

November 5, 2017

Celebrating Seven Months with Mary!

As we enter the month of November, we look ahead to the **next seven months with Mary!** Traditionally, the month of October is the month of **Mary as Our Lady of the Rosary.** This year, we celebrated in October the end of the **Year of Fatima**, with the 100th anniversary of the last apparition on October 13 (the miracle of the sun) and the **Consecration of our parish** to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** on Sunday, October 15. One can ask the question: so, why continue walking with Mary and celebrating the next seven months with Mary? Have we not done enough? The reason is simple: we now want to reap the fruits of the Consecration of our parish to Mary! The seed has been planted, it needs to be nurtured! Why seven months? We will conclude this mini-year of Mary (7 months, not 12) on Sunday, May 20, 2018, with our annual crowning of Mary and our Outdoor Mass celebrating our Parish Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians (always on the Sunday before the exact date of May 24).

This weekend, and as announced at the end of last Sunday Masses, we are celebrating the First Saturday of November (November 4) with a panel presentation of the meaning of the individual **Consecration to Jesus through Mary** following the tradition of St. Louis de Montfort, initiated 300 years ago, and embraced by many saints, including St. John Paul II and St. Theresa of Calcutta. I will moderate this panel which will include parishioners who have already done this 33-day consecration of St. Louis de Montfort, and can give a testimony of the impact this consecration has had in their lives. The panel will begin discussions at 10 am in the narthex, right after the 9 am Mass to be held in the main church. At this panel discussion, we will distribute the booklet covering the entire preparation for the individual, total consecration with the reading and prayers for each of the 33 days, to begin on Sunday, November 5, so as to end on December 7, the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Friday, December 8, Feast of the Patroness Saint of our country, and Holy Day of Obligation). We will all then join in our Consecration Prayer at the end of the 7 pm Mass.

Our individual consecration on our National Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, will complete the first leg of our seven-month walk with Mary. At the same time, we will have begun on the First Saturday of November (November 4), our continuous journey of **First Saturday Devotions** leaving six other First Saturdays, concluding on May 5, with our annual celebration of **First Communion** (another 65 of our children/youth receiving the Body of Christ for the first time). We have already written many times to you about the graces one receives through the **five consecutive First Saturdays Devotion** (going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist, praying the Rosary, meditation 15 minutes on one of the Mysteries of the Rosary, and doing this for the reparation of sins). **I challenge every one of you to succeed in completing this devotion before May 20!**

The second leg of our Year of Mary will end with the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. We will write to you about this in next week's bulletin. Stay tuned!

Mass Intention

- Friday, Nov. 3, 8:00 PM: Pearl Fuell +
- Saturday, Nov. 4, 9:00 AM: Juanita A. Galaz
- Saturday, Nov. 4, 5:00 PM: Nehemiah Strawberry
- Sunday, Nov. 5, 8:30 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
- Sunday, Nov. 5, 10:00 AM: Romel Morao & Bernard Mendoza. Sr. +
- Sunday, Nov. 5, 11:30 AM: Oscar Cortez, Santos Lopez, & Tobias Trochez +
- Tuesday, Nov. 7, 9:00 AM: Dorothy Udejaja
- Wednesday, Nov. 8, 9:00 AM: Dorothy Udejaja
- Thursday, Nov. 9, 9:00 AM: Dorothy Udejaja
- Friday, Nov. 10, 9:00 AM: Dorothy Udejaja

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 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 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 12, 2017

- 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- First Reading- Wisdom 6: vs. 12-16
- Second Reading- 1 Thessalonians 4: vs. 13-18
- Gospel-Matthew 25: vs. 1-13

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A Mass of Thanksgiving

There will be a special **Mass of Thanksgiving and Blessing of the Food** at OLHOC on Wednesday, **November 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM.** Join us for this start to your holiday!

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(cont.) May Mary continue to protect each one of us and help lead us to Jesus and Eternal Joy with Him in Heaven and on earth! May the Holy Spirit, Mary's Spouse, help us to transform our hearts and give us the desire to get closer to Jesus!

*One in Christ,  
Fr. Alain*

# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

## CCD Class Schedule

Our Lady Help of Christians 2017-2018 CCD Registration is open online: [www.olhoc.org](http://www.olhoc.org).

Oct. 29/30- NO CCD Classes

Nov. 5/6- CCD Classes

Nov. 8 (Wed.) 6:45 pm or Nov. 13 (Mon.) 6:45 pm: First Reconciliation Meetings for Parent & Child

Nov. 11- ADW Middle School Rally

Nov. 12/13- NO CCD Classes

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- check web-site)

**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 November 19 and will begin with 4:00 PM Mass followed by fun! **Bring your friends ! See the website at: [olhoc.org/ym](http://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](mailto: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](http://VIRTUS.org) to register. Call Nieda or Therese with questions at 301-645-7112.



## 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. Over 50 baskets will be prepared and delivered to those in need right here in our community by our OLHOC volunteers. While we sit around our holiday table with our loved ones, may we remember those who have so very little in this world.



## 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>

- Please call 301-645-7112 or email : [preschool@olhoc.org](mailto:preschool@olhoc.org) for information.

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## Community Outreach

The next **Shepherds' Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, November 16, 2017**. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on **Nov. 8** at 7 pm. **New members and ideas are welcome!**

**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)**

**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!**

## 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](http://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)**.

## Retired Priests Collection

The special collection for **Nov. 4/5** is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. The envelope in your monthly packet or extra envelopes are available in the narthex.



## Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2017, in observance of Veterans' Day. **We, at OLHOC, wish to thank all those who have served and serve our country and protect our freedom!**