

A Word from Deacon Bill Scott

The Sacred Word of God

As I write this reflection, our Pastor, Father Alain Colliou, continues to recover and gain strength. We continue to pray for his return to full health and are very thankful for the progress he continues to make.

Father Alain has many remarkable qualities. One quality that continues to amaze me is his ability to speak multiple languages, often without pause, to different groups. In our Masses this weekend, we celebrate Pentecost – the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus. The Sacred Word of God will show us how the disciples of Jesus received the Holy Spirit and began speaking in different tongues or languages. People from around the known world at that time understood them, we read in Acts, in their own “tongue”.

There is always a welcome feeling when we communicate with someone who understands us. Have you ever traveled somewhere or experienced a situation where those around you could not understand the language that you spoke? It is an isolating experience.

Our Christian mission is to bring others to Christ. That mission clearly requires some level of communication. Communication does not always have to be verbal though. It can be through actions. For example, I can show two of my fingers to you and communicate “Peace.” We communicate regularly both through our words and our actions.

As our 41 newly Confirmed Parishioners know, there are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Wisdom, Understanding, Reverence, Knowledge, Courage, Right Judgment, and Wonder-and-Awe.

These seven gifts provide a physical understanding of the Spirit’s inspiring power in our lives. How do these gifts work in you? How do you communicate these gifts to others?



These questions provide a glimpse into your participation in God’s Divine Mission. In communicating God’s plan, we evangelize His Holy Word. I love St Francis of Assisi’s quote regarding this mission, he said, “*Evangelize the Gospel always and when necessary, use words.*” Saint Francis understood very well that at times our actions or our “body language” speak louder and more clearly than our words. God tasks us to bring others to the joy that is the Eucharist and the celebration that is the Mass, “Bringing others to Christ.” We live our mission when we express or communicate the joy of the Gospel to all.

You might not see tongues of flame dancing over your head this Sunday, but be open to the possibility. You might not speak a new language this Sunday when you come to God’s

House for Sunday Mass be open to the possibility. You may not smile at the first person you see after Mass on Sunday, unless that person is me, because I will be smiling at you and I know they are contagious!

God Bless all of you, my “Our Lady Help of Christians family” at Pentecost and always!

Deacon Bill
“Do not be afraid; just have faith.” – Mark 5:36b

Prayer Requests *

We are asked to pray for: Scott Anderson, Anna Tyser, Patricia Fisher, Marjorie O’Donnel, Sarah Parker, Leslie, Miriam Chagolla, Lauren Lohman, Fr. Alain, Grace Emmanuella, Dennis Forgash, Robert Brooks, Angel Morgan, William Graham, Fred Kowaleski, Kaylie Fowler, Ernest Mack, Derrick Webster, Brandon Mack, Johnné Webster, Dionne Gausee, Dorian Webster, Alfred Brown, Doris Chesley, James Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Dunham, Tom Casey, Fr. Robert Pittman, and all our military and civilians serving in harm’s way.



**Names will remain on our list for 3 months. Please call the parish office to re-request a name after 3 months or to remove a name when the person has regained health.*

Mass Intentions this Week

- Saturday, May 19, 9:00 AM: Grace Emmanuella
- Saturday, May 19, 5:00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners
- Sunday, May 20, 8:30 AM: Freida Shlagel (+)
- Sunday, May 20, 10:00 AM: Segundina Padinit (+)
- Sunday, May 20, 11:30 AM: Cecelia Spinks (+)
- Sunday, May 20, 7:00 PM: Fr. Alain Colliou
- Monday, May 21, 9:00 AM: Grace Emmanuella
- Tuesday, May 22, 9:00 AM: Grace Emmanuella (+)
- Wednesday, May 23, 9:00 AM: Mary Karotko (+)
- Wednesday, May 23, 7:00 PM: Ouedraogo Family
- Thursday, May 24, 9:00 AM: Grace Emmanuella
- Friday, May 25, 9:00 AM: Grace Emmanuella

Memorial Day Holiday

OLHOC Office will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of the holiday.

9AM Mass & 7PM Catechesis will occur as scheduled.



