

# March 5, 2017

## Fire It Up Parish Family Mission

At the end of Masses over the last two weekends, we talked to you about the upcoming **Parish Family Mission!** We distributed flyers to each family. We invited you to **pre-register** for the launching **dinner** at 5:30 pm on the first day **Monday, March 12**, and also for the Children's Ministry. If you have not yet pre-registered, you can still do today or tomorrow, Monday March 6. Dinner is free. It is being organized by the Knights of Columbus and Mary's Helping Hands. They need to know in advance how many people will show up. Also, we need to know how many children will participate so as to have sufficient materials for the special activities of the Children's Ministry.

This is the first time we are having a Parish Family Mission at OLHOC. We are confident that the **Holy Spirit** will fill our hearts with **joy!** The **Lenten Season**, which we have just embarked upon is a season of **joy**, a season of **reflection**, a season of **anticipation** of the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We **pray** that a very large number of families and of parishioners of all ages will participate with an **open heart**. It is going to be a new experience for all of us. It is going to be a great time for fellowship and prayer. It is going to help us to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is going to deepen the bond of our individual families. It is going to make our children want to go to church. We pray that through this Family Mission, our parish, a family of families, will be made stronger.

We are blessed to have the participation of two great presenters: Dan and Caroline Dirkes, co-founders of 2Tim4 Ministries, who deliver the Gospel message with humor, love and passion. Their ministry has been featured on EWTN. Dan and Caroline have four children, ages 1 to 7.

The Fire it Up Parish Mission is **open to all parishioners, old and young alike**. You are all invited to participate in the 5:30 pm launching dinner ( please pre-register) on Monday, March 13 and to each of the three daily sessions from 7 pm to 9 pm, March 13-15. The first session is **God's Transforming Love** (March 13), the second session is **Freedom in Christ** (March 14), and **Unlocking the Power of the Holy Spirit** (March 15). There is no cost to participants.

If you have not yet made your **Lenten Resolution**, **God** invites you and your family to come and encounter **the power of the Holy Spirit** on March 13-15. If you have already made the Sacrament of Reconciliation one of your Lenten resolutions, note that as part of the second day, on **Tuesday, March 14**, we will have our Lenten Penance Service with 15 priests to assist us.

May our upcoming Fire It Up Family Mission bring to each of us the **power and joy of the Holy Spirit!** May we all enter into a **new relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ!** May our parish become a **stronger family of families!**

*One in Christ, Fr. Alain*

## Mass Intention

Thursday, March 2, 9:00 AM: Dorey Pagel +  
Friday, March 3, 9:00 AM: Jessica Curry Miller  
Saturday, March 4, 9:00 AM: Addie B. Mack +  
Sunday, March 5, 8:30 AM: OLHOC Parishioners  
Sunday, March 5, 10:00 AM: Jessica Curry Miller  
Sunday, March 5, 11:30 AM: Zachary Winters +  
Monday, March 6, 9:00 AM: Vivian Mannello +  
Tuesday, March 7, 9:00 AM: Ann Marie Fequiere +  
Wednesday, March 8, 9 AM: Sebastian Everett Issacs  
Thursday, March 9, 9 AM: Bill Bryner +  
Friday, March 10, 9 AM: Colleen Gordon +

## Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Theresa Beinert, Mike Connolly, Jessica Curry Miller, LaShay Barnes, Samuel Lopez, Robin Dwars, Julieta Bool, James Knapp, Wilbur Etbauer, Fr. Thomas Crowley, Fr. Eamon Dignan, Zach White, Lisa Rullo, Susan Walker, Doris Conover, 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, Patricia Moffat, Errol Randall, Dorothea Johnson, Vanessa Barrett, Jean Erick Joassaint, Graham Baldwin, Jane Watson, Caroline Buoy, Ollie Johnson, Kathy Baumgaertner, Baby Kaden, Dennis Archible Jr., Phillip Green, Doris Chesley, Patricia & James Robey, Dick White, Ada Johnson, James Thompson, Sean Guido, Marcus Williams, and all our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Emilio Hilario, Mae Hawkins, Colleen Gordon, and Margaret Woods.**

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## Mass Readings for March 12, 2017

### *Second Sunday of Lent*

First Reading- Genesis 12: vs. 1-4a  
Second Reading- 2 Timothy 1: vs. 8b-10  
Gospel- Matthew 17: vs. 1-9

