

CAN WE DRINK THE CUP THAT JESUS DRINKS?

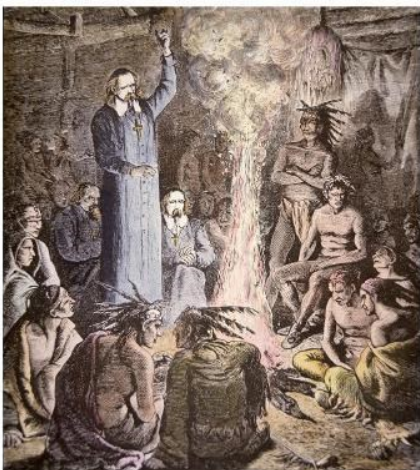
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The cup that Jesus offers each one of us is **the cup of suffering!** The question Jesus asks James and John (Mark 10:38) and all of us is, "*Can you share in my suffering and drink the cup I drink?*" None of us wants to suffer. Even Jesus in his humanity (being both God and man), did not want to suffer. We are all familiar with Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (the First Sorrowful Mystery when we pray the Rosary on Tuesdays and Fridays) when Jesus became greatly disturbed and troubled (Mark 14:33). This is the unique moment of Jesus' desperation in the Gospels. This is the unique moment when Jesus knows that the time has arrived for his arrest, passion, and death. He had told his 12 disciples earlier, "*Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise.*" (Mark 10:33-34).

This is the time when Jesus makes this amazing prayer to the Father:

"Abba Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will, but what you will." (Mark 14:36). This is an invitation for all of us to **imitate Jesus**, the man, and to submit to the Father's will, even if it implies human suffering. We are all suffering. We are all carrying our daily crosses. Jesus is inviting us to accept our crosses.

Father, may thy will be done, not mine! When I accept the Father's will and accept my daily sufferings, I am drinking the cup Jesus drinks and I am sharing in Jesus' sufferings on His Way to the Cross! I cannot do it alone. Often, my cross appears to be so heavy that I may lose hope and get discouraged. But God is always there to help me carry the cross. **He** is the one giving me **hope**. I know that I can trust in Him. I know that **He** will send me the **graces of the Holy Spirit** to help endure my sufferings on earth. I believe that these sufferings are nothing compared to the **Joy** of being with **Him** now and eventually in heaven eternally.



Last week, October 19th, we celebrated the Feast Day of the First Martyrs in North America: Isaac Jogues, John de Brebeuf, and Companions. They were Jesuit missionaries who came from France to Canada in the 17th century. They evangelized many of the Native Americans. They were successful in

their conversion efforts, but then were imprisoned and tortured. They are a good example of imitating Christ. They gave their lives literally to Christ. Their leader was St. John de Brebeuf who was tortured and killed in 1648. As he was preparing to die as a **martyr**, he wrote in his spiritual diaries:

"May I die only for you, Jesus, who willingly died for me. I will take from your hand **the cup of your sufferings** and call on your name: **Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.**"

None of us may be called to be a martyr like John de Brebeuf or Isaac Jogues. But from our baptism, we are all called to **holiness**. We are all called to imitate Jesus, the Suffering Servant (Isaiah chapter 53, Mark 10:33-34). Our inclination is not to serve but to be served. A Christian servant does not seek any recognition. A Christian servant performs thankless, hidden acts of **love and kindness**. To be a servant, to be a suffering servant like Jesus, we have to be totally humble. We have to surrender to God the Father. We can do it only with the **help of the Holy Spirit**. As we open our hearts to the **Holy Spirit**, we can be transformed by letting the **Holy Spirit** guide our choices and decisions. In this connection, I am delighted that many of you have chosen to attend the 6-week course **The Gift**, that started this past week.

Whenever we attend Mass, we are invited to reflect on the sacrificial aspect of the Mass; Jesus the Suffering Servant offering his life for all of us. Whenever we attend Mass, we hear the words of Jesus at the **last supper**, "*Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.*" Every time we come to Mass, we participate in the Sacrifice of Jesus dying for the redemption of our sins on the **cross**. Every time we come to Mass, Jesus invites us to share with **Him** in the **cup of suffering**. Every time we drink the Blood of Christ at Communion, we are reminded of sharing in **His suffering**.

