

July 2, 2017

A Time To Give Thanks, A Time To Say Good-Bye!

This is the time of year when our Archbishop, Cardinal Wuerl, ordains new priests. It is also a time when Cardinal Wuerl reassigns priests to new responsibilities. We give thanks to the Lord for the ordination of four young men to the priesthood on June 17, including our own seminarian #5, Deacon Jorge Ubau. You can watch the 2-hour ordination on YouTube: see our seminarian #4, newly ordained Deacon Joseph Salser assist Cardinal Wuerl with incense and with calling the names of the men to be ordained at the beginning of the Mass; hear our seminarian #2, newly ordained Deacon Andrew Clyne proclaim the Gospel; see our seminarian #1, Fr. Chip Luckett concelebrate the Mass; and hear our current seminarian #6, Pablo Villa as a soloist singer after Communion. (Only missing was our seminarian # 3, Michael Russo, scheduled to be ordained Deacon next year). On the same day, Cardinal Wuerl assigned Fr. Jorge as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's in Rockville, as replacement for Fr. Chip being reassigned to St. Elizabeth, also in Rockville.

As announced at all Masses one month ago, the time has now come to say good-bye, to express our appreciation and to wish all the best to Fr. Lopez, whom Cardinal Wuerl has reassigned as Parochial Vicar to St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C., effective July 12. We will all have an opportunity to express our thanks to Fr. Lopez next weekend July 8-9, as he will be present at all six Masses, whether as main celebrant or as participating in the distribution of the Holy Communion. At the end of each Mass, everyone is invited to greet Fr. Lopez personally and acknowledge his great support to all of us over the last three years. There will also be a special gathering at 11 am on Sunday, July 9 on the outside lawn area near the office (temporarily the current church) lobby. Everyone is welcome! We will all have an opportunity to say a few words. Fr. Lopez has been an inspiration to all of us. I will always remember him as a priest loving everyone without any distinction, and going the extra mile to help anyone in need, whether spiritual or emotional. He truly exemplifies Pope Francis' encouragement to all priests to "smell like sheep". He has been instrumental helping our parish to grow in faith, hope and love! He will be much missed!!!

May we all keep Fr. Lopez in our prayers! May God continue to bless Fr. Lopez and his entire family! May God give him many, many more years of priestly ministry.

*One in Christ,
Fr. Alain*

Mass Intention

- Saturday, July 1, 9:00 AM: All Souls in Purgatory +
- Saturday, July 1, 5:00 PM: Bartolo Umanzor +
- Sunday, July 2, 8:30 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
- Sunday, July 2, 10:00 AM: Jose & Anna Marie Gonzales & Family +
- Sunday, July 2, 11:30 AM: Cosmo Quattrone
- Sunday, July 2, 7:00 PM: Javier Gufa Fuentes
- Monday, July 3, 9:00 AM: Ifeoma Igbokwe +
- Tuesday, July 4, 9:00 AM: Irene Onianwah +
- Wednesday, July 5, 9:00 AM: Mass of Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, July 5, 7:00 PM: Segundina Padinit +
- Friday, July 7, 9:00 AM: Karl Lass +

Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Cosmo Quattrone, Julie King, Paulette Savoy, Kelvin Young, Annie Rope, Dave Biggerstaff, Jim Ritchie, Bonnie Castro, Therese Gendron, Andy Green, Judee Parkinson, Tanya A. Viola, Dolores Proctor, 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 Igbokwe.

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Mass Readings for July 9, 2017

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading- Zechariah 9: vs. 9-10

Second Reading- Romans 8: vs. 9, 11-13

Gospel- Matthew 11: vs. 25-30

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Don't Forget !

We will be celebrating **July 4th , Independence Day** at OLHOC! The event will start at 5:30 pm with a **musical prelude by the OLHOC Youth Choir**, a **6 pm Outdoor Mass for the U.S.A**, followed by a **Concert by Libation** and **games and activities** for all ages, with a **grand finale of Fireworks!** You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and/or blanket and a picnic for your family. **See you there!**

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CCD Class Schedule

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

Online registration is available for VBS (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 **6:00 PM Mass** followed by an evening of fun and fireworks at OLHOC. Bring your friends! See the website at: olhoc.org/ym.

Summer All Youth Night

Join us for the All Youth Night on **August 20** beginning with **Mass at 4 pm, followed by a pool party**. Visit the www.olhoc.org/ym or sign up on flock note to stay updated on all the upcoming youth events.

Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer

Learn the essentials of an **effective and fruitful prayer life** with Fr. Mark Touns and discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God, how to hear his voice, and how to overcome common difficulties often encountered in prayer. So, this summer, take some time to improve your prayer life through this hybrid independent/group study. All participants are welcome to come together for a group discussion halfway through the study (August 3) and again at the end of the study (August 31) at 10 am. If there is enough interest, evening gatherings will be scheduled as well. **To register** for the study, contact Therese Thiedeman at dre@olhoc.org or 301-645-7112.

Angels Watch Shelter

The women and children were treated to a **June** turkey and stuffing dinner, roast beef, stuffed pepper casserole, ham and an enchilada casserole. Side dishes included carrots, corn, and mashed potatoes, with cookies and fresh fruit for dessert. Many thanks to Doreen McCallister, Sarah and Ralph Dixon, Chrystal Beauregard, Mary Teufel, Bonnie Mesler, Josephina Knapp, Ali Nikolai. Also, thank you to the volunteers who provided the women and children with the delicious dinner in **May**: Pat and David Viets, Julie Jalbert, Olga Tapsoba, Margie Morris, Diane Spurgeon and JoAnn Jenkins.

Reminder

The weekly **Sunday morning Bible Study** (follows 8:30 am Mass) in **Room 103/104**.

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, July 20, 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.

- **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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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.

- **July 17 @ 6:30 pm- Our Lady Help of Christians (in Spanish)**

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.

Sharing Sunday

All non-perishable donations may be placed in the marked box in the kitchen. The items are donated to the local food pantry for those in need.