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## Lenten Information

- **The Light is On For You-** Every Wednesday- Confession & Adoration- 6 to 6:45 pm; Mass- 7 pm; Confession & Adoration- 7:45 to 8:30 pm.
- **Stations of the Cross-** Every Friday- 7 pm (also Exposition and Adoration) (note: on First Friday, Mass to follow).
- **Parish Mission-** Mar. 13-15, 7 to 9 pm.
- **Parish Penance Service-** Tuesday, Mar. 14, 8 pm, during Parish Mission (also First Reconciliation).
- **Healing Mass** (Fr. Martin Scott)- Sunday, Mar. 19, 7 pm.
- **Youth Group Living Stations-** Friday, Apr. 7 at 7 pm.

# First Sunday of Lent

## CCD Class Schedule

Our Lady Help of Christians 2016-2017 CCD Registration is open online: [www.olhoc.org](http://www.olhoc.org).

Mar. 5/6- CCD

Mar. 9- 1st Communion Workshop #2 (6:45 pm)

Mar. 12/13- CCD

Mar. 18- 1st Communion Workshop #2

Contact **Therese Thiedeman** at 301-645-7112 or [dre@olhoc.org](mailto:dre@olhoc.org)

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## Parish Youth Night !

**Life Teen: high school** youth ministry (Sun., 5-6:30 pm, 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 **March 19** and will begin with **4:00 PM Mass** followed by **pizza, fellowship** and **FIAT, Edge, and Life Teen meetings**. **Bring your friends ! See the website at: [olhoc.org/ym](http://olhoc.org/ym).**

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## Steubenville Youth Conference

Steubenville is a weekend (Fri-Sat) Catholic Youth Conference for students currently in 8th-12th grade, that is similar to a retreat experience. This amazing weekend ( **June 23-25, 2017**) features a series of talks from popular motivational speakers from across the country, Adoration, confession, Mass and more. For more details and to register visit [www.olhoc.org/ym](http://www.olhoc.org/ym) and click on Life Teen. **Don't delay, limited spots available!**

## Upcoming Child Protection Classes

Upcoming sessions of "**Protecting God's Children for Adults**" for those who need to become Virtus Compliant (Adults wishing to volunteer in any capacity while children are present)"

- **3/19/17- St. John Vianney, Prince Frederick – 7 pm**
- **3/15/17- St. Mary, Newport – 7pm**
- **3/22/17- Sacred Heart, La Plata- 6:30 pm**

Go to [VIRTUS.org](http://VIRTUS.org) to register. Call Nieda or Therese with questions at 301-645-7112 with questions or if you need assistance with this process.

## ! OLHOC Parish Family Mission !

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Parish Family Mission, **March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>**. This year's mission will be led by a husband and wife team and will include praise and worship, interactivity, prayer, dynamic talks, Adoration, our Lenten Penance Service, and more. A Children's Ministry tied to the nightly Mission themes will be held during the Mission for children 2 1/2 to 4 years old, and 5 to 10 years old, but requires pre-registration.

Pick up a brochure today to discover more about our upcoming Parish Family Mission and plan on attending!

## OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS

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

- Fall registration begins next Friday, **Feb. 17, 2017**, for all new students.
- Please call 301-645-7112 or email [preschool@olhoc.org](mailto:preschool@olhoc.org) for information.

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## Community Outreach

All are welcome! The next **Shepherds' Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, March 16, 2017** at Good Shepherd Church. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **April 5** at 7 pm.

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

Our OLHOC Outreach Committee is now a sponsor of the Catholic Charities' "**Snack Sak**" Program. These weekend "Saks" provide nourishing food for children in need (and siblings) when school is not in session. For more information/if you would like to help, contact Brenda DiCarlo at 301-274-0695.

## Shepherd's Table

Our **thanks to BJ's and Food Lion** (Old Wash. Rd) for their donations to our Shepherd's Table dinners. Community support means so very much to our parish and most especially those in need, whom we serve.

## 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**. 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.**

## Looking for Pray-ers!

As part of the **Parish Family Mission (March 13, 14, 15)**, we need **Prayer Teams** to participate with our parishioners during the Wednesday evening Mission Session. **Would you be willing to help? Prayer Team volunteers** would be asked to attend a training session (on Tuesday, March 14 at 6 pm) and to participate Wednesday evening, 7 to 9 pm.

Please call **Dianne Soloninka (301-645-7112)** (7:30 am- 4 pm, M-F) if you are interested. **We need you!**