

May 12, 2019

TEN NEW PRIESTS TO BE ORDAINED FOR WASHINGTON! KEEP PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS!

Ten new Priests to be ordained for Washington! Keep praying for vocations! Archbishop-elect Wilton Gregory will ordain 10 new priests for Washington at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on June 15. This is one of the largest ordination classes in recent years. As in each of the last two years, one of the newly ordained has served as seminarian in our parish. Following in the footsteps of Father Jorge Ubau (2017) and Father Andrew Clyne (2018), Deacon Michael Russo is to be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ "through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit" (words in the invitation card). You are all invited to attend his ordination beginning at 10 am Saturday, June 15. The whole ceremony takes close to two hours. If you have never attended any ordination, it is a great opportunity not to be missed.

God willing, Deacon Michael Russo will be the fourth OLHOC seminarian to be ordained to the priesthood, the first one being Fr. Chip Luckett, who was our first-ever seminarian (2012). You will recall that Deacon Michael came to serve at one of our Sunday Masses last August and gave us a wonderful homily, which was published in our weekly bulletin. Michael served our parish very effectively and with much love in June/July 2014. Among many activities, he revamped our website, helped train new altar servers, and was a wonderful Master of Ceremonies for the celebration of the fifth anniversary of the ordination of my entire class (a total of eight priests who celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving together at our parish). Before coming to college in Washington, DC, he lived for many years with his family in Waltham, MA (near Boston) not far from my own seminary (St. John XXIII in Weston). One of my own assignments as seminarian was at St Mary's Church in Waltham (very close to his home). When St Mary's pastor, my former supervisor, learned that Michael was assigned to my own parish, he called to remind me that Michael was from Waltham, that he knew him and his family well, and that he still hoped that Michael might be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Boston. Being Washington-centered, we are all delighted that Michael chose to continue studying for the priesthood here and did not return to Boston!

As already announced earlier, you are invited to join us for a Holy Hour for Vocations on the First Saturday of June (June 1st) to pray for the ten priests to be ordained June 15th. I have already told Michael that on that day, he will be very much in our prayers at OLHOC. On the following day, Sunday, June 2nd, Father Eamon Dignan has accepted our invitation to celebrate the 10 am Mass with us in honor of his completing 60 years of priesthood! Fr. Dignan, born in Ireland, was ordained a priest for Washington on May 31, 1959. What a blessing to serve the church for 60 full years!!! Fr. Robert Pittman also reached 60 years of priesthood last July (July 13) and he had wished to celebrate it at our parish, but due to a

stroke, he had to move to Ohio to be in a nursing home close to his religious community. We are glad that we can honor Fr. Dignan. As our second pastor at OLHOC, he is the one who completed the construction of our church building in 1990. He served our community wonderfully for a total of 17 years: 1987-2004. Mark your calendars for 10 am Mass Sunday, June 2nd. We will provide more details shortly.

We are also pleased to announce that beginning Monday, May 20th, seminarian John Winslow will join our parish for his summer assignment. John's own parish is just a few miles south of us: St John Francis Regis, Hollywood. After spending 3 years at St John Paul II Seminary, he is now completing his first year at Theological College where he was accepted as part of the Basselin Scholars Program (a five-year formation for a few seminarians selected from the entire United States). I know that, as in past years, you will all welcome our new seminarian. Those summer assignments are an important part of the formation and discernment process of seminarians. Some of you have asked in the past when Deacon Joseph Salser will be ordained to the priesthood. We had expected him to be ordained last year. Joseph has recently informed me that he will not be ordained this June. Joseph has asked us to keep him in our prayers as he has discerned that it was not God's plan for him to become a priest. He has also expressed his thanks for all the support he received while serving at our parish. I know from my own experience in seminary that the discernment to the priesthood continues until the day of ordination. To become a priest is to follow God's will, not our own will.

As a parish community, let us continue praying for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Let us pray for all the seminarians currently in formation, including Leon Gilmore who is completing his fourth year at St. John Paul II Seminary, Pablo Villa, who is completing a Pastoral year, and John Winslow, who will join us this summer. Let us also continue praying for our own youth at OLHOC: may they be open to hear God's call! Special prayers go to the 51 youth confirmed by Bishop Dorsonville last month (April 26) and the 73 who received their First Communion last Saturday (May 4). Let us pray also for their parents, grandparents, sponsors, and their teachers of religious education at OLHOC. We are most grateful to God for all the blessings **He** keeps pouring on our parish.

Come Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts with Your Love! Come Holy Spirit! Help us love one another as Jesus loves us! Come Holy Spirit! Help us see Christ in everyone we meet! In this month of May, the month of Mary, may our Mother in Heaven keep protecting us, especially all the mothers of our parish as we celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday!

