

JULY 27 & AUGUST 3 , 2008

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 27, 10:00 AM: Terry Grill

The Catholic University of America & Centesimus

Annus Pro Pontifice-USA Certificate in

Catholic Social Teaching

Following the significant success of the past two year's program, the aforementioned schools are pleased to announce they are reprising the *Certificate in Catholic Social Teaching* week-long course in September (7-12) 2008. This program was created in response to Cardinal Theodore McCarrick's seeing a need to establish a common framework for understanding Catholic Social Teaching and its application. Following more than three years of collaboration between CUA and representatives of CAPP (a lay-led Vatican organization founded by Pope John Paul II for education and evangelization of Catholic social doctrine through business, professional and academic leaders) at the Vatican, program details and content were reviewed and approved.

This program promotes the understanding and application of Catholic Social Teaching as developed and advanced by the magisterium over the past 117 years, starting with *Rerum Novarum* and with emphasis on the Church's current statement in *Centesimus Annus*. Special reference is also made to Pope Benedict's encyclical, *Deus caritas est*.

Cost includes fees for lectures, housing, meals from Sunday evening to Saturday, and workbook. Transportation costs and arrangements to and from Washington Retreat House is the responsibility of the participants. For further information go to www.capp-usa.com.



School Supplies Needed

Our annual school supply collection for the Children's Aid Society will be held from August 3 through August 17. School supplies are needed for children who may not be able to afford the expense. OLHC has for many years helped the Children's Aid Society in their work with local families. Items needed include: composition books, pencils, pens (black, blue, red), Elmers glue (stick or bottle), paste, lined paper, dividers, rulers, protractors, notebooks, crayons, etc. Items may be deposited in the box marked "School Supplies" in the vestibule.

Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially Nikki Geary, Terry Grill and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Volunteers Needed

Are you willing to donate a few hours to the parish? We are in need of volunteers to be a 'presence' in the front office when the Social Hall has been rented out for an event. Two people are preferred for each event to answer questions and ensure all is running smoothly. If you are interested in donating your time, please call the office (301) 645-7112.

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.

Leaders Wanted

Our parish is in need of people willing to provide a special ministry for our OLHC children. Children's Liturgy Ministers are needed for 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 AM Masses. This program was established five years ago to help our 3-7 year old children gain more understanding of the Sunday readings. Our past volunteers are no longer available due to relocation. This is a great opportunity to help the parish, especially if you have little ones yourself. Lesson plans and other resources are available. This program will cease to be without volunteers. Call Scott at (301) 481-0495 for more information or e-mail Chris Heilmeier at cheilmeier@comcast.net.

The Catholic Way of Death and Burial

The Catholic way of death and burial offers the timeless practices of prayers in the presence of the body, a Vigil of several days, a Mass of Christian Burial, and interment in the sacred grounds of a cemetery. These Catholic funeral rites are sacred acts that help bereaved families on their journey over several days through mourning, prayer, consolation and separation from their deceased loved one, in the company of friends and neighbors. The Catholic cemetery web site, www.ccaw.org, features catechetical information on these Catholic rituals and topics such as the growing practice of cremation. For more information on the Catholic way of death and burial, talk to a priest, or call the Catholic cemeteries office at 301-871-1300.

SEVENTEENTH & EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

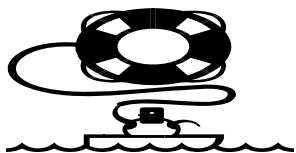
Catechists: Each of us has been called to foster the message of the Good News of Jesus. If you believe that you are being called to work with the children of our parish, please consider the following teacher openings: Sunday, 9:45-11:00 am, Grade 3; Monday, 4:45-6:00 pm, Grades 3 & 6; Monday, 7:00-8:15 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:

The Youth Group will be on hiatus for the summer months. Watch the bulletin for information on the fall schedule.

Parish Office

Just a reminder: during the summer, the Preschool office has very limited hours, the Religious Education office is closed and the front office is lightly staffed. You are encouraged to call the office if planning to stop by or leave a voice mail message which will be answered as soon as possible. During this time, if you require sponsor letters or Baptismal certificates, please allow ample time for your request to be met. Thank you for your patience.



A Lifeline for Marriage

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vy) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped more than 10,000 couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information about the program or to register for a weekend, (Sept. 12-14 is the next scheduled program), call 301-468-6764 or 410-647-0350. You can also visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. If you would like to receive written material/information, email us at TomnCarol@comcast.net.

Preschool News

Registration is continuing for school year 2008-2009 and although some classes are filled, there are still openings available. If you or a friend are looking for a faith-filled, dynamic preschool, 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.

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.

Our Lady of Fatima

If you are interested in having the OLHC Our Lady of Fatima statue in your home as part of your family devotions, please contact the coordinator, Myrna Egbufoama at 301-638-3361.



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.