

Praying Together for Vocations to the Priesthood!

On the first Saturday of this month (June 3), we kept our parish tradition of praying for vocations to the priesthood, while also praying for the four young deacons who will be ordained priests by Cardinal Wuerl at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 10 am this coming Saturday, June 17. One of these four young men is our own seminarian from last summer, Deacon Jorge Ubau. You are all invited to attend his ordination! This will be a way to show our parish appreciation for Deacon Jorge's support last year. This will be a great opportunity to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

At the June 3 Holy Hour for Vocations, we were blessed to have our summer seminarian, Pablo Villa, give us a beautiful reflection on his own journey to the priesthood. Pablo joined the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of our Archdiocese at the young age of 17. God willing, he will be ordained a priest in four years, and will then be assigned to one of the parishes of the Archdiocese. In his reflection, Pablo, who was born in Colombia, highlighted three factors in his journey of discernment: first, as a teenager, he was influenced by the constant joy of his pastor; second, his own family played a key role as he was constantly reminded of the importance to put God first in his life, including attending Mass every Sunday without exception; and third, he was influenced by two young parishioners who joined the seminary before him. At the conclusion of his reflection, he asked all of us to keep praying for vocations and for our seminarians.

As you read this column, two of our own past seminarians will have been ordained deacons this weekend, on Saturday morning, June 10: Andrew Clyne, (who was with us four years ago), and Joseph Salser (who was with us a full year from June 2015 through May 2016). We can now pray that God will continue to assist both of them in their continued formation as they prepare to be ordained priests next year in June 2018.

Our own parishioner, Leon Gilmore, has just completed his second year at St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington DC. This summer, he is in residence at St. Mary's Church in Rockville, where our first seminarian, Chip Lockett, has been assigned as Parochial Vicar since his ordination to the priesthood three years ago. Leon is assisting the parish on weekends while during the week, he is assigned to Catholic Charities in DC. Next time he visits us here, we will ask him to share his summer experience. Let us all continue to pray for Leon and for all of the 75 seminarians currently in formation for the Archdiocese of Washington.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we can turn to the Triune God, the One God in Three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and ask **Him** to help us to inspire young men in our parish to consider entering the seminary. May our families help all their children to put God first, as Pablo's parents did so well.

Mass Intention

- Saturday, June 10, 9:00 AM: Ifeoma Igbokwe +
- Saturday, June 10, 5:00 PM: Manuela Rodriguez +
- Sunday, June 11, 8:30 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
- Sunday, June 11, 10:00 AM: Dee Ann Henderson +
- Sunday, June 11, 11:30 AM: Edward Malm +
- Sunday, June 11, 1:00 PM: Jean Erick Joassaint +
- Monday, June 12, 9:00 AM: Larry & Jialita Sutton Anniv.
- Tuesday, June 13, 9:00 AM: Helene Obas +
- Wednesday, June 14, 9:00 AM: The Truxon Family
- Wednesday, June 14, 7:00 PM: Ifeoma Igbokwe +
- Thursday, June 15, 9:00 AM: Denise Cyrille +
- Friday, June 16, 9:00 AM: Ifeoma Igbokwe +

Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Bonnie Castro, Therese Gendron, Andy Green, Judee Parkinson, Tanya A. Viola, Dolores Proctor, Terri Facini, April Sheffield, Dr. Suresh Verghese, Marisa Costas Pena, Marino Gadea, Monica Myers, Theresa Beinert, Mike Connolly, LaShay Barnes, Samuel Lopez, Robin Dwars, Julieta Bool, Wilbur Etbauer, Zach White, Lisa Rullo, Susan Walker, Doris Conover, Elijah Larson, Sunni Park, Mireille Obas, Joan Etbauer, Joseph Cheseldine, Sr., Consuela Velasquez, Wilhelmina Franck, Tabitha Barton, Isabel Smith, Elinore Fortney, Errol Randall, Dorothea Johnson, Vanessa Barrett, Graham Baldwin, Jane Watson, 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.

Condolences to the family and friends of Ifeoma Ibokwe.

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Mass Readings for June 18, 2017

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi

First Reading- Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16a

Second Reading- 1 Corinthians 10:vs. 16-17

Gospel- John 6: vs. 51-58

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May our prayers also help open the hearts of all our youth (boys, girls and young adults) to the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and give them the courage to respond generously to God's call, whether it is a call to the priesthood, the religious life, celibacy or Catholic marriage!



*One in Christ,
Fr. Alain*

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

CCD Class Schedule

Our Lady Help of Christians 2017-2018 CCD Registration is open online: www.olhoc.org.

Watch the bulletin for upcoming information on VBS: The Musical! (Coming July 24-28, 2017)

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- check website)

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 on July 4 and will begin with 4:00 PM Mass followed by an evening of fun at OLHOC. Bring your friends ! See the website at: olhoc.org/ym.

Summer All Youth Nights

July 4, and August 20 beginning with Mass at 4 pm followed by a fun event. Visit the www.olhoc.org/ym or sign up on flock note to stay updated on all the upcoming youth events.

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.

- **June 15 @7pm-** St. John Vianney, Prince Frederick

Go to VIRTUS.org to register. Call Nieda or Therese with questions at 301-645-7112 with questions or if you need assistance with this process.



Save the Date!

On **Saturday, July 1 at 10:00 am**, our seminarian Pablo Villa will be presenting a short reflection called "**Walking In The Footsteps of Jesus**". It will include an insight on the land of the Bible and the humanity of Jesus. Also, Pablo will present a personal view of how spending three years in the Holy Land and living among Jewish people brought to light the deep relationship between Judaism and Christianity. Join us for this **special event**—all are invited!

Reminder

The weekly **Sunday morning Bible Study** (follows 8:30 am Mass) will be held in **Room 103/104** beginning this weekend, June 10/11. The topic **today (June 11)** will be "**The Blessed Virgin, The Ark of the Covenant**".

OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS

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

- Fall registration continues for all new students.
- Please call 301-645-7112 or email : preschool@olhoc.org for information.

Community Outreach

The next **Shepherds' Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, June 15, 2017**. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on September 6 at 7 pm. All are welcome!

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

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2017 Jubilee of Fatima Schedule

Celebrate the joy of the **100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima** right here in Charles County! The Pilgrimage that began at Our Lady Help of Christians on **May 13** continues!

- **Tuesday, June 13** at **St. Catherine of Alexandria**, Port Tobacco, MD at **7:30 pm**.
- **Thursday, July 13**, **St. Mary's (Newport)**, Charlotte Hall, MD at **6:30 pm**.
- **Sunday, August 13**, **St. Frances de Sales**, Benedict, MD at **11:00 am**.
- **Wednesday, September 13**, **St. Joseph**, Pomfret, MD at **9:00 am** (after Mass).
- **Friday, October 13**, **Sacred Heart**, La Plata, MD at **6:00 pm**. (Procession/Closing Mass)

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Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood

Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood, Maryland is hosting their **Annual June Dinner** on **Sunday, June 25**, from 12 noon until we run out! Menu includes fried chicken, crab cakes, country ham, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, bets, rolls, tea or coffee.

All you can eat, served buffet style. Adults: \$26; Children 12 & under: \$6. Drive-thru carry-outs: \$26. Country store, cake stand and raffle too!