

The Lamb's Supper !

Have you already read Scott Hahn's inspirational book, "The Lamb's Supper", which was given to each family attending Christmas Mass at OLHOC? If not, you still have about two weeks to do so, as the discussion on the book will take place on **Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 pm** in the Social Hall.

Many of you have already told me that they have enjoyed reading it. It is one of the best books written about the meaning of **the Mass**. Its' subtitle is "The Mass As Heaven On Earth"! Scott Hahn is a Scripture Scholar. He is currently a Professor of Theology and Scripture at Steubenville Franciscan University (in Ohio). He is also a convert. If you read the first four chapters of the book, which may be the 'easiest' ones, you will discover or re-discover **the Gift of the Mass**. Reading the whole book will help you experience the Mass as never before. St. John Paul II has called the Mass "Heaven on Earth", explaining that the liturgy we celebrate on earth is " a mysterious participation in the heavenly liturgy".

Scott Hahn links the Mass and the Book of Revelation in an amazing way. The 22 chapters of the Book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, are difficult to interpret. Some of you have asked me: "Should I first read the whole Book of Revelation and then The Lamb's Supper?". My suggestion is to read the Lamb's Supper first. It is self-contained. Then, if you wish to go back to the Book of Revelation, you may read it with new eyes. We know that Jesus is called the Lamb of God, and this is no less than 28 times (refer to page 9 of Scott Hahn's book). I encourage you to read the whole book and come to our January 26 discussion!

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany this weekend, and conclude the Christmas Season on Monday (Baptism of the Lord), I invite everyone to reflect on the blessings you have received since Christmas and be grateful to God! The Three Kings saw an amazing star that led them to Jesus! They left their country to go to a distant land. Looking ahead as we embrace the New Year 2017, we can also ask God: "What is the star You want me to see and to follow this year? What are the gifts, the treasures you want me to share with others?"



*One in Christ,
Fr. Alain*

Mass Intention

- Saturday, Jan. 7, 5:00 PM: Harry Sharar +**
- Sunday, Jan. 8, 8:30 AM: David Holt +**
- Sunday, Jan. 8, 10:00 AM: OLHOC Parishioners**
- Sunday, Jan. 8, 11:30 AM: Virginia Young +**
- Monday, Jan. 9, 9:00 AM: Jeannie Jacobs**
- Tuesday, Jan. 10, 9:00 AM: Milton Truxon +**
- Thursday, Jan. 12, 9:00 AM: Richard C. Mabry +**

Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Wilbur Etbauer, Fr. Thomas Crowley, Zach White, Lisa Rullo, Chelsea Soloninka, Susan Walker, Janina Sidorska, Bill Newman, Jordan Hamacek, Elijah Larson, Sunni Park, Mireille Obas, Joan Etbauer, Joseph Cheseldine, Sr., Consuela Velasquez, John Lohman, Wilhelmina Franck, Robbie Atchinson, Tabitha Barton, Patricia Gentile Stepp, Isabel Smith, Michael Sofield Jr., Elinore Fortney, Ron Chilcoat, Patricia Moffat, Errol Randall, Dorothea Johnson, Vanessa Barrett, Jean Erick Joassaint, Graham Baldwin, Jane Watson, Shirley Williams, Caroline Buoy, Ollie Johnson, Kathy Baumgaertner, Baby Kaden, Dennis Archible Jr. Emiliano Hilario, Phillip Green, Doris Chesley, Betsy Kiss, Patricia & James Robey, Dick White, Ada Johnson, James Thompson, Sean Guido, Marcus Williams, Valerie Eddy, and all our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Carol White**.

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Mass Readings for January 15, 2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading- Isaiah 49: vs. 3, 5-6

Second Reading- 1 Corinthians 1: vs. 1-3

Gospel-John 1: vs. 29-34

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We are planning a meeting of all current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and those who minister to the Sick and Homebound on **Saturday, January 21, 2017, from 12 noon to 3 pm**. The meeting will begin at noon with a potluck lunch. A **response** is requested **no later than January 10, 2017**. Please respond via email to Deacon Rich (deacon@olhoc.org).

The Epiphany of the Lord

CCD Class Schedule

Our Lady Help of Christians 2016-2017 CCD Registration is open online: www.olhoc.org.

Jan. 8/9- CCD Resumes

Jan. 12/14- 1st Reconciliation Workshop #3- 6:45 pm or 9:30 am

Jan. 15/16- No CCD

Contact **Therese Thiedeman** at 301-645-7112 or dre@olhoc.org

Parish Youth Night !

Life Teen: high school youth ministry (meets weekly)

Edge: middle school youth ministry (meets monthly)

FIAT: elementary school Faith in Action Team (meets monthly)

Attention Families!!

The next **All-Youth Night** (FIAT, Edge and Life Teen) will be **January 22** and will begin with 4:00 PM Mass! See the website at: olhoc.org/ym.

Upcoming Youth Events

Don't miss out on the many wonderful opportunities we have for our youth of all ages. We still have spots available for the **March for Life**, the **Life Teen Summer Camp** in Georgia, **Steubenville Youth Conference** and many more upcoming events. For more info and an update list of our events, please visit www.olhoc.org/ym or contact Marlen at marlen@olhoc.org.



Archdiocese for the Military Archdiocese Services, USA

The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces wherever they serve and to veterans who are in VA medical centers. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this special triennial collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Save the Date !

We are hearing parishioners are enjoying the book given out as a gift at Christmas. Please mark your calendar to join us on **Thursday, January 26, at 7 pm** for the group discussion of the book, **"The Lamb's Supper"** by Dr. Scott Hahn. Each year this is an evening of fellowship and inspiration!

OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS

<http://www.olhoc.org/preschool.html>

- Fall registration began **January 3, 2017**, for **parishioners and families of former OLLC students.**
- Please call 301-645-7112 or email preschool@olhoc.org for information.

Community Outreach

The next Community Outreach Meeting is on **Feb. 1, 2017 at 7 pm**. All are welcome! The next **Shepherds' Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, January 19, 2016** at Good Shepherd Church. We are in need of Menu coordinators for February, March and April 2017. Please consider volunteering with a friend or two.

Volunteers go to: www.olhoc.org and click on the Community Outreach link. or sign-up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044FABAD2DAA8-olhc

Thank You

The OLHOC Outreach Committee wish to thank **Karen Bray** and the ladies of **St. Mary's Bryantown Prayer Group** for sponsoring our Christmas Shepherd's Table dinner by providing and cooking a turkey dinner with all the fixings! **St. Mary's Bryantown Youth Group** prepared the goodie bags and made milkshakes as a special treat. The **"Madri-gals"** (from Chesapeake Choral Arts Society) serenaded our guests with Christmas carols!

Also, thank you to **Giant Foods** for their assistance in our purchasing turkeys and all the trimmings for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for those in need and to **Safeway** for the loan of their carts to assist in packing the boxes.

Many thanks to our OLHOC parishioners for their amazing generosity to donate their time and funds to provide **50-plus families in need** with a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!



The office will be closed on Monday, **January 16, 2017** in observance of **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**. The **9:00 a.m. morning Mass** will take place as scheduled.

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