*One in Christ,
Father Alain*



Third Sunday of Easter

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Important Dates



May 12/13 – CCD Classes

May 19 – All attend 11:10 am May Crowning,
indoor 11:30 Mass, Rita's Ice Social; then 1:15 pm Appreciation
Luncheon for Religious Education & Youth Ministry Volunteers

Volunteers for Summer Activities and Beyond

We are currently recruiting adult volunteers (ages 18+) to work with our parish programs for children and youth over the summer and for the 2019-20 Year (chaperones, Vacation Bible School volunteers, catechists, assistants, mentors, substitutes, office helpers, Youth Core Team members, All Youth Night helpers, OLLC Preschool volunteers, childcare providers during parish programs, etc.). If you are interested in volunteering, or are a parent of a child/youth in any of these programs, you are NEEDED!

Adult Volunteers (ages 18+) who have substantial contact with minors (under 18) or vulnerable adults are required to undergo Child Protection Training and get an electronic background check. The next Archdiocesan class for Child Protection taking place locally is Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Archbishop Neale School in La Plata. Spaces are "first registered, first served". To register, establish an account at VIRTUS.org and select that particular class for training. Please see Nieda or Therese for more information or visit our website www.olhoc.com/safety

Holy Hour for Vocations June 1

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Mt 9:37-38

Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the **"Holy Hour for the intentions of the Ordinandi"** and an increase in Vocations to the **priesthood and Consecrated Life** on June 1 at 10 am.

Unite with parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Washington as we anticipate the Ordination of our Priests on June 15!
This year's Ordinandi:

- Deacon John Benson
- Deacon Joseph Cwik
- Deacon Brendan Glasgow
- Deacon Christian Huebner
- Deacon Ebuka Mbanude
- Deacon Stefan Megyery
- Deacon Patrick Mullan
- Deacon Benjamin Petty
- Deacon Jan Pietryga
- Deacon Michael Russo



OLLC Preschool

OLLC Preschool fall 2019 registration is open! Parishioners, please share this information with families you know who may be looking for Catholic Preschool for their child or grandchild, and be sure you have registered your child for fall. For info or to register: email the preschool director, Nieda, at preschool@olhoc.org or call the church/preschool office at 301-645-7112 during office hours.

The Meals on Wheels program is currently seeking volunteers for the Waldorf/St. Charles route who can donate 1½ to 2 hours of their time, one day a month. We deliver 5 days a week. If you are interested in working with this special organization that helps those in need/homebound, please contact Kathy at (301)-843-8295.

Scripture Study - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

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

Divine Mercy – Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

Separated and Divorced Catholics

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, is currently hosting "Surviving Divorce", a class for Separated/Divorced Catholics, on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm through June 13th. \$25.00 donation covers the cost of books and materials. For more information or to register, please contact Mary Pearson, 301-922-0084, maryp10@yahoo.com.

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We are asked to pray for:

Sandra Barrientos
Dennis Hook
Ana Maria Delmira Sibrian Escobar
Nestor Ermelindo Molina
Doris Chesley
James Thompson
Thoeun Tinn
Felicia & Myles Webster
Rebecca (Tess) Franch
Vicky Welch
Naomi Lilly
Sterling Greene
Aleli Puzon
Patricia Delgado
Rosano Wheeler
Larry McGraw

Vivian Truxon
Kenny Lindsay
Dorian Webster Sr.
Dionne Gause
Pat Fisher
Christ Goldhammer
Melody Hudson
Ernest Mack
James Wiltz
Adele Alvey
Dorothy Neal
Dunnie Proctor
Shirley Ehman
K.D. Dillard
Josephina Knapp
Maria Townsend
Crystal Beauregard

Sheryl Carter
Alex Leon
Sharketer Butler
Steven Bowling
Edna Yarngo
Kathly Grimes
Damien Price
Sheny Padilla
Richard White
Mary Dooley
and all our military and civilians serving in
harm's way.

