

November 3, 2019

TOLTON: FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST

"*TOLTON: FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST*", the powerful live production performed by actor Jim Coleman and directed by well-known Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented in our own Father Martin Hall at 6:30 pm THIS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3 . Some of you thought this was going to be another movie. NO! It is going to be a LIVE PERFORMANCE. When was last time you went to a theater to see a live play? This time you do not have to go all the way to the Kennedy Center downtown, the performers are coming to us at OLHOC!!! And it is FREE!

I invite all of you to come and meet Fr. Augustus TOLTON, the first African American priest, in this one-man multi-media performance. From his dramatic escape from slavery to his courageous struggle in the face of prejudice, Fr. TOLTON's inspiring life centers around his message of reconciliation and hope. This riveting drama is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 75 minutes, and is suitable for AGES 10 AND UP. We hope that many of our teenagers and youth will also be able to attend. Bring your entire family or friends. Admission will be a free will offering. For additional information, contact our office (301-645-7112) or visit www.olhoc.org/tolton

As part of our celebrating our 40 years, we are delighted to have this amazing live performance in our parish. Traditionally, November is the Month of Black Catholic History. As you know, in addition to "meeting Fr. TOLTON in early November", we will also have the opportunity to celebrate with Bishop Roy Campbell our Black Catholic Heritage on Sunday November 17 (11:30 am Mass followed by reception and historical presentation of several Black Saints).

In the last three weeks, I have learned much about Fr. TOLTON. I just finished reading two books about him: "From Slave to Priest" by Sr. Caroline Hemesath, O.S.F., published in 1973 and "Father Augustus TOLTON", by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers just published last year (2018). What has impressed me personally is the direct connections I could see between Fr. TOLTON and Fr. MARTIN. They served as parish pastors in the United States at about the same time: Fr. TOLTON from 1886 (his year of ordination in Rome) through 1897 (when he

died at the young age of 43), Fr. MARTIN from 1894 through 1923 (died at age 77). As contemporaries in parishes dealing essentially with African Americans, they faced many similar challenges of evangelization. These challenges are the same ones we face today in Waldorf, where the African American population has grown rapidly in the last 20 years or so.

Another connection between those two priests, is their heroic virtue of "Zeal for Souls". In the case of Fr. TOLTON, that heroic virtue of being a tireless messenger of the Gospel, the Good News, has just been recognized by Pope Francis when he made him a Servant of God on June 12, 2019. As you know, we initiated last July the process of canonization of Father Martin last July and we hope that in the not too distant future, he can be also declared a Servant of God.

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers in his book "Father Augustus TOLTON", reminds us that " Fr. TOLTON understood that God is active in the Scriptures and that, especially in the Mass. HE wants to feed and nourish us with HIS WORD...There is no doubt that the long-suffering TOLTON family relied on God's word to bring comfort in difficult times and that the PSALMS served as a source of HOPE and CONSOLATION ." All of us face challenges within our families or in the workplace or at school. Reflecting on the life of Fr. TOLTON , we too can find hope and consolation in the Psalms. With trust And confidence in the Lord, Let us pray together for FORGIVENESS and GUIDANCE from Psalm 25 (1-2,4-5, 17-18):

*"I wait for you, O LORD;
I lift up my soul to my GOD.
In YOU I TRUST.
Make known to me YOUR WAYS, LORD;
Teach me YOUR PATHS.
RELIEVE THE TROUBLES OF MY HEART;
Bring me out of my distress.
Put an end to my affliction and suffering;
Take away all my sins."*

One in Christ,
Father Alain

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



CCD Class Schedule

Nov. 3/4- CCD classes

Nov. 10/11- CCD classes

Nov. 17/18- NO CCD Classes

Nov. 24/25 Sacramental Prep & All Youth Night
(10 am- Communion prep, 2:30 pm Confirmation prep)

The 27th International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition, in collaboration with the Marian Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life and others are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from **November 2-10, 2019. The Opening International Day of Prayer** will be held on **Saturday November 2nd**, from **8:30am to 4:30pm** at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.** The day will include speakers, music, a Procession of the Nations, all-day Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at noon, and the four mysteries of the Rosary recited by representatives of African, Asian, North and South American, and European nations in their native language.

