

September 3, 2017

Cardinal McCarrick Coming Next Sunday!!!

We are all delighted that His Eminence Cardinal McCarrick will join us at the **11:30 am Mass next Sunday, September 10!!** This will be his second visit to our parish in the last 10 years. You will recall that he honored our parish in his presence four years ago and celebrating that Mass for us, he gave us a talk about Pope Francis (who had just been elected as Pope and whom he personally knew when he was Cardinal Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina). He shared with us some personal experiences from his recent trips overseas (including his visit to Tacloban, Philippines, following the most devastating storms of this century, as it had led to a surge of the Pacific Ocean with ensuing instant flooding of the coastal area).

This time, Cardinal McCarrick has accepted our invitation to **bless our renovated church**. At the beginning of the 11:30 am Mass, he will bless our new **Baptistry**, and our two new side chapels for **Our Lady of Fatima** and **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. The message of Mary to the three little children at Fatima in 1917, exactly 100 years ago, is very powerful and still very relevant today: pray for peace, pray for reparation of sins, pray for conversion of sinners, pray for reconciliation, pray the Rosary every day. The apparition of Our Lady in Guadalupe, Mexico, took place almost 500 years ago (December 1531) and is very significant for the Americas (North, Central and South) as it led to the conversion to Catholicism of a very large population of Native Americans and is today, the major Patron Saint of the Americas, as well as a continued inspiration for Evangelization. The miraculous image of Mary on the Tilma worn by Saint Juan Diego is the real image we have of Our Lady (others are representatives, made on the basis of talks with the visionaries, e.g., at Fatima and at Lourdes).

Following the 11:30 Mass, Cardinal McCarrick plans to stay for our **Annual Parish Picnic** (come and please bring a dish to share), when we will also have games for children, youth and adults as we have had at past parish picnics. He will also have the opportunity to visit our Social Hall where we will have a display of parish activities: each parish organization has been invited to have one table (e.g., Knights of Columbus, Community Outreach, St. Andrew School of Evangelization, Marian Group, Musicians, Religious Education, RCIA, Ushers/Greeters, Neo-Catechumenal Way, Altar Guild, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Hispanic Ministry, etc.).

We will also celebrate our **37th Anniversary** on Sunday, September 10. **Cardinal Hickey** established our parish on September 15, 1980! We are still a very young parish, and have kept the pioneer character of our founding members, many of whom still worship at OLHOC. As we have done in recent years, we will have **37 Hours of Adoration**, one for each of our years of existence, beginning at 4 am on Friday, September 8 and ending at 5 pm on Saturday, September 9. I encourage all of you to **come and spend one hour with the Lord**: as proclaimed by the angel who appeared to Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, we can all benefit from spending time in **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!** In these moments of **Silent Adoration**, we can feel the real presence of **Jesus** in our lives, we can look at **Him** and feel **His look** upon us, we can **hear Him whisper** in our hearts and find the **joy and peace** of **His presence**.

Mass Intention

Saturday, Sept. 2, 9:00 AM: Fr. Alain Colliou
Saturday, Sept. 2, 5:00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners
Sunday, Sept. 3, 8:30 AM: Mary Ann Sessa Murry +
Sunday, Sept. 3, 10:00 AM: Louis Akabogu Children
Sunday, Sept. 3, 11:30 AM: Joan Powers +
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 9:00 AM: Karl Lass +
Thursday, Sept. 7, 9:00 AM: Cosmo Quattrone +
Friday, Sept. 8, 9:00 AM: Nkiru Lemke

Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Fr. Robert Pittman, Denise Zois, Gary Settler, Scott Settler, Yolanda Brenoes, Elsie & Rodalin Canare, Brenda Dodson, Sarah Parker, Elaine Townley, Juliann Leginze, Randy Howells, Connie Miller, Edmond Ferguson, Josephine Manalo, Aaron Morgan, Pat Gray, John Kopec, John Cumpion, Barbara Lagman, 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, Theresa Beinert, Mike Connolly, Samuel Lopez, Robin Dwars, Julieta Bool, Wilbur Etbauer, Susan Walker, Doris Conover, Elijah Larson, Sunni Park, Mireille Obas, Joan Etbauer, Joseph Chelseldine, Sr., Consuela Velasquez, Wilhelmina Franck, Tabitha Barton, Isabel Smith, Elinore Fortney, Errol Randall, Dorothea Johnson, Vanessa Barrett, 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.

