

JUNE 15, 2008

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 15, 8:30 AM: Tim Rubio +
Sunday, June 15, 10:00 AM: Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, June 15, 11:30 AM: Irene Ferry +

Christ Our Hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the annual Peter's Pence Collection in support of the works of the Holy Father is held in parishes throughout the world. The proceeds from this Collection fund emergency relief assistance to those who suffer from war, oppression, disease, and natural disaster. Through works of charity, Catholics stand in solidarity with the weak, the defenseless, and the voiceless, and they sustain those who suffer.

The theme for this year's Collection echoes that of the Holy Father's apostolic journey to the U.S. in April 2008, *Christ Our Hope*. The theme reflects the message of Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Spe Salvi*: an invitation for people to encounter Jesus Christ personally. In the encyclical, Pope Benedict said that faith in Christ brings well-founded hope in eternal salvation, the "great hope" that can sustain people through the trials of this world.

As we participate in this special appeal, we join Catholics worldwide in a loving expression of solidarity. We share in the concern of the successor of Peter for the many different needs of the universal Church and for the relief of those most in need around the globe.

This year, the Collection in the diocese is scheduled for June 28-29. I ask you to consider contributing to the Collection this year, and am grateful for your generosity. Together let us ask the Lord to bless the Holy Father and us, as well as those in need throughout the world.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl
Archdiocese of Washington

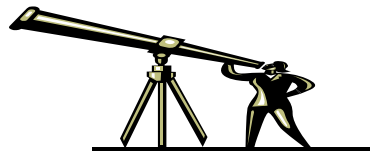
Trinity (Washington) University

What is the meaning of the Creed which Catholics recite at Sunday Mass? How do we begin to studying theology? EPS, which educates Catholics to understand, live and share their faith, will offer the opportunity to begin addressing these questions with **This We Believe**, a study of the creed and introduction to the study of theology. It will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 15, 17, 22 & 24, 9:30-11:30 AM. Rev. Michael Gallagher will be the instructor. The course is offered on the campus of Trinity (Washington) University, 125 Michigan Ave., NE. Contact Ann Kitterman at (202) 884-9030 or kitterman@trinitydc.edu for further information.

Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially Nikki Geary, Marissa Collado, Gloria Spicer, Italia Scialpi, and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Patrick Torrillo.



Looking for OLHC Volunteers

Share Program

We are in need of a volunteer who has a truck to help pick-up food from a local warehouse; it would require only 1-2 hours a month. Also volunteers (high school students are welcome) are needed to help distribute the food at the church each month. If you can assist in any way, please call the church office. Thank you.

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.

Eucharistic Minister Coordinator

The parish Eucharistic Minister Coordinator has stepped down and we are looking for a parishioner to volunteer in that position. It would require only a few hours every other month, (depending on the length of schedule you choose), and basic typing/computer skills. If you are interested, please contact the office, 301-645-7112.

Archdiocese Workshop

Parish social ministry volunteers and all interested parishioners are invited to "Living Christ Our Hope", a Social Ministry Conference sponsored by the Department for Social Concerns of the Archdiocese. Main session and workshops will be held with closing prayer led by Bishop Martin Holley. Saturday, June 21, 2008, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at St. Mark's Church, 7501 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville. Cost:\$15. For information and registration call 301-853-4547, or email: DSC@adw.org.

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Registration: 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, and continue through the month of August.** A \$50 late fee will apply for those registering after August 31. Our program begins Sept. 7/8 for all grades except High School.

Catechists: Each of us has been called to foster the message of the Good News of Jesus. If you believe that you are being called to work with the children of our parish, please consider the following teacher openings: Sunday, 9:45-11:00 am, Grade 3; Monday, 4:45-6:00 pm, Grades 3 & 6; Monday, 7:00-8:15 pm, Grade 7. No experience necessary – just a love of the Lord, our Catholic faith and a desire to share both with the children of our parish. Individual training will be available before classes start in Sept.. Please call the office to leave your name and phone number.

OLHC Youth Group Upcoming Events:

June 15- Youth Mass (10 AM). The Youth Group will be on hiatus for the summer months. Watch the bulletin for information on the fall schedule.

Note: The aluminum can collection will not be held during the summer months. It will resume in September, following Labor Day.

New Parishioners

If you would like to be a registered member of our parish, please take a yellow registration card, (found on the information table on the right as you enter the vestibule), fill it out completely and place it in the collection basket. We welcome you to Our Lady Help of Christians!



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

We are now closed for the summer and will reopen after Labor Day for a new school year.

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 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.

Community Bulletin Board

- ◆ Reunion Notice: St. Mark's Catholic Grade School of Hyattsville, MD, is hosting a multi-year alumni reunion on October 11, 2008, in honor of the parish's 50th Anniversary. If you would like to receive an invitation or would like more information, please visit the reunion website: www.stmarks-hyattsville-reunion.com
- ◆ Holy Angels Church in sponsoring a trip with K&B Tours to the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, PA on Friday, Aug. 15. The bus will depart from the church at 9 am and will return approx. 11 pm. The cost, \$98-adults, \$75-children 13-18, \$63-children 3-12, includes deluxe motor coach, live show, donuts & juice. Dinner stop at Cracker Barrel (on your own) and shopping and sightseeing at Kitchen Kettle Village. A deposit of \$45 per person is due by July 22. Call Lisa or Helen at 301-769-3332.
- ◆ Travel to Greece & Turkey: Join Capuchin Fr. Frank Russo, Nov. 10-22, 2008, on a pilgrimage in observance of the year of St. Paul (June 2008-09). Visit Athens and other beautiful sites in Greece where St. Paul preached. Then continue to Turkey to see the house of Our Lady in Ephesus and Santa Sofia Cathedral in Istanbul. Cost: \$2649. For more information call Fr. Francis at 202-529-2188 or email: francisxrusso@gmail.com.
- ◆ Annual June Dinner at Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood, MD on Sunday, June 22, starting at noon. Menu includes fried chicken, crab cakes, country ham, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, beets, rolls, tea or coffee. All you can eat, buffet style. Adults-22.00 and Children 12 & under- 6.00. Drive-thru carry-outs-22.00. Country store, cake stand and raffle.