

October 18, 2020

THANKING GOD FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to express all my appreciation for your generous support to the Capital Campaign, which has now been completed successfully. To paraphrase St Paul (this weekend's first Letter to the Thessalonians 1:1-3) "I give thanks to God for the generosity of all of you, remembering you in my prayers".

When we launched the Capital Campaign four years ago, we wrote to all of you: *"The top priority is to renovate the Sanctuary and Narthex; the current 400 chairs (380 to be exact) and the carpet in Sanctuary need to be replaced; with a new configuration, we will be able to provide a seating capacity of about 450. A second priority is to provide additional space for multi-purpose classrooms, meeting rooms and storage. A third priority is to evangelize by making the outdoor space in front of our church more prayerful: we plan to have a small Perpetual Adoration Chapel and we will have a beautification project and a new, larger steeple for our church. For this capital campaign to be successful, we will need broad support to raise the estimated investment cost of \$1 million. Our parish has a history of rising to the occasion. As your pastor for the last five years, it is my firm belief that we will do so once again! In the first 35 years of our existence as a parish (1980-2015), we have been able to raise a total about \$ 3 million. While everyone's situation is different, the campaign goal is 100 percent participation. I leave the amount you can give to your prayerful consideration."*

Over the three-year campaign, you provided close to \$ 750,000 which helped fund all the expenses for our three phases. We accomplished all the original objectives while keeping new construction within the building footprint:

Phase 1 was the renovation of our Nave including the proposed increased capacity to close to 450 (437 to be exact), including new oak wood pews and new ceramic tiles in the Nave. We also added new entry glass doors, new ceiling light and a large closet in the Narthex.

Phase 2 was the renovation of the Father Martin

Hall providing folding partitions which have enabled us to have three separate rooms giving us more flexibility as classrooms or meeting rooms. This also included two large storage closets, three large screen televisions, new ceiling tiles and major HVAC and electrical work.

Phase 3 focused on the Narthex renovation. It included an Adoration Chapel, a multipurpose room serving as a Confessional, new floor ceramic tile, new entry door set and major HVAC and electrical work. As originally planned, we added a tall steeple, which is also lit at night. In addition, we were able to add ceramic tile and a wood sanctuary floor in our existing Chapel (traditionally used for daily Mass).

Again, all the above was made possible by your generous donations. Whether your contribution was small or large, we appreciated your generosity and sacrificial effort in participating in such a great number of donors. As you know, I do not like to talk about asking for money. Money is essential for all our daily lives. What is wrong is love of money. Jesus reminds us in this week-end's Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21) that everything belongs to God. Our lives are totally dependent on God. Everything we have comes from the generosity of God. The Judeo-Christian tradition has been to "tithe", giving back to God one-tenth of our income. As Mother Teresa always said: " God will provide".

As we have just celebrated our 40th anniversary as a parish, we recognize our building is over thirty years old. We can expect to have some large expenses such as HVAC units and roof repair in the not too distant future, and we need to set aside resources in our Building Maintenance Fund. As our capital campaign is now completed, we invite you to consider providing additional donations to our Building Maintenance Fund.

May God keep blessing all of you and your entire families.

*One in Christ,
Father Alain*



Religious Education News

Religious Education has begun on line! If you have not yet enrolled your child, please go to <https://olhoc.com/re> to enroll your child in online learning.

For more information, please contact Nereida Tellechea at cre@olhoc.org

~Pre-school News~

Our pre-school resumed classes on Wednesday, September 9th. Following COVID19 guidelines, we currently have one classroom of 3-4 year olds who are all very happy to be back in school with other 3-4 year olds. We hope to be able to add another class in January, 2021.

OLLC gives preschoolers a beginning in their Catholic education. Many families need financial assistance to attend our pre-school. If you are in a position to donate, please make your check payable to Our Lady's Little Christians Preschool, or for online instructions, send an email to preschool@olhoc.org

On behalf of the entire parish, Father Alain offered our condolences to Sarah Dixon, wife of Ralph Dixon, who died last Sunday. He was a parishioner here since OLHOC began. He and his wife Sara recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Viewing is here at OLHOC from 10:30 am until noon Tuesday, October 20. The funeral Mass will follow at noon. Because of space limitation, please call the office if you would like to attend the Mass

Community Outreach

The "Holiday House" remains in the Narthex for monetary donations to our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. We also are collecting food for these baskets- stuffing, gravy, boxed potatoes, canned corn and green beans, yams and cranberry sauce. Thank you, in advance, to all OLHOC parishioners who have always been so generous!

