

September 24, 2017

Celebrating Our Lady of Fatima with Bishop Dorsonville:

At OLHOC Beginning 5 PM Sunday, October 15

Do you remember Saturday, May 13, 2017? It is only five months ago...seems like a long time has passed! On that day we launched at OLHOC the county-wide initiative to honor Our Lady of Fatima on the 100th anniversary of each of the apparitions. Our church was packed with 400 people and this augured well for the following monthly events. We can all be grateful to the OLHOC Marian Group, the 20 people meeting regularly after the 9 am Mass on Saturdays (note: everyone is welcome to join the discussion). Not only did they organize the May 13 event, but they also assisted the other five parishes responsible for the other events. As an example, they made our own statue of Our Lady of Fatima available to the other parishes, and also publicized all the events. As a result, our parish had many parishioners attending all the monthly events. In addition, we had our own pilgrimage to Fatima (beginning August 6) with 40 pilgrims from the Waldorf area, which brought many fruits. We returned from Fatima to Waldorf, just in time to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Fourth Apparition on Saturday, August 19, the only apparition that did not take place on the 13th of the month.

We are now coming close to the end of this Extraordinary Centennial Year of Fatima. The last miracle took place on October 13, 1917, and next month on Friday, October 13, we will be at Sacred Heart, La Plata. For our own parish, however, October 13 will not be the end of the 100th anniversary celebration. October is also the month of Mary, the month of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7), and so on.

This year, the Parish Council is fully supporting a major celebration in October focusing on Our Lady of Fatima. We are honored that **Bishop Dorsonville** has accepted our invitation to come **for such celebration with us** on **Sunday, October 15**. He will meet with parishioners at **5 pm**. We will then have a **Living Rosary**, an **outdoor Eucharistic and Marian Procession**, a **bilingual Mass** at **7 pm**, followed by **music and fellowship** in the Social Hall. You are all invited to come to this **feast!** We also plan on that day to consecrate our entire parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will write more about this shortly. Stay tuned!

Two weeks ago, I wrote a column about the **five messages of Fatima: P.R.A.R.S** (see weekly bulletin of Sept. 10). Several of you have questioned my way of pronouncing this acronym: **pra-ears** or better, **prayers** ! When I chose the five messages: Peace, Rosary, Adoration, Reconciliation, and Sacrifice, I was not trying to find a simple way to memorize them. In hindsight however, it is clear that every message from Fatima has to do with **prayer!** I hope that you can remember those five words and choose which one of these messages you would like to apply to your own spiritual life: Pray for peace daily? Pray the Rosary daily? Pray in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament one hour a week? Go to Reconciliation once a month and begin the monthly Devotion of the First Five Saturdays? Offer your sufferings daily as a sacrifice for God?

May Our Lady of Fatima inspire your **pra-ear (prayer) life** and may she protect you and your families! May she lead all of us to Jesus!

*One in Christ,
Fr. Alain*

Mass Intention

Saturday, Sept. 23, 5:00 PM: Agnes Gajda +

Sunday, Sept. 24, 8:30 AM: Jialita Sutton

Sunday, Sept. 24, 10:00 AM: Jose & AnnaMarie Gonzales
& family +

Sunday, Sept. 24, 11:30 AM: OLHOC Parishioners

Monday, Sept. 25, 9:00 AM: Ken Stout

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 9:00 AM: George Albrittain +

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 9:00 AM: Ursula Cordner +

Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: James Reinhardt, Fr. Robert Pittman, Denise Zois, Gary Settler, Scott Settler, Yolanda Brenoes, Elsie & Rodalin Canare, Brenda Dodson, Sarah Parker, Elaine Townley, Juliann Leginze, Randy Howells, Connie Miller, Edmond Ferguson, Josephine Manalo, Aaron Morgan, Pat Gray, John Kopec, John Cumpion, Barbara Lagman, Joe Martinez, Ann Gillespie, 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, Mike Connolly, Samuel Lopez, Robin Dwars, Julieta Bool, Wilbur Etbauer, Susan Walker, Doris Conover, Elijah Larson, Sunni Park, Mireille Obas, Joan Etbauer, Joseph Cheldine, 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.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Theresa Beinert** and **Harry Whitehead**.

