

January 20, 2019

Celebrating the opening of our beautiful new hall

Saturday February 2/Sunday February 3

The time has come to plan the celebration of the opening of the renovated Social Hall. We are nearing the finish line. The mobile partitions were shipped from the factory Friday, January 11. Their installation should be completed in the next few days. The last step would be to obtain final approval by Charles County. Then, it will be time to **celebrate**.

The next major Feast Day is the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple on Saturday February 2nd, always 40 days after the Nativity of our Lord. This year it happens to occur on the First Saturday of February. Before the Mass (called the Candlemas), we have the tradition of blessing candles (including those used the next day to bless throats on the Memorial Day of St. Blaise) followed by a candle light procession to the main church. We hope many of you can join us at 9 am in the new hall before attending Mass on Saturday, February 2nd. For some it may be the first time participating in the First Saturday Devotion promoted by Our Lady of Fatima (we are now in our seventh year of this devotion at OLHOC)

The Core Leadership of our Youth program is currently considering having a parish-wide Super-Bowl Party on Sunday afternoon February 3rd. Due to the cancellation of our traditional St. Nicholas Breakfast last month (no space available), we had been looking for an alternative fund-raising event to support our youth activities while fostering fellowship. Stay tuned! Save the date! More details will be given shortly.

Following recommendations from our Parish Council, inputs from our staff, and many of you, we intend to name our renovated social hall Father Martin Hall. Fr. Martin was pastor in Waldorf for 29 years: 1894-1923. At that time there was only one Catholic parish in our area, St. Peter's, and Fr. Martin demonstrated a zeal for evangelization, baptizing over 2,300 children/adults at a time when there were very few people living in the Waldorf area. He also established missions in St. Michael and St. Dominic in Brandywine/Baden. The Father Martin Society, which includes members of our parish, has now been incorporated as a non-profit organization

to continue the promotion of Fr. Martin's three-fold legacy: 1. Devotion to the Eucharist. 2. Prayer and support to vocations to priesthood and religious life. 3. Ever-deepening intercultural unity through worship of the Eucharist (especially in silence and song). Last year, the Father Martin Society began to fund scholarships for low-income families at our own pre-school and St. Peter's school. Father Martin is being considered for the first step of sainthood: Servant of God because of his zeal for evangelization. We pray Father Martin will continue to be an inspiration to all of us as intentional disciples of Christ.

We have just completed the first week of Ordinary Time, which began right after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel (John 2:1-11), Jesus performs the first of his miraculous signs: the transformation of water into wine at the wedding of Cana. For the first time, Jesus reveals his glory to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Mary is the one who tells Jesus "they have no wine", Jesus's response is "how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." But Mary persists and she simply asks the servers: "Do whatever he tells you." I invite everyone this week to reflect on this request from Mary to each one of us, who are called to be servants of God. "Am I doing everything Jesus asks me to do?" "How can I be a better listener of Jesus' orders?" "Who is guiding my daily decisions?" "Is my guiding star my GPS: God's Powerful Spirit?"

**Come Holy Spirit, Guide us, strengthen us
and console us. Tell us what we must do.
Let us only know Your will and do Your
will, not ours.**



*One in Christ,
Fr. Alain*

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Education

Important Dates:

Jan 20/21 – CCD Classes
Jan. 27/28 – Sacramental **PREP** and **ALL YOUTH NIGHT SUNDAY**. (NO regular Classes).. ALL Sunday and Monday families are encouraged to attend Sunday's 4pm **YOUTH MASS** and **ALL YOUTH NIGHT** activities (Fiat,/Edge/Life teen)



Feb. 3/4 – CCD Classes

Feb. 10/11 CCD Classes

***Attention Sacramental Preparation Families (CCD and Catholic School Families):** Workshop dates for First Reconciliation/Communion (10 am) and Confirmation Year 1 and 2 (2:30pm): Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24, & Apr 28.



Youth Worship

Questions? Please contact Therese Thiedeman, DRE

FIAT: Children in Elementary

EDGE: Middle School Youth

Life Teen: High School Youth

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

Pro- Life

The Catholic bishops of the United States have designated January 22 as a special day of prayer in reparation for the massive killing that has resulted from the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision (handed down January 22, 1973) which permitted abortion throughout pregnancy.

Thank you to the youth and clergy who participated in Youth Rally and March for Life. We ask for your continued prayers for the end of abortion in our country.

Your Church: The Lord's House

Continue to please respect your church, the Lord's house, and **refrain from taking any food or beverage into the Church**. If your children need food or beverages, please use the cry room. Please care for your building investment by not walking on kneelers or using them as footrests.

World Youth Day– Panama

Each year, the Neo-Catechumenal Communities of Washington , DC sends several youth to World Youth Day. This year the event is in Panama January 22-27.

