

June 2, 2019

PENTECOST AND BEYOND

Pentecost and beyond: we are entering the final days of Our Year of the Holy Spirit!

Jesus is ascending into Heaven (**Ascension Sunday June 2nd**) and in less than one week; we will celebrate **the descent of the Holy Spirit** upon the Apostles and all of us on **Pentecost Sunday** (June 9). Here is the program of special parish activities open to everyone to close our Year of the Holy Spirit while preparing us to receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost:

- . Thursday June 6 at 7 pm, or Saturday June 8 at 10 am:
Learn Lectio Divina: Praying the Scriptures -
Short video presentation about the Holy Spirit
Learning how to pray the Scriptures using
one of the key readings for Pentecost Mass
- . Saturday June 8 at 5 pm: First Pentecost Mass
- . Saturday June 8 at 10 pm: Pentecost Vigil Mass followed by
All-night Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
(mainly silence with some charismatic prayers
in addition, some praise and worship singing)
- . Sunday June 9 at 8:30 am and 10 am: Masses celebrating Pentecost
- . Sunday June 9 at the 11:30 am Mass: Celebrating our 2019
Graduates (High School and College Graduates are invited
to join us, sign-up online: www.olhoc.org/graduate)
Presentation by the Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry
of The Outstanding Adult Leadership Award to our own
Coordinator Of Youth Ministry and Evangelization, Mrs.
Marlen Coles!
- . June 9 Workshop at 7 pm: (45 minutes) in English by Catholic
Charities: How to help Friends and Family suffering
domestic abuse (workshop in Spanish at 8 pm)

Looking beyond Pentecost, we already announced last week that we would enter this coming September into 12 months of celebration: **celebrating 40 years: 1980-2020!** We are establishing a **celebration committee** in which everyone is welcome to participate. Just call the office to express your interest! The Committee will begin to meet in mid-June and has about two months to make key recommendations. Even if you cannot join the Committee, your inputs are most valuable, just drop a note in the Suggestion Box at the entrance of the Narthex or send an email at office@olhoc.org. The first big celebration will take place at the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday September 15, the exact date of our "birth" as a parish, when we were "created" by Cardinal Hickey in 1980! We know that **we become what we celebrate** Let us celebrate the **joy** of 40 years of our welcoming, loving and faithful family of families: **Bringing all to Christ! Sharing Christ with all! Being one in Christ!**

Last week, we had a wonderful celebration for our entire Archdiocese: the installation of our seventh Archbishop, Archbishop Wilton Gregory at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday May 21. Many parishioners came, representing OLHOC well. If you could not participate (the Shrine was packed!), you may have been able to watch it live on EWTN (you can still watch it on YouTube or the Archdiocese website: www.ADW.org). I have never seen so many priests together in our Archdiocese! The entrance procession of priests, deacons, altar servers took almost half-an-hour! There were a total of eight cardinals, 50 bishops and several hundreds of deacons and priests! Our new shepherd

Archbishop Wilton Gregory radiated both **joy and humility!** In his homily, he addressed the painful issues faced by our Archdiocese in recent past, and very quickly focused on our present and future: while recognizing the richness of the diversity of our Archdiocese he focused on the importance of our unity in loving Our Lord Jesus Christ and showing that Love to all in our daily lives. I had never met Archbishop Gregory earlier, but he appeared to be very approachable. The Holy Spirit led me to "shake his hand" as the procession of Priests passed by him at the end of the Mass. (I had not planned to do so, and I may have raised some eyebrows among my fellow priests.) His joy was contagious. As our new shepherd, he truly wishes to know all the 140 parishes of the Archdiocese. We hope that he will visit our parish soon and will keep you advised as soon as we hear from him.

