

August 8, 2021: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"EUCHARIST, PRIESTHOOD, UNITY"

"EUCHARIST, PRIESTHOOD, UNITY" are the three words that summarize the legacy of Father Narcisse Martin (1845-1923), who spent the last 29 years of his life as PASTOR evangelizing and serving the entire area of Waldorf (St Peter) and Brandywine (St Michael and St Dominic). This large territory included the one now covered by our own parish OLHOC, which was established in 1980, 57 years later (territory served earlier by St Peter).

Before coming to Waldorf, and for over 16 years, Father Martin was SEMINARY PROFESSOR at three Sulpician Seminaries: Rodez, France; Montreal, Canada, and Baltimore, Maryland. He was known in his time for having written an extensive TREATISE ON THE EUCHARIST updating the approach developed by one of the giants of the Doctors of the Catholic Church, St Thomas Aquinas 600 years earlier. Undoubtedly two of Fr. Martin's legacies were (i) innovative teaching on the EUCHARIST and (ii) the formation of PRIESTS in three different countries.

While his heroic virtue (the basis for initiating the process of his canonization) was HIS ZEAL FOR EVANGELIZATION, he demonstrated a unique ability to reach out to a very diverse population, including recent immigrants from Germany, Austria, and France (German-speaking Alsace-Lorraine), native Americans, and African Americans. This can be considered his third main legacy: intercultural UNITY.

This week, I just celebrated the First Thursday Mass of the month on August 5th at 7:30 am at the SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMARD Chapel (Body of Christ Farm) as I have been doing every First Thursday since Fr. Robert Pittman, the founder, had a stroke and is now in residence at the retirement home of his religious order in Ohio: the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, established by Fr. Peter Julian EYMARD in France in 1856 (Feast Day last Monday, August 2nd).

This year, the First Thursday of August falls on August 5th, the Dedication of the first Marian Church (now called Basilica St Mary Major) established in Rome in the fifth century, just one day after the Feast of SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, the Patron Saint of all Priests, August 4, and one day before the Feast of the TRANSFIGURATION, August 6. These two dates are milestones in the last days of Fr. Martin: he celebrated his last Mass on August 4, 1923, and died two days later on August 6.

This First Friday, August 6, will mark the 98th anniversary of the death of Father Martin. At the LATIN MASS "Novus ORDO" (7 pm), in Father Martin's memory, we will PRAY FOR UNITY IN THE EUCHARIST and for PRIESTLY VOCATIONS. Both the Church and the

Family, the domestic church, are under attack by the devil. We know that the Church will overcome those attacks: the Head of the Church is Our Lord Jesus Christ, and HE makes himself really present at each Mass, the greatest MIRACLE on earth at every Mass every day. HE continues to feed us with HIS WORD and HIS BODY. HE is always with us. As HE prays to His Father just before entering into His Passion, HE prays for UNITY: "*I PRAY THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE as you, Father are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me*" (John 17:21).

We need more than ever to pray that we can reach UNITY IN THE EUCHARIST. THE EUCHARIST is truly JESUS, Body, Soul, and Divinity. Whenever we receive the Eucharist, we become ONE with CHRIST and therefore we become ONE with all receiving the Eucharist at the same time at the same Mass. THE EUCHARIST TRULY UNITES US: WE BECOME ONE IN CHRIST!

We need to pray for UNITY IN THE CHURCH. The existing divisions are not new. The Church has faced divisions since its institution by OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 2,000 years ago. Jesus knew that there will be many challenges against the Unity of the Church. He also knows that nothing will overcome His Church and He keeps sending us His HOLY SPIRIT. This is our belief. This is the power of Our Lord Jesus Christ who is victorious over all evil and death.

The entire week, we have been praying for our 15 youth (and their chaperons including Fr. Jan, Deacon Bill, and Marlen Coles) in "pilgrimage" (Summer camp in Georgia).

As they return "spiritually refreshed" to Waldorf this Saturday evening, may we pray that they may stay close to Our Lord Jesus Christ and His mother Our Lady! May they remain ONE with Christ in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist! May they keep their hearts OPEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT and the CALL TO HOLINESS! May we pray that through the intercession of St John Vianney and Father Narcisse Martin, all young men at OLHOC be receptive to God's call to Holiness, including the call to the Priesthood, and also all young women at OLHOC be receptive to God's call to Holiness, Including the call to the Religious Life!

One in Christ,
Fr. Alain



Parish Registration

We know summer is the time of year when families are moving around.

If you are moving into our parish, welcome!

If you are moving out of the parish, we have enjoyed worshiping with you and hope you will come back and visit.

Forms to register are on our website: <https://olhoc.com/parish-registration>

Please notify the office if you are moving out of the parish
(301)645-7112

Community Outreach

“Sharing Sunday” continues for the collection of non-perishable foods for the Food Bank and Family Shelter (Please canned or box foods only!). 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!

Our next Shepherd’s Table will be on August 19, 2021. The next Outreach meeting will be September 15 at 7 pm in the Father Martin Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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 go to

www.olhoc.org/ymteam or talk to Marlen Coles marlen@olhoc.org

COME BACK TO CHURCH

The dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day obligation has been lifted. The reinstatement of the obligation to attend Mass at church began at the end of June.

