

November 2, 2008

Mass Intentions

November 2, 8:30 AM: Debbie Medina +
November 2, 11:30 AM: Frances Cusato +

Welcome Sunday

All newcomers to Our Lady Help of Christians are invited to attend the Welcome Sunday social held after all Masses the last Sunday of each month. Welcome Sunday will be held on November 30, but not in December, due to the holidays. It will resume in January. Parishioners are encouraged to join us and meet those new to our parish.

Book of Remembrance

The Catholic Church traditionally celebrates the remembrance of all souls during the month of November. In keeping with this rich tradition, our parish has a Book of Remembrance located in the vestibule, in which names of the deceased may be entered. This book will be placed on the altar (church and chapel) for the month of November.

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers

If you are interested in the lector ministry, please contact Fran Bryner, 301-638-2433. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Joan Dulcey, 301-645-7468.



Holiday Food Baskets

With the holidays just around the corner, we are seeking contributions for our holiday food baskets for those in need in the community. We are asking for very specific donations to help make the meals complete. We need canned vegetables or fruits, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes, and other "holiday meal" food items. Contributions of money are also accepted to purchase turkeys and perishables for the baskets. Please place your food donations in the boxes marked "Holiday Food Baskets". Any cash donations may be placed in an envelope marked "Holiday Food Baskets" and put in the collection basket or Poor Box. By donating to this effort, as you sit at your holiday table with family and friends, you will be celebrating the "true spirit" of the season.

Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially Napoleon Gadson, Brogan Ruppert, Dolores Bescher, Terry Grill and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Our condolences to the family and friends of George Schweinfurth and Helen Lyman.

Annual OLHC Craft Fair

The air is crisp, the leaves are falling... it's time for our Annual Craft Fair! It will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2008, from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM. Table rentals are 25.00. OLHC has been blessed with many talented craftswomen/men in our parish, those of the 'nimble fingers, creative minds' variety; are you willing to donate your hand-crafted items for the church's craft table? If so, call us! We are also looking for volunteers who are willing to work at the fair. It is a day filled with fun, food, and meeting old & new friends! Please contact Jean (301-645-3433) or Marie (301-843-1062) for more information.

Thank You

A thank you to the OLHC Parish Council members and the Knights of Columbus members who have hosted the Welcome Sunday socials; your hard work is greatly appreciated. Also, a round of thanks to the ushers of each Mass for providing the data needed for our ADW annual attendance report.

St. Mary's Ryken Open House

St. Mary's Ryken High School will hold their Open House on Sunday, November 2, 2008, 12 noon to 2:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for prospective students and parents to explore all that they have to offer! Meet the students, faculty, and coaches. Learn about the college preparatory curriculum and the extracurricular activities. If you are unable to attend, contact the Admissions Office for a personal appointment. For more information, please call the Admissions Office (301-373-4183) or visit us on-line at www.smrhs.org

Dr. Scott Hahn

Nationally known lay Catholic theologian and writer, Dr. Scott Hahn, is coming to Southern Maryland! He will give a presentation on the Eucharist on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, 10:00 AM-3:30 PM, at Jesus the Good Shepherd in Owings, Md. (Calvert County). Tickets on sale beginning Oct. 20th; advance tickets are \$10.00, at the door, \$15.00. Send self-addressed envelope with your payment to: Dr. Scott Hahn Event, Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 1601 W. Mount Harmony Rd., Owings, Md. 20736.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Just a reminder that we have room in our **Pre-K 4** year old Religious Education class on Sunday mornings. If interested in registering your 4 yr. old, please call the office or stop by on Sunday mornings.

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP: The Confirmation Workshop originally scheduled for November 12/15 has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 19, from 6:30-8:00 PM and Saturday, November 22, from 10:00-11:30 AM. Parent and student must attend either session.

PORTABLE CD PLAYERS & DVD PLAYERS: Since most of our music is being produced in CD format, and most of the movies in DVD format, we have a need for these items in each of our classrooms. If you have a spare CD player with speakers or a DVD player (with TV hook-up), please consider donating them to our Religious Education Program. If you have any questions, please call the office.

ANNUAL OLHC CHRISTMAS PLAY: Attention all who are interested in performing in our family musical program this year! Ever participate in a musical with an intergenerational cast? It's great fun— a learning and bonding experience for kids and "seasoned" adults alike. The title of this year's play is "**The Go-fers Christmas**". The play performances will follow last year's schedule and will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 7 and Monday, Dec. 8th, following the 7 PM Holy Day Mass. People of all ages (we are looking for seniors, too) are welcome to participate. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM and Sundays from 1-3 PM. See you there!

YOUTH GROUP: Nov. 2—No Meeting. Upcoming activities to be announced.



Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

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 and those who would just like to know more about their faith. If you would like to join us, please call the office. The RCIA group meetings are held on Weds., 7:30—9:00 PM. Please join us!

Meetings

- November 11, 7:00 PM: Altar Guild Meeting
- November 12, 7:00 PM: Finance Council Meeting
- November 13, 7:00 PM: Parish Council Meeting

Preschool News

Our Lady's Little Christians would like to thank all the parishioners, parents and grandparents who supported our Book Fair this year. You helped to make it a great success! Our gratitude to those who volunteered their time to set up and work the fair as well. We couldn't have done it without you!

Currently there are openings on the Preschool Board of Directors. This advisory board meets once a month and individual terms are 2 years in duration. If you are interested, please call the church office at (301) 645-7112 and leave your name and number for Fr. Crowley.

Community Bulletin Board

- ◆ St. Catherine of Alexandria Hall, 7636 Port Tobacco Rd., McConchie, MD will hold their Annual Parish Yard Sale on Saturday, November 8, from 7 AM to 1 PM. Sale includes furniture, tools, hardware, household goods, collectibles and much more. Bake sale and refreshments available. For more info, call John Stacy at 301-246-4711.
- ◆ St. Gabriel's Catholic Church will hold a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 16, 2008, at 11:00 AM, in honor of the faithful eighty-four year ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary at St. Gabriel's School. All alumni and former school personnel are invited to attend Mass and share their memories with former teachers and classmates.
- ◆ St. Mary's Newport Catholic Church Education and Social Center will hold a Basket Bingo on Sunday, November 16, 2008 with over 25 Longaberger Baskets to be won. Cost is \$20 per person. Doors open at 1:00 PM, with games beginning at 2:00 PM. Refreshments will be available. Please call 301-934-8825 for info.
- ◆ Bear Hugs for Healing is a program that delivers stuffed bears to hospitalized children during the holidays. To give a sick child a bear hug this Christmas, please drop off your donated bears at Heavenly Presents store, 25775 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD before Dec. 8. You may also purchase a bear or make donations for them to be purchased through our website at www.breadoflifecenter.org, click on Bear Hugs Project. Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be newly purchased and delivered in their original packing with tags attached. Contact Patricia Disandro, 240-681-3606 for more info.