

October 6, 2019

CELEBRATING A CULTURE OF LIFE!

CELEBRATING A CULTURE OF LIFE. As the entire Catholic Church is committed to promoting a CULTURE OF LIFE, in a world where life is less and less respected (growing Culture of Death), Archbishop Gregory just sent out a letter to all his brother priests, which I want to share with all of you:

*"As you know, Catholics around the world celebrate Respect Life Month during the month of October. This year, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops has chosen the theme **Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life** to guide our effort to promote the dignity of every person during Respect Life Month. This theme is especially fitting here in the Archdiocese of Washington where we face attacks on the sanctity of human person at various stages of life. Within the Archdiocese of Washington's bounds, abortion is legal through nine months of pregnancy. Three years ago, the District of Columbia legalized physician-assisted suicide, which targets the elderly and people with disabilities, and this year, we expect yet another attempt to legalize physician-assisted suicide in Maryland. The culture of death surrounds us, but Christ is our hope! I invite you to join me on **October 6 in celebrating Respect Life Sunday** at your parish...in proclaiming the dignity of all people from conception until natural death and praying that we may transform our culture into one that cherishes life at every stage...In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea' and it would obey you.'" I pray that we may have faith the size of the mustard seed and work together to protect the most vulnerable among us."*

On this Respect Life Sunday, as your pastor, I INVITE YOU TO STAND AND PRAY for the unborn, who are the most vulnerable in our society, by joining us together for National Life Chain from 1:45 pm – 3:30 pm. The Life Chain is a prayerful public witness standing in remembrance of the 61 million lives lost to

abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. We will STAND AND UNITE IN PRAYER FOR THE SACRIFICITY OF HUMAN LIFE from the moment of conception to natural death. We will meet in Mary's circle at 1:45 pm, we will then walk to the corner of St Charles Parkway and St Thomas Drive to stand and unite in prayer! Bring the entire family and feel free to bring a lawn chair for those that need it!

Married couples OPEN TO LIFE are the foundation of the Culture of Life. We invite you to pray for our young adults community, that they will abide by the sanctity of sacramental marriage if God is calling them to the vocation of married life: united for ever in selfless love, mutual respect, openness to life, and raising of children in the Catholic Faith.

Earlier this week, we were celebrating another wonderful dimension of Life: religious life. Five MCSTs Sisters renewed their vows in our parish on the Feast Day of St Therese of the Child Jesus. It was an event filled with Love, Joy and Peace. I will never forget the angelic voices of our children's choir, but also the angelic voices of the five sisters singing right after the renewal of their vows: "I LOVE THE LORD, He is filled with compassion. He turned to me on the day that I called ...I shall live my vows to You before Your people, I am Your servant. I LOVE THE LORD ..." A reminder that our Christian LIFE is all about LOVE: LOVE GOD, and LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR as JESUS LOVES YOU! The respect of life at all stages, from the unborn to the elderly, is founded on LOVE. We are invited to see in every human life the IMAGE OF GOD!

Let us all pray together for the respect of the sanctity of life. May the Holy Spirit help each one of us to promote a Culture of Life!

One in Christ,
Father Alain



CCD Class Schedule

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

Oct. 6/7- CCD classes

Oct. 13/14- CCD classes

The Big Picture

In his 2010 message for the celebration of the World Day of Peace, Pope Benedict XVI put our environmental obligations into proper perspective. He wrote:

Can we remain indifferent before the problems associated with such realities as climate change, desertification, the deterioration and loss of productivity in vast agricultural areas, the pollution of rivers and aquifers, the loss of biodiversity, the increase of natural catastrophes and the deforestation of equatorial and tropical regions? Can we disregard the growing phenomenon of "environmental refugees," people who are forced by the degradation of their natural habitat to forsake it- and often their possessions as well- in order to face the dangers and uncertainties of forced displacement? Can we remain impassive in the face of actual and potential conflicts involving access to natural resources? All these are issues with a profound impact on the exercise of human rights, such as the right to life, food, health and development.

Sparks, C. (2019). *The Big Picture. Marian Helper. Fall2019*

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).

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

Our Lady of the Rosary and Intercultural Unity

Sunday, October 13 at OLHOC with
Bishop Dorsonville

5 pm: Rosary

5:30- 6 pm: Procession

7:00 pm: Bilingual Mass

8:00 pm: Consecration of the parish to Our Lady

Light refreshments to follow, all are welcome

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

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.
Norm Green
Mary A. Dyson
Jim Lavish
and all our military and civilians serving in
harm's way.

