

May 23, 2021: Pentecost Sunday

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

We have finally reached the end of the 50 days of the EASTER SEASON: PENTECOST, the fulfillment of Jesus' PROMISE that HE WILL NEVER LEAVE US ALONE. HE WILL SEND US THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH. Like the Apostles, we can all be FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. We may not see "*tongues of fire*", we may not be able to speak in tongues, but like the Apostles, we can be TOTALLY TRANSFORMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. We just have to OPEN OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT and pray those three most powerful words: COME HOLY SPIRIT!

In the last few weeks, more and more people have returned to celebrate with us the EUCHARIST at OLHOC. Many have shared their JOY: "*I AM GLAD TO BE BACK. This is my church. This is my home. This is my community. Here I can feel the presence of the HOLY SPIRIT. What a JOY to be back and to be able TO RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST!*" Praise the Lord! Let us sing together the beautiful Sequence of Pentecost:

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!
Holy Spirit, God of LIGHT,
FILL US with your radiance bright;
Gentle father of the poor,
Make us by your help, secure;
COME! Your boundless GRACE impart,
BRING YOUR LOVE TO EVERY HEART!
LORD OF CONSOLATION, COME,
Warm us when our hearts are numb,
Great consoler, COME and HEAL,
To our souls your strength reveal;
Cool, refreshing, comfort pour,
And OUR PEACE OF MIND RESTORE...
GIVE US JOYS THAT NEVER END. AMEN.
ALLELUIA!!!

LOVE, JOY, and PEACE: these are the first three FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, the three most important ones. As many of us have prayed a NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT since last Friday, may our Heavenly Father grant us our petitions as we celebrate the SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST. May we receive the Holy Spirit and be transformed! May not only Love, Joy, and Peace fill our hearts, but also the other six

FRUITS of the Holy Spirit: PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL as listed by St Paul in his letter to the Galatians (5:22-23). All nine Fruits proceed from the Holy Spirit and should not be confused with the seven GIFTS of the Holy Spirit, which we have received at our Confirmation: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, fear of the Lord, and piety. In some ways, we could say that the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit are the result of our putting to good use one or several of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Whether you have been confirmed 70 years ago (like me) or last month (like our latest 34 Confirmandi at OLHOC) we all have direct access to each of the gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT. Are we making use of those gifts? Or are they staying unused?

Let us pray together:

*Come Holy Spirit
Beloved of my soul
I adore You.
Enlighten me, guide me,
Strengthen me and console me.
Tell me what I must do.
Inspire me with what I must say,
Give me your orders.
I promise to submit myself to You
In all that You ask of me
And to accept all
That You permit
To happen to me.
Let me only
Know your will,
And do your will.
Amen*

May you and your entire families have a most blessed PENTECOST FILLED WITH THE LOVE, JOY AND PEACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

One in Christ,
Fr. Alain





COME
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS
OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.

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Now accepting applications for Our Lady's Little Christians 2021/2022 school year.

We are now accepting applications for children ages 3-5. Openings are available for both AM classes, and full day. For more information, please contact Nieda Tice preschool@olhoc.org

The Case for Jesus

How do we **know** we can trust the Gospels? Who **really** wrote them and when?

Could they be fabricated fables or are they authentic truth? Who does Jesus profess to be?

To find out, come join The Catholic Faith Explorers in our next study - **The Case for Jesus**. Dr. Brant Petri draws evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of His divinity.

Class Dates/Time: 11 Apr - 6 Jun, Sundays at 8:00 am

Via Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94165603422?pwd=dlg2TjVoQldwOXhKRFJrQigkQWc5QT09>

Community Outreach

"Sharing Sunday" continues for the collection of non-perishable foods for the Food Bank and Family Shelter. The need is as great as ever for families in Waldorf!

Your donations can be left in the Fr. Martin Hall all week long.

Thank you OLHOC for all your support!

The next Outreach meeting is June 2, 2021 At 7 p m on Zoom. The next Shepherd's table is June 17, 2021



Are you a lost sheep?

Flocknotes is an online tool we use to communicate with our parishioners. You can read Father Alain's weekly column, find out Mass times, or any current events happening in our parish. The information is always up-to-date.

Flocknotes comes directly to your email inbox by Friday. Never miss any more news at OLHOC!

Sign up on our webpage (just look for the lamb) www.olhoc.com or call the office and someone will assist you to get the latest information.