Come Holy Spirit - Help us to drink from the **cup of suffering**. Help us to imitate Jesus who came to **serve**, not to be served. **Come Holy Spirit** - Pour into our hearts the graces to help us accept our daily sufferings. **Come Holy Spirit** - Help us to carry the crosses of our lives joyfully by maintaining **our hope** in **eternal life!**

*One in Christ,
Fr. Alain*



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Education Important Dates:

Oct. 28/29 - **No regular CCD Classes; Sacramental Prep only.** Join us for Youth Mass at 4:00 pm followed by

All Youth Night.

Nov. 4/5 - CCD Classes

Nov. 11/12 - Classes



**Attention:
Sacramental
Preparation Families
(CCD and Catholic
School Families):**

First Communion and Confirmation (Year 1 and Year 2)

Our first workshop of the year takes place **THIS Sunday, Oct. 28**

*First Reconciliation/Communion Workshop at 10:00 am followed by attending 11:30 am Mass together

*Confirmation Workshops at 2:30 pm followed by attending 4:00 pm Youth Mass together, dinner, and All Youth Night activities.

All workshops are for students and parent(s). Confirmation workshops also include Confirmation **MENTORS!**

Additional workshop dates for Sacramental Prep:

Nov 18, Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24, and Apr 28.

Questions? Please contact Therese Thiedeman in the Parish Office.

Thanks!



Youth Worship

FIAT: Children in Elementary

EDGE: Middle School Youth

Life Teen: High School Youth

Life Teen meets this Sunday 5-6:30

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THIS Sunday afternoon, All Youth Night begins with Mass at 4:00 pm followed by food, faith and fellowship for all youth groups! Bring your friends!

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Next Saturday, November 3 - ADW Middle School Rally

Required for Confirmation Year 1 Students

Encouraged for 6th and 8th graders as well!

Join other youth in 6th-8th grade for a day of fellowship, faith, music and worship! Bishop Campbell will celebrate the closing Vigil Mass. Visit www.olhoc.org/edge to register.

Permission slips are required.

**For most current Youth and Evangelization events,
please see our website: www.olhoc.org**

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!



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



OLHOC Community Outreach

The women and children of the Angels Watch Shelter enjoyed a fantastic meal October 21st, prepared by committee members. The meal included delicious casseroles, enchiladas, mac & cheese, salad, rolls, a variety of breads and fun autumn decorated cupcakes! Thanks to Renee White, Claire Passero, Ali Nikoli, Linda Potter, Susan Sofield and Diane Spurgeon. The meal was delivered by the Soloninka family.

As well, the Outreach Committee was honored to serve over 80 people a special chicken BBQ dinner October 18th at the Shepherd's Table. Special thanks to Debbie and Bill Reynolds, menu coordinators and all our hard working volunteers. Thanks, too, to Schlagel Farms for donating the potatoes.



The next Outreach Committee meeting is Wednesday, **November 7 at 7:00 pm in Fr. Alain's office.** New members and ideas are always welcome! Our next Shepherd's Table will be on **November 15** at Good Shepherd Church on Smallwood Drive.

We are collecting your kind donations of new and gently used winter coats, hats and gloves for Children's Aid and area shelters. Please place in the **BIG box near the social hall.**



Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Sheryl Carter, Sharketer Butler, Chloe, Daniel Carpenter, III, Harris Family, Dennis Wick, Richard Dunham, John Cooper, Edward Krevey, Scott Anderson, Rebecca "Tess" Franch, Connie Miller, Russell Dickens, Fr. Pittman, Christopher Berger, Christine Proctor, Margaret Reeves, Bonnie Croston, Melody Hudson, Dennis Forgash, Thomas Kennane, Joe Albrittain, Lam Family, Darren Williams, Mary Delores Proctor, Pat Fisher, Antonio Torres, Chris Goldhammer, Trinidad Mercedes Santos, Shirley & Jerry Barrett, June Swann, Elsy Canare, Martone Family, Maria Mora, Nadia Toledo, Cielo Quintero, Zynae Green Family, Anthony Rodriguez, James Thompson, Doris Chesley, Alex Leon, Fr. Kleinstuber, 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, October 27, 9:00 AM: Lloyd Cordner (+)
Saturday, October 27, 5:00 PM: Joseph Weingarden (+)
Sunday, October 28, 8:30 AM: Lleyton Sutton
Sunday, October 28, 10:00 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
Sunday, October 28, 11:30 AM: Salvador Magallanez (+)
Sunday, October 28, 4:00 PM: Rebecca Coles
Monday, October 29, 9:00 AM: Antoine Jean-Jacques
Tuesday, October 30, 9:00 AM: Charles Gallagher (+)
Wednesday, October 31, 9:00 AM: Roland Trainque (+)
Wednesday, October 31, 7:00 PM: For all the Children of the World
Thursday, November 1, 9:00 AM: Alice Martinez
Friday, November 2, 9:00 AM: Dil Etbauer (+)
Friday, November 2, 8:00 PM: Lizabeth Ahern (+)

Pick up a baby bottle bank in the Narthex

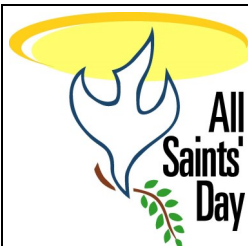


Baby Bottle Boomerang supports the Catherine Foundation - Fill with your spare change and return to a staff member or the **church office by November 18.**

OLHOC Healing Mass with Fr. Martin Scott

Saturday, November 3

Begins with 4:00 PM Confessions followed by 5:00 PM Mass



November 1 - All Saints Day

A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times: 9:00 AM,

Noon, and 7:00 PM

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

November 3rd



Mass Readings for November 4, 2018

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

***First Reading**

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

***Second Reading**

Hebrews 7:23-28

***Gospel**

Mark 12:28-34

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New Footsteps: Celebrating the Legacy of Father Martin You are invited to a *Renewal Celebration*

October 28, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

Sank Auditorium, St. Peters School

One hundred and twenty-four years ago a Sulpician priest, unknown to Southern Maryland, left the comforts of seminary life in Baltimore to take up residence at a poor, rural parish on the outskirts of Waldorf near Beantown to become a pastor and champion of souls.

From 1894 until his death in 1923 at age 77, Father Narcisse Martin devoted his life to the spiritual wellbeing of the people of what was then St. Peter's Parish – African-American, Native American, and White alike. His extraordinary devotion to serving God by serving souls laid the foundation for St. Peter's, Our Lady Help of Christians, St. Michael's, and St. Dominic's Churches as we know them today.

Please join the members of the Father Martin Society on **Sunday, October 28th, at 4:00 p.m.** for a celebration of renewal. Much has occurred since the last meeting of the Father Martin Society. Learn more about progress the society has made in building on the legacy of Father Martin, its plans for the future, and more about the man himself. In the words of Father Martin in 1897, *"the work ...will take time, and, above all, will need Heavenly light."* We welcome your presence and your prayers!

Father Martin Society

Eucharist ▪ Priesthood ▪ Intercultural Unity

For more information, please email fathermartinsociety@gmail.com



Open Position - Help Wanted

Our current Office Manager will be leaving her position on Friday, Nov. 2, 2018. If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit your CV (resume) in a sealed, envelope addressed to Fr. Alain by **this Sunday, October 28.**

Basic Criteria for selection include:

- Experience in management and administration
- Strong people skills
- Commitment to maintaining confidentiality
- Proficient in computer & media skills
- Office communication skills (verbal & written)
- Working knowledge of Spanish language desirable, yet not required



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Faith Direct provides our parishioners with the ability to give electronically. To simplify your Sunday mornings, visit Faith Direct and consider enrolling using our **parish code: MD614.**

Applications can also be found in the narthex. Thank you for your kind donations and to all those already enrolled in this cost effective measure for our church.

The Social Hall is closed while under construction. The kitchen remains available. We strive to be finished by year end. If you have any questions regarding this important Capital Campaign step, please contact Dick Potter, volunteer lead.



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