We ask your prayers for the youth, and Fr. Santiago, who will also be attending. Let us pray especially for those considering consecrated life!

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

Our next Shepherd's Table will be held on February 21, 2019 at Good Shepherd Church on Smallwood.

Our next Outreach Committee meeting will be on February 6, at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

Friday Faith & Fellowship Group

*Join the group every 2nd Friday of the month for
 Movie Night (watch for update)
 and for bible study and music each 3rd, 4th, and occasional 5th Friday. 7:00 PM*

Help Our Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1,000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 1-3, 2019, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email:

3015@retrouvaille.org



Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Adele Alvey, Dorothy Neal, Dunny Proctor, K.D. Dillard, Josephina Knapp, Bill Cooke, Maria Townsend, Crystal Beauregard, Sheryl Carter, Alex Leon, Sharketer Butler, Chloe, Harris Family, Dennis Wick, Richard Dunham, Edward Krevey, Scott Anderson, Rebecca “Tess” Franch, Russell Dickens, Fr. Pittman, Christopher Berger, Margaret Reeves, Bonnie Croston, Melody Hudson, Thomas Kennane, Joseph Albrittain, Lam Family, Urrutia Family, Darren Williams, Pat Fisher, Antonio Torres, Chris Goldhammer, Trinidad Mercedes Santos, Shirley & Jerry Barrett, June Swann, Elsy Canare, Martone Family, Maria Mora, Nadia Toledo, Cielo Quintero, Oscar Marin, Maribel Colindres, Zynae Green Family, Anthony Rodriguez, James Thompson, Doris Chesley, Laura Flaim, 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

Sunday, January 20, 8:30 AM: Dennis Forgash (+)
Sunday, January 20, 10:00 AM: Caroline Uakabugu
Sunday, January 20, 11:30 AM: Zeyneb Mourtaj (+)
Sunday, January 20, 7:00 PM: Concepción Rodríguez Nuñez(+)
Monday, January 21, 9:00 AM: Adrian Robertson
Tuesday, January 22, 9:00 AM: Rupert Thomas (+)
Wednesday, January 23, 9:00 AM: Emma & Ryan Shanholtzer
Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 PM: Isaiah Strawberry
Thursday, January 24, 9:00 AM: Lazarus Sutton
Friday, January 25, 9:00 AM: Remmington Michael Brown
Saturday, January 26, 9:00 AM: Kenny Cronin (+)
Saturday, January 26, 5:00 PM: OLHOC Prayer Chain Members

First Reconciliation

Please pray for the students receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend.

“ It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the action that we do”

-Mother Teresa

Mass Readings for January 27, 2019

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*First Reading

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

*Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

*Gospel

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

www.usccb.org



Upcoming Youth Events:

World Youth Day Celebration for Young Adults | #wydDC

Join college students and young adults (ages 18-39) on Saturday, January 26, 2019 for a one-day Catholic festival at The Catholic University of America. Experience World Youth Day in Panama including world-renowned speakers, live music, simultaneous streaming of Pope Francis in Panama, and authentic Panamanian culture! For more information visit www.wydDC.org

Next All Youth Night - Sunday, January 27th

Join us for 4 pm Mass followed by pizza, faith & fellowship for FIAT (Elementary), Edge (Middle School) & Life Teen (High School) from 5-6:30 pm. Bring some friends, ALL are welcome!

Don't miss out on the many wonderful opportunities we have for our youth of all ages. We have spots available for the Steubenville Youth Conference, Camp Covecrest in Georgia, and many more upcoming events.

Quo Vadis Shadow Day

On Friday, February 15, 2019, juniors and seniors in high school are invited to join the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington for a special Quo Vadis "Shadow Day" at Saint John Paul II Seminary and the Catholic University of America. You will be able to experience a "day in the life" of a seminarian by joining them for Mass, Adoration, meals, class, sports and just hanging out. This day is a great opportunity to come and see what a day in the life of a seminarian is like. For more information visit www.olhoc.org/yevents

For more info and an updated list of our events please visit www.olhoc.org/ym or contact Marlen marlen@olhoc.org



www.FaithDirect.net

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.

Feast of the Holy Child (Santo Niño) Sunday January 20th.

Join us beginning at 3pm

3pm– Preparation/Exposition

3:30 pm– Rosary

4pm– MASS

5:30pm– Outdoor Procession

6:30pm– Traditional Dances & Presentation followed by fellowship and potluck at St. Peter's School in Waldorf.

Social Hall Under Renovation

The Social Hall is closed while under construction. The kitchen also remains unavailable at this time. All contractor work is complete. Floors cleaned and security cameras installed.

Partitions are scheduled to be installed Wednesday Jan. 16. All inspections are scheduled to close out Building Permit and receive Occupancy Permit

If you have any questions regarding this Capital Campaign project, please contact the office at 301-645-7112.

Concerns will be forwarded to the Project Manager.

