

SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 6, 5:00 PM : Albert Mendiola
Sunday, Sept. 7, 10:00 AM: Jin Fatt Pui
Sunday, Sept. 7, 11:30 AM: Donna Bowen

The India Project

Dear Parishioners,

Last year Our Lady Help of Christians 'twinned' with St. Anthony's parish in India. Through your generosity, much was accomplished: we provided items to enable a woman who could not afford them for her livelihood to provide for her family; we provided books and educational materials for many young children who, without your help, could not have attended school. We helped to build a house for a disabled young man who had no place to lay his head at night.

There are many more stories in which our parish changed the lives and hopes of adults and children in the name of Christ. You made many people who live in crushing poverty see the Gospel in action in their lives.

We are setting aside the offerings to the Poor Box for the first two weeks of September and October for this purpose. We are asking for your generosity to the continuing need in St. Anthony's parish in Sankagiri, Salem, India. God bless you.

In Christ,
Fr. Crowley

Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Our RCIA program begins on September 24, 2008. We ask adults who have a desire to enter the Catholic Church to join our program. Also invited are Baptized Catholics who are in need of their other sacraments. The first part of the process is the inquiry phase followed by Catholic doctrine. If you would like to join us, please fill out a registration form (located with the Religious Education forms). If you have questions, please call the office. The RCIA group meetings are held on Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 PM. Please join us!

Parish Council Openings

There are several openings on the Parish Council, including the position of Chairperson. If you have ideas to improve the community here at Our Lady Help of Christians, work well in a group setting and are able to commit to an hour a month, then please consider joining the Parish Council. The role of the council is to advise the pastor on a wide variety of issues and initiatives. If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, please call the office.

Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially John Quirk, Mary Somerville, Terry Grill, Verna Newton, Madison Major, Brogan Ruppert, Rose Mahoney, Nikki Geary, Courtney Cox, Elaine Poole, Sandra Ector and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels program is currently seeking volunteers. If you are interested in working with this special organization that helps those in need/homebound, please contact Kathy at (301)-843-8295.

Catholic University of America

This weekend, Sept. 6 & 7, is the Annual Diocesan Collection for the national university of the Catholic Church in the U.S., located in Washington, D.C. . The collection underwrites scholarships to help financially deserving students complete their educations at CUA. Please give generously.

Ladies Bible Study

Beginning Monday, October 6, 2008, we will meet from 9:45 am to noon at 2325 Leyton Court (off Berry Rd.). As part of the Jubilee Year of St. Paul, we will be using a small number of texts, including "The Gospel of St. Paul: Meditations on His Life and Letters". If you are interested in attending the Bible Study, please call Jude at (301) 893-2403.

Catholic Religious Boy Scout Awards

Toni McGowan, an approved counselor with the Archdiocese of Washington and the BSA, will be offering programs for two of the Awards of National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

The Ad Altare Dei Award is for Scouts who have finished the 6th grade, have been active in Scouts for 6 months, and who are Catholic. The core program of studies is the seven Sacraments. Sessions will be held at St. Peter's the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from 6:00-8:15 PM, beginning October 5th and continuing through completion (about 6 months).

The Pope Pius XII Award is for Scouts in High School (Boy Scouts before their 18th birthday and all registered Venturers before their 21st birthday) who are Catholic. The program deals with different life choices, occupations, and ministries in the Church as calls from God. A retreat experience and ministries service project will be required. Sessions will be held at St. Peter's the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, beginning October 12th, continuing through completion (about 6 months). For more information, call Toni McGowan at (301) 579-3069.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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CLASSES START : Religious Education classes begin Sunday, September 7 and Monday, September 8.

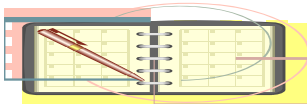
PARENT MEETING: There is a mandatory meeting scheduled for ALL Religious Education parents for next Sunday, Sept. 14 and Monday, Sept. 15. The times are as follows: Sunday, Session 1- 9:20 AM (after the 8:30 AM Mass); Sunday, Session 2- 12:20 PM (after the 11:30 AM Mass); Monday, Session 3- 5:30 PM; and Monday, Session 4- 7:45 PM. All meetings will take place in the Social Hall.

Youth Group: The first OLHC Youth Group Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 14 , at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.

16th Annual International Week of Prayer and Fasting

This week of prayer and fasting will be held **October 5 through October 13, 2008**. All people of faith are invited to participate in this nine day Prayer Vigil for the conversion of nations, an end to abortion and to build a culture of life. Please consider being a part of one of these events:

- ◆ There will be an all-day **Healing, Hope and Prayer Day** on Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 am to 5 pm, at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, Washington DC. Speakers include Fr. Jose Maniynagat, Fr. Dan Leary and Richard Bingold.
- ◆ The **Healing and Hope Awards Banquet** will be on Sun., October 12 with Sr. Briege McKenna, keynote speaker.
- ◆ Monday, Oct. 13, from 9:00 am to 5 pm, there will be a **Eucharistic Prayer Vigil** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For more information on online registration for the events for the events on October 11 and 12 go to: www.IWOPF.org or call 703-707-0799 or toll free 1-888-478-PRAY.



Parish Meetings

- RCIA Planning Meeting: Sept. 10, 7:30 PM
- Parish Council: Sept. 11, 7:00 PM
- Altar Guild: Sept. 16, 7:00 PM
- Liturgy Committee: Sept. 17, 7:00 PM

Preschool News

School is back in session at Our Lady's Little Christians! We have welcomed twenty-seven new families, and we are happy to see many of our former students' younger siblings all grown up and ready for preschool.

We still have openings in our 5-day classes, so if you know of someone who is looking for a quality preschool program, please tell them about us.

We have several exciting fundraisers planned, including Joe Corbi's Pizza and our annual Scholastic Book Fair. Look for details in upcoming bulletins and on the board outside the Preschool Director's office.

As always, we so appreciate your support of our staff and most especially, of Our Lady's Little Christians students.

Community Bulletin Board

- ◆ **University of Maryland Students** (a.k.a. Catholic Terps) are invited to the "Kick-Off the Year Cookout" on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008. It begins with Mass at 5:30 PM and the FREE cookout to follow. It's a huge event with great food, hundreds of people and this year's Catholic Terps (free) t-shirts. WE are located at the Catholic Student Center of the University of Maryland, 4141 Guilford Dr., College Park. This is a great chance for campus and commuter students to get together. All are welcome! Check out our website for more info: www.catholicterps.org.
- ◆ **Run For Vocations:** You are invited to join the "Run for Vocations" team at the Marine Corps Marathon, 1/2 Marathon & 10K on Sunday, Oct. 26. All levels of runners and walkers are most welcome. This is a unique experience to get into the best shape of your life, accomplish an amazing goal, meet new people, support our seminarians and the work of priest vocations. For more info and to register, contact Carol Flannery or Mike Greany at flanneryc@adw.org or call 301-853-4584.
- ◆ **Holy Angels Church** will be holding their Fall Seafood Dinner on Sunday, Sept.14, 11:30-4:00 PM. Buffet-style Crab Balls, Fried Oysters, Steamed Shrimp, Fried Chicken, etc. Adults- \$23; Children, 6-12 \$8; 5 yrs. & under-Free. Also a Bake Table, Craft Table and Raffle. Raffle Prizes include \$1000.00 1st Prize. Church is located on Rt. 242, 21340 Colton Point Rd., Avenue, MD. For more information, call 301-769-3332.