

APRIL 13, 2008

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 13, 10:00 AM: Desmond Proctor +
Sunday, April 13, 11:30 AM: Rose Oldland +

Congratulations

Our Lady Help of Christians wishes to congratulate all the Confirmandi and adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday evening. They include: Jalen Adams, Kimberly Bailey, Ashley Baker, Stephen Brookbank, Chaz Brooks, Timothy Castano, Kasidy Custer, Elisha DeGuzman, Kirk Del Rosario, Hope Denman, Katie Doran, Michael Escanilla, Diane Francisco, Logan Hare, Kimberly Heglmeier, Madeline Hendricks, Ryan Hoey, Matthew Holden, Brianna Hunter, Shawayne Hurd, Chinnoso Igbokwe, Connor Keelan, Logan Kiesel, Leigh Kitzmiller, Reuel Lara, Carlos Likins, Thomasina Lyles, Marc Lyon, Carolyn Marsh, Nicole McCarthy, Mariah Monroe, Suriely Morales, Courtland Moran, Max Luviano Ramirez, Lindsay Reitz, Zachary Shirley, Ayrton Starks, Thomas Valdez, Jacquelyn Veasy, Jeff Burke and Diane Williams. May God bless you greatly!

Hunger to Hope

Thank you for the wonderful OLHC response to the Hunger to Hope food drive. All items will be delivered to a local food pantry to provide sustenance for the needy. Many thanks to Chairperson George Cronin and the Knights of Columbus Dr. John Henry Council #2293 for handling this worthwhile project.

Altar Guild Meeting

The Altar Guild will be holding their meeting on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 PM. The Guild members decorate the church for the Lenten, Easter, Advent and Christmas liturgical seasons. They also maintain the chapel and the main church altars. New members are always welcome and cordially invited to attend the meeting.

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.

Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially Remedios Tejada, Diane Richards, Teresa Grill, Isaac Yousaf, George Schweinfurth, Anita Garcia and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Condolences to the family and friends of Betty Bast and Deacon Thomas Hill, Sr.

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.



Special Event

The Altar Guild and Ways & Means Committee 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. Tickets will be available in the narthex.

Notes of Interest

There will be **no 9:00 AM Mass** on Thursday, April 17.

Please remember that you must use your preprinted church envelopes in order to have it included in the information on the end of year collection report. Placing your envelope number on your loose check does not meet this requirement.

Christmas in April

"Jingle bells, jingle bells,..." it's that time of year again! We are currently awaiting information on what the OLHC Christmas in April (Saturday, April 26) project will be. Our OLHC representative will be speaking at all Masses on the weekend of April 19 & 20. Donations and sign-ups will be accepted in the vestibule after Masses. Mark your calendars and be ready to truly change the lives of others by your volunteering on this special day!

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First Eucharist Workshops: will be held Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 to 8:00 PM and Saturday, April 19, 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Parents and students must attend either session.

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.

OLHC Youth Group

Upcoming Events:

April 13 – Youth Group Meeting (6:30 PM)

April 20 – Youth Group Meeting (6:30 PM)

April 27 – 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.

Liturgy Coordinator

OLHC is looking for a Liturgy Coordinator to bring together the coordinators of the various liturgical ministries for the planning and implementation of the various elements of the liturgical seasons. Are you flexible, collaborative, have enthusiasm for learning and willing to be deeply involved in liturgy? We're looking for you! Call the office at 301-645-7112.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a dynamic, Catholic fraternal organization of Catholic men who join together in family, charitable, community and youth activities. Our organization also includes a youth program called the Squires and a Ladies Auxiliary. We will be holding a membership drive after each Mass on April 20 at OLHC. Please stop by with your questions and to pick up some literature on this 126 year old organization.

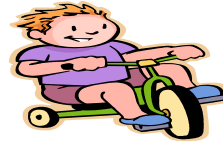
Fine Arts Camp

St. Mary's Ryken High School is hosting its' first annual Fine Arts Camp for 10-13 yr. olds. The camp runs from 9 am-5 pm , June 23-27th. The camp offers chorus, pop vocals, decorative arts, modern dance, ballet and comedic acting. Total cost is \$325. Space is limited to 60 students. Contact Janis Paulson, 301-848-8813.

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.



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 or call Barbara Breighner at 301-645-7112 for more information.

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.

Community Board

St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Chapel Point Road, will be holding their Craft Fair on Sunday, April 20, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Tables are \$25.00 each. For more info, call Brenda at 301-645-5360.

Basket Bingo at St. Joseph's Church, Pomfret. Doors open at 6 PM, games start at 6:45 PM. \$25, 19 regular games, 4 specials, raffle stuffed with Longaberger products. Pull-tabs & 50/50. Call Beth for questions or to reserve a table (301-743-3148).

Check the OLHC bulletin board for other community events.