

JAN. 18, 2009

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 17, 5:00 PM: Mary Ruth Somerville +

Sunday, Jan. 18, 10:00 AM: Libby Davila +

Sunday, Jan. 18, 11:30 AM: Joan Zovic +

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Parishioners,

This week we will witness another "March for Life" on the Mall in Washington. People from all over the United States will gather to take and give strength to one another in the defense of **innocent human life**—the life of a newborn child. They will call upon their chosen representatives to represent their interests in defending human life.

We have need of a person/people who are interested and committed to the Pro-Life program advocated by our faith. They would have direct two-way contact with the Archdiocese of Washington, would coordinate the programs and initiatives which support and defend innocent human life at its beginning, applying Gospel principles. The OLHC Pro-Life Coordinator would be a member of our Parish Council, leading our parish in these programs. It would not require an excessive time commitment, but would have major impact on our parish participation in protecting innocent lives. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping us with this wonderful work and witness, please call the church office (302)-645-7112 or (301)-843-8823.

In Christ,
Fr. Crowley

Visiting Priest

Fr. Patrick Daniel Parcon will be visiting our parish this weekend. He is a representative of the Diocese of San Carlos, San Carlos City, Negros Occidental, Phillipines. Fr. Danny (his preference) will be speaking to us about his work in the mission field.

Angels Watch Dinner

A festive delicious December dinner with a Christmas theme was prepared for the women and children of the Angels Watch Shelter in Hughesville, MD. OLHC wishes to thank those who gave their time and talents to prepare the meal including: Julia Olsen, Josafina Knapp, Chrystal Beauregard, Cheryl Galope, Carol Bisagni, Diane Spurgeon, Doris Cauler and Theresa Lloyd.

Inclement Weather Policy

If the Charles County schools are either on a two hour delay or closed due to weather conditions, the weekday Mass will not be held. The parish office will follow the Charles County School's closing/delay/early dismissal due to weather conditions.

Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially, Maria Hayes, Ann Pollok, Graham Baldwin, Cindy Johnson, Val Alva, Don Sullivan, Ray Burgess and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Chelli Minor and Janet Brown.

2009 Archbishop's Appeal Begins

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Archbishop Wuerl. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2009 Archbishop's Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish to include Eucharistic Minister Training sessions, Lector's Workshops, and Marriage Mentors.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "For the Glory of God" (1 COR. 10:31). Clearly, everything that we do to live out our faith gives glory to God. Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese multiply the glory that we give to our God by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2009 Archbishop's Appeal.

SHARE Volunteers Needed

Are you willing to spare an hour or two of your time on a Saturday morning? The SHARE program will be held on Saturday, January 24 at 6:30 AM in the OLHC Social Hall. Extra hands are needed and welcome to put the boxes together and hand them out; this is a great way for high school students to fulfill their community service hours. Please come out and give us a hand or two!

Archbishop Neale Open House

Archbishop Neale School will be holding an Open House for prospective and current parents during Catholic Schools Week on Thursday, January 29, 2009, from 8:30-10:30 AM (PK AM-Gr. 8) and 11:30 AM-12:30 PM (PK PM only). Prospective new families are asked to mark their calendars: registration for new students for the 2009-2010 school year will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, from 2:30-7:00 PM.

Office Closed

The parish office will be closed Monday, Jan. 19 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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7th Grade Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting:

There is a meeting scheduled for all 7th Grade students and their parents on Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 6:30-8:00 PM and Saturday, Feb. 7, from 10:00-11:30 AM. Parent and student must attend either session.

No Classes: There are no Religious Education Classes on Sunday, January 18, and Monday, January 19, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Book: One of our parishioners, Christina Feist-Heilmeyer, has written a book, *Nurses are From Heaven, Nursing Through the Eyes of Faith*. This book carries a message of hope and life to nurses, and is ministry-affirming. It is available through Amazon.com and also at Target and Barnes & Noble stores.



YOUTH GROUP:- Jan. 18: Meeting, 6:30 PM; Jan. 25: Meeting/Bingo, 6:15 PM. New members are welcome! Call Joe Meszaros (301-609-8761) or Mabelle Proctor (301-893-9410) for info.

SUPER BOWL SUB SALES: The OLHC Youth Group will be taking orders for Super Bowl Subs at all Masses the weekends of Jan. 17-18 and Jan. 24-25.

Youth Rally & Mass for Life

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington. **Jan. 22, 2009** at the Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW, Washington, DC. 7:00 AM- Doors Open; 7:30 AM- Rally begins; 8:00 AM- Confessions Begin; 9:30 AM- Rosary; 10:00 AM- Mass; 11:30 AM- Depart for National March for Life. Please see OLHC bulletin board for more information or see www.adw.org.

Men's Vocation Retreat

Archbishop Wuerl is sponsoring a retreat (Feb. 6-8) for men in their 20's-40's who are considering a call to the priesthood at the Theological College, beginning Friday evening, Feb. 6 and ending on Sunday, Feb. 8 at noon. The retreat will allow men time away from the daily grind and provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. If you feel Jesus may be calling you, why not give Him a weekend? It will cost you nothing more than your time. To register or for more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocations, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org.

Preschool News

Due to public/parent request, we are now offering year-round registration! Classes for 2-day and 3-day openings may be filled up to one school year in advance. **Please note:** 5-day openings may be filled by current students, students currently on a wait list, and registered OLHC parishioners until **Feb. 2, 2009**, at which time they will open to the general public. Please call 301-645-7112 and speak with the OLLC Director, Ms. Nieda Billard, to schedule an appointment to register.

Our Joe Corbi Pizza sale began January 5. Orders must be picked up the afternoon of **January 29, 2008**, in the Social hall.

Please Note: Because we follow the Charles Co. Public School Calendar, the preschool will be closed Jan. 19 & 20 and will be open Jan. 23.

The February OLLC Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 7:00 PM.



Community Bulletin Board

- ◆ **Separated and Divorced Catholics of the ADW:** will hold its January meeting on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 PM at Saint John Vianney Church (follow Holy Family Lane to the Parish Center) in Prince Frederick, MD. A special presentation on "Divorce with Dignity- The Collaborative Way to Divorce" will be provided by Collaborative Professionals of Southern Maryland, a group of lawyers and counselors. For information, call Jerry, 410-257-3267 or worrell@chesapeake.net.
- ◆ **OLHC HIV/AIDS Ministry:** The Charles Co. Health Dept. needs a volunteer with a truck to help move an HIV client to a new apartment on a Saturday morning in January. Please call Ono Ekeh at 240-416-6060 if you are interested in assisting.
- ◆ **Franciscan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Jordan, & Sinai:** June 1-12, 2009. Join us for this wonderful experience, escorted by Fr. David Wathen. O.F.M. Call Jenny at 202-669-7214 for more info.
- ◆ **Alliance of Filipino Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities** 15th National Convention, June 26-28, 2009 at the Baltimore Convention Center. Contact Agnes Nepomuceno at 410-987-1694 for more info.