

MAY 25, 2008

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 24, 5:00 PM: Manuela Rodriguez +  
Sunday, May 25, 8:30 AM: Buzz Nutter +  
Sunday, May 25, 10:00 AM: Carmela Wehausen +



### Holy Hour for Vocations

"The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few...so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Mt. 9:37-38 . You are invited to join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at a special Holy Hour for Vocations on Friday, June 6, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. We will pray for the seven men to be ordained into the priesthood on June 14 and for an increase of vocations and the consecrated life.

#### *Prayer for Vocations*

*Gracious God, thank you for calling us at Baptism to be your people. In response to your call we again say, "Yes." Keep us faithful to your mission and our vocation. Bless with a renewed spirit of zeal and enthusiasm all who dedicate their lives in service to your people. Inspire more women and men of faith and compassion to serve as lay ministers and deacons, sisters, brothers and priests. Fill them with your Spirit of Wisdom to proclaim the Good News and to witness your presence among us. Amen.*

### Men's Communion Breakfast

All men of the parish, young and old, are invited to attend a Men's Communion Breakfast on Sunday, June 8. They are invited to attend the 10:00 AM Mass as a group and breakfast will follow. Tickets will be on sale in the vestibule following all Masses through June 1.

### National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your own faith and extend that gift to others through personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to participate in the joyous ministry of volunteering as a tour guide or an information desk receptionist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. If you are interested, please call Sr. Teresa Mary, R.S.M., at (202) 526-8300, ext. 111.

### Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially Melissa Wagner, Sidondra Savoy, Italia Sciapli and William Curley, and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Edna Phipps, Freda Branson, and Vivian Dedovitch.

### 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.



### First Communicants

The OLHC Community welcomes the following children to the Table of the Lord with great joy: **Emmanuel Agravante, Megan Bruce, Tyler Cataldo, Mary Kate Cooper, Jeanne Dela Cruz, Naya Estep, Marinella Estoque, D'Andre Fields, Anthony Fortaleza, Leon Gilmore, Marek Haluska, Ravyn Hart, Asia Hebb, Alanna Imes, Brooke Kitzmiller, Manuel Klein, Kevin Mahoney, Shanice Myers, Antony Nader, Jacob Polis, Carlos Ramirez, Tania Ramirez, Rei Razo, Ryan Resendes, Adrian Rodolfi, Kevin Rohrbaugh, Dennis Schnaubelt, Dylan Selvage, Andrew Shelak, Emily Simmons, Makayla Soper, Isaiah Strawberry, Lazarus Sutton, Lena Thompson, Robert Valdez, Patrick Veasy, Marco Viray, Mariah Viray and John Watson.** Congratulations to each of you and your families.

### Special Award

OLHC offers congratulations to Joseph Meszaros, Youth Group Leader, for receiving The For God and Youth Award for 2008 from the Archdiocese of Washington. Joe received numerous nominations and was well deserving of the honor. The award is given by parishes to adults whose service to youth and youth ministry is truly exceptional. The award was presented at a banquet in Washington D.C. by Archbishop Wuerl on May 15. Fr. Crowley and other representatives of OLHC attended the event. Congratulations, Joe!

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The Religious Education Office will be closed from June 13 to August 1, 2008. **Registration for Religious Education classes will resume on August 10, 2008.** 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:

May 25- No meeting ; June 1- No Meeting ;  
June 6/7- Youth Group Lock-In/Final Meeting—This will be our final meeting for the year. The lock-in is a welcome event for all youth who will be completing 7th grade this year. The event will begin at 7 PM on Friday, June 6 in the Social Hall and will end at 7:30 AM on Saturday, June 7. Come join us for an evening of fun activities and feel free to bring a friend. Please contact Joe Meszaros (301) 609-8761 or Mabelle Proctor (301) 893-9410, to reserve your lock-in attendance ; June 12- Kings Dominion ; June 15- Youth Mass (10 AM).

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## OLHC Office

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2008, in observance of Memorial Day.



## 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.

## 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.

## Preschool News

The preschool had their End of Year Program /Graduation on Thursday, May 15 and their Final Day Festivities on Friday, May 16. We are now closed for the summer and will reopen after Labor Day for a new school year.

Thank you to all students, parents and parishioners who donated to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital fundraiser. We raised \$3, 153.00!

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 the office at 301-645-7112 for more information.

Don't forget to collect empty printer cartridges (ink jet only) 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.

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## 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.