

MARCH 9, 2008

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Mar. 9, 11:30 am: Benjamin Buckler +



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday: (No morning Mass) 7:00 PM Solemn Service, Institution of the Priesthood and the Eucharist ; Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday: (No morning Mass) 2:30 PM Stations of the Cross ; 7:00 PM Solemn Service of the Passion.

Holy Saturday:(No 5:00 PM Mass) 11:00 AM Blessing of the Food; 8:00 PM Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday: 8:30 Mass ; 10:00 Mass ; 11:30 Mass.

Papal Mass Info

For those of you who were notified that your name was selected for tickets through the lottery system for the Papal Mass, please refer to the following information:

- ◆ A photo identification is mandatory for security clearance to both ride the bus, ride the shuttles and enter the stadium.
- ◆ The less you carry with you, the better. There will be food and drink concessions at the stadium. Security begins at RFK stadium; they may require you to leave bags/items there.
- ◆ Remember, there will be periods of waiting and standing during the shuttle transfer and entering the stadium for seating.

New Tabernacle Fund

We, as a parish, have the rare opportunity of honoring the Most Blessed Sacrament by being able to purchase a new tabernacle for our sanctuary. Several months ago, I (Fr. Crowley) was approached by parishioners about the possibility of replacing the present tabernacle. The Altar Guild have designated it as a project for the parish. I would invite parishioners who would like to contribute to the purchase of a new tabernacle to place it in an envelope clearly marked "For the New Tabernacle". It is also a thoughtful way to memorialize family, relatives and friends. A new tabernacle will enhance our worship and pay fitting respect to the Eucharist. Thank you for your support in this wonderful endeavor.

Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially Frances Kaval, David Norgren, Diane Richards and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Condolences to the family and friends of Robert & Joan Oberle.

**Please join us for the OLHC Penance Service
On Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 PM.**

Easter Flowers

The Altar Guild will be collecting for memorial Easter flowers following all Masses on March 8 & 9. The cost is \$15.00. In observance of Palm Sunday, orders will **not** be taken March 15 or 16. The flowers will decorate the altar for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday liturgical celebrations.

Sponsor Letters, School Subsidy, etc...

Please be advised that the office staff will no longer be accepting requests for sponsor (eligibility) letters or subsidy needs.

You must speak directly with Fr. Crowley to make these requests. To be considered for sponsor letters or school subsidy, you must be registered, attending members of OLHC. Fr. Crowley asks that you speak with him after Mass regarding these issues. School subsidy forms will be accepted beginning April 1. They will be reviewed and parents will be called with the response information.

The India Project

We have an update on this parish outreach project we started last fall. We have heard from Fr. John Alphonse at St. Anthony's parish; one of our OLHC youth, Zach Smoot, volunteered last summer there building homes for the poorest of the poor. Fr. Alphonse informs me that the money collected has benefited his parishioners in many ways including housing starts for a family and a young man who is autistic without family, school tuition for the poor, a mobile ironing board on a cart to help a woman earn her livelihood, and medical treatment for a mother of four, whose children would have been orphaned. This is just a brief synopsis of what miracles have been accomplished with your donations. We are hoping to have more information and even some photos to share with you in the near future. Fr. Alphonse and the St. Anthony's parishioners "pray that God will bless all the kind people at OLHC."

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 14 at 7:00 PM, followed by Adoration. There will be no Soup Supper preceding the Stations.

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First Eucharist Workshops: The First Eucharist Workshops will be held on Wed., March 12 7:00–8:30 PM, and Saturday, March 15, 10:00-11:30 AM. Parent(s) and students must attend one of the workshops.

Easter Schedule: Due to the Easter holiday, there will be no CCD on Sunday, Mar. 23 or Monday, March 24.

OLHC Youth Group

The Youth Group will present Living Stations of the Cross for the parish on Friday, March 14 at 7:00 PM.

Upcoming Events:

March 9- Youth Group Meeting (5:00 PM)

March 16- Youth Group Meeting (6:30 PM)

March 23 - Easter (No Meeting)

March 30 - Youth Group Meeting (6:30 PM)

Unless otherwise noted, we will gather in the Social Hall prior to the start of the meetings. Youth Group is open to all in grades 8-12. Please feel free to contact Joe Meszaros, (301) 609-8761, or Mabelle Proctor, (301) 893-9410 with any questions.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus organization will mark its 126th anniversary in March. Father Flum will celebrate a special "Founder's Day" Mass to commemorate the founding of the Order on **Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church in Waldorf**. This Mass will also honor the deceased members of the Council. A reception featuring coffee and light desserts will be held in the school following the Mass. All are welcome!

Women's Retreat

An annual retreat for women will be held the weekend of April 18-20, 2008 at the Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, Md. Space is limited for this wonderful event, so please register soon. Contact Judy Tomasky at 301-843-2176 for info. Poster on the OLHC bulletin board also.

Note of Interest

Those parishioners requiring a 2007 collection print-out for over \$250.00, please call the office with your request. The forms can be picked up or mailed to your home per your preference.

Preschool News

Our Lady's Little Christians preschool program is ready to begin registration for school year 2008-2009.

Our program is for children ages 3 and 4 years old who meet the school entrance requirements as set forth by the State of Maryland and the Archdiocese of Washington which require a child to be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1 to enter our preschool. We are licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education, Office of Child Care.

Please visit our web site at www.olhoc.org or call Barbara Breighner at 301-645-7112 if you require more information. We need you to help us spread the news about our program so if you know someone who is looking for a preschool for their child, please tell them about our program.

Don't forget to collect empty printer cartridges for our recycling program. We are collecting all brands except Epson. Just put your cartridge in the original box or in a zip loc bag and drop it in the collection container near the preschool classroom.

Just a little advance notice to let you know that the preschool will do another Trike-A-Thon this year to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. More information will be forthcoming as the week of April 7–11 nears. We will need your support to top the \$6,020.00 we raised at last year's event.

Good Friday Fish Fry

The Waldorf Vol. Fire Department on Rt. 925 (Old Washington Rd) will be having their fish fry on Friday, March 21, 2008 from 11 am to 8 PM. Fish Dinner: \$10, Fish Sandwich: \$6.00. CARRY OUT ONLY. Delivery available for 5 Dinners or more in the immediate Waldorf area only. A large variety of delicious baked items will also be available for sale. Call ahead to order at 301-645-3000, ext: 21.

Camp St. Charles

Drop in during our Open House March 9, April 20, and May 4, 11 am to 4 pm to see how your children (boys & girls) can experience 2 fun-filled weeks at Camp St. Charles. For 56 years, thousand of children have been making friends and developing an appreciation for creation while participating in a variety of activities, including riding horses, archery, ceramics, camping out and many others in beautiful Southern Maryland. Fully Accredited with the American Camp Assoc. and certified by the State of Maryland, Camp St. Charles is run by the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers and Lay Salvatorians. For more info see our website campstcharles.com/ or call 301-934-8799.