

Our Lady of Fatima is Coming March 29:
Praying for Peace and Conversion!

Our Lady of Fatima is coming on Wednesday to OLHOC. We are blessed and honored to have the visit of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. In this centennial year of celebrating the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, this famous and unique statue is traveling throughout the U.S. and we are one of the three parishes chosen within the entire Archdiocese of Washington. This unique tour of our country is a **nationwide call to prayer and penance for peace in our nation and conversion of hearts!**

Many of you may recall that exactly three years ago (Friday, April 4, 2014), we welcomed the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at OLHOC for the first time. Her first visit led to an outpouring of grace not only on those who participated in the evening outdoor procession and night-long prayers, but also on our entire parish. Our Lady of Fatima, through her statue, is still leading to miracles. Her **Pilgrim Statue** has been seen shedding tears many times...and has brought many graces throughout the world. It was sculpted in 1947 according to the description of Sister Lucia, one of the three children who saw Mary six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917. In 1951, Pope Pius XII said: " In 1946, we crowned Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the World and the next year, through Her Pilgrim Statue, she set forth as though to claim her dominion, and the favors she performs along the way are such that we can hardly believe what we are seeing with our eyes."

You are all invited to **come and see Our Lady of Fatima on Wednesday, March 29! Come and participate in this nationwide prayer for peace and conversion!** Many countries of the world are facing violence and war! The whole world is in need of prayer for **peace and conversion!** The message of Fatima one-hundred years ago is as valid today as it was in 1917 when the whole world was experiencing the worst-ever war, **the first World War**, and when communism was taking hold in Russia! One of the first messages of Our Lady of Fatima was :**"Say the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the whole world and the end of war."**(First Apparition on May 13, 1917).

If you have never attended a candlelight procession, this is your chance. Bring your family and friends! The outdoor **Candlelight Procession of Our Lady of Fatima** will begin at 7 pm, this Wednesday, March 29. If you were unable to attend our Penance Service last week, you will have ample opportunity to **reconcile with God!** We will have **confessions** from 5 pm to 7 pm, and again from 7:15 to 7:45 pm. If you have never attended our Wednesday evening Mass (began last Easter Season), this is your chance, too! We will have Mass at 8 pm (one hour later than our regular Wednesday evening Mass, because of the Procession and Rosary). The detailed schedule is shown on the next page of this bulletin.

As many of you experience an outpouring of the Holy Spirit during our well-attended Family Mission last week (over 200 people every evening, from Monday through Wednesday), I can assure you that this outpouring of the Holy Spirit will continue this week as we prepare for this extraordinary visit of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. **Our Lady is closely related to the Holy Spirit: She is His Spouse!**

Mass Intention

Saturday, March 25, 9:00 AM: Tonye Joseph +
Saturday, March 25, 5:00 PM: Lloyd Cordner +
Sunday , March 26, 8:30 AM: George Albritten +
Sunday, March 26, 10:00 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
Sunday, March 26, 11:30 AM: Mass of Thanksgiving
Monday, March 27, 9:00 AM: Donald Murphy +
Tuesday, March 28, 9:00 AM: Daphne Lemke
Wednesday, March 29, 9:00 AM: Tonye Jeanne
Francoise +
Thursday, March 30, 9:00 AM: Dominic Andrews
Friday, March 31, 9:00 AM: Irene Onianwah +

Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Fr. Thomas Crowley, Monica Myers, Theresa Beinert, Mike Connolly, Jessica Curry Miller, LaShay Barnes, Samuel Lopez, Robin Dwars, Julieta Bool, Wilbur Etbauer, Fr. Thomas Crowley, Zach White, Lisa Rullo, Susan Walker, Doris Conover, Elijah Larson, Sunni Park, Mireille Obas, Joan Etbauer, Joseph Cheseldine, Sr.,Consuela Velasquez, John Lohman, Wilhelmina Franck, Tabitha Barton, Isabel Smith, Michael Sofield Jr., Elinore Fortney, Patricia Moffat, Errol Randall, Dorothea Johnson, Vanessa Barrett, Jean Erick Joassaint, Graham Baldwin, Jane Watson, Ollie Johnson, Kathy Baumgaertner, Baby Kaden, Dennis Archible Jr., Phillip Green, Doris Chesley, Patricia & James Robey, Dick White, Ada Johnson, James Thompson, Sean Guido, Marcus Williams, and all our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **James Knapp**.

