

A Word from Deacon Rich

God is Gracious

The time was getting close. My wife, Regina, and I were waiting for the birth of our third child. In those days, the use of sonograms was not widespread, so we did not know if our child was a girl or boy. We had agreed on a name if the new addition to our family was a girl; finding a name for a boy was harder.

One evening on my way home from work something unexpected happened. There was an accident and a backup on the main highway. I decided to get off and take a side road. I ended up in another traffic backup in an unfamiliar area. It seemed like I was stuck in one place for a long time. Bored and frustrated, I glanced around the neighborhood. All of a sudden, I noticed I was stopped in front of a church. A large sign said "Saint Timothy Church and School." What an inspiration! I immediately liked the name Timothy. Through an improbable series of events, we found a boy's name we both liked. That's how a few weeks later our new son came to be named Timothy.

I'm sure other families have similar stories about how names were chosen for their children. Many families have the tradition of passing names down from one generation to the next. That's the way it was in the time of Jesus. A newborn child was expected to be named after a close relative. We can imagine how surprised the people were in today's Gospel when Elizabeth broke from family tradition and announced her son would be named John. It was the name that had been delivered by the message of an angel.



The name John is significant. One translation of the ancient Hebrew name means *God is Gracious*. Today as we celebrate his birth, Saint John the Baptist teaches a lot about God before he even speaks his first word.

God is gracious because he showers us with an abundance of good things, not because we earned it or deserve it, but simply because he wants to do good things for us. He gave an aging and childless couple the gift of a new life.

God is gracious because of his unending love. He continues to love us even if we don't acknowledge him,

worship him or return his love. God doesn't want to lose any of us. He extends his mercy, forgiveness, compassion and kindness to all.

God is gracious because he gave us the greatest gift ever, his only son Jesus Christ. To a world filled with bitterness, division and hopelessness, Jesus brings joy, reconciliation and the hope of salvation and eternal life.

Happy birthday, John! We look forward to hearing from you in Advent as you preach in the desert and help us prepare for the coming of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

Deacon Rich Dubicki

Prayer Requests *

We are asked to pray for: Wanda Roberts, Fr. Kleinstuber, Wilbur Etbauer, Antonio Marin, Georgiana Norgren, Scott Anderson, Harold Frye, Patricia Fisher, Marjorie O'Donnel, Sarah Parker, Leslie Heath, Miriam Chagolla, Lauren Lohman, Fr. Alain, Grace Emmanuella, Dennis Forgash, Robert Brooks, Angel Morgan, William Graham, Fred Kowaleski, Kaylie Fowler, and all our military and civilians serving in harm's way.



Deep condolences are extended to the family and friends of Mr. Roger Jones.

**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 23, 9:00 AM: Wayne Lloyd (+)**
- Saturday, June 23, 5:00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners**
- Sunday, June 24, 8:30 AM: Mahl Avila**
- Sunday, June 24, 10:00 AM: Loretta Proctor (+)**
- Sunday, June 24, 11:30 AM: Therese Gendron (+)**
- Sunday, June 24, 1:00 PM: Jean Erick Joassaint (+)**
- Monday, June 25, 9:00 AM: Helen Fitzpatrick (+)**
- Tuesday, June 26, 9:00 AM: Anna Tyser (+)**
- Wednesday, June 27, 9:00 AM: Bochard Jon-Jacques (+)**
- Wednesday, June 27, 7:00 PM: Fr. Louis Tu**
- Thursday, June 28, 9:00 AM: Margaret Amisano (+)**
- Friday, June 29, 9:00 AM: Anthony Coles**

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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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).



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VBS "Surfin' with the Holy Spirit!"

July 23-27 9:00am to Noon

Register on-line at www.olhoc.org/vbs

**Participants ages 4-11, youth volunteers ages 12-17;
Adult volunteers 18+ years**

Let's go SURFIN'! The kids will never forget their friend and helper, the HOLY SPIRIT after a week Surfin' with the Spirit! Non-stop action and non-stop learning at the same time!