*Please let us know if any names should be removed
from the list.*

*Please pray for those who lost their lives, and all the
people of Sri Lanka.*



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 AM: Sheny Padilla
Saturday, May 11, 5:00 PM: Rosario Wheeler
Sunday, May 12, 8:30 AM: Our Lady Help of Christians Parishioners
Sunday, May 12, 10:00 AM: Jose & Anna Marie Gonzales (+) and family
Sunday, May 12, 11:30 AM: Mike Connelley (+)
Sunday, May 12, 1:00 PM: Joanna Ouedraogo (+)
Sunday, May 12, 7:00 PM: Nathalie Innocent
Monday, May 13, 9:00 AM: Juana Loving-Alvarado
Tuesday, May 14, 9:00 AM: Buenaventura Javier (+)
Wednesday, May 15, 9:00 AM: Armand Ouedraogo
Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 PM: Rose Lyn Gacosta (+)
Thursday, May 16, 7:00 PM: Fernando & Lucrecia Barria
Friday, May 17, 9:00 AM: Souls in Purgatory

Altar Server Training

Training for Altar Servers will be held Thursday, May 16, and Wednesday, June 5. Once children have received their First Communion, they are eligible to serve on the Altar . Please sign up on our website: www.olhoc.org/as

“Every vocation, every path to which Christ calls us, ultimately leads to fulfillment and happiness, because it leads to God, to sharing in God's own life.” – Pope John Paul II

The Fourth Cup

Go deeper in your understanding of the Mass as renowned “Catholic Theologian, Dr. Scott Hahn explains Christ’s Paschal Sacrifice on the Cross as the traditional Fourth Cup used in the celebration of the Jewish Passover meal.” Small group discussions will follow.

Thursday, May 30th at 7 pm
and/or

Saturday, June 1st. At 11 am

Sign up at www.olhoc.org/mass

Mass Readings for May 19, 2019.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

***First Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

***Second Reading**

Revelations 21:1-5a

***Gospel**

John 13:31-33a, 34-35



www.usccb.org

YOUTH NEWS

Attention High School & College Graduates: Please join us on Sunday, June 9th at the 11:30 am Mass for a special blessing. We ask that you also wear your graduation robes. Please sign up online www.olhoc.org/ymevents If you have any questions contact Marlen marlen@olhoc.org

Attention College Students: Join other Young Adults for a 4 Day Formation Conference Universitas - "Beauty & Beatitude" June 1st-5th. In order to meet the challenges of living the faith as a young Catholic adult, the Religious Family (Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara and IVE) hosts and annual 4 day formation retreat called *Universitas* on the grounds of their retreat center in the beautiful foothills of the NY Catskill Mountains. The cost is \$80 for the retreat. For more information or to register, please visit www.olhoc.com/college

Attention current 8-12 graders - Spots still available!

Steubenville Youth Conference - June 21-23, 2019

Join us this summer for Steubenville Conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. A Steubenville Conference weekend is PACKED with dynamic speakers, worship music, Mass, Adoration and MORE! Come and encounter Christ with other teens from other states as we worship together and grow in our Catholic faith! Limited spots available for more details & to register visit www.olhoc.org/steubie19

Quo Vadis Camp- The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary July 28-31, 2019. For four days, high school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

Camp Covecrest - August 4-10, 2019 in Tiger, Georgia

Join us for Life Teen summer camp - Camp Covecrest, in the North Georgia Mountains, for an amazing and transformative week of fun, activities, time with friends, prayer and growing in your faith (i.e. high ropes, messy games, obstacle course, zip line, white water rafting, team building experiences, music, talks, reflections, Mass, Adoration & personal growth). For more details, watch a video & to register visit www.olhoc.org/camp

Join Our Youth Support Team which is an integral part of our Youth ministry at OLHOC. It consists of different components utilizing diverse gifts and time commitments of parents and other interested volunteers from our parish. These volunteer opportunities can range from assisting with special events or joining the core team and work directly with the youth. All volunteers must be Virtus Compliant. Together we can help lead our youth closer to Christ! For more information please visit the website or talk to Marlen Coles.

For more Youth Events or questions contact Marlen Coles marlen@olhoc.org or visit: www.olhoc.org/ym

Life Teen/Edge/FIAT: (high school, middle school, and elementary school youth ministries) May 19th 11:10 am Crowning of Mary, Parish Feast Day Mass, Rita's Ice Social

Presentation– The Holy Spirit

Thursday June 6th at 7 pm, or Saturday, June 8th at 10 am

In preparation for Pentecost Sunday and the end of our Year of the Holy Spirit, you are invited to join us for a short video presentation about the Holy Spirit, and learn to pray the Scriptures (Lectio Divina) while focusing on the readings for Pentecost.



Your Church: The Lord's House

Please continue to 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. Thank you!

Outreach News

- The next Outreach meeting is June 5, 2019 at 7 p.m. in Fr. Martin Hall. It is the last meeting until September. All are welcome!
- The next OLHOC Shepherd's Table will be on June 20, 2019 at Good Shepherd Church on Smallwood Drive.
- SHARING SUNDAY- Please continue your donations through the warmer months. Help is still needed and appreciated!
- Special thanks to the RICA members who hosted a "Cinco de Mayo" dinner on Monday, May 6.