Be sure to have the correct recycling containers and recycling bins ordered and on hand ahead of time. Remember, taking care of our world now will only help us and our earth to stay strong and healthy in the future.

For more information log on to [www.earthday2011.org](http://www.earthday2011.org)

## Nite @ the Races



On Saturday, April 30, time is set aside to make baskets for our Silent

Auction, along with putting together our raffle and redemption prizes for Nite @ the Races. We will meet in room 103 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Parent volunteers are needed. If you can assist this day, great! Remember, "Many hands make light work."

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Saturday, May 21 at Heritage Palms Country Club in Indio. Tickets will be available for pick up in May.

Advertisement and promoting this event is needed. If you would like flyers to place at your business or a merchant letter, stop by the office.

**Our next Nite @ the Races meeting is Thursday, May 5 @ 6:30 pm in room 205.**

## Ca\$h Drawing

The fifth drawing was last week. Congratulations to **Mr. Andy Hoffer**, who won \$100.00! Today's winner will be announced in next week's bulletin.

Thank you to all families who have turned in their *Weekly Cash Drawing* ticket stubs and money.

We are still collecting ticket stubs and money. If you are still working on selling your tickets, you do have plenty of time. Remember, though, we have weekly drawings and so do your best to get all your ticket stubs in for a chance to win.

## Have a Blessed Easter



OLPH School Faculty and Staff wish all families a blessed and safe Easter.

## OLPH Parish Triduum Services

The Holy Week schedule is as follows:

### Holy Thursday

**7:00 p.m.** Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ Misa Vespertina de la Cena del Señor

### Good Friday

**12:00 noon** - Live reenactment of the Stations of the Cross (In Spanish on the school grounds)

**3:00 p.m.** - English Meditation on the Stations of the Cross

**5:00 p.m.** - English Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**7:00 p.m.** - Spanish Celebracion de la Pasion del Señor Jesucristo

**Easter Vigil ~ La Vigilia Pascual**  
8:00pm (Bilingual)



## Parent Workshop

### 4-8 Grade

The Parent Workshop on Developmental Assets was excellent. Thank you to those families who were able to attend. We will have another workshop for parents in Pre-school-Third Grade on Tuesday, May 24. Please mark this day on your calendar. Information will be forthcoming in May.

## Pink Heals Tour

The Pink Heals organization is a non-profit group that tours the United States each year stopping at select cities along the way. The mission of the organization is to provide support to women who have cancer, have had cancer, and to families of women who did not survive their cancer.

Members of the Pink Heals group travel in pink fire engines and wear pink turnouts. They encourage the women they support to sign the engines. For a true understanding of the impact, this organization has on local communities, please view the tour video at [www.pinkfiretrucks.org](http://www.pinkfiretrucks.org).

The city of Cathedral City will be hosting the Pink Heals group on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will spend the day visiting schools and hospitals in the western Coachella Valley, and will wrap up the day with a rally at our own Town Square (City Hall).

As hosting agency, the Cathedral City Fire Department is extending an invitation to any and all women who have cancer or are cancer survivors to join them. They will even arrange to bring the engine to her at her home! Simply complete the attached form and return it to the Cathedral City Fire Department Headquarters Station, located at 32100 Desert Vista Rd or fax to 760.770.3902.

For more information see attached schedule or contact Battalion Chief John Muhr at 760.770.8204 or Rhonda Guillaume at 760.770.8208.

## Catholic Calendar

### Easter Sunday

*April 24, 2011*

Easter is the Sunday of Sundays, the solemnity of solemnities, the last day of the Paschal Triduum and the first of the Fifty Days of Eastertime. We celebrate the death, burial and resurrection – the Passover – of Christ. At baptism we became a sharer in Christ's Passover. No matter what day we were baptized, Easter is the anniversary.

The Church's heart and soul is found in Easter. It is the time of the most beloved scripture stories – of creation, Noah, the Exodus, of Daniel in the lion's den, of Queen Esther saving her people, of Jonah in the belly of a fish. And, of course, at Easter the church tells the gospels of the passion and resurrection of our Lord.

Easter is filled with songs and customs and foods that remind us of these stories. For instance, dyeing eggs in rainbow colors can be a celebration of the promise made to Noah and all the animals after the great flood. Sprinkling ourselves with Easter water can speak to us of the Israelites marching through the Red Sea from slavery to freedom.

Egg hunts in gardens are also an Easter week custom. At Jesus' tomb the angel had asked the women, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" An egg hunt is a search for life. Like the holy women, we discover that life as conquered death.

The word "Easter" comes from the same root as the words "star" and "east." It means "dawn light." This word has become a wonderful way to describe the Christian Passover. In the words of Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord

has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

## What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

### This Week's Question:

The saint who was the first person at the first person at the tomb on Easter morning was

- St. Peter
- St. Thomas
- St. Frances of Assisi
- St. Mary Magdalene

See the next bulletin for the answer!

## Prayer Corner

Please pray for:

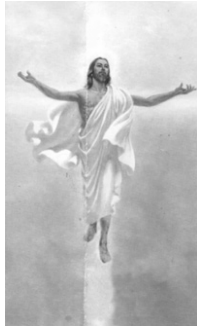
- Pope Benedict XVI
- Bishop Barnes and Bishop del Riego
- Father Miguel and Father Franklin
- Mrs. Laura Lopez
- The leaders of our country
- Peace in the Middle East
- Mrs. Cara Hrycyk, who was in an automobile accident
- Mr. Issac Vargas, who was in an automobile accident.
- Jesus Juarez, Jr., and family



## Easter Prayer

*Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
In His great mercy  
He has given us a new birth  
to a living hope  
through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ from the dead  
and to an inheritance  
that is imperishable,  
undefiled, and*

unfading.  
It is reserved in  
heaven for you,  
who because of your  
faith in God  
are being protected by  
His power  
until the salvation  
that is ready to be  
revealed at the end of  
time.  
New Saint Joseph  
People's Prayer Book



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