

November 10, 2019

## UNITY IN DIVERSITY: ONE IN CHRIST

Looking back on our 40 years of parish history, we can say that while we have become more and more DIVERSE, we have remained UNITED: ONE IN CHRIST! Like many of you, who came last Sunday to watch the play TOLTON (the Father Martin Hall was packed with over 200 participants), I was reminded that the challenges of diversity can be overcome and that we can remain united ONE IN CHRIST. These are the own words of Father TOLTON. We use these very words of unity at OLHOC. Our own motto includes "BEING ONE IN CHRIST". I end every letter with those three words: ONE IN CHRIST. These are not just words. They do have a deep meaning. We are truly united in Christ through the EUCHARIST! We are united because all of us are brothers and sisters, having the SAME FATHER IN HEAVEN: GOD!

In his book of reflections on Father Augustus TOLTON, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers writes about "THE CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE": "*Fr. TOLTON never wavered from the Church, despite enduring the cross of a lifetime of racial animosity ... He was able to discern that what the Catholic Church teaches is TRUE, good and beautiful despite the hypocrisy and contradiction of Church members who do not LIVE the FAITH they profess. Fr. TOLTON always acknowledged the GREAT GIFT of his CATHOLIC FAITH, and recognized that sin and weakness are not greater or more powerful than the strength of objective truth found in Catholicism. Fr. TOLTON was a visionary who saw far beyond issues of race and politics, looking inward into the heart of the Church Herself... May we come to a deeper understanding that the distinct charisms and rich cultural heritage of Catholics throughout the world are rooted in a covenant relationship with God- a relationship that transcends all races and colors. IT IS CHRIST WHO BINDS US TOGETHER AND MAKES US ONE IN HIM.*"

In her book "From Slave to Priest- The inspirational Story of Father Augustine TOLTON (1854-1897)", Sister Caroline Hemesath, O.S.F., quotes Fr. TOLTON: "*The Catholic Church*

*deplores a double slavery, that of the mind and that of the body. I was a poor slave boy, but the priests of the Church did not disdain me. It was through the influence of one of them that I became what I am... It was the priests of the Church who taught me to PRAY AND FORGIVE my persecutors ... The Church which knows and makes no distinction in race and color calls us all... In this Church we do not have to fight for our rights because we are black...The Church is broad and generous. SHE IS THE CHURCH FOR OUR PEOPLE."*

We were blessed to have this amazing live performance of Fr. TOLTON in our own Fr. MARTIN Hall. We took pictures of Fr. TOLTON in front of the painting of Fr. Martin. Both served as parish pastors in predominantly African-American churches at about the same time. Fr. TOLTON was recognized by Pope Francis as a Servant of God last June, and we initiated the process of canonization of Fr. Martin last July. Fr. Martin keeps smiling upon us from heaven...

Last Sunday was a wonderful beginning of our traditional celebration of November as the Month of BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY. This celebration will continue NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17 as we welcome BISHOP ROY CAMPBELL at our 11:30 am Mass followed by reception and historical presentation of several Black Saints in our Father Martin Hall. YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING A FRIEND. Let us keep celebrating together our UNITY IN DIVERSITY!

LET US PRAY:

*Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the richness of the diverse cultures of our parishioners at OLHOC. May you continue to bless our Unity in Diversity, and may the lives of Fr. TOLTON and Fr. MARTIN inspire all of us in our efforts of evangelization to reach out to everyone and welcome everyone in our parish. May we be one with the Eucharist!*

One in Christ,  
Fr. Alain

## 32nd. Sunday in Ordinary Time



### CCD Class Schedule

**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)

**Dec. 1/2-** NO CCD Classes



**In observance of Veteran's Day,  
The office will be closed  
Monday, November 11,**

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### **Community Outreach**

The OLHOC Holiday House is now in the Narthex for monetary donations to our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.

Also on display are the "food bags" we hope to fill for those in need in our community. Thank you all in advance for your generosity and kindness!

Also there is a box 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 cards.

Looking ahead, please consider volunteering to deliver a food bag or two on November 24th after the 10 a.m. Mass. Thank you!

The next Shepherd's Table will be on Dec. 19, 2019. At Good Samaritan Church.

Our next Outreach meeting will be Dec. 4, 2019 in the Fr. Martin Hall at 7 p.m. 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](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org) or call Deborah McDonald at [301-853-4466](tel:301-853-4466).

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## **MINISTRY FAIR**

After all Masses this weekend, representatives of our various parish ministries will be on hand to ask you to join them in their mission. Which one is God calling you to be part of?

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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](mailto:MAY@AMICABANTRAVEL.COM)

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*Join Father Alain, Father Ben,  
and your fellow parishioners*



**TAKE  
THE  
NEXT  
STEP**

**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  
Derrick Webster  
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  
Amelia Vinceguerra  
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 9, 9:00AM: Muñoz family souls in Purgatory  
Saturday, November 9, 5:00 PM: Don & Shula King  
Sunday, November 10, 8:30 AM: Harper Family  
Sunday, November 10, 10:00 AM: Regina Yates  
Sunday, November 10, 11:30 AM: Our Lady Help of Christians parishioners  
Sunday, November 10, 1 PM: Irene Onianwah (+)  
Sunday, November 10, 7:00 PM: Manuel Lam  
Monday, November 11, 9:00 AM: Cielo Quintero, Fanny Bustamante, Ana Ruth Velasco  
Tuesday, November 12, 9:00 AM: Amelia Vinceguerra  
Wednesday, November 13, 9:00 AM: Etammene Family (+)  
Wednesday, November 13, 7:00 PM : Jim Lavish  
Thursday, November 14, 9:00 AM: Elira Andrews (+)  
Friday, November 15, 9:00 AM: John Henehan

*“Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family.”*

**St. Gertrude Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory**

**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 17, 2019.**

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**\*First Reading**

**Malachi 3:19-20a**

**\*Second Reading**

**2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

**\*Gospel**

**Luke 21:5-19**



## Upcoming Youth Events:



### College Care Package:

The College Care Package Program is an effort to keep our parish college students connected to our church and community while they are away. If you would like to order a package sent to your son/daughter, please fill out the order form available online at [www.olhoc.org/college](http://www.olhoc.org/college) or pick up a form from the church office. The due date for submission is Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. For more info contact Marlen Coles at [marlen@olhoc.org](mailto:marlen@olhoc.org)

**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](http://www.olhoc.com/faq) or contact Marlen Coles [marlen@olhoc.org](mailto:marlen@olhoc.org)

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

**Youth Ministry: Questions, please contact Marlen** [marlen@olhoc.org](mailto: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)

For more info and an updated list of our events please visit [www.olhoc.org/yevents](http://www.olhoc.org/yevents)

### 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](http://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!

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

For more details and a video on this transformative week of fun, activities, time with friends, prayer and growing in your faith visit [www.olhoc.org/camp2020](http://www.olhoc.org/camp2020) Questions, please contact Marlen Coles [marlen@olhoc.org](mailto:marlen@olhoc.org)

**To Join Our Youth Core & Support Team,** please visit our website or talk to Marlen Coles. Together we can help lead our youth closer to Christ!

## Celebrate Black Catholic History Month



**November 17th  
Mass 11:30 am**



celebrated by  
**Bishop Campbell**  
Followed by  
reception,  
presentation &  
entertainment.



**If you would like to assist and be part of the committee,  
talk to Jai Sutton.**