Earlier this week, I had a meeting with the Class of 2009, the 7 priests that were ordained with me for the Archdiocese of Washington on the same day June 20, 2009. Since that time, our Class has met regularly, almost every month, and every June 20, date of our anniversary we have celebrated a Mass together. Many of you will recall that five years ago, the eight of us celebrated the Mass at OLHOC (June 20, 2014) and invited parishioners we had served in different parishes for our first five years as priests. This year, to celebrate our 10th anniversary, our Class has just decided to celebrate a Mass together at 7 pm at St Philip the Apostle, Camp Springs (close to Route 5 and the Beltway, about 20 minutes from Waldorf). On behalf of our entire Class, you are all are invited to come and celebrate with us our joint 80 years of priesthood, giving thanks to the Lord for all the blessings we have received through the parishioners we have served to date. After the Mass, there will be a reception for everyone at St Philip's Hall. Mark your calendars **Thursday June 20**, 7 pm Mass and reception St Philip the Apostle 5416 Henderson Way, Camp Springs, Maryland.

Come Holy Spirit, keep filling our hearts with Jesus' Love for us! Come, Holy Spirit, keep guiding our parish, our family of families, as we conclude Our Year of the Holy and prepare for the times beyond Pentecost and our 40th year anniversary! Come Holy Spirit this Pentecost and continue to keep us united in Christ! Come Holy Spirit! Help us to share our joy of knowing Jesus with all we encounter in our daily lives!



*One in Christ,
Father Alain*

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Vacation Bible School (VBS) - Please join us for this year's VBS, "A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer ...with Amazing Angels and Super Saints", July 22-26, 9 am - noon. Ages 4-11 are most welcome as participants; 12 - 17 as youth volunteers; and 18-102 as adult volunteers (see Therese about becoming VIRTUS-compliant, child protection trained). Registration is online: www.olhoc.org/vbs

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 providers 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

Outreach news

Beginning June 1st the OLHOC Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies-new pens, pencils, paper, etc-for the next school year, 2019-2020. A designated box can be found in the Father Martin Hall for this worthwhile project. All donations will be taken to Children's Aid Society of Waldorf. Thank you all!

The next Outreach Committee Meeting before summer break will be June 5 at 7 p.m. in the Fr. Martin Hall. All are welcome!

The next OLHOC Shepherd's Table is June 20, 2019 at Good Shepherd Church.

All non-perishable foods donated to "Sharing Sunday" may be left in the designated box near the doors to Fr. Martin Hall. All donations go to the Food Bank of Southern Maryland. During the summer months cereal and peanut butter and jelly are especially needed. Thank you!

OLLC Preschool

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 or call the church/preschool office at 301-645-7112 during office hours.

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE ABUSED

Domestic violence refers to a *pattern* of violent and coercive behavior by one adult over another in an intimate relationship. It can consist of repeated severe beatings or subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence visit:

www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace

June 9th at 7 PM (English), and 8 PM (Spanish), OLHOC will host workshops on how you can help family and friends. Please join us.

Congratulations

Father Alains's class of 2009 are celebrating 10 years in the Priesthood! Celebrate with them on Thursday, June 20 as they celebrate Mass together at 7 pm in St. Philip the Apostle's Church in Camp Springs, MD. Reception will follow.

Congratulations

Marlen Coles has been selected to receive the *Outstanding Adult Leadership Award* from the Archdiocese of Washington. She will be honored at the 11:30 Mass on June 9th.



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We are asked to pray for:

Sandra Barrientos
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
Rosano Wheeler
Larry McGraw

Vivian Truxon
Kenny Lindsay
Dorian Webster Sr.
Dionne Gause
Pat Fisher
Christ Goldhammer
Ernest Mack
James Wiltz
Adele Alvey
Dorothy Neal
Dunnie Proctor
Shirley Ehman
K.D. Dillard
Josephina Knapp
Maria Townsend
Chrystal Beauregard
Sheryl Carter

Alex Leon
Sharketer Butler
Steven Bowling
Edna Yarngo
Kathly Grimes
Damien Price
Sheny Padilla
Richard White
Mary Dooley
Victor Cordero
and all our military and civilians serving in
harm's way.