This does not apply to those who are ill, have reason to believe they have been exposed recently to the coronavirus, or any other serious or contagious illness. Anyone confined to a hospital, home or nursing facility or anyone having a serious underlying health condition will continue to have dispensation.

Please consult with Father Alain if you have questions regarding your obligation to attend Mass.

We implemented and have regularly adjusted a conservative COVID protocol for OLHOC constantly referencing guidance from CDC, MD state government, Charles County, and Archdiocese of Washington.

All the Church staff has been fully vaccinated.

We do recognize the Covid-19 variant D threat is serious. The main transport mechanism still is air-borne virus droplets.

Hence our protocol remains to

- encourage vaccinations as possible
- unvaccinated should wear a mask
- vaccinated can wear a mask as they prefer
- maintain a 3-foot social distance between members of different households
- stay home if not feeling well

Elements of our protocol we have changed such as Eucharist gift presentation, use of hymnals, bulletins, eliminating pew sanitizing, adding altar servers have all been cautiously considered and are deemed to not pose a risk of COVID spread.

Part-time Teacher Needed- First grade at OLHOC-based “Home Schooling Program”.

Teaching certificate, experience preferred, skilled at curriculum implementation, love of children, ability to work/communicate with parents, staff and pastor are essential skills. OLHOC is partnering with Seton Home School Program, a faithfully Catholic Homeschool Program for the 2021-2022 school year. The Seton Home Program is Middle States Accredited and academically proven. If interested in the part-time position please submit a cover letter and resume to include three references emailed to pastor@olhoc.org or leave at the OLHOC Church office.

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

Brandon Mack
Nestor Ermelindo Molina
James Thompson
Joseph Albrittain
Sid and Suzanna Marcus
Aleli Puzon
Patricia Delgado
Ann Marie Hobart
Larry McGraw
Hele 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
Eric M. Knapp
Norm Green
Sarah Dixon
Grace Albrittain
Elaine Moses

Yvonne Buford
Karen Zimmerman
Terri Elizabeth McAllister
Burnette
Joanne Johnson
Mike Spurgeon
Mary A. Dyson
Kevin Viel Sr.
Ligia Lam
David Stanley
Drew Shuda
Wilma Cruz
Fr. Eamon Dignan
Dr. Michael St. Thomas
Bessie Davis
Dorian Webster
Derrick Webster
Brandon Mack

Dionne Gause
Thomas Keim
Jack Lyons
Margaret Clark
Joan Johnson
Tess Franch
Francesc Franch

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, August 7

9:00AM: Fe Ledesma Fullon (+)
5:00 PM: Joanna Oudraogo (+)

Sunday, August 8,

8:30 AM: Theresa Gomes (+)
10:00AM: Fr. Ben Garcia
11:30 AM: Grace Rosario
1:00 PM: Bryan Mosley
7:00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners
Monday, August 9,
7:00 AM: Elvira Guerrero (+)
9:00AM:Eleanor&Anthony
Rumore(+)

Tuesday, August 10,

9:00AM: Ouedraogo family

Wednesday, August 11,

9:00 AM: Lourdes Williams
7:00 PM: Alain Thomas Etamane

Thursday, August 12,

9:00 AM: Manuel Lam (+)

Friday, August 13,

7:00 AM: Beatriz Villegas (+)
9:00 AM: Youth & Youth Core
Team

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Catholics and many other Christian religions celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The body and soul of our Heavenly Mother were taken into the presence of God and is celebrated on this, her feast day. Do you know when this dogma formally became part our faith?

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@alhoc.org.

Mass Readings for August 14, 2021

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

****First Reading***

Revelations 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab

****Second Reading***

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

****Gospel***

Luke 1:39-56

www.usccb.org



Speak Lord, I'm listening!

CCD Registration for 2021-2022

We are now accepting enrollment for the 2021-2022 Religious Education school year.

Pre-k/Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th grades will be in class every Sunday (9:45-11:15 am). Special needs classes are held Mondays (5:30-6:30), RCIC classes will be every Monday from 7-8 pm.

3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th grades will be blended/hybrid classes. Hybrid classes have the option of attending every other Sunday (9:30-11:15), or Monday (6:45-8:10 pm).

Please sign up online at: <https://olhoc.com/re> or call the office for guidance.

Catechists needed! If you hear the Lord calling you to share your faith, please speak to one of our Priests, Sister Rosario, Marlen Coles, or call the office.

James– Pearls for Wise Living Course

Our 10-session course has already begun is James – Pearls for Wise Living by Ascension Press. It is every Sunday from 13 Jun – 15 Aug 21, 0930 (between the 8:30 and 11:30 Masses), in the Father Martin Hall and via Zoom Presenter, Jeff Cavins, shows how James' teachings speak to us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our Faith. The Book of James helped a fledgling Church live out its Faith in the face of persecution and a worldview opposed to the gospel and you will discover wisdom you can apply to your own life, now.

To Register on Ascension Press:

<https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/55902/registrations/new>

Get Workbook (optional):

<https://ascensionpress.com/products/james-pearls-for-wise-living-study-set-1?variant=7553718616100>

Zoom Meeting Link: [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

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

Anointing of the Sick, Questions for the Clergy

Clergy is available for calls to the sick—with all precautions observed. Urgent confessions can be said with a home visit. If you have a question for clergy, you can leave a message by phone (301-645-7112) or email (office@olhoc.org) for Fr. Alain or Fr. Jan

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.