

May 14, 2023: Sixth Sunday of Easter

CELEBRATING CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY DEATH OF FATHER MARTIN

As I announced in my column last week, here are ideas that emerged from a gathering last Sunday of 20 representatives of the Father Martin Society, pilgrims that had visited Father Martin's birthplace of Aire-sur-la-Lys at one or several pilgrimages in 2010, 2013, 2017 and 2023:

- SUNDAY AUGUST 6th, the exact date of the 100th anniversary of Father Martin's death, will be the signature event of our plan for multiple days of commemoration (e.g. from August 4 to August 8 and beyond) when we hope to host a delegation of the Archdiocese of Arras (Northern France) in Waldorf.
- CREATION of two spiritual pieces to honor Father Martin's memory, a play based on his life and a musical tribute:
 - o Sandy McGraw, long -time member of the Father Martin Society Board of Directors and member of St Peter's Parish, will take the lead in developing a script with the help of a team, including youth, to produce it. Interested volunteers are welcomed!
 - o Henri Grunenwald , a noted composer and organist at Saint-Andre Church in Paris, will compose an Offertory Meditation for Organ and Soprano.

The "Father Martin" PLAY is expected to be the beginning of a multi-day commemoration, with the MUSICAL tribute, "Offertory Meditation for Organ and Soprano," performed for the first time at Father Martin's MEMORIAL MASS on SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th, in both Waldorf and Aire-sur-la-Lys. Afterwards, a picnic or, as they were called in Father Martin's time, a FESTIVAL will be held for all Mass participants.

A trip is also planned to BALTIMORE where Father Martin served for many years, first as Professor at Saint Mary Seminary on Paca Street and, second as Chaplain of St. Agnes Hospital. We plan to have a Mass at the renovated "Historic Chapel" of Saint Mary 's Seminary, where Father Martin celebrated Mass many times. We will also pray at his tomb in the Cemetery for Sulpician Priests close to St Agnes Hospital.

On Tuesday, August 8th, Mass will be celebrated at St Dominic Church in Aquasco. Currently a mission of St Michael Parish, this church building is the only standing Catholic church in the Waldorf/Baden area where Father Martin celebrated the Mass.

We hope that this commemoration of Father Martin's death and the celebration of his priesthood will inspire greater love for the Eucharist, increased support for vocations to the priesthood, and promotion of cultural unity in Christ. PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US!

May the August celebrations and their preparation unite us all in Christ through the shared spiritual legacy of Father Martin. May this be a stepping stone for the Church 's recognition of Father Martin as a "Servant of God". May we all benefit through the HOLY SPIRIT of a wider appreciation of Father Martin's heroic virtue of "ZEAL FOR SOULS", first step on the Church's on-going canonization process for Father Martin!

May God Bless all Mothers and Grandmothers this Sunday!

One in Christ,
Fr. Alain

***We are asked to pray for:**

Josephina Knapp
Angelo Sparacino
Maria de La Rosa
George Gallagher
D'Vaughn Webster

Lynette Washington
David Mesler
Ken Housewright
Laura Flaim
Zita Walker

Titus Thomas
Andre Walker
Janina Sidorska
Reign T. Young
Anna Caracciolo
Ebehitale Basil Ahabue

Theodore Veanco Hall

Names will remain for three months or until healed



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, May 13,

9:00 AM: Sylvia Ita

5 :00 PM: Kathleen Cassil

Sunday, May 14,

8:30 AM: Denise Rivera (+)

10:00AM: Lorrin Green (+)

11:30 AM: Armand Ouedraogo

7:00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners

Monday, May 15, 9:00AM: Arit & Christopher Idedevbo

Tuesday, May 16,

9:00AM: Lucky Perla

Wednesday, May 17,

9:00 AM: Arit & Christopher I dedevbo

7:00PM: Dick Wobbe (+)

Thursday, May 18,

9:00 AM: Obas & Jean-Jacques family (+)

Friday, May 19,

9:00: AM: Dako family

**May 13, Feast Day of
Our Lady of Fatima**

Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima with us on Saturday, May 13, following the 9 am Mass. We will have an outdoor procession and Rosary to commemorate the day Our Lady first appeared to four girls in Portugal.

Throughout the Old Testament God, in His great mercy, chose prophets to call His people back to Him. In recent times God is sending His Mother. One of the apparitions of the Mother of God in this century took place in 1917 at Fatima, a little village in Portugal. Our Lady came there to warn us of the harm we would inflict upon ourselves as a result of our sins: wars, famines, plagues, persecution of the Church and the loss of many souls in Hell. God, in His great mercy, wished to save us from these miseries through the Immaculate Heart of His Mother. Our Heavenly Mother revealed at Fatima a plan of hope for this world which continues to plunge headlong toward its own destruction.

