

April 21, 2019

**HE IS RISEN! HE IS ALIVE! ALLELUIA!**

**He is risen! He is alive! Alleluia!** We have reached the summit of the entire Liturgical Year: Jesus Christ is Risen! Jesus Christ is Alive! The Resurrection of our Lord changes the whole world once for all: this is the promise that all of us can rise with Jesus and be with Him forever and ever! This is the **joy of the risen Lord** that we will celebrate during the entire **Easter Season**: 50 days until **Pentecost** (June 9 this year). We have entered the final 50 days of **our year of the Holy Spirit!**

**Sing Alleluia! The Lord has risen! He is alive!** For 40 days of Lent, we stopped singing Alleluia. **Alleluia** in Hebrew means: **Praise Yahweh! Praise the Lord!** We had not stopped praising the Lord. In fact, we had replaced the "Alleluia Acclamation" before proclaiming the Gospel by: "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory!" But we associate the Alleluia singing with the **joy of the resurrection: Jesus is alive!** The good news of the Gospel is alive! By singing Alleluia, we welcome **Jesus** who speaks to us through the Gospel! **He is alive! Alleluia!**

During this Holy Week, we entered the Sacred Paschal **Triduum**, the amazing three days of celebration leading to the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday : 1. First day : Holy Thursday , the Mass of the Last Supper , Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament : Jesus Institutes the Eucharist and the Priesthood. 2. Second day: Good Friday, the Passion and Death of our Lord, the Veneration of the Cross: by dying on the Cross, Jesus is the victor over death and takes away all our sins. And 3. Third day: Holy Saturday, last day of Jesus in the tomb and the Easter Vigil.

At the Easter Vigil Mass this year, we hear the Gospel of the empty tomb: "*the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus ...went to the tomb. They found **the stone rolled away from the tomb**; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus...Two men in dazzling garments appeared to them ...and said: why do you seek the living one among the dead? **He is not here, but he has been raised.** Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee , that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and **be crucified, and rise on the third day**' ( Luke 24:1-12).*

Yes, we believe in the empty tomb and the Lord's Resurrection. Yes, we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God. We believe that for our salvation he came down from heaven. We believe that **for our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he**

**suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.** This is our **profession of faith.** This is what we profess at every Mass. This is what we believe. We did not see the empty tomb. Unlike the women at the tomb, we did not hear the two men in dazzling garments. But we believe in the Paschal Mysteries we celebrate at every Mass. We believe that **Jesus is alive!** He is alive in our hearts. He is alive in the **Eucharist: His Body and Blood! Every Mass we celebrate Easter, the resurrection of the Lord! Every Mass is Heaven on Earth! Every Mass is an encounter with Jesus!**

As we enter the great celebration of the Easter Season- 50 days of **joy and hope** preparing us for the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, I invite everyone to reflect on the blessings you have received since Ash Wednesday. For me personally, I am most grateful to God for the graces **the Holy Spirit** poured upon our parish through the six weeks of **the Gift of the Mass.** I attended every session (Thursday evening, Saturday morning and Sunday evening) and I am still amazed that about 200 of our parishioners participated for nearly two hours on each of these six weeks . More amazing was the joy one could see on the faces and in the hearts of the participants. We will have soon the results of the feedback survey and we will discuss them with you. We are also planning **a follow-up meeting at 10 am Saturday May 11.** Everyone is invited to come and share/hear witness talks about the Mass/Eucharist and to discuss what kind of follow-up programs we should consider in future. Mark your calendars!

On behalf of Father Santiago, Deacons Rich and Bill, and our entire staff, I would like to wish all of you and your families **a most Blessed Easter Season!** May the **Joy** and the **Hope** of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ keep filling your hearts! Come Holy Spirit! Keep guiding all our steps on our journey toward Heaven!



*One in Christ,  
Father Alain*

# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

## Important Dates

April 21/22 - Easter, no classes

April 28– Sacramental prep workshops-  
Youth Mass– All Youth Night– **No regular CCD classes Sunday or Monday**



May 5/6– CCD Classes

May 12/13– CCD Classes

## Attention Sacramental Preparation Families

**(CCD and Catholic School Families):** Workshop dates for First Reconciliation/Communion (10 am) and Confirmation Year 1 and 2 (2:30pm): Apr 28. Questions? Please contact Therese Thiedeman, dre@olhoc.org

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**CONFIRMATION:** Rehearsal for Confirmands and Sponsors begins promptly at 6:30pm on Thursday, April 25th . On Confirmation Day (Friday, April 26th), all Confirmands should check-in at the table in the office lobby no later than 6:15 pm.