Mass Readings for April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading- Ezekiel 37: vs. 12-14

Second Reading- Romans 8: vs. 8-11

Gospel-John 11: vs. 1-45

Reminder !

- On **Palm Sunday, April 9**, the 8:30 am and 10 am Masses will begin 10 minutes earlier, at **8:20 am and 9:50 am**.

(cont.) May the Holy Spirit help us to get closer to Mary! May Our Lady of Fatima help us in praying for peace and conversion in our beautiful country! May Our Lady continue to lead us to Her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ! May Our Lady and the Holy Spirit help our Lenten Journey in the joyful anticipation of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ! As we enter the second half of our Lenten Journey, may God help us to implement our personal Lenten Resolutions!

*One in Christ,
Fr. Alain*

Fourth Sunday of Lent

CCD Class Schedule

Our Lady Help of Christians 2016-2017 CCD Registration is open online: www.olhoc.org.

March 26/27- CCD

April 2/3- CCD

April 6 & 8- 1st Communion Workshop #3 (6:45 pm/9:30 am)

April 7- Living Stations- 7 pm

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

Parish Youth Night !

Life Teen: high school youth ministry (Sun., 5-6:30 pm ; April 2, 9, 30; May 7)

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 **April 30** and will begin with **4:00 PM Mass** followed by **pizza, fellowship and FIAT, Edge, and Life Teen meetings**. **Bring your friends ! See the website at: olhoc.org/ym.**

Steubenville Youth Conference

Steubenville is a weekend (Fri-Sat) Catholic Youth Conference for students currently in 8th-12th grade, that is similar to a retreat experience. This amazing weekend (**June 23-25, 2017**) features a series of talks from popular motivational speakers from across the country, Adoration, confession, Mass and more. For more details and to register visit www.olhoc.org/ym and click on Life Teen. **Don't delay, limited spots available!**

Upcoming Child Protection Classes

Upcoming sessions of "Protecting God's Children for Adults" 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 with questions or if you need assistance with this process.



Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes & Marian Shrines of France

Our parish is organizing this pilgrimage, **August 6-16, 2017**, celebrating the **100th year anniversary** of the apparitions of **Our Lady in Fatima** and the Feast of Our Lady of the Bread Giver in Aire Sur La Lys (Home parish of Fr. Narcisse Martin). Fr. Alain will be the Spiritual Director for the pilgrimage. There are detailed flyers available in the narthex and on the parish bulletin board. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity, please sign up on one of the lists in the narthex or contact **May Oteyza** at **301-843-7784**. Please do not delay; Seats are limited, but still available for this once-in-a-lifetime faith journey!

OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS

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

- Fall registration continues for all new students.
- Please call 301-645-7112 or email preschool@olhoc.org for information.

Community Outreach

All are welcome! The next **Shepherds' Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, April 20, 2017** at Good Shepherd Church. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 5** at 7 pm.

Volunteers go to: www.olhoc.org and click on the Community Outreach link. or sign-up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044FABAD2DAA8-olhc

Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels program is currently seeking volunteers who can donate 3 hours of their time, one day a month. If you are interested in working with this special organization that helps those in need/homebound, please contact Kathy at (301)-843-8295.

International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is on an historic 2-year tour of America to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, and is coming to Our Lady Help of Christians! Our parish is one of three parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington selected to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue (the only one in Southern Maryland).

Our Lady Help of Christians will host the tour on **Wednesday, March 29 starting at 7 pm**. It will be an extraordinary occasion. Join us to hear the story of Fatima and to see the statue that began it's journey in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal.

Schedule: **Wednesday, March 29, 2017**

- **5 pm- Confession**
- **7 pm- Candlelight Procession of Our Lady**
- **7:15 pm-Crowning of Mary**
- **7:15 pm-7:45 pm- Confession**
- **7:15 pm- Rosary**
- **8 pm- Mass**
- **8:45 pm- Prayer of Consecration**
- **9 pm- Farewell Procession of Our Lady**
- **9:15 pm- Scapular Enrollment**