

September 15, 2019



Dear OLHOC Parishioners,

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS ONE IN CHRIST: 1980-2020! HAPPY BIRTHDAY OLHOC! Our September 15th birthday has arrived : 39 years ago, Cardinal Hickey established a new parish in Southern Maryland, Our Lady Help of Christians! This Saturday at 5 pm, we are completing our FIRST ever 40 hours of Adoration just as we are entering our 40th year, and our fifth decade-

A NEW BEGINNING IN THE JOY OF CHRIST! Let us continue to focus on our Mission:

*Bringing All to Christ
Sharing Christ with All
Being one in Christ!*

From our baptism, we are all called to EVANGELIZE! We are called to go out and bring people to Christ and to HIS CHURCH. At Church, we are called to share Christ in the EUCHARIST with all those who come to worship and are practicing Catholics in state of grace, i.e. having gone to CONFESSION for the forgiveness of major sins. Through the Eucharist, we truly become ONE IN CHRIST!

Throughout the next 12 months of celebrating our 40th Anniversary, let us ask for the continued protection and intercession of Mary, Help of Christians:

Mary, Help of Christians, You listen with a Mother's love to all who look for your guidance

I ask you to keep all those I love in your tender care.

Give me the strength to face up to life's difficulties

And protect me from all spiritual and bodily harm

Grant me an abundance of love so that I, too, may be a help to others,

Sharing with them in their time of need

And caring for them in their moments of distress. Amen

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us

*One in Christ,
Father Alain*



Our Lady Help of Christians 2019-2020 CCD Registration is open online: www.olhoc.org. **Please sign up quickly- classes are filling up fast.** We are also looking for teacher and teacher's aide volunteers. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to share your faith with our children.

CCD

- Sept. 22/23- 1st day of CCD classes
- Sept. 29- All Youth Night, 4 PM Youth Mass (No regular classes)
- Oct. 6/7- CCD classes

Outreach news

Our next Outreach meeting will be October 2, 2019 at 7p.m. In the Fr. Martin Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Our next Shepherd's Table will be October 17, 2019 at Good Shepherd Church.

Please be thinking about the upcoming OLHOC Annual Coat Drive. Starting Labor Day weekend we will be collecting new/gently used coats, hats, gloves, etc. for children and adults. A collection box will be outside the Fr. Martin Hall.

"Sharing Sunday" may be left in the designated box near the door to Fr. Martin Hall. All donations go to the Food Bank of Southern Maryland. Cereal and peanut butter and jelly are especially needed. Thank you!

Join Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in following the footsteps of Jesus Christ on a **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**
June 21- July 1, 2020 9 days/8 nights
Spiritual Director:
Father Alain Colliou

Information can be found in the Narthex, or email MAY@AMICABANTRAVEL.COM

Survivors of Abuse

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a retreat for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a men's retreat is October 11-13, 2019 and women's retreats are November 15-17, 2019 and April 3-5, 2020. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>. To register email mcdonald@adw.org or call Deborah McDonald at [301-853-4466](tel:301-853-4466).

St. Ignatius Church, Hilltop., MD is having its annual yard sale on Saturday, October 5, 2019- 7 am- 2 pm. There will be a bake sale table, raffle table, and numerous bargains and treasures. Breakfast and lunch items will be available at reasonable prices. [Directions: Take Port Tobacco Rd (Rt 6 West) from La Plata about 11+ miles. St. Ignatius Church is on the left at the top of the hill past Durham church Rd.]

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

Wednesday Scripture Study- The Friday night scripture study has been changed to Wednesdays. They will be begin at 7:30, following the 7 pm Mass

First Friday- The first Friday of each month the evening Mass is said in Latin. This Mass is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood.

First Saturday-Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

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

The POOR BOX is located in the Narthex between the doors. Please remember those less fortunate as you leave the church.