Attention High School & College Graduate Class of 2021: Please save the date and join us on Sunday, June 6th at the 11:30 am Mass for a special blessing for the 2021 graduates. We will also have special virtual gatherings for high school seniors with special topics and guest speakers. Please sign up online www.olhoc.org/graduate so we can plan better. If you have any questions contact Marlen marlen@olhoc.org

Volunteer for Youth Core Team

If you are interested in joining our team and assist with the Youth Core team, be a Confirmation Mentor, or learn more about ways to volunteer with the youth, please visit www.olhoc.org/yteam or talk to Marlen Coles marlen@olhoc.org

***We are asked to pray for:**

Brandon Mack
Nestor Ermelindo Molina
James Thompson
Rebecca (Tess) Franch
Joseph Albrittian
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
Cren Wolden
Tabitha Barton
Maria Townsend

Sheryl Carter
Alex Leon
Sharketer Butler
Steven Bowling
Edna Yarngo
Kathly Grimes
Sheny Padilla
David Mesler
Victor Cordero
Georgiana Norgren
Marie Bottorf
Dorian Webster
Dionne Gause
Billy Dexter
Trenia Price
Erick M. Knapp
Norm Green
Sarah Dixon
Grace Albrittian
Elaine Moses

Yvonne Buford
Karen Zimmerman
Steve Wyloge
Terri Elizabeth McAllister Burnette
Joanne Johnson
Mike Spurgeon
Mary A. Dyson
Kevin Viel Sr.
Ligia Lam
David Stanley
Jim McMahon
Drew Shuda
Wilma Cruz
Fr. Eamon Dignan
Dr. Michael St. Thomas
and all our military and civilians serving in
harm's way.

** Names will be removed after 3 months unless
you notify the office*



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, May 22,
9:00AM: Asai Williams
5:00 PM: Marci Murphy

Sunday, May 23,
12:00 AM: Felix & Arit
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8:30 AM: Maria Barrows
10:00 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
11:30 AM: Dick White (+)
7:00 PM: Father Alain

Monday, May 24,
7:00 AM: Allison Smith(+)
9:00 AM: Jacqueline Etamane (+)

Tuesday, May 25,
9:00 AM: Elizabeth Thompson

Wednesday, May 26,
9:00 AM: Father Ben
7:00 PM: Rolande Etamane (+)

Thursday, May 27,
9:00 AM: Deacon Rich
Friday, May 28,
7:00 AM: Deacon Bill
9:00 AM: Addland Andrews

*Please remember to pray for the
Souls in Purgatory*

RCIA

Interested in joining and learning about the Catholic Church for the first time? Want to complete a Sacrament (Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation)? . For more information, please contact Deacon Rich at deacon@olhoc.org or Diane and Mike Spurgeon at RCIA.olhoc@gmail.com



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 May 30, 2021

The Most Holy Trinity

***First Reading**

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

***Second Reading**

Romans 8:14-17

***Gospel**

Matthew 28:16-20

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33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph May 19- June 20

For those who did not have the opportunity, the total consecration to St. Joseph will begin again on May 19, ending on Father's Day, Sunday June 20. You can follow along on YouTube with Father Alain and Father Ben daily.

The daily prayers can be found here:

https://www.unleashthegospel.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/33-Days-of-Prayers-and-Daily-Challenge_ENGLISH.pdf

Holy Hour for Vocations Saturday June 5 at 10 AM

Why is prayer important for the work of vocations? Prayer is the support that brings to fruition the seed of the vocation within the men and women who offer their lives to serve Our Lord. It is through the power of prayer that those seeking the priesthood and the consecrated life are sustained and nurtured. It is through the grace of daily prayer that you will partake in the work of building the culture of vocations. You will be a prayerful participant in the priest's ordination.

Your 'little prayers' offered each day will make a great difference. In Mother Teresa's words, "like Jesus we belong to the world living not for ourselves but for others. The joy of the Lord is our strength." (ADW. 2021)

Please take one hour out of your day and come to church on Saturday June 5 at 10 am to pray for these men and women who are also praying for you.

Retired Flags and Religious articles

The Knights of Columbus, along with local Catholic Churches will retire worn flags and religious articles at the end of May at St. Josephs in Pomfret. There is a bin by the office door, if you have anything you need disposed of properly, please put it in that bin. We will collect items through May 23, 2021

HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Since last year, OLHOC cut back on many of the services we had paid for. Due to financial restraints, the lawn maintenance is all done by volunteers, we no longer have a staff person to help out with the facilities, and we cut back on our cleaning services to once a week.

Please do your part in helping to keep our church clean.

*****REMINDER*****

- Wash your hands before coming to Mass and sanitize when entering the church
- Wear a mask
- Watch your distance, at least a 6 ft distance from non family members
- We have a spray bottle and paper towels at the back of the Nave for parishioners who wish to wipe their seats before Mass. Please DO NOT bring your own alcohol wipes as that will damage our pew finish
- If you feel ill, stay home and watch Mass on www.olhoc.com at 10 am on Sundays