Mass Readings for October 1, 2017

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading- Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Second Reading- Philippians 2: vs.1-11

Gospel- Matthew 21: vs. 28-32

100th Anniversary Public Square Rosary

Please join us in a **Public Square Rosary Rally** on **Saturday, October 14, 2017**. We will begin at OLHOC (100 Village St., Waldorf, MD 20602) with **11:30 am** Introductory Prayer, then process to the intersection of St. Thomas Dr and St. Charles Parkway to begin the Rosary at **12 noon**. The Public Square Rosary is sponsored by **America Needs Fatima**, and will be one of **20,000 rallies across the U.S.** that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the U.S. Will you join us and other Catholics on that very important day?

(Parish note: The Masses at OLHOC will include the Consecration of OLHOC to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, beginning with the Saturday evening vigil Mass at 5 pm and continue at the Sunday Masses.)

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CCD Class Schedule

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

Sept. 24- 4 PM Mass/All Youth Night

Sept. 24/25- CCD Classes

Sept. 27 Parent/Student Mtg: Conf. Yr I- 6:45 pm; Conf. Yr II- 7:30 pm

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

Share the Faith!

Catechists, parent volunteers, and teen volunteers are needed for the CCD year. If you have ever considered answering the Lord's call to be a witness of the Faith to the children of our parish, please be sure to contact Therese or complete the RE Volunteer form online: www.olhoc.org/revolunteer.

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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 September 24 and will begin with 4:00 PM Mass followed by fun! Bring your friends ! See the website at: olhoc.org/ym.

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Religious Education Classes for Students with Special Needs

Our **Special Needs Faith Formation Team** has been diligently working to provide a CCD program that fosters an environment in which each person can build a unique relationship with God through education and spirituality. Our goal is to present the Catholic Faith in a manner that God's children of all ages and abilities, will embrace and understand. An understanding of Jesus and His message is essential to knowing Him, loving Him and serving Him always.

A Meet and Greet is planned for OLHOC families with members who may have special needs on Monday, October 2, 2017 from 6 pm to 7 pm in the Parish Social Hall. We invite you join us to hear about the program and to share your thoughts, suggestions, and concerns.

RCIA Invitation

Registration for the **2017-2018 RCIA** class has begun. We meet on Wednesdays from **7:00-9:00 PM**. Come and meet the Team Members. If interested call the office (301-645-7112) or email deacon@olhoc.org.

Altar Guild Bake Sale

The OLHOC **Altar Guild** will hold a **bake sale** following Masses on Saturday, **September 30** and Sunday, **October 1**.

Sharing Sunday

Sharing Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Non-perishable food items and toiletries may be left in the wooden box on wheels in the Social Hall. All donations go to the Food Bank of So. Md and local shelters.

OLHOC Coat Drive

The box is in the Social Hall for new or very gently used coats, hats, etc. for adults and children to be donated to Children's Aid and the shelters.

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.

2017 Jubilee of Fatima Schedule

Celebrate the joy of the **100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima** right here in Charles County!

- **Friday, October 13, Sacred Heart**, La Plata, MD at **6:00 pm. (Procession/Closing Mass)**
- **Sunday, October 15, Our Lady Help of Christians**, Waldorf, MD at **5:00 pm** with Bishop Dorsonville (Living Rosary, Eucharistic Procession, then 7 pm Bilingual Mass)

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Community Outreach

The next **Shepherds' Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, 2017**. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on **October 4** at 7 pm. **New members 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

Annual OLHOC Craft Fair

Leaves are falling, which means it is time for our **Annual OLHOC Craft Fair!** It will be held on **Saturday, November 11, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm**. Table rentals are \$25. We are **looking for volunteers** who are willing to work at the fair. It is a day filled with fun, food, and meeting new friends! Applications are available online at www.olhoc.org or in the church office. As we have every year, there will be an **Attic Treasures** room at the fair. If you have any new or gently-used items (no clothing or furniture, please), you may drop them off in the Social Hall on Thursday or Friday, Nov. 9/10. Also, we gladly accept donations of baked goods and useable jewelry for the OLHOC tables. **Note: OLHOC Crafters**, we need your items for our OLHOC Craft Table! For an application or **questions**, please contact **Jean (301-645-3433)** or **Marie (301-843-1062)**.

Upcoming Child Protection Classes

Upcoming sessions of "**Protecting God's Children for Adults**" are for those who need to become Virtus Compliant (Adults wishing to volunteer in any capacity while children are present). Go to VIRTUS.org to register. Call Nieda or Therese with questions at 301-645-7112.

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