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 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.

Community Outreach

The next **Shepherd's Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, July 19, 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



Those interested in being officers, or members, of the new Hispanic Council please contact Michael R. Gonzales, on his cell phone at (703) 599-5888, at his home at (301) 645-7518, or by e-mail, at michael.r.gonzales@towers-consulting.com

Le pedimos a personas interesadas en ser oficiales o miembros del nuevo Consejo Hispano comuníquese con Michael R. Gonzales, en su teléfono celular al (703) 599-5888, en su domicilio al (301) 645-7518, o por correo electrónico, en michael.r.gonzales@towers-consulting.com.



His Eminence
Donald Cardinal Wuerl
Archbishop of Washington
requests the honor of your presence at the
Episcopal Ordination of

Most Reverend
Michael W. Fisher
Titular Bishop of Tronto
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington
in the presence of
His Excellency
Most Reverend Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

Friday, June 29, 2018
Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul
2:00 p.m.

Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception
400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 20017
Reception to follow in Memorial Hall

Marriage Retreat~ Solving the Mystery of Prayer in Your Marriage

July 13-14, 2018

This retreat is for married couples who would like to feel more comfortable praying together. Learn practical tips about your own personal prayer style. Increase feelings of trust and intimacy in your marriage as you develop the spiritual side of your relationship as you employ concrete tools and advice from our team of Catholic priests and married couples. You will experience a mixture of talks, questionnaires, time for personal reflection (individually and with your spouse); Eucharistic Adoration, celebration of the Mass, and time for Confession are all included. This is a two-day retreat, but you do not stay overnight. There will also be time to socialize with the other participants, but this program is about the couple, and no one will be put on the spot to share with group. Registration fee includes the workshop fee, all materials, plus meals throughout weekend. Cost to attend: \$265 per couple. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.



Visit our website: www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612.

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 July 01, 2018

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

***First Reading**

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

***Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

***Gospel**

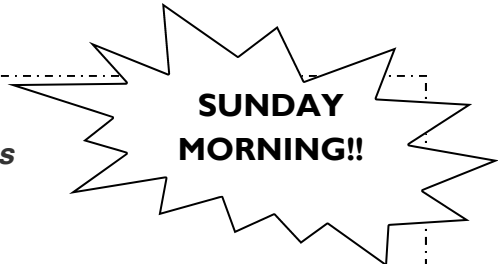
Mark 5:21-43



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Adult Faith Formation Class:
Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles
 This Sunday at 9:30 AM
 Don't miss this last session!



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!

Know your Faith — Grow your Faith



Every Tuesday morning after 9:00 AM Mass, come to study and pray over scripture readings. With coffee and conversation, the Holy Spirit is always present! Meet in the Social Hall.

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.



THE WILD GOOSE

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Beginning weekend of July 8th for seven weeks this summer - Join Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, in this incredible 7-meeting, 14-segment video series which is awakening God's love and transforming power in the hearts of all who participate. Discover the Holy Spirit who has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and who leads us to our heavenly Father. This adventure consists of Fr. Dave speaking on an attribute of the Holy Spirit, a practical application on how to respond to the Holy Spirit and testimonies of people from across the country whose lives have been impacted by the Spirit of God. **Babysitting will be provided.**

We'll watch and discuss 2 video segments at each of our 7 gatherings

- SUNDAY mornings in Rooms 103/104 (9:30 am) with Mike and Diane Spurgeon
- MONDAY nights in Rooms 103/104 (7 pm) with Deacon Rich and Carl Phipps
- MONDAY nights in Rooms 201/202 (7 pm) in Spanish with Milton Lam
- MONDAY nights in Rooms 203/204 (7 pm) for EDGE and LIFETEEN (grades 6-12) with Marlen Coles and Youth Core Team.