*Please pray for the soul of Jose Carrillo

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



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, October 5, 9:00AM: Abigail & Charles Strawberry
Saturday, October 5, 5:00 PM: Regina Dubicki
Sunday, October 6, 8:30 AM: Helen Bossong
Sunday, October 6 10:00 AM: Philippe & Joann Theriault
Sunday, October 6, 11:30 AM: Naomi Lily
Sunday, October 6, 1:00 PM: Our Lady Help of Christians parishioners
Sunday, October 6, 7:00 PM: Jose Carrillo (+)
Monday, October 7, 9:00 AM: Daniel Andrews
Tuesday, October 8, 9:00 AM: Fr. John Clark (+)
Wednesday, October 9, 9:00 AM: Fr. Thomas Crowley (+)
Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 PM : Carl Huber (+)
Thursday, October 10, 9:00 AM: Jim Lavish
Friday, October 11, 9:00 AM: Nathaniel Leverett (+)

Will you Stand and Pray? Today, on Respect Life Sunday (October 6th), join us for the National Life Chain from 1:45 pm – 3:30 pm. The Life Chain is a prayerful public witness standing in remembrance of the 61 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. We will stand and unite in prayer for the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Please meet in Mary's circle at 1:45 pm, we will then walk to the corner of St Charles Parkway and St Thomas Dr to stand and unite in prayer! Bring the entire family and feel free to bring a lawn chair for those that need it!

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.

Mass Readings for October 13, 2019.
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



***First Reading**
2 Kings 5:14-17
***Second Reading**
2 Timothy 2:8-13
***Gospel**
Luke 17:11-19



Upcoming Youth Events:

Youth Ministry: Questions, please contact Marlen marlen@olhoc.org

Life Teen: high school youth ministry (meets most Sundays 5-6:30 pm, check website for dates)

Edge: middle school youth ministry (meets monthly for All Youth Night)

FIAT: Faith in Action Team elementary school ministry (meets monthly for All Youth Night)

All Youth Night - Sunday, October 27th

Join us for 4 pm Mass followed by pizza, faith, fellowship & fun for children in Elementary (FIAT), youth in Middle School (EDGE) & youth in High School (Life Teen) from 5-6:30 pm. Bring some friends, ALL are welcome!

Save the Dates for the other All Youth Night for this year:

November 24, January 26, February 16, March 15, April 19 and May 24 (special time Mass 11:30 am with Archbishop Gregory).

Time to Request Spots for Camp Covecrest - August 2-8, 2020 in Tiger, Georgia

Its that time to plan ahead for next summer's 2020 Life Teen Camp. Camp Covecrest, located in the North Georgia Mountains, is 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, to request a spot or watch a video visit www.olhoc.org/camp Questions, please contact Marlen Coles marlen@olhoc.org

Quo Vadis Come and See Retreat

Young men in grades 11 and 12 and between the ages of 15 and 17, who are interested in learning more about priesthood and seminary, are invited to Saint John Paul II Seminary Friday, November 8 – Sunday, November 10, 2019, to experience seminary life firsthand. This is an opportunity to meet and talk to our seminarians, pray with them, listen to great talks, and enjoy time for sports and recreation. Please encourage high school juniors and seniors to consider attending this great weekend event. Please visit www.DCpriest.org and select "Events" to register. Please call the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or email Fr. Mark Ivany at vocations@adw.org with any questions.

Our Youth Support Team 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 (hospitality, chaperones, fundraisers, prayer team..) or joining the core team and work directly with the youth. Together we can help lead our youth closer to Christ! For more information please visit the website or talk to Marlen Coles.

Healing Mass with Father Martin Scott

October 13th following
the 11:30 am Mass at
OLHOC, followed by
individual healing.



All are welcome!

Come join the Catholic Faith Explorers as we delve into the Ascension Press Course-

Romans, The Gospel of Salvation. This course provides an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Paul's intriguing letter to the Romans- salvation!

When: Sundays, 6 Oct - 24 Nov at 9:30 am

Where: St. Mother Teresa Room

Questions: Contact Mike and Diane Spurgeon at ababe1@verizon.net