

MARCH 30, 2008

### Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 30, 8:30 AM: Ervin Borza  
Sunday, March 30, 10:00 AM: Lloyd Cordner  
Sunday, March 30, 11:30 AM: William Siebert

### Hunger to Hope

On Good Shepherd Sunday, OLHC will join the Archdiocese of Washington in a food drive. Please help those in need as a visible sign of our faith as we prepare to welcome our Shepherd of the Church, Pope Benedict XVI. Your donations will directly replenish the Southern Maryland Food Bank. The Knights of Columbus will distribute donation bags following all April 5 and 6 Masses. Parishioners are asked to return the bags with food items (see below) at all Masses April 12 and 13. The donated food will be picked up on the afternoon of April 13. To allow for a variety of needed items, please place items from the category assigned to the first letter of your last name: **A-C** – Canned Proteins (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter); **D-F** – Canned Fruits (pineapple, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail); **G-I** – 100% Fruit Juices (all sizes, including juice boxes); **J-L** – Pastas & Sauces (spaghetti, tomato sauce); **M-N** – Canned Vegetables (mixed, green beans, corn); **O-Q** – Soups (all varieties); **R-S** – Cereals (all varieties, hot or cold); **T-V** – Easy & Ready Meals (macaroni & cheese, pasta bowls, canned pasta); **W-Z** – Healthy Snacks (raisins, nuts, cereal bars, dried fruits). Please **do not** donate perishable food or items packed in plastic bags or glass. For questions, please contact George Cronin, Chairperson, at 703-932-5505 or at [geo.cronin@verizon.net](mailto:geo.cronin@verizon.net).

### March Shelter Dinner

The Angels Watch Shelter Dinner was prepared with a St. Patrick's Day theme. The meal providers included Julia Olsen, Chrystal Beauregard, Theresa Lloyd, Terri Campbell, Doris Cauler, Diane Spurgeon, Anna Parker and Carol Bisagni. Many thanks for your hard work and caring ways.

### Separated & Divorced Catholics

Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Archdiocese of Washington will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, April 13, at 7 PM in the Friendship room at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in LaPlata, MD. For more info contact Mary, 301-632-5610. The SDC will also hold its Memorial Day weekend retreat, May 23-25 at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. Our retreat master will be Fr. Joe Breighner. Total cost for the retreat is \$218.00. For info, call Patty at 301-231-9412.

### Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially Errol Randall, Diane Richards, Teresa Grill, Isaac Yousaf, George Schweinfurth, Lacey Bowerman and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Condolences to the family and friends of Theresa Savoy, Billie Porter, and Desmond Proctor.

### 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.

### 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 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.



### Special Event

The Altar Guild and Ways & Means Committees are sponsoring a Women's Communion Breakfast for all ladies of OLHC on Sunday, May 4. All ladies (younger and older) are invited to attend the 10:00 am Mass (as a group) and then proceed to the Social Hall for a delightful breakfast. This would be a great opportunity for a mother and daughter outing as well. More information and tickets will be available next week.

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**CCD Schedule:** CCD classes resume on March 30/31. The last day of CCD will be Sunday, May 18 and Monday, May 19.

**Pre-Registration:** Pre-registration will begin on Sunday, April 20 and run through the month of May. If you are new to the program or your child will be receiving a sacrament this year, a copy of your child's baptismal certificate should accompany the registration form. The cost of the program is \$50 for 1 child, \$75 for 2 and \$100 for 3 or more. There is \$50 additional fee for those receiving the sacraments to help cover the costs of extra books, supplies, etc.

**Thank You** for making our aluminum beverage can collection a success. At this time \$176 has been donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please do not collect Spam and Vienna Sausage cans, pie pans or aluminum foil as Waldorf Metals will not accept these items. For questions/info call Joyce at 301-374-9481.

### OLHC Youth Group

#### Upcoming Events:

**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.

#### Baptism Class

You must pre-register if you plan on attending a Baptism Class at Our Lady Help of Christians. Please call the office to sign up for the class.

Baptism classes are scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month and Baptisms are held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Parents must be **registered members** of our parish to schedule a Baptism at OLHC.

#### 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.
- ◆ There will be no morning Mass on Thursday, April 17, 2008.

### Preschool News

Our Lady's Little Christians is very excited about having a Trike-A-Thon event again this year. The students will learn about riding safety and ride laps in class during the week of April 7–April 11. Parents will bring in riding equipment for our Trike-A-Thon day and students will finish their laps.

Last year, we raised \$6,020.00 to send to St. Jude's and we want to top that amount for this year. We really need your participation and are asking you to consider making a donation to this worthy cause. **All checks are tax deductible and should be made payable to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.** You may put your donation in the collection basket (in an envelope marked "preschool") or give your donation to Barb Breighner in the church office. All donations must be received by Friday, April 25. As always, we thank you for your support of the preschool efforts.

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Registration is continuing for school year 2008-2009, and we need your help to 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 Lady's Little Christians. They may visit our web site at [www.olhoc.org](http://www.olhoc.org) or call Barbara Breighner at 301-645-7112 for more information.

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Don't forget to collect empty printer cartridges for our recycling program. 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.

### 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.

### Community Board

St. Mary's Bryantown is partnering with the Waldorf Jaycees for *Let's Make A Deal Live!* The event will be held on Friday, April 4, from 6:30 to 11:30 PM at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Comm. Center. Prizes include a Dell Laptop Computer, Apple iPod, and a Caribbean Cruise among others. All proceeds benefit St. Mary's Bryantown Church & School. For more information, call Kimberly Bowling at 301-870-1868.