Let us respond to Our Lady's messages by living God-centered lives and by fulfilling the requests of Our Lady of Fatima, the fulfillment of our daily duty and the keeping of God's Commandments, making the Five First Saturdays, wearing the Brown Scapular as a sign of our consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and praying the Holy Rosary every day!

EWTN, 2023

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

Friday Scripture Study - The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday - The first Friday of each month the evening Mass in Latin is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, devotion to the Alliance of the two Hearts.

First Saturday - Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

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

OLHOC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email office@alhoc.org.

Mass Readings for May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

***First Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14 (59A)

***Second Reading**

1 Peter 4:13-16

***Gospel**

John 17:1-11a

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ORDINATION OF DEACON JUAN PABLO

Saturday, June 17 at 10 am

Our very own Deacon Juan Pablo Noboa will be ordained a Priest by Cardinal Wilton Gregory at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on **Saturday June 17 at 10 am.**

If you want to have good seats, let Deacon JUAN PABLO know as early as possible as he has a limited amount of seats reserved for his family and friends.

If you need a ride, consider carpooling with friends and neighbors! Many people attend by themselves, and would enjoy taking a few people from the Parish. The person you sit next to in Mass may be going and would enjoy your company.

The next time you come to Mass, make a friend and give/get a ride!

Sunday, June 18th at 11:30 am

Father Juan Pablo will celebrate his first Mass at 11:30 am with us. A reception will follow Mass in the Father Martin Hall. Everyone is invited.

If you are interested in helping set up this joyful event, please call the office.

"Blue Mass" for Police Officers 7 pm This Wednesday, May 17

If you know Police Officers in area do not hesitate to invite them to join you as we pray for all Police Officers who protect our lives and ensure a secure environment for our families in Waldorf Area ... If you have any suggestions contact Jeannie Jacobs or Larry Perkins who are handling the parish invitations to those in charge of the Police Officers serving our area and protecting all of us.

New homeschool co-op for the 2023-24 school year for Elementary & Middle grade students

Science, Health, Music, and More

Are you searching for an academic homeschool community that celebrates your Catholic faith and pursues truth through both faith and reason? Faith And Reason (FAR) is a Catholic Home-schooling Co-Op which will meet at Our Lady Help of Christians in Waldorf, MD. Join us for a breakfast potluck & open house on

Saturday, May 20 or Monday, May 22, after the 9 am Mass. Questions?

Contact FARCatholicCoop@gmail.com. Join FAR for the 2023-24 school year!

Outreach News

Our next Outreach meeting will be June 7, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Fr. Martin Hall. All are welcome!

The next Shepherds Table will be June, 2022. The collection of nonperishable foods for "Sharing Sunday" continues in the Fr. Martin Hall. All donations go to the Food Bank, Women's Shelter and Children's Aid. Thank you all!

5th Sunday of Easter



Isaac Sagastume

Please welcome our new Summer Seminarian Isaac Sagastume, joining us this weekend and staying thought mid July. Is his face familiar?

Please keep him in your prayers, as he will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on June 10.

Parish Feast Day

Sunday, May 21

We are celebrating the Feast day of *Our Lady Help of Christians*, Sunday, May 21. It is also the day our parish acknowledges those who have made their Sacraments this year, and the last day of CCD for the 2022/2023 school year.

The day will begin with Prayer in front of Our Lady at 11 am, leading to the Crowning of Mary. Please plan on attending along with the children who have made their Confirmation, First Communion, and the Marian Group in praying a decade of the Rosary. You are encouraged to bring flowers to place in front of the statue of our Blessed Mother.

The 11:30 Mass will be outdoors! We will have the tents set up for protection from the sun (Father assures us it will not rain that day!). Some chairs will be set up, you may want to bring your own to ensure a seat.

See you there!



Get ready for an out of this world summer experience for the whole family- Stellar VBS is coming to OLHOC! Dates for this year's VBS are June 26th – June 30th, and this year it will be held in the **evenings**, which means we need your help! The first **Volunteer Meeting** took place last Thurs-



day. Parents, high school and middle school students are being encouraged to volunteer. Sign-ups for students will be made available shortly. Let's make this the most

stellar summer ever! For any questions, please contact Emily Vara at emilyv@olhoc.com.

Become a Sacristan of the Church!

This is an ideal opportunity to be more fully engaged in the Parish, Our Lord asks each of us to serve others. Being a Sacristan is simple and fulfilling way to do just that and at the same time support our Parish community and find personal enrichment!

We need people for all Masses: Saturdays at 5 pm, and Sundays at 8:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am and 7 pm. All are welcome! If you are interested and have questions, or to be trained, Please contact Deacon Rich at (301)751-0673, email deacon@olhoc.org, or Anthony (202) 255-6733, email aandrews1835@hotmail.com

We are all on the same journey of service to the Lord!