Pentecost Sunday

Religious Education Schedule

See you at VBS! July 23 - 27 Watch for registration info.

Contact Therese Thiedeman at 301-645-7112 or dre@olhoc.org
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FIAT: Elementary school Faith in Action Team (meets monthly)

Edge: Middle school youth ministry (meets monthly)

Life Teen: High school youth ministry

Graduate Blessing

OLHOC Youth Ministry will sponsor a Graduate Blessing on Sunday, June 10th at the 11:30 Mass for those in our Parish Community who are graduating from high school, college or other professional program this semester. Graduates are asked to wear their caps and gowns. Please fill out the form at www.olhoc.org/ym

**** Youth Summer Retreat ****



Youth Worship

Rising 9th graders-seniors, join us for Camp Veritas August 12th-18th at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. It will be an amazing week of outdoor fun, prayer, time with friends, and growing in your faith.

For more information and youth opportunities, please visit www.olhoc.com/ym or contact Marlen Coles at marlen@olhoc.org.

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The Vocations Tree

God, our Father, please send us holy priests. All for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with St. Joseph.

The Vocations Tree project invites our parish community (English and Spanish) to offer prayers for our Seminarians. Each year the Archdiocesan Vocation Office generously prints out Seminarian cards. Each card has the photo of a seminarian and a bit of information about him along with a suggested prayer on the back. We ask parishioners to pick a card from the "tree-wall" in the Narthex, and commit to praying for that seminarian every day.

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Trial Subscription for You!

Our Lady Help of Christians has been given a trial subscription to FORMED.org for the month of May to provide parishioners with access to Fr. Michael Gaitley's program "33 Days to Morning Glory" in video format as we strive for Marian Consecration. To access this subscription throughout the month, simply:

Go to www.formed.org

Login: trial@formed.org

Password: **Presence#18** (case sensitive)

Contact Therese Thiedeman at dre@olhoc.org with questions.

OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS

<http://www.olhoc.org/preschool.html>

Now Open – Registration for Fall 2018

For more information, send an email to preschool@olhoc.org or call the office and ask for Nieda, Preschool Director.

Community Outreach

The next Shepherd's Table Dinner will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at Good Shepherd Church.



Our next Outreach Committee Meeting before summer break is **June 6** at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.

All are welcome!

Sharing Sunday – Non-perishable food donations are always welcome and can be left in the Social Hall. All donations will go to the local food bank, managed by Catholic Charities, on Irongate Drive in Waldorf.

Your Church; the Lord's House

Continue to please respect your church, the Lord's house, and refrain from taking any food or beverage in the Church. If children need food or beverages, please use the cry room or Social Hall.



We have incurred some recent pew damage. Please care for your building investment by not walking on kneelers or using them as a foot rest.



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Pentecost Celebration - We're on Fire with the Holy Spirit!

***Our Parish Feast Day (May 24)**

***Kickoff "Year of the Holy Spirit"**

***End of CCD Classes Crowning of Mary Celebration**

***Marian Consecration**

So much is going on at our parish. Don't miss out on the Lord's favor given to you! Join the celebration today with the crowning of Mary at 11:10 followed by the 11:30 Mass outdoors, and the International Potluck afterwards.

From the "DECREE on the celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar"

"Having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might *encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church* in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety, **Pope Francis has decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and be now celebrated every year.**"

"33 Days to Morning Glory" Prayer of Consecration

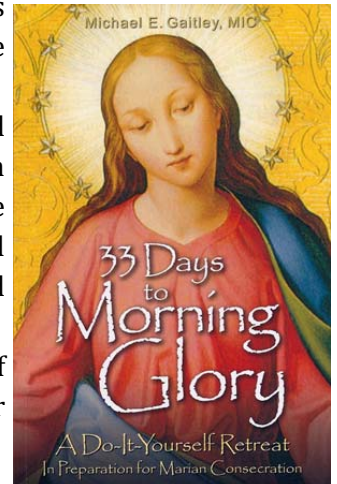
After the 9:00 am Mass and at 8:15 pm on **Monday, May 21** (*the new Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*), those who desire to consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary will gather to pray the following:

I, _____, a repentant sinner, renew and ratify today in your hands, O Immaculate Mother, the vows of my Baptism. I renounce Satan and resolve to follow Jesus Christ even more closely than before.

