

June 18, 2017

Children’s Liturgy at Sunday Masses

Over the last two years, we have blessed to have Sister Leilani and then Sister Maria Paz to lead the Children’s Liturgy at our Sunday Masses. It has been a joy for our children. Many of you have commented positively on this important ministry and how well it is integrated into our overall Sunday liturgy. Last week, some children had asked: “Where is Sister?” You, too, may have noticed that our own DRE , Mrs. Thiedeman (10 am Mass), and our own seminarian, Pablo (11:30 am Mass) were the ones assisting our children. With sadness, we had to tell our children that Sister Maria Paz had to return to her home country, the Philippines, at a very short notice. They were very disappointed and saddened.

We would have liked to have an opportunity for the whole parish to say goodbye to Sister Maria Paz, to express our appreciation for all she had done for our parish over the last 12 months and wish her all the best in her new endeavors in the Philippines. However, given the short notice, this proved not to be possible. It was very difficult for Sister to leave us. She had made so many friends. She loved our children so much. All of us could see that love during the Children’s Liturgy at Sunday Masses. She was heavily involved in our entire Religious Education Program, teaching children and assisting our DRE on a daily basis. She loved assisting our Children’s Choir. She played a key role in developing and supporting our Homebound Ministry. She loved to assist Fr. Lopez and myself at the weekly Masses we have at Morningside, Genesis Healthcare Waldorf, Restore Rehab in White Plains, and Charleston Senior Community Center. Beyond those Masses, she would regularly visit the residents at those four facilities, to bring Communion, pray the Rosary, and provide some companionship.

Sister Maria Paz has promised to send me a note from the Philippines so that I could share it with all of you! By that time, I hope that I will then be able to tell you that we will have another sister to replace her in the fall. Over the last two years, I have learned that sisters have promised obedience to their bishops (you will remember our first Parochial Vicar, Fr. John, being re-assigned to another parish after one year here, and now, three years later, Fr. Lopez being re-assigned in early July).

As this weekend we celebrate **Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, I invite you to pray for all the current sisters of the **Missionary Catechists of St. Therese (MCST)**. These include Sister Leilani and Sister Maria Paz, but also for an increase in vocations so that the MCST sisters can continue their important evangelization through Catechesis and Love! Like the “Little Flower”, St. Therese of Lisieux, the MCST sisters have a deep love for the Eucharist and the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

I look forward to many of you joining us in the **Eucharistic Procession at 12:30 pm this Sunday, June 18!** Let us walk

Mass Intention

- Saturday, June 17, 9:00 AM: Ifeoma Igbokwe +
- Saturday, June 17, 5:00 PM: The Rodriguez Family
- Sunday , June 18, 8:30 AM: John Lohman +
- Sunday, June 18, 10:00 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
- Sunday, June 18, 11:30 AM: John Abram Chesley +
- Monday, June 19, 9:00 AM: Maria Margarita Munoz +
- Tuesday, June 20, 9:00 AM: Mercedes Vasques +
- Wednesday, June 21 , 9:00 AM: Jane Hazel
- Wednesday, June 21, 7:00 PM: Ifeoma Igbokwe +
- Thursday, June 22, 9:00 AM: Joann Coules
- Friday, June 23, 9:00 AM: Patience Sylvia Dako +

Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Annie Rope, Dave Biggerstaff, Jim Ritchie, Bonnie Castro, Therese Gendron, Andy Green, Judee Parkinson, Tanya A. Viola, Dolores Proctor, Terri Facini, April Sheffield, Dr. Suresh Verghese, Marisa Costas Pena, Marino Gadea, Monica Myers, Theresa Beinert, Mike Connolly, LaShay Barnes, Samuel Lopez, Robin Dwars, Julieta Bool, Wilbur Etbauer, Zach White, Lisa Rullo, Susan Walker, Doris Conover, Elijah Larson, Sunni Park, Mireille Obas, Joan Etbauer, Joseph Cheseldine, 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.

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Mass Readings for June 25, 2017
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading- Jeremiah 20: vs. 10-13
Second Reading- Romans 5: vs. 12-15
Gospel- Matthew 10: vs. 26-33

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(cont.) together with Jesus and bring Him to our neighborhood! Let us pray that our parish will continue our **Devotion to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!**

One in Christ,
Fr. Alain

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

CCD Class Schedule

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

Online registration is available for VBS (Coming July 24-28, 2017)

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 July 4 and will begin with **4:00 PM Mass** followed by an evening of fun at OLHOC. Bring your friends ! See the website at: olhoc.org/ym.

Summer All Youth Nights

July 4, and August 20 beginning with **Mass at 4 pm** followed by a fun event. Visit the www.olhoc.org/ym or sign up on flock note to stay updated on all the upcoming youth events.

Reminder

The weekly **Sunday morning Bible Study (follows 8:30 am Mass)** will be held in **Room 103/104** beginning this weekend, June 10/11. The topic today (**June 11**) will be "The Blessed Virgin, The Ark of the Covenant".

Sharing Sunday

All non-perishable donations may be placed in the marked box in the Social Hall. The items are donated to the local food pantry (the Southern Maryland Food Bank in Waldorf) for those in need.

Painting for a Purpose

An event to benefit the Catherine Foundation on **Friday, June 23**, from **6 pm to 10 pm** at the Waldorf Jaycees Center. Come alone or bring your friends for dinner, wine and socializing as you create a personal masterpiece. No artistic ability is necessary and all the materials (canvases, brushes, and paint) will be provided. The tickets are \$45 and must be purchased in advance at: www.greaterwaldorfjaycees.com/painting. The Catherine Foundation is a nonprofit pro-life organization that helps men and women make informed decisions regarding pregnancy. It is the only faith-based pregnancy crisis center in Charles County that provides free medical, counseling, and material resources for all its clients.

St. Inigoes Youth Camp at Loyola

St. Inigoes Youth Camp @ Loyola on the Potomac in conjunction with Camp Fire are excited to present "Unplug and Reconnect" a summer day camp for youth ages 8-14. Session 1-June 19-23 and Session 2- July 17-21. Camp will include: Bible Study, ways to pray, music, arts and crafts, games, nature walks and more. Daily snack and lunch provided. Fee: \$100 per week plus one-time fee of \$25. For more info, contact Lisa White (301-391-0819) or lisa.white@loyolaretreat.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.

Community Outreach

The next **Shepherds' Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, July 20, 2017**. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on **September 6** at 7 pm. All are welcome!

Thanks go to Cecelia Spinks for the bottled water and Margo & Russell Savoy for the amazing snack bags. Also, many thanks to Target for their donation and continuous support of our efforts.

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

2017 Jubilee of Fatima Schedule

Celebrate the joy of the **100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima** right here in Charles County! The Pilgrimage that began at Our Lady Help of Christians on **May 13** continues.

- **Thursday, July 13, St. Mary's (Newport),** Charlotte Hall, MD at **6:30 pm**.
- **Sunday, August 13, St. Frances de Sales,** Benedict, MD at **11:00 am**.
- **Wednesday, September 13, St. Joseph,** Pomfret, MD at **9:00 am** (after Mass).
- **Friday, October 13, Sacred Heart,** La Plata, MD at **6:00 pm**. (Procession/Closing Mass)

Save the Date!

On **Saturday, July 1 at 10:00 am**, our seminarian Pablo Villa will be presenting a short reflection called "**Walking In The Footsteps of Jesus**". It will include an insight on the land of the Bible and the humanity of Jesus. Also, Pablo will present a personal view of how spending three years in the Holy Land and living among Jewish people brought to light the deep relationship between Judaism and Christianity. Join us for this **special event**—all are invited!

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