

OLHOC Magnets

The word **magnet** has two meanings. A magnet can be defined as “a body having the property of attracting iron-containing objects” or as “a person or thing, something that has powerful attraction”. Children are fascinated by magnets. They are fun toys. We use magnets to hold all kinds of reminders on our refrigerators. We also put magnets on the back of our cars to make public statements about our identity, e.g. as a Redskins fan, or as a college alumni, or as a Christian.

On Epiphany Sunday, the Three Kings brought us over one thousand OLHOC “car magnets”. You may recall that five years ago, we were given “CCC car magnets” (Charles County Catholics) and it helped us to display our Catholic identity. The OLHOC magnets will continue displaying our own Catholic identity while inviting people to come and worship with us by going to our website, www.olhoc.org.

Many of you have commented on their own experiences of having this new OLHOC magnet on the back of their car. One parishioner said that it reminded him every day of being Catholic and belonging to the OLHOC community. Another said that it was a simple way to be a Christian witness, to share our joy with others and to evangelize on a daily basis. Another commented that she now had to drive much more carefully!



The OLHOC magnets are also to remind us of our own mission statement:

- The center “O” represents Jesus in the Eucharist as the center of our lives.
- The Cross represents Christ, our Savior.
- The 12 stars represent Jesus’ 12 disciples, Mary’s crown of 12 stars, and the 12 tribes of Israel.
- The blue color represents Mary, our patroness Saint.
- “OLHOC” represents Our Lady Help of Christians’ parishioners: **Bringing all to Christ...Sharing Christ with all...Being One in Christ.**

Mass Intention

Saturday, Jan. 21, 5:00 PM: Elias Herrera +
Saturday, Jan. 22, 8:30 AM: Carol Bisagni +
Sunday, Jan. 22, 10:00 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
Sunday, Jan. 22, 11:30 AM: Beatrice E. Myles +
Wednesday, Jan. 25, 9:00 AM: All Parish Priests

Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: **Jessica Curry Miller, James Knapp, Wilbur, Etbauer, Fr. Thomas Crowley, Zach White, Lisa Rullo, 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, 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 **Lawrence Stopper.**

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Mass Readings for January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading- Zephaniah 2: vs. 3, 3: vs. 12-13

Second Reading- 1 Corinthians 1: vs. vs. 26-31

Gospel- Matthew 5: vs. 1-12a

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In today’s Gospel (Matthew 4: 12-23), Jesus is calling each one of us to be his disciples. Like his first disciples, Peter, Andrew, James and John, we are all called to be “intentional disciples”, to abandon our attachments to worldly idols, and to put Jesus at the center of our lives.

May the Our Lady Help of Christians’ magnets be a daily reminder of our discipleship!

One in Christ
Fr. Alain

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

CCD Class Schedule

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

Jan. 22/23- CCD

Jan. 29/30- CCD

Feb. 5/6- CCD

Feb. 15/18- 1st Communion Workshop #1 (6:45 pm/9:30 am)

Feb. 16- Conf. Yr. 2 Workshop (parents/students) - (7 pm)

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

Parish Youth Night !

Life Teen: high school youth ministry (Sun., 5-6:30 pm, Feb. 12; Mar .5, 12, 26; Apr. 2, 9, 30; May 7)

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 events! **Fusion Concert for Life with Steve Angrisano on January 28 at 7 pm at St. Peter's Church.** Perfect for all ages; free will offering. For info and an updated list of our events, please visit www.olhoc.org/ym or contact Marlen at marlen@olhoc.org.

Upcoming Child Protection Classes

Go to VIRTUS.org to register. Call Nieda or Therese with questions at 301-645-7112.



Do You Like A Mystery ?

You are invited to join us for a Sunday morning Bible Study at both 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. as we "Unlock the Mystery of the Bible"! Make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life; discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments; see how the sacraments, the Church, and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. Register on our website, or contact Therese Thiedeman in the parish office.

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.**
- Our Lady's Little Christians Preschool has **one full day opening for the current school year, available immediately.** The hours are 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and the tuition is \$575/month. Flexible payment plans are available. Call the office for more information.
- 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.

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



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!

Supporting Families with Special Needs

Join us for a special day of reflection led by the **Archdiocese of Washington Department of Special Needs Ministries** on **March 11, 2017 from 9 a.m. 1 p.m. here at OLHOC.** Let us gather together to pray, reflect, and continue to learn about supporting our families with special needs in faith formation and beyond. **All are welcome to attend.** Catechists and parents of children with special needs are especially encouraged to attend. Childcare and lunch will be provided. Registration is required: **301-459-7464.**