Our annual coat drive is underway. Gently used coats, hats, gloves etc. can be left in a box found in Fr. Martin Hall. Thank you!

CA/RCIA

Interested in joining and learning about the Catholic Church for the first time? Want to complete a Sacrament (Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation)? Classes meet on Wednesday, from 7 pm –9 pm. You may chose to come to the Father Martin Hall or virtually via Zoom. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Deacon Rich at deacon@olhoc.org or Diane and Mike Spurgeon at RCIA.olhoc@gmail.com

We hope you will join us!

The 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..), confirmation mentors, 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 www.olhoc.org/

“Into the Breach”

OLHOC and the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a six-week journey on the video series “Into the Breach.” This video series looks to answer the questions of in today’s world, what it means to be a man and how to live as a man.

The journey began Thursday, October 15 at 7 pm. Participants can join in person in the Father Martin Hall, or by Zoom. It’s not too late, you are still able to attend.

This series is geared towards Catholic men, but families may also join. For more information, please call the office for more information.



"TO RECOGNIZE THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF THOSE WITH WHOM I DISAGREE, TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT, AND RISE ABOVE ATTACKS WHEN DIRECTED AT ME."

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We are asked to pray for:

Julissa Bariantos
 Brandon Mack
 Ana Maria Delmira Sibrian Escobar
 Nestor Ermelindo Molina
 James Thompson
 Rebecca (Tess) Franch
 Joseph Albrittitan
 Sid and Suszanna Marcus
 Aleli Puzon
 Patricia Delgado
 Ann Marie Hobart
 Larry McGraw
 Ilene Custer
 Derrick Webster
 Julie Davis
 David DeMarr
 Dunnie Proctor
 Amelia Vinceguerra
 Lorraine Celijewski
 Lorrin Green

Tabitha Barton
 Maria Townsend
 Chrystal Beauregard
 Sheryl Carter
 Alex Leon
 Sharketer Butler
 Steven Bowling
 Edna Yarngo
 Kathy Grimes
 Sheny Padilla
 Richard White
 Victor Cordero
 Georgiana Norgren
 Marie Marie Bottorf
 Dorian Webster
 Dionne Gause
 Billy Dexter
 Trena Price
 Josephina Knapp
 Norm Green

The Dixons
 Grace Albrittain
 Elaine Moses
 Yvonne Buford
 Karen Zimmerman
 Steve Wyloge
 Terri Elizabeth McAllister Burnette
 Joanne Johnson
 Gloria Snyder
 John Hoza
 Mike Spurgeon
 Mary A. Dyson

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

Please pray for the soul of Ralph Dixon



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, October 17, 9:00AM: Rose Hutton (+)
 Saturday, October 17, 5:00 PM: Ft. Wash. Family Rosary Group
 Sunday, October 18, 8:30 AM: Aayden Gonzales
 Sunday, October 18, 10:00 AM: Wilbur Etbauer (+)
 Sunday, October 18, 11:30 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
 Sunday, October 18, 7:00 PM: Father Alain
 Monday, October 19, 9:00 AM: Dorothy Dako
 Tuesday, October 20, 9:00 AM: Veronica Martinez (+)
 Wednesday, October 21, 9:00 AM: Francis Dako
 Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 PM: Toney-Toney (+)
 Thursday, October 22, 9:00 AM: Holy Souls
 Friday, October 23, 9:00 AM: Andrew Dako

Mass intentions

If you would like to have a Mass said in 2021, the calendar is open in the office. Sign up for the Mass you would like so as to assure the date you want is available. Suggested stipend is \$10

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

Friday Scripture Study- The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday- The first Friday of each month the evening Mass is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, devotion to the Alliance of the two Hearts.

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.

OLHOC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email to office@olhoc.org.

Mass Readings for October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***First Reading**

Exodus 22:20-26

***Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

***Gospel**

Matthew 22:34-40



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