

A Word from Deacon Rich

A Ball, The Fall and Redemption

It's almost summertime and the school year is coming to an end. I'm sure students and teachers are looking forward to a well-deserved break. For some students, this time marks a milestone in their life – their graduation from high school or college. We honor the graduates of the Class of 2018 this weekend. At the 11:30 AM Mass we will acknowledge their achievements with a special blessing.

When I look back on my school days, I recall how I looked forward to taking a break, like on a weekend, from school work. One Saturday, my older brother and I were just sitting around the house. He happened to be holding a football. Our parents were getting ready to go to the grocery store. My mother clearly said to us, "Do not throw the ball in the house."

They no sooner left when we started tossing the ball around. My brother threw a beautiful short pass from the living room to me in the kitchen. The ball went through my hands, hit the countertop and knocked a drinking glass to the floor where it shattered into a hundred pieces. We quickly cleaned up and went to our rooms like nothing had happened.

When our parents returned home, they somehow immediately knew something was wrong. We both got a suitable punishment. Replacing the broken glass was easy. Repairing the broken trust between us and our parents took work and time.

There it is; a true story of two children who disobeyed their parent and bad things happened. Sound familiar? Of course! It's the same story we hear today in the first reading about the bad choices Adam and Eve made. We've heard this story with its dire consequences many times. Still, at times, we all feel like just disobeying the rules, the Commandments or our own good common sense. Even though we know our actions will get us into trouble, cause damage or wreck our relationships. Even though we know how we will feel afterwards.

It seems like this desire to do bad things is somehow built into our human nature. It is the lingering effects of "original sin" that Adam and Eve left us. When we realize that evil does exist in the world then no wonder our lives and our community are in constant turmoil.

The story of Adam and Eve does not end in despair. Rather, it ends with a promise and hope. God promises that one will come who will "strike at" (Genesis 3:15) the head of the serpent and defeat evil. That person is Jesus Christ who came into the world not to condemn it but to save it. Who out of love made the ultimate sacrifice for our redemption. Who left us the Sacrament of Reconciliation so we can repair our relationship with God and make things right with our neighbor.



All we have to do is to be open to God and do His will. Then we will be so close to Jesus that we will be like a relative. "For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (Mark 3:35) Jesus, the best big brother, will always be on our side in our struggle against temptation.

Deacon Richard Dubicki

Prayer Requests *

We are asked to pray for: Wilbur Etbauer, Antonio Marin, Georgiana Norgren, Scott Anderson, Harold Frye, Anna Tyser (+), Patricia Fisher, Marjorie O'Donnel, Sarah Parker, Leslie, Miriam Chagolla, Lauren Lohman, Fr. Alain, Grace Emmanuella, Dennis Forgash, Robert Brooks, Angel Morgan, William Graham, Fred Kowaleski, Kaylie Fowler, Ernest Mack, Derrick Webster, Brandon Mack, Johnné Webster, Dionne Gausee, Dorian Webster, Alfred Brown, Doris Chesley, James Thompson, and all our military and civilians serving in harm's way.



**Names will remain on our list for 3 months. Please call the parish office to re-request a name after 3 months or to remove a name when the person has regained health.*

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, June 9, 9:00 AM: Ethan Evans Ruefly (+)

Saturday, June 9, 5:00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners

Sunday, June 10, 8:30 AM: Bob Lavender (+)

**Sunday, June 10, 10:00 AM:
José & Anna María Gonzáles (+)**

Sunday, June 10, 11:30 AM: Dolly Fitzpatrick

Sunday, June 10, 1:00 PM: Ouedrago Family

Monday, June 11, 9:00 AM: Ruth Koenig

Tuesday, June 12, 9:00 AM: Ken Eidsvoog

Wednesday, June 13, 9:00 AM: Moussi Family

Thursday, June 14, 9:00 AM: Joseph Dimitri Bayiha (+)

Friday, June 15, 9:00 AM: Denise Cyrille (+)

Graduate Blessing this Sunday!

At the Sunday, June 10th 11:30 Mass for those in our Parish Community who are graduating from high school, college or other professional program this semester. Graduates are asked to wear their caps and gowns. Small reception will follow in the Narthex.



10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Education Schedule

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See you at VBS – Surfin’ with the Holy Spirit! July 23 - 27
Watch for registration info.

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

Check the website for summer events!



FIAT: Elementary school Faith in Action Team

Edge: Middle school youth ministry

Life Teen: High school youth ministry

Quo Vadis Camp - For High School Boys



Interested in discerning your vocation? Do you think that the Lord may be calling you to follow him closely, perhaps as a priest? Come join us at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland from July 15-18, 2018! For four days, high school age men, who are mature and desire to grow in holiness, will have an opportunity for prayer, small group discussion, Mass, and silent reflection, as well time for recreation and sports. The cost to attend camp is \$115, scholarships are available for financial need. Bus transportation will be available from OLHOC. The camp is run by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. For more information please visit www.olhoc.org/lifeteen

Fiat Camp - For High School Girls



Fiat is Latin for "Let it be done." Join other young women from the Archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore this summer (July 27-29 at

Mount St. Mary's University) to spend time discovering the exciting things that God has for your life! What to expect: Talks by religious sisters and other speakers, Mass and prayer, games and sports, craft time and social time (with great food!), time for confession and spiritual advice. The cost is \$150 (Sibling discounts & scholarships available). For more information please visit www.olhoc.org/lifeteen

** Youth Summer Retreat **

Rising 9th graders-seniors, join us for **Camp Veritas** August 12th-18th at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. It will be an amazing week of outdoor fun, prayer, time with friends, and growing in your faith.

