

Giving Thanks to God for All of You !

Paul, together with Silvanus and Timothy, opened their beautiful first letter to the Thessalonians by “**Giving thanks to God always for all of you**, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of **faith** and labor of **love** and endurance in **hope** of our **Lord Jesus Christ.**” As I was meditating last week on this joyful and grateful opening (remembering that these are the first words of the first-ever written text of the New Testament), I was touched by the fact that Paul and his companion evangelizers did not thank the Thessalonians, but rather **thanked God** for all the graces that the Thessalonians had received from listening to their preaching of the **Gospel**, the **Good News** of Our Lord Jesus Christ and opening their hearts to the power of the **Holy Spirit**, and being transformed into new **disciples of Christ** through their exemplar life of **faith, love and hope!**

In the last seven years at OLHOC, I have had many opportunities to thank you personally and collectively for all the amazing gifts of **faith, hope and love** you have displayed to the benefit of our entire parish community. Today, like Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, and **together with all our staff and clergy, we give thanks to God for all of you**, remembering you in our prayers!_Everyone at OLHOC is a member of our **family of families!** Everyone at OLHOC is participating in the vineyard of Our Lord Jesus Christ, serving the Church in many different ways, while being united in the same family, welcoming everyone without any distinction.

Two years ago, we announced at our annual Outdoor Mass and Picnic (September 2015) that our Parish Pastoral and Finance councils had recommended we go ahead with a Capital Campaign. We, as a parish family, can all **thank God** for the successful completion of Phase I of the Capital Campaign—a new, joyful beginning for our parish as Cardinal McCarrick proclaimed when blessing our renovated church on September 10. We **thank God** for all the volunteers that participated in Phase I and for the generous support from all of you. Without an united parish effort, our church renovation could not have taken place within budget and on time.

Our Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils have just recommended to move on with the preparation of Phase II, the building of a multi-purpose educational center which will allow us to accommodate our growing parish activities. As of now we have about \$225,000 available in our Capital Campaign account. We are all invited to continue supporting Phase II of the Capital Campaign. Your generosity is much appreciated and we can all thank God for His generosity to all of us. Everything we have are gifts from God!

May Our Lady continue to protect all our parishioners and may our Consecration of our parish and all our parishioners to the Immaculate Heart of Mary lead us to Jesus and to eternal joy in Heaven!

*One in Christ,
Fr. Alain*

Mass Intention

- Friday, October 27, 9:00 AM: Barbara Tice
- Saturday, October 28, 9:00 AM: Lleyton Sutton
- Saturday, October 28, 5:00 PM: Doris Hall +
- Sunday , October 29 , 8:30 AM: Mary Gladys Proctor +
- Sunday, October 29, 10:00 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
- Sunday, October 29, 11:30 AM: Charles Gallagher +
- Wednesday, Nov. 1, 9:00 AM: Roland Trainque +

Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Barbara Tice, James Thompson, Doris Chesley, Joseph Albrittain, Ester Baraquio, Chris Goldhammer, Audrey Proctor, James Reinhardt, Fr. Robert Pittman, Denise Zois, Dolores Settler, Yolanda Brenoes, Elsie & Rodalin Canare, Brenda Dodson, Sarah Parker, Elaine Townley, Juliann Leginze, Randy Howells, Connie Miller, Josephine Manalo, Aaron Morgan, Pat Gray, John Cumpion, Joe Martinez, Ann Gillespie, Julie King, Paulette Savoy, Kelvin Young, Annie Rope, Dave Biggestaff, 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 Cheseldine, Sr., Consuela Velasquez, Wilhelmina Franck, Tabitha Barton, Isabel Smith, Elinore Fortney, and all our military and civilians serving in harm’s way.

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Mass Readings for November 5, 2017

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading– Malachi 1: vs. 14b-2:2b, 8-10

Second Reading– 1 Thessalonians 2: vs. 7b-9,13

Gospel–Matthew 23: vs. 1-12

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Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 is All Saints’ Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at OLHOC will be held at 9 am, 12 noon and 7 pm. There will be no Vigil Mass.

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OLHOC Holiday House

The OLHOC Holiday House will be in the narthex from **November 4 through December 17** to collect donations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets that our parish provides to those in need. While we sit around our holiday table with our loved ones, may we remember those who have so very little in this world.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CCD Class Schedule

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

Oct. 29/30- NO CCD Classes

Nov. 5/6- CCD Classes

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

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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 October 29 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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RCIA Invitation

We meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM. Come and join us! If interested call the office (301-645-7112) or email deacon@olhoc.org.

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.

- **Nov. 2, 2017- 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm-** at OLHOC (English).

Gentle Reminders

- We have been greatly blessed by God (and our generous parishioners) with a beautifully renovated church. Please ensure that no gum, eating, drinking, writing or coloring in or on the pews or standing on the kneelers occurs. Remember this is God's house and your place of worship. It is holy ground.
- We are given many opportunities at Our Lady Help of Christians to pray and meditate in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Also, there is an opportunity to prayerfully meditate after receiving Communion; please take the opportunity to reflect on the great gift you have received, rather than leaving immediately after receiving.



Save the Date

Sunday, November 12, 2017, the 11:30 am Mass will be dedicated to the Black Catholic History Month and in Memoriam of our late Deacon Reggie Thomas, with Bishop Roy Campbell presiding.

OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS

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

- **The Book Fair is online!** Go to: scholastic.com/fair. Click on Maryland; click on Waldorf; scroll down to Our Lady's Little Christians. All orders will ship to OLHOC at the end of the fair. The Book Fair **will be open** in the Social Hall after Sunday morning Masses October 29.
- Please call 301-645-7112 or email : preschool@olhoc.org for information.

Community Outreach

The next **Shepherds' Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, November 16, 2017** . A record 107 guest were served at the October 19 dinner. Many thanks to Lefty's Barbecue for the baked beans and cole slaw and to Mary's Helping Hands for a beautiful sheet cake. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on **Nov. 1** at 7 pm. **New members and ideas 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

Sharing Sunday-is the first Sunday of the month. Non-perishable food items and toiletries may be left in the Social Hall and will be used for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Coat Drive-last day will be Nov. 5!

Note: Please see today's insert for the Community Outreach Holiday Basket schedule!

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 and we still have a few openings!** We are **looking for volunteers** who are willing to work at the fair. 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).**

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