We are asked to pray for:

Sandra Barrientos
Dennis Hook
Ana Maria Delmira Sibrian Escobar
Nestor Ermelindo Molina
Doris Chesley
James Thompson
Rebecca (Tess) Franch
Vicky Welch
Naomi Lilly
Sterling Greene
Aleli Puzon
Patricia Delgado
Rosano Wheeler
Larry McGraw
Vivian Truxon
Kenny Lindsay
Pat Fisher
Christ Goldhammer

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
Sheny Padilla
Richard White
Mary Dooley
Victor Cordero
Georgiana Norgren

Marie Marie Bottorf
Joy Cooper
Johnné Webster
William Graham
Patricia Sutton
Trenia Price
Michael Sofield Jr.

and all our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

****Please pray for the soul of Catherine Francis Potter (1924-2019). A Memorial Mass will be on Saturday, October 26th, at 11 am.**

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



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, September 14, 9:00AM: Anthony Andrews
Saturday, September 14, 5:00 PM: Our Lady Help of Christians Parishioners
Sunday, September 15, 8:30 AM: Rupert Thomas (+)
Sunday, September 15, 10:00 AM: Ira Edwin McNally Jr (+)
Sunday, September 15, 11:30 AM: Hall/Hazel/Telfair Family
Sunday, September 15, 7:00 PM: Blanca Savala (+)
Monday, September 16, 9:00 AM: Noah Strawberry
Tuesday, September 17, 9:00 AM: Benedicto Lagman (+)
Wednesday, September 18, 9:00 AM: Jose & AnnaMarie Gonzales & family
Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 PM : Kenneth LeSesne (+)
Thursday, September 19, 9:00 AM: Anthony & Bertha Gorzym (+)
Friday, September 20, 9:00 AM: Mickey Stewart (+)

RCIA Invitation

The 2019-2020 RCIA class has begun! We meet on **Wednesdays** from 7:00-9:00 PM. Anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Church for the first time, wanting to complete their Sacraments of Initiation, or wishing to learn more about their Catholic faith are welcome to join us! Interested? This is the group for you! Please call the church office at (301-645-7112) or email Deacon Rich at: deacon@olhoc.org

The Pope's intention for September

The Protection of the Oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

www.usccb.org

Mass Readings for September 22, 2019.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***First Reading**

Amos 8:4-7

***Second Reading**

1 Timothy 2:1-8

***Gospel**

Luke 16:1-13

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Class times

Sundays
9:30am -11 am
11:15-12:45 pm
Mondays
5:30– 6:30 pm (Special Needs)
6:45– 8:15 Pm



CCD CATECHIST, AIDES & YOUTH CORE TEAM

Classes begin September 22, 2019

We are in need of adult volunteers to help our Religious Education program as catechist, aides and youth core team. Classes will start on Sunday September 22, 2019.

The most important qualities you must have are a love of God and children, and a desire to help our children experience the love of Christ. If you are interested, please give your name and contact information to our new CRE- Nereida Tellechea: CRE@olhoc.org, Marlen Coles –Youth Minister marlen@olhoc.org, or call the office. Must be VIRTUS compliant (see below). Please pray-fully consider teaching God’s children this year. We promise, you will get back more than you give. <https://www.olhoc.com/revolunteer> to sign up electronically.

“Train a boy in the way he should go: even when he is old, he will not swerve from it” Proverbs 22:6



Religious Education 2019-2020



4 Sessions (Register early for preferred session):

(Pre-k (4 years old) through 8th grade)

Sundays: 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Sundays: 11:15 am - 12:45 pm

Mondays: (Special Needs children/youth/adults) 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Mondays: 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm



Ensure ONLINE Lessons (from last year) are successfully completed.

Registration online: www.olhoc.org/ccd1920



VIRTUS

Anyone who works with children (CCD/children's faith formation, youth ministry, Confirmation Prep, altar servers, children's choir, and the food pantries) must be compliant with the Archdiocese of Washington VIRTUS program.

Everyone is required to:

- Take the VIRTUS class
- Sign up on www.virtus.org
- Be fingerprinted

The Archdiocese has recently updated their Child Protection policies and have re-instituted fingerprinting for all volunteers, meaning that all future **and current volunteers** (even if currently cleared under old non-fingerprinting policy) must be fingerprinted unless they have already done so **through Virtus**.

Please call the office to speak to Nereida Tellechea (301)645-7112