**FIRST COMMUNION: Rehearsal begins promptly at 6:00 pm (beginning in the social hall) on Friday, May 3rd. On First Communion Day (Saturday, May 4th), all First Communicants should report to the Social Hall no later than 9:15 am.**

**CCD Parents:** please pay close attention to the schedule for the remainder of the year that was sent home after classes last week. The Sacramental Prep workshops on April 28 are for First Communion students and parents (10 am) and Confirmation Year 1 (grade 7) **AND** Year 2 (newly confirmed) students, parents, mentors, and any sponsors who may still be in town (2:30 - 6:30 pm, includes workshop, Youth Mass, Edge/LifeTeen).

On April 28, **all CCD families** are encouraged to attend Youth Mass (4 pm), followed by All Youth Night Dinner and activities (FIAT, Edge, LifeTeen) until 6:30 pm.

## **Volunteers for Summer Activities and Beyond**

We are currently recruiting adult volunteers (ages 18+) to work with our parish programs for children and youth over the summer and for the 2019-20 Year (chaperones, Vacation Bible School Volunteers, catechists, assistants, mentors, substitutes, office helpers, Youth Core Team members, All Youth Night helpers, OLLC Preschool volunteers, childcare during parish programs, etc.). If you are interested in volunteering, or are a parent of a child/youth in any of these programs, you are NEEDED!

Adult Volunteers (ages 18+) who have substantial contact with minors (under 18) or vulnerable adults are required to undergo Child Protection Training and get an electronic background check. The next Archdiocesan class for Child Protection taking place locally is Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Archbishop Neale School in La Plata. Spaces are "first registered, first served". To register, establish an account at VIRTUS.org and select that particular class for training. Please see Nieda or Therese for more information or visit our website [www.olhoc.com/safety](http://www.olhoc.com/safety)

## **OLLC Preschool Announcement**

OLLC Preschool fall 2019 registration is open! Parishioners, please share this information with families you know who may be looking for Catholic Preschool for their child or grandchild, and be sure you have registered your child for fall. For info or to register: email the preschool director, Nieda, at [preschool@olhoc.org](mailto:preschool@olhoc.org) or call the church/preschool office at 301-645-7112 during office hours.

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## **Mary's Helping Hands Bake Sale**

The ladies of Mary's Helping Hands will hold a bake sale and raffle on April 28th in the Narthex.

There will be a large variety of post-Lenten and Easter celebration treats available.

The raffle is for a bushel of crabs and a gift card for a beverage. Tickets are \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00.

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**Scripture Study** - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

**Divine Mercy**– Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

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## **Divorced and Separated Catholics**

The Separated and Divorced Catholics Ministry, Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Washington, will be presenting a workshop "Surviving Divorce" every Thursday, from May 2-June 13, 7:00-8:30pm, at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, 100 Village St, Waldorf, MD 20602. For more information and to register, please contact Mary Pearson, 301-922-0084, [maryp10@yahoo.com](mailto:maryp10@yahoo.com).

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## **Outreach News**

The next Outreach meeting will be May 1, 2019 at 7p.m. in Fr. Martin Hall. New members and new ideas are always welcome!

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## **Yard Sale, Support St. Peter's PTO**

St. Peter's PTO is hosting a yard sale [on April 27th from 9am-1pm](#), at St. Peter's School, rSt. Peter's PTO is hosting a yard sale [on April 27th from 9am-1pm](#), at St. Peter's School, rain or shine! There will also be a car wash, bake sale, and hot dogs for purchase.

We are asked to pray for:

Dennis Hook  
Ana Maria Delmira Sibrian Escobar  
Nestor Ermelindo Molina  
Doris Chesley  
James Thompson  
Thoeun Tinn  
Felicia & Myles Webster  
Rebecca (Tess) Franch  
Vicky Welch  
Naomi Lilly  
Sterling Greene  
Aleli Puzon  
Patricia Delgado

Larry McGraw  
Vivian Truxon  
Kenny Lindsay  
Dorian Webster Sr.  
Dionne Gause  
Pat Fisher  
Christ Goldhammer  
Melody Hudson  
Ernest Mack  
James Wiltz  
Adele Alvey  
Dorothy Neal  
Dunnie Proctor  
Shirley Ehman  
K.D. Dillard  
Josephina Knapp

Maria Townsend  
Crystal Beauregard  
Sheryl Carter  
Alex Leon  
Sharketer Butler  
Steven Bowling  
Edna Yarngo  
Kathly Grimes  
Damien Price  
and all our military and civilians serving in  
harm's way.