Community Outreach

Many thanks to all who donated to the Outreach Coat Drive, especially Anthony Argiro who year after year has done a wonderful job coordinating our efforts. Many will benefit from your generosity as cold weather sets in.

Starting this month the "OLHOC Holiday House" will be in the Narthex for monetary donations for our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.

Also starting this weekend a box will be in the office lobby to collect boxed food (I.e. mac& cheese ,stuffing, potato dishes, etc.) to accompany the Thanksgiving turkey or Christmas ham and grocery gift card.

Looking ahead, please consider volunteering to deliver a basket or two on November 24th after the 10a.m. Mass. The next Shepherd's Table will be on December 19, 2019 at Good Shepherd Church.

The next Outreach meeting will be on November 6 at 7 p.m. In the Fr. Martin Hall. We will be planning "Safe Night" meals and the Thanksgiving baskets. All are welcome!

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

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

MINISTRY FAIR!!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

In the **FATHER MARTIN HALL**

Do you have a gift you would like to share, but are not sure where you fit in? Various ministries within the parish will have representatives available to explain to you what their mission is, and how you might be just what they are missing!

COATS FOR KIDS

On Saturday, November 9, from 9 am-12noon, the Knights of Columbus will be giving away Coats for Kids at Our Lady Help of Christians office lobby. Coats for school age children will be available, sizes for kindergarten through high school.

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
Tabitha Barton
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
Dorian Webster
Dionne Gause
Patricia Sutton
Trenia Price
Michael Sofield Jr.
Norm Green
Mary A. Dyson
Jim Lavish
The Dixons
Louise Green
David DeMarr
Brandon Mack
Derrick Webster
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, November 2, 9:00AM: Yva David (+)
Saturday, November 2, 5:00 PM: Tonye Tonye (+)
Sunday, November 3, 8:30 AM: Michael Sofield Jr.
Sunday, November 3, 10:00 AM: Our Lady Help of Christians Parishioners
Sunday, November 3, 11:30 AM: Danaé Glover
Sunday, November 3, 1 PM: Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, November 3, 7:00 PM: Eutalia Villanueva
Monday, November 4, 9:00 AM: Don & Shahla King
Tuesday, November 5, 9:00 AM: Dimand Harper
Wednesday, November 6, 9:00 AM: The King Family
Wednesday, November 6, 7:00 PM : Nehemiah Strawberry
Thursday, November 7, 9:00 AM: Jaime Herman Trochez
Friday, November 8, 9:00 AM: Chacon Family Souls in Purgatory

November 17th Black Catholic Month Celebration

Our Lady Help of Christians is celebrating it's 3rd Semi- Annual Black Catholic Month Celebration. Mass will be held on **November 17, 2019** at 11:30 am we are equally thrilled that Bishop Roy Campbell Jr. of the Archdiocese of Washington will be the main celebrant. Fellowship will follow in the Father Martin Hall . Please contact Jai Sutton to help coordinate with event.

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 November 10, 2019.

32nd. Sunday in Ordinary Time

*First Reading

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,
9-14

*Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

*Gospel

Luke 20:27-38



Upcoming Youth Events:

YOUTH NEWS:

Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation Year 1 & Year 2 - Sunday, November 24th from 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm. This is the parish sacramental preparation for Confirmation for students(who are in catholic school, public school or homeschooled), parent(s), and mentors, (sponsors are always welcome). This includes the 4 pm Mass followed by dinner and All Youth Night activities. Questions, visit www.olhoc.com/faq or contact Marlen Coles marlen@olhoc.org

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

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)

ADW Middle School Rally at St Mary of the Mills in Laurel – Sat. November 16th

Invite your friends and join other youth in 6th-8th grade from around the Archdiocese for a day of fellowship, faith, music and worship! Bishop Dorsonville will be celebrating the closing Vigil Mass. Youth in Confirmation Year 1 & 2, please also sign up online because this is your Fall Retreat. For more information and to register please visit www.olhoc.org/rally19

Next All Youth Night - Sunday, November 24th

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!