*Please let us know if any names should be removed
from the list.*



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, June 1, 9:00 AM: Bochard Jean Jacques (+)
Saturday, June 1, 5:00 PM: Feliza Reyes
Sunday, June 2, 8:30 AM: Shaunel Cordner
Sunday, June 2, 10:00 AM: Our Lady Help of Christians Parishioners
Sunday, June 2, 11:30 AM: Concepción Rodriguez
Sunday, June 2, 7:00 PM: Souls in Purgatory
Monday, June 3, 9:00 AM: Fr. John Clark (+)
Tuesday, June 4, 9:00 AM: Benigno Nuñez Portillo
Wednesday, June 5, 9:00 AM: Dennis Forgash (+)
Wednesday, June 5, 7:00 PM: Babies in danger of abortion
Thursday, June 6, 7:00 PM: Joanna Ouedraogo (+)
Friday, June 7, 9:00 AM: Jucy & Gerardo Deliz (+)
Friday, June 7, 8:00 PM: Deacon Michael Russo

Altar Server Training: Wednesday, June 5th at 7:30 PM
For those who have received their 1st Communion

Lord, I know you love me and have great plans for me. But sometimes I am overwhelmed by the thought of my future. Show me how to walk forward one day at a time. May I take heart while I search openly for what it is you want me to do with my life. Inspire in me wisdom and understanding to see your vision for my life and respond with openness to whatever you call me to be. Show me your way Lord! (USCB)

Ordination of our Priests on June 15

This year's Ordinandi:

Deacon John Benson
Deacon Joseph Cwik
Deacon Brendan Glasgow
Deacon Christian Huebner
Deacon Ebuka Mbanude
Deacon Stefan Megyery
Deacon Patrick Mullan
Deacon Benjamin Petty
Deacon Jan Pietryga
Deacon Michael Russo

Please keep our future Priest in your prayers

Mass Readings for June 9 2019.

Pentecost Sunday

***First Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

***Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

***Gospel**

John 20:19-23



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Attention High School & College Graduates: Please join us on Sunday, June 9th at the 11:30 am Mass for a special blessing. We ask that you also wear your graduation robes. Please sign up online www.olhoc.org/yevents If you have any questions contact Marlen marlen@olhoc.org

Attention College Students: Join other Young Adults for a 4 Day Formation Conference Universitas - "Beauty & Beatitude" June 1st-5th. In order to meet the challenges of living the faith as a young Catholic adult, the Religious Family (Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara and IVE) hosts an annual 4 day formation retreat called *Universitas* on the grounds of their retreat center in the beautiful foothills of the NY

Catskill Mountains. The cost is \$80 for the retreat. For more information or to register, please visit www.olhoc.com/college

Attention current 8-12 graders - Spots still available!

Steubenville Youth Conference - June 21-23, 2019

Join us this summer for Steubenville Conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. A Steubenville Conference weekend 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

Quo Vadis Camp- The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary July 28-31, 2019. For four days, high school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

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

Join Our Youth Support Team which is an integral part of our Youth ministry at OLHOC. It consists of different components utilizing diverse gifts and time commitments of parents and other interested volunteers from our parish. These volunteer opportunities can range from assisting with special events or joining the core team and work directly with the youth. All volunteers must be Virtus Compliant. Together we can help lead our youth closer to Christ! For more information please visit the website or talk to Marlen Coles.

Presentation– The Holy Spirit

In preparation for Pentecost Sunday and the end of our Year of the Holy Spirit, you are invited to join us for a short video presentation about the Holy Spirit, and learn to pray the Scriptures (Lectio Divina) while focusing on the readings for Pentecost.

Thursday June 6th at 6:45 pm, or Saturday, June 8th at 9:45 am

OLHOC SUMMER CHALLENGE: Post a Pic of Your Family at Mass

School is almost out and the summer vacation season will soon be upon us. Let's stay united in prayer across the miles! No matter where your travels take you:

1. Be sure to find a Sunday Mass to attend (masstimes.org)
2. Take a photo of you and/or your family at the church you choose to attend.
3. Post the pic to social media with hashtag #olhocprays
4. Not on social media? Not sure how to use the hashtag? Send pic and description to dre@olhoc.org and we'll post for you!