Mary, I give you my heart. Please set it on fire with love for Jesus. Make it always attentive to his burning thirst for love and for souls. Keep my heart in your most pure Heart that I may love Jesus and the members of his Body with your own perfect love.

Mary, I entrust myself totally to you: my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions. Please make of me, of all that I am and have, whatever most pleases you. Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for bringing the greatest possible glory to God. If I fall, please lead me back to Jesus. Wash me in the blood and water that flow from his pierced side, and help me never to lose my trust in this fountain of love and mercy.

With you, O Immaculate Mother — you who always do the will of God — I unite myself to the perfect consecration of Jesus as he offers himself in the Spirit to the Father for the life of the world. Amen.



American Red Cross – Blood Drive



VFW-AMVETS-AL

VFW Post 8810

2310 Old Washington Road,

Waldorf, MD

Friday, May 25, 2018

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

For more information, contact: David & Pat Viets 301-848-5902, patricia1202@comcast.net or James Wade, Sr. 240-401-7429, jfwadesr@yahoo.com.

Sign up online at: redcrossblood.org

Mass Readings for May 27, 2018

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

First Reading * Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

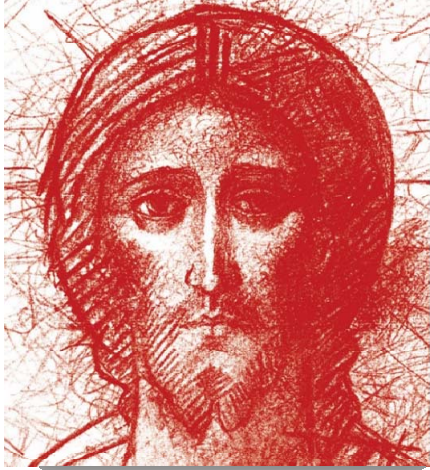
Second Reading * Romans 8:14-17

Gospel * Matthew 28:16-20

www.usccb.org



OLHOC invites you to attend The Catechesis for Adults and Teenagers on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 PM, in the Social Hall.



To be a Christian is to have an encounter with the person of Christ. Jesus himself affirms: “... *I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.*” (John 10:10)

The catechesis will be given by a team from the Neo-catechumenal Way composed of one priest (Fr. Santiago), two seminarians from the Archdiocese of Washington, one widow, and two married couples.

This catechesis is an announcement of the Good News of the Gospel aimed to introduce people to a journey of mature Faith. The catechesis will help you deepen your Faith, encounter Jesus Christ through the scriptures, and find in Christ the answer to your daily sufferings.

We also encourage you to pass on this invitation with family members, friends or anyone that may be in need of rediscovering Jesus Christ. Take one or two cards located in the narthex to pass out and evangelize.

Come with an open heart - You won't be disappointed!

Adult Faith Formation Class:

Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles

SUNDAYS at 9:30 AM

Six more sessions - Come when you can!



As we approach Pentecost and our OLHOC “Year of the Holy Spirit” (Pentecost 2018-Pentecost 2019), there is no better place to look for guidance in the New Evangelization than the Acts of the Apostles. This chronicle of the Church in action gives us the blueprint for the life and mission of the Church today. In *Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles*, Dr. Mary Healy combines Bible study with Church teaching and practical wisdom to show us how modern Catholics can effectively lead people to Jesus Christ.

Join us for this exciting study facilitated by Mike and Diane Spurgeon!

Divine Mercy at OLHOC



The Divine Mercy Ministry invites us all to come and pray the chaplet each **1st Saturday at 3:00 PM.**

Healing Mass

St. Mary Church, Newport's monthly Healing Masses are held the **first Thursday of each month, 6:30 PM** in honor of St. John Vianney. The next Healing Mass will be on Thursday, June 7. Fr. Michael Briese will offer prayers of healing for the body and soul. Confessions begin at 6:00 p.m.; Location: St. Mary Church, Newport, 11555 St. Mary's Church Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. For additional information, please call the rectory office at [301-934-8825](tel:301-934-8825).