

August 26, 2018

Come, Holy Spirit, Living in Mary!

“**Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary.** Help me to praise you for such a quick, easy, and secure **path to holiness!**” This is the prayer at the end of the Seventh Day of Meditation by Fr. Michael Gaitley in "33 Days to Morning Glory" leading to Marian **consecration!** It reminds us that, as preached so powerfully by St. Louis de Montfort, the quickest, easiest and most secure way to join Jesus in Heaven is through Mary. In every one of the 33 Days to Morning Glory, the ending prayer begins with those powerful words: **“Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary.”** On the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven (last week Wednesday, August 15), many of us completed or renewed our Marian Consecration through the 33 Days to Morning Glory. It was indeed a day of glory, a day of joy celebrating Mary being assumed body and soul into Heaven, celebrating Mary being reunited with her son JESUS. They had been together for 33 years on earth, from now on they will be together in Heaven forever and ever!

In my homily on August 15, at both the 9 am and 7 pm Masses, I preached about Marian Consecration and Holiness. I also preached about the total **union of Mary and the Holy Spirit**, and how both Mary and the Holy Spirit can help us to be united with God in Heaven. I read the shortest version of the Marian Consecration Prayer found in the Appendix One (page 139) of Fr. Gaitley's Book on 33 Days to Morning Glory. Here it is:



“Mary, I want to be a saint.

I know that you also want me to be a saint and that it's your God-given mission to form me into one.

So, Mary, at this moment, on this day, I freely choose to give you my full permission to do your work in me, with your spouse, the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

We all want to be a saint. A saint is someone totally in union with God. A saint is someone in Heaven, someone who will never be separated from God. The Marian Consecration is to allow Mary with her Spouse the Holy Spirit to work within our hearts and to form us into saints. Sounds simple? It is. With Mary and the Holy Spirit everything is possible. We just have to let go!



We just have to surrender our will to **their will**, which is **God's will**. Yes, the Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus, is God, so the Holy Spirit's will is God's will. Also, Mary's will is God's will, as Mary and her Spouse the Holy Spirit are **one!**

You might ask, “Why go through Mary to be with Jesus?” We do not have to. We can go to Jesus through the Holy Spirit, or we can go to Jesus directly. However, going to

Jesus through Mary, or through the Holy Spirit living in Mary, is the quickest, easiest and most secure way. This was one of the greatest insights God gave to St. Louis de Montfort over 300 years ago, and it was confirmed through other great saints, including St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and St. John Paul II; three giant saints of the 20th century.

Fr. Gaitley notes that *“when we are fully consecrated to Mary, when we have developed a relationship of **childlike dependence on her motherly care**, she is always with us whenever we pray, just as Jesus is always with us whenever we pray to the Father...”* Kolbe's main idea here is that the Father, the Son, and Mary, who is always united with the Holy Spirit (while she remains a human), do not live along parallel lines. Rather, **Jesus, Mary, and the Holy Spirit are always united together** in one movement “upward” to the **Father**. Whenever we turn to one of them, we join **all of them** in their one-upward movement...They form a unity and work as a team - though with different roles - to bring all back to the Father.”

If you have not yet read the 33 Days to Morning Glory, I invite you to begin on **Tuesday, September 4**, so that you can complete this **Marian Consecration** on **Sunday, October 7**, the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary. On that day, our parish will be blessed for the third time to host the original **International Pilgrim Statue** of Our Lady of Fatima. We will also be honored with the presence of Bishop Dorsonville that evening (details to come). Another important date for all of us is **Sunday, September 9**: celebration of our 38th birthday as a parish! Picnic following the 11:30 a.m. Mass, and 38 hours of Adoration, September 8th thru 9th.

Come Holy Spirit, living in Mary! Come Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts with the fire of your love!

