

July 01, 2018

**Deacon Bill's Reflection**

First off, I want to wish everyone a happy and safe Independence Day holiday this week! We will hold our annual Mass and enjoy fun before and during the fireworks at the church. Do not miss the excitement and get the best seats in town for the fireworks!

I reflect every year on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July: how thankful I am that God has blessed me to live in this wonderful country. The freedoms we enjoy are so precious. During my years in the Marine Corps I operated in several parts of the world that do not enjoy these freedoms and their daily lives are such a contrast to what we have in the United States. I do not claim we are perfect. Obviously with laws separating families, discarding life of our most innocent, elderly, and those we misunderstand or who "look" different, we have a lot of work to do. Make no mistake though, the fact that we are free to voice our opinion and work to earn a better life for our children is an amazing opportunity. We need to keep God in every aspect of our lives if we hope to come together on these issues. God is Good!

This Sunday marks an important milestone that I have happily shared with my OLHOC family. The Church celebrates the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time and we are in the "B" cycle of our readings. Three years ago, I celebrated my Ordination as Deacon and Father Alain allowed me to preach my first homily at the weekend Masses on these very same readings we experience today.

The Church has three cycles of readings for the Sunday Masses; A, B and C. Cycle A focuses on the Gospel of Matthew, Cycle B (our current cycle) focuses on the Gospel of Mark, Cycle C focuses on the Gospel of Luke. For all my fans of John's Gospel, do not fear, the Church injects the richness of John's evangelical message during each of the three Cycles and especially in Cycle B because Mark's Gospel is shorter than Matthew and Luke's.

God is so very good in our lives; but, we often fail to stop and appreciate His Grace in our lives. Grace can be subtle; but, when we open our hearts to God, He enriches our lives in so many ways. We read this Sunday's Gospel about a man named Jairus who knew that only Jesus could save his daughter. Unfortunately for him, he worked as a senior official in the synagogue. He was not supposed to "talk" to Jesus, much less actually believe in His message. In other words, his professional life would suffer if he openly expressed his belief in Jesus' work. He did not let that interfere. Jesus looks at this man and tells him, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Are we able to publically profess our belief in Jesus and His teachings, even if it means work would be difficult or some of our friends and family might look at us differently? Jesus suffered for us. Are we willing to do the same for Him?

**Deacon Bill Scott**  
**"Do not be afraid; just have faith" Mark 5:36b**

**Prayer Requests \***

**We are asked to pray for:** Connie Miller, 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.



*\*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 30, 9:00 AM: Ursula Cordner (+)**
- Saturday, June 30, 5:00 PM: Grzegosz Bigus (+)**
- Sunday, July 01, 8:30 AM: Phillip Michelitch (+)**
- Sunday, July 01, 10:00 AM: Trudy Gray**
- Sunday, July 01, 11:30 AM: Diego & Juliana Palomino (+)**
- Monday, July 02, 9:00 AM: Fr. Alain**
- Tuesday, July 03, 9:00 AM: Georgiana Norgren**
- Wednesday, July 04, 9:00 AM: Irene O.**
- Wednesday, July 04, 5:30 PM: Our Country**
- Thursday, July 5, 9:00 AM: Segundina Padinit (+)**

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**The office will be closed in observance of the holiday,**

**Wednesday, July 4th**



**Happy Independence Day!**

# Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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](http://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).



For more information please visit [www.olhoc.org/lifeteen](http://www.olhoc.org/lifeteen)

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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](http://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.

- 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](mailto:preschool@olhoc.org) or call the office and ask for Nieda, Preschool Director.

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### Community Outreach

Our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Rosario Fernandez and the OLHOC Filipino Community for a wonderful, authentic, Filipino dinner served at the June Shepherd's Table. Thank you also to Cesar and Emily Baldonado and their daughter for preparing and cooking the delicious food as well as the Luming Restaurant, in Fort Washington, for their food donation.

Marlen Coles and her amazing OLHOC youth group volunteers earn our applause for the wonderful job of setting up and serving this special meal!



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

Today is **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. During the summer months there is an even greater need for basics such as peanut butter, jelly, & cold cereals.

**Upcoming Child Protection Workshop  
in Southern MD:**

**August 20 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Archbishop Neale School  
104 Port Tobacco Road  
La Plata, MD 20646

Register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

**Healing Mass**

St. Mary Church, Newport's monthly Healing Masses are held the **first Thursday of each month, 6:30 PM** in honor of St. John Vianney. The **next Healing Mass will be on Thursday, July 5**. Fr. Michael Briese will offer prayers of healing for the body and soul. Confessions begin at 6:00 p.m.; Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. with the Sacrament of Reconciliation continuing during Mass. Location: St. Mary Church, Newport, 11555 St. Mary's Church Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. For additional information, please call the rectory office at [301-934-8825](tel:301-934-8825)."

**Divine Mercy at OLHOC**

The Divine Mercy Ministry invites us all to come and pray the chaplet each **1st Saturday at 3:00 PM.**

Join us on **Saturday, July 7**



***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.

**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](http://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 08, 2018**

*14th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

**\*First Reading**

*Ezekiel 2:2-5*

**\*Second Reading**

*2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

**\*Gospel**

*Mark 6:1-6*



[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

# 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.

### **SEVEN MEETINGS with TWO SEGMENTS per MEETING**

1. July 8/9: (1) God's Love Poured Out, (2) The Breath of God
2. July 15/16: (3) Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire, (4) The Spirit and Our Lady

### ONE WEEK BREAK for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

3. July 29/30: (5) Gifts of the Holy Spirit, (6) The Spirit and the Eucharist
4. August 5/6: (7) The Spirit of Adoption, (8) The Spirit and the Sacraments
5. August 12/13: (9) Fruits of the Holy Spirit, (10) The Spirit and the Desert
6. August 19/20: (11) The Spirit Convicts, (12) The Spirit's Freedom
7. 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](mailto:dre@olhoc.org)



**July 23 – 27**

**9:00 am to Noon**



Give thanks and Celebrate

*Independence Day*, Wednesday night,  
July 4th, at the foot of  
the Cross!

Join us for an outdoor  
Mass, music, games  
and fireworks starting at  
5:30 pm.