Mass Readings for September 10, 2017

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading- Ezekiel 33: vs. 7-9

Second Reading- Romans 13: vs. 8-10

Gospel- Matthew 18: vs. 15-20

Save the Date!

September 10, 2017- OLHOC 37th Anniversary/Sanctuary Re-Dedication with Cardinal McCarrick

September 17/18, 2017- CCD begins

September 21, 2017- Applebee's Fundraiser

November 11, 2017- OLHOC Craft Fair

(cont.) May God continue to protect our parish community and all our parishioners! Happy 37th Anniversary! May September 10 be a **new day** for each of us, a **new day** for our parish!

*One in Christ,
Fr. Alain*

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

CCD Class Schedule

Our Lady Help of Christians 2017-2018 CCD Registration is open online: www.olhoc.org.

Religious Education Classes

CCD Classes begin **September 17/18, 2017!** Families must **re-register each year** to ensure contact info is up-to-date. Please register online now (www.olhoc.org) so class assignments can be made and communicated in a timely manner. If 2016-17 online lessons have not yet been completed, please complete them before the end of August in order to move on to the next level of learning about our Catholic Faith in September. If assistance or wi-fi access is needed, don't hesitate to contact Therese in the parish office.

Share the Faith!

Catechists, parent volunteers, and teen volunteers are needed for the CCD year. If you have ever considered answering the Lord's call to be a witness of the Faith to the children of our parish, please be sure to contact Therese or complete the RE Volunteer form online: www.olhoc.org/revolunteer.

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- check website)

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 September 24 and will begin with 4:00 PM Mass followed by fun! **Bring your friends!** See the website at: olhoc.org/yf.

Easing the Pain of Hunger

Mary's Helping Hands is sponsoring a fundraiser to provide food and snacks for **Charles County students**, who are identified by school staff as students **living in crisis**. The funds raised will be supporting the Southern Maryland Food Bank and Outreach Services. Please support this fundraiser at **Applebees in La Plata and Waldorf** on **Thursday, September 21, 2017** for lunch or dinner (**11 am to closing**). You must present a flyer (will be in the bulletin Sept. 16/17) before ordering your meal for your donation to count. Flyers will be in the Sept. 16/17 bulletins or you may print one out at www.southernmarylandfoodbank.com.

RCIA Invitation

Registration for the 2017-2018 RCIA class has begun. We meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM. An **Open House (for English)** will be held on **Wednesday, August 30, 2017** at 7-8:30 PM in the Social Hall. An **Open House for Spanish** will be held on **Sunday, September 3, 2017** at 5:00 – 6:00 PM in Room 105. Come and meet the Team Members. If interested call the office (301-645-7112) or email deacon@olhoc.org.

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom is a Catholic Bible Study that brings the history of Christ to life through Matthew's Gospel. **Join us for Matthew: The King and His Kingdom at OLHOC at 9:30 am** beginning **Sunday, August 27**, and continuing every Sunday. For more information or to register for this study, call **Therese at 301-645-7112** or via email at : dre@olhoc.org.

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.

2017 Jubilee of Fatima Schedule

Celebrate the joy of the **100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima** right here in Charles County.

- Wednesday, **September 13, St. Joseph, Pomfret, MD at 6:30 pm.** (NOTE: the 7 pm Mass at OLHOC is cancelled so all may attend the celebration at St. Joseph's.)
- Friday, **October 13, Sacred Heart, La Plata, MD at 6:00 pm.** (Procession/Closing Mass)

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 to register. Call Nieda or Therese with questions at 301-645-7112.

Community Outreach

The next **Shepherds' Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, September 21, 2017**. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on **September 6** at 7 pm. **All are welcome!**

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

OLHOC Coat Drive

The box for the annual OLHOC Coat Drive . There will be a box in the Social Hall to collect coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for adults to be donated to the shelters and Children's Aid. Those in need will be helped by your extra garments!

Angels Watch Shelter

The women and children of the Angels Watch Shelter were served a delicious dinner of pizza, wings, and meatball sliders , with celery and carrots appetizer and a variety of donuts for dessert. Many thanks to Doreen McCallister, Sarah & Ralph Dixon, Holly Rexrode & Lawrence McGuire, and Ali Nikolai.

Reminder

No gum, food, drink, crayons in the new pews.

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