**One in Christ,
Fr. Alain**



Prayer Requests *

We are asked to pray for: Trinidad Mercedes Santos, Shirley & Jerry Barrett, Baby Carmine D’Alessandro, June Swann, Elsy Canare, Martone Family, Maria Mora, Nadia Toledo, Cielo Quintero, Zynae Green, Green Family, Anthony Rodriguez, James Thompson, Doris Chesley, David Parady, Linda Bourne, Rebecca “Tess” Franch, Alex León, Connie Miller, Wanda Roberts, Fr. Kleinstuber, Antonio Marin, Georgiana Norgren, Scott Anderson, 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.*



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education PARENT UPDATES:

1. Ensure your child's online lessons are "successfully" completed from last year in order to promote to the next grade this year.
2. Registration is online. Please register now in order to be in the session of your choice.
3. There are some significant changes to the CCD and Sacramental Prep Calendars this year, so please watch your Flocknote for the schedule.



Important Dates:

- ***Sunday, Sept. 9** - 11:30 am Parish Anniversary INDOOR Mass and OUTDOOR Picnic
- ***Monday, Sept. 10** - 7pm - Meeting for Parents who have children in grades 1-7 (ALL SESSIONS)
- ***Sunday/Monday, Sept. 16/17** - Classes begin!

Religious Education VOLUNTEER UPDATES:

1. Catechists, Assistants, Teen Aides, and Office Helpers (esp. Monday night) are still needed for this year's classes. Even if you've taught in the past, please register at www.olhoc.org/revolunteer.
2. Confirmation MENTORS - Thank you to those of you who responded to the invitation after Masses last weekend! More mentors are still needed. Parents are welcome as mentors!!! Please register at www.olhoc.org/revolunteer.
3. Volunteer Training: Thursday, September 6, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 - *6 - 6:30 pm - Teen Aides and Office Helpers
 - *6:30 - 7:00 pm - PRE-K/Kindergarten and RCIC Volunteers
 - *7 - 7:45 pm - Grades 1-6 Adult Volunteers and Station Catechists
 - *7:45 - 8:30 pm - Grades 7-8 Confirmation Volunteers including Mentors

For more information send an email to dre@olhoc.org or call the office and ask for Therese, Director of Religious Education.



- FIAT: Elementary school Faith in Action Team
 - Edge: Middle school youth ministry
 - Life Teen: High school youth ministry
- For most current Youth and Evangelization events, please see our website: www.olhoc.org.

Our Younger Generation and the Catholic Faith

Attention: Adults ages 18 - 102 yrs. We are launching a new Confirmation initiative this year for our 7th and 8th graders and need your help. Come *make a difference* and be an adult mentor to walk with these young people. Pray about your involvement and willingness to share with the next generation. It can only strengthen your personal faith journey while enriching another. Please contact our Director of Religious Education, Therese Thiedeman, at dre@olhoc.org or 301-645-7112, with any questions you may have and becoming VIRTUS-compliant (Child Protection Classes and background check). Thank you!



OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS

Preschool openings (3 and 4 year olds) at OLHOC! Full and half-day programs. We include children's chapel services and many opportunities for family involvement! Register now to secure your child's seat for the 2018-19 school year.



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

OLHOC Community Outreach

Many thanks go out to Dianne and Frank Soloninka, our August menu coordinators, and everyone who worked at the Shepherd's Table dinner this month. Close to 60 people enjoyed the delicious meal and fellowship. Thank you also to the folks at All American Steakhouse for once again donating cole slaw to our meal. Next Shepherd's Table dinner is set for September 20 at Good Shepherd Church.



The next Outreach meeting is September 5 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall. New members and ideas are always welcome!

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.



Do you have a change of name, address, cell/phone number, email address?

Please call or email the parish office to make changes or corrections.