*Please pray for the soul of Dennis Wick*



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, April 20, 8:00 PM: Our Lady Help of Christians Parishioners  
Sunday, April 21, 8:30 AM: Rosita Quizan (+)  
Sunday, April 21, 10:00 AM: Victor Cordero  
Sunday, April 21, 11:30 AM: Marcus Williams  
Sunday, April 21, 7:00 PM: Almas del purgatorio (+)  
Monday, April 22, 9:00 AM: Shawnov Harrison (+)  
Tuesday, April 23, 9:00 AM: Marie Chimel (+)  
Wednesday, April 24, 9:00 AM: Myrna Egbufoama  
Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 PM: Orlando and Mary Lagman  
Thursday, April 25, 7:00 PM: Cerina Williams (+)  
Friday, April 26, 9:00 AM Ceferino and Monina Palma (+)

*Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are.” Pope John Paul II*

**We ask you to pray for the 50 young people of our Parish who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 26th with Bishop Dorsonville.**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

*Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (Diary 742)*

*I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. (Diary 1109)*

**Join us on Sunday, April 28th beginning at 2 pm**

**Mass Readings for April 28, 2019.**

*Sunday of Divine Mercy*



**\*First Reading**

**Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16**

**\*Second Reading**

**Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19**

**\*Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

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**Youth Pilgrimage Fund**

A very special thanks to all who supported the youth through their generous donation with the Youth Pilgrimage Fund. If you still have not turned in your envelope you can either place in the collection basket next week, or bring it to the office. Thank you for your continued support to the youth with your time, talent, treasure and prayers.

**Next All Youth Night - Sunday, April 28th**

Join us for 4 pm Mass followed by pizza, faith & fellowship for FIAT (Elementary), Edge (Middle School) & Life Teen (High School) from 5-6:30 pm. Bring some friends, ALL are welcome! Reminder that Confirmation Year 1 & 2 Workshop for Student, parent(s), sponsors and mentors begins at 2:30 pm.

**Steubenville Youth Conference - June 21-23, 2019 Attention current 8-12 graders - Spots still available!**

Join us this summer for Steubenville Conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. A Steubenville Conference week-end is PACKED with dynamic speakers, worship music, Mass, Adoration and MORE! Come and encounter Christ with other teens from other states as we worship together and grow in our Catholic faith! Limited spots available for more details & to register visit [www.olhoc.org/steubie19](http://www.olhoc.org/steubie19)

**Camp Covecrest - August 4-10, 2019 in Tiger, Georgia**

Join us for Life Teen summer camp - Camp Covecrest, in the North Georgia Mountains, for an amazing and transformative week of fun, activities, time with friends, prayer and growing in your faith (i.e. high ropes, messy games, obstacle course, zip line, white water rafting, team building experiences, music, talks, reflections, Mass, Adoration & personal growth). For more details, watch a video & to register visit [www.olhoc.org/camp](http://www.olhoc.org/camp)

**Life Teen** (high school youth ministry): Sun. 5-6:30 pm: **April 28; & May 5**; Dinner Provided.

**Edge** (middle school youth ministry): meets monthly on All Youth Night – **April 28**

**FIAT** (elementary school Faith in Action Team): meets monthly on All Youth Night - **April 28**

For more Youth Events or questions contact Marlen Coles [marlen@olhoc.org](mailto:marlen@olhoc.org) or visit: [www.olhoc.org/ym](http://www.olhoc.org/ym)

**Baby Bottle Roundup** - If you forgot to return your baby bottle for the Catherine Foundation fundraiser, it's not too late. The pregnancy center is in desperate need of bottles to fill the many requests from local churches that want to kick-off their fundraiser on Mother's Day. Please return your baby bottle, with or without change, to the church as soon as you can. The Catherine Foundation would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated to the ministry for their overwhelming generosity

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**Parish Immigration Information Forum:**

**What's Going On? How can we help?**

**Saturday, May 4th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**St. John Vianney, 105 Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick, MD 20678**

Catholic Charities will present an overview of the difficult immigration issues facing immigrants and what steps parishes can take to be supportive. Catholic Charities and parishes around the country are organizing to help create more supportive communities for immigrants, to advocate for fair reforms, to accompany undocumented families

**Your Church: The Lord's House**

**Please** continue to respect your church, the Lord's house, and **refrain from taking any food or beverage into the Church**. If your children need food or beverages, please use the cry room. Please care for your building investment by not walking on kneelers or using them as footrests.

Thank you!