

APRIL 27, 2008

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 26, 5:00 PM: Brian Arey +
Sunday, April 27, 10:00 AM: Desmond Proctor +
Sunday, April 27, 11:30 AM: Anne Adamo +



Christmas in April

What can we say?! The OLHC parishioners have outdone themselves yet again in their amazing generosity to the Christmas in April program, raising \$5,257.00 !! Each year, all the Christmas in April volunteers from Charles County are in awe when the OLHC donation check is presented at the ceremony at the fairgrounds. To add to that, the number of volunteers from our parish that work on the assigned house project number close to one hundred. Our parish has a well-earned reputation as a generous parish with a powerful outreach vision!

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. 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.

2008 Archbishop's Appeal

Earlier this year, you were provided with information about the *2008 Archbishop's Appeal* during Mass. The information that was provided highlighted the theme of the appeal which is "The Lord is my light and my salvation..." and provided details about the important pastoral, ministerial and social programs that will be funded through gifts to the Archbishop's Appeal.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back to the Archdiocese of Washington.

. For those of you that did not receive a mailing, complete information is available by visiting the Archdiocese of Washington website at www.adw.org .

Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially Sandra Finerty, Elaine Salatto, Margaret Hoza, Shirley McCall and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Wayne Harley, Rev. Francis Flaherty, Remedios Tejada, and Rev. Peter Nguyen-Thanh Long.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

The collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be held April 26 & 27. Your contribution supports the strengthening of the Church at Home through evangelization, training for ministry, religious education, and support for poor parishes. Prayerfully consider donating to this worthy cause.

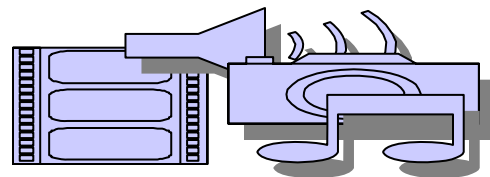
Women's Communion Breakfast

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 vestibule following Masses.

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. They will be reviewed and parents will be called with the response information.



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.

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CCD 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 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. Please call George Cronin at (301) 932-5505 for information.



Baptism Class

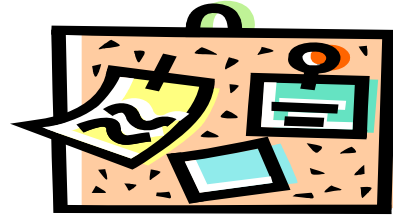
You must pre-register if you plan on attending a Baptism Class at Our Lady Help of Christians. Please call the office to sign up for the class.

Baptism classes are scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month. 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.

Preschool News

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 Patricia Ryon 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

Holy Land Pilgrimage: 11 days, 12/30/08 – 1/9/09, \$2399. Led by Fr. Larry Young, St. Bartholomew's Church, Bethesda, MD. Call 301-229-7933, ext. 14 for more information.

Refer to the OLHC Bulletin Board for more community information.



Sew Much Comfort

We are adapting clothing to meet the special needs of the wounded soldiers coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan. This clothing is given to them free of charge and are the only clothes they have to wear except for hospital gowns. A small group from both OLHC and St. Peter's meet on Wednesdays, 7-9 PM, in the art room at St. Peter's School for workshops. We have jobs for people who sew and non-sewers; since July, we have adapted over 50 items. We are in need of donations of new clothing. The following articles of clothing can be dropped off in the box marked **Sew Much Comfort** in the narthex: Basketball shorts in sizes Large to XXX, Boxers in cotton, cotton/poly, or flannel, Large to XXX, Heavyweight cotton t-shirts in Large to XL (no words, please) and Polo shirts in Large to XL. Clothing must be new for health reasons. Cash donations also accepted. For more info, please call Joan Dulcey, (301)645-7468.