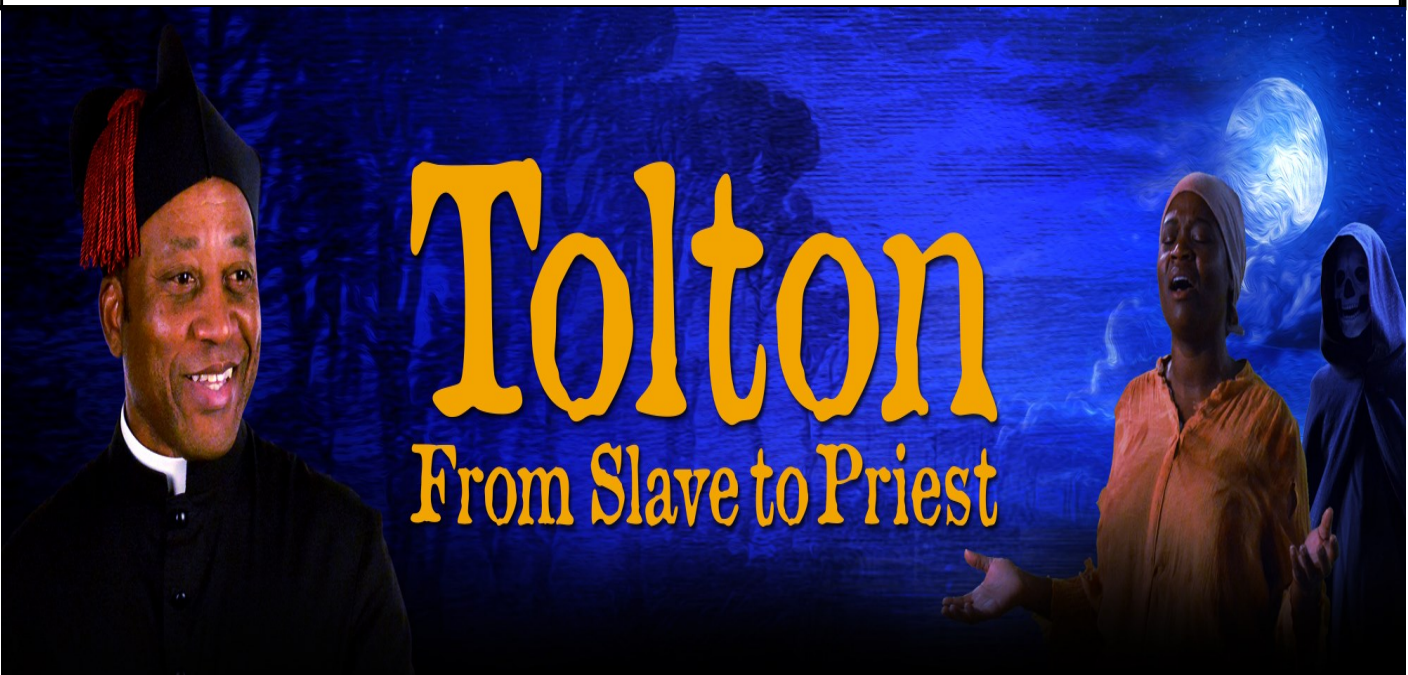
Quo Vadis Come and See Retreat

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.

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November 3rd at 6:30 PM, St. Luke Productions Our Lady Help of Christians Church.
will present a live 90 minute production of the story Admission is free, good will offerings are accepted
of Father Augustus Tolton at