301-645-7112 * office@olhoc.org

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, August 25, 9:00 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
Saturday, August 25, 5:00 PM: Minda Clark (+)
Sunday, August 26, 8:30 AM: Charles Morrell (+)
Sunday, August 26, 10:00 AM: Joe Ippolito (+)
Sunday, August 26, 11:30 AM: Peter Nikola (+)
Sunday, August 26, 7:00 PM: Marvin Lam
Monday, August 27, 9:00 AM: Viviana Villanueva
Tuesday, August 28, 9:00 AM: Linda "Tweety" Johnson
Wednesday, August 29, 9:00 AM: Dorothy Udeaja
Wednesday, August 29, 7:00 PM: Marvin Lam
Thursday, August 30, 9:00 AM: Christopher Udeaja
Friday, August 31, 9:00 AM: Dozie Udeaja



Divine Mercy Chaplet



1st Saturday at
3:00 pm

September 1st



Parish Anniversary Weekend Celebration—September 7-9

**Beginning with an all-night adoration starting at 3:00 am, Friday, September 7
and ending on Saturday, September 8 at 5:00 pm.**

Sunday, September 9, Anniversary Picnic after 11:30 Mass

Stay tuned for details!



RCIA Invitation—Registration Open House



Interested in learning about the Catholic Church for the first time? Wanting to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? Or, wishing to learn more about your Catholic faith? This is the group for you! We invite you to meet RCIA team members at the **Registration Open House for 2018-2019 RCIA classes, This Wednesday, August 29 at 7:00 to 8:30 PM** in the social hall. Classes start in September and will be held on Wednesday nights.

Spanish Language RCIA - RICA Invitación

Si está interesado en aprender sobre la fé Católica, venga a registrarse el **domingo, 2 de septiembre** a las 5:00 PM, salón #105.

Clases empiezan 9 de septiembre.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

**With visitation of the
International Pilgrim Virgin
Statue of Fatima**



**Sunday Vigil - October 7
More to come!**

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 pew damage. Please care for your building investment by not walking on kneelers or using them as foot rests.

Mass Readings for September 02, 2018

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

***First Reading**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

***Second Reading**

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

***Gospel**

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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THE WILD GOOSE

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Join us this Sunday/Monday for an incredible video series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, 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 on Monday evening.**

We'll watch and discuss 2 video segments

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

LAST MEETING includes TWO SEGMENTS

- August 26/27: (#13) The Spirit Gives Witness, (#14) The Spirit Remembers

For more information, contact Therese Thiedeman at 301-645-7112, dre@olhoc.org



***CCD 2018-19 Remember: Everyone needs to re-register each year!**

Registration for Religious Education is open on-line: www.olhoc.org

*** Pre-K thru 8th Grade**



The Restorers of Mount Carmel are sponsoring a mini-retreat on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at Mount Carmel, 5678 Mount Carmel Road, La Plata, MD 20646. The retreat will begin with 8:00 am Mass and will end by 2:00 pm. Cost is \$30 per person and includes Mass, several talks, quiet time, confessions, rosary, benediction/exposition, continental breakfast, snacks, beverages, boxed lunch, and hand outs. Father Ken Gil, Pastor of St. Catherine's (McConchie) and also St. Ignatius (Hilltop), is the retreat master.

Please call Suzanne Carr at 301.645.5203 to make reservation. Please make check payable to Suzanne Carr and send to Suzanne Carr, 12944 Waldorf Forest Road, Waldorf, MD 20601.

ADW - Sisters in the Spirit



Triumph of the Cross 2018-Saturday, Sept. 8, 10-3 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Washington DC, SE.

Proclaiming our Season of Faith and Power with Rev. Roy Lee Archdiocese of Atlanta. Meals included, \$35 per person. Check-in begins at 9:00 am. Register by August 25. Burma Hill 240-620-4556 or Cherry Neal 301-641-3719. No tickets sold at the door.

ADW Local Fall Workshops

Saturday, October 27

***Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

9:00 am to Noon

***Lector Workshop**

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

At St. Peter's Church in Waldorf. RSVP by emailing liturgy@adw.org. A \$5 registration fee can be paid at the door. Questions? Call the ADW Worship Office 301-853-4594