For more information and youth opportunities, please visit www.olhoc.org/ym or contact Marlen Coles at marlen@olhoc.org.

OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS

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

2018 Summer Program for ages 3-5 (**must be potty-trained**) The cost is \$75 per week. Discount for multiple siblings or multiple weeks.

- June 18-22, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Animals & Stories
- June 25-28, 12:00-3:30 p.m.
Building/Engineering/Construction
- July 9-13, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Numbers & Puzzles
- July 30-August 3, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Science/Nature

Registration is first come/first served, and will continue until one week before each session starts or until classes are full.

For more information OR for Fall Preschool registration, send an email to preschool@olhoc.org or call the office and ask for Nieda, Preschool Director.

Congratulations Deacon Bill Scott and Jaquan Day!

The ADW Office of Youth Ministry has awarded Deacon Bill Scott the "Msgr. William J. Awalt Award" and Jaquan Day the "St. Timothy Award" for faithfully living out their call of service to the youth of our parish, showing leadership among the youth and fellow adults, and being a positive role model for our youth.

Community Outreach



The next **Shepherd's Table Dinner** will be held on Thursday, **June 21**, at **Good Shepherd Church.**

Sharing Sunday – Non-perishable food donations are always welcome and can be left in the Social Hall. All donations will go to the local food bank, managed by Catholic Charities, on Irongate Drive in Waldorf.



Formation of New Hispanic Knights of Columbus Council in Southern Maryland

Due to the large population of Hispanic Catholics in our Region, the Knights of Columbus are in the process of forming a new Council of the Knights of Columbus for Hispanic Catholic men, in Southern Maryland. The new Hispanic Council will be headquartered out of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Waldorf, MD and our Chaplain will be Father Santiago Martin. A new Council must have a minimum of 20 members to become active, so we are actively recruiting Hispanic men, across Charles County and Southern, MD, to join the new Council. Our target date for standing up the new Council is June 28, 2018, so we must be aggressive in our recruiting efforts. To join, or for any additional information on the Knights of Columbus, please contact Sir Knight Michael R. Gonzales, the Faithful Navigator of the Saint Thomas Manor Assembly of the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus, at (301) 645-7518 (Home), (703) 599-5888 (Mobile) or at his e-mail at michael.r.gonzales@3-towers-consulting.com Please call and I will be happy to speak with you in English or Spanish.

Debido a la gran población de católicos hispanos en nuestra Región, los Caballeros de Colón están en proceso de formar un nuevo Consejo de los Caballeros de Colón para hombres hispanos católicos, en el sur de Maryland. El nuevo Consejo Hispano tendrá su sede en la Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora Ayuda de los Cristianos en Waldorf, MD y nuestro Capellán será el Padre Santiago Martin. Un nuevo Consejo debe tener un mínimo de 20 miembros para activarse, por lo que estamos reclutando activamente a hombres hispanos, en todo el Condado de Charles y en el sur de Maryland, para que se unan al nuevo Consejo. Nuestra fecha objetivo para defender el nuevo Consejo es el 28 de junio de 2018, entonces debemos ser agresivos en nuestros esfuerzos de reclutamiento. Para unirse, o para obtener información adicional sobre los Caballeros de Colón, comuníquese con Sir Knight Michael R. Gonzales, el Fiel Navegante de la Asamblea del Santo Tomás Manor del 4 ° Grado de los Caballeros de Colón, al (301) 645-7518 (Home), (703) 599-5888 (Móvil) o en su correo electrónico en michael.r.gonzales@3-towers-consulting.com Por favor llame y me complacerá hablar con usted en inglés o español.



There are certain races in which voters may cast a vote in the primary even if they are not registered as a Democrat or Republican.

As stated on the Maryland Board of Elections, "Generally, you must be registered with either the Democratic or Republican Party to vote in the primary election. If there are non-partisan offices that are elected in a primary election (i.e., school board), any voter can vote for these offices. Contact your [local board of elections](#)."

The Conference will soon release survey responses from candidates running for Congress, Governor or the General Assembly – voters must be registered with one of the two parties in order to vote for candidates for these offices in the Primary Election.

Your Church; the Lord's House

Continue to please respect your church, the Lord's house, and refrain from taking any food or beverage in the Church. If children need food or beverages, please use the cry room or Social Hall.



We have incurred some recent pew damage. Please care for your building investment by not walking on kneelers or using them as a foot rest.

Mass Readings for June 17, 2018

11th Sunday Ordinary Time

***First Reading**

Ezekiel 17:22-24

***Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

***Gospel**

Mark 4:26-34



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Adult Faith Formation Class:
Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles
SUNDAYS at 9:30 AM
Three more sessions - Come when you can!

**SUNDAY
MORNING!!**

OLHOC “Year of the Holy Spirit” (Pentecost 2018-Pentecost 2019), there is no better place to look for guidance in the New Evangelization than the Acts of the Apostles. This chronicle of the Church in action gives us the blueprint for the life and mission of the Church today. In *Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles*, Dr. Mary Healy combines Bible study with Church teaching and practical wisdom to show us how modern Catholics can effectively lead people to Jesus Christ.

Join us for this exciting study facilitated by Mike and Diane Spurgeon!

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Washington, DC 20017

The Art of Prayer is a continuing series about interior prayer which includes a talk, time for silent meditation, and praying Vespers together. Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings for *The Art of Prayer* and stay for Mass at 7:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrate the 4th of July, Wednesday night, at the Foot of the Cross.

Join us for an outdoor Mass, music, games and fireworks starting at 5:30 pm.

More information coming soon!

