

MAY 31, 2009



Holy Hour for Vocations

Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Hour for those to be ordained to the priesthood and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. The OLHC Holy Hour will be held on Friday, June 5, 2009, from 9:30-10:30 AM (following 9 AM Mass). "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Mt 9:37-38)

SHARE

The SHARE Program for June will be held Saturday, June 20, at 6:00 AM. We are always looking for helping hands. If you need any service hours/credits, this is an opportunity to receive two hours toward that requirement while living Gospel values. We would enjoy seeing some new faces join our 'old faithfuls'!



OLHC Men's Breakfast

Many thanks to the gentlemen who made the Ladies Breakfast such a wonderful event; now it is their turn to be waited on! Tickets for the Men's Breakfast, June 14, will be on sale May 30-31, and June 6-7, following all Masses. We would like to see as good a turnout for this event as we had for the Ladies Breakfast; consider it a challenge, gentlemen!

Message from Fr. Eamon Dignan

The celebration of my 50th anniversary with my largest family, was for me a wonderful experience, one that I will remember for the rest of my days. It seemed like I was home again. I am deeply grateful for the gifts you showered on me and it seems ironic that you presented me with the first euros I have ever seen. I think I will quickly learn how to spend them when I reach the auld sod! I dearly wish that I could promise to kiss the Blarney Stone for each of you, but my aging bones could hardly survive the climb to the top of that old monument. I thank you from the bottom of my heart and pray that the Lord may hold each of you in the palm of His hand till we meet again.

Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially Lauryn Kiesel, Dolores Bescher, Audrey Somerville, and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way. Our condolences to the family and friends of Ruth Klaus-ing, William Hulchur, and Deacon Morris Williams.

OLHC Pro-Life News

Are you dealing with sadness from your abortion? Jeremiah 31:16 says "Thus says the Lord: cease your cries of mourning, wipe the tears from your eyes." Project Rachel, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, is hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have unresolved feelings about their abortion on Saturday, June 27, 2009. A day for men is being planned for the fall. The exact location is confidential due to the personal nature of the experience. For more information and registration, please contact Julie at shelava@adw.org or call 301-982-2008, ext. 15.

If you would like more information about the OLHC Pro-Life Group, please email Susan Nottingham at : susan7399@verizon.net.

Note: A thank you to all the children who colored pictures for the residents at Morningside and the homebound...and thanks to the Youth Group who delivered them! We would like additional ministries to be involved with pro-life activities. Please contact Susan Nottingham.

Celebration for Mrs. DeLucco

St. Peter's School principal for 21 years, Mrs. Jude DeLucco will be honored at the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Peter's Church on Saturday, June 13, and at a reception in Sank Auditorium immediately following the Mass. All parishioners and school families, past and present, are invited to attend one or both of these events to thank her for her generous service to the school and to celebrate her many achievements. For more information, please call Mrs. Mary Ann Bonifant, School Guidance Counselor at 301-843-1955.

Archdiocese Social Ministry Conference

The 2009 Social Ministry Conference will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009, with a theme of "To Love is to Serve". The morning session features a panel presentation by Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love of Catholic University, Mr. Ralph McCloud of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at the USCCB, and Rev. Kenneth Boyack of the Paulist Fathers. The afternoon session offers a choice of 20 workshops. The cost is only \$15, the location Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg. A low cost lunch is offered by Three Brothers Catering. For more information, brochure, and to register, go to: www.adw.org/service/conference.asp.

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Pre-Registration: Pre-registration for Religious Education classes starting on September 13/14, 2009 began on will run through the month of May. If you are new to the program or your child will be receiving a Sacrament this year, a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate must accompany the registration form. The cost of the program is \$50 for one child, \$75 for two children, and \$100 for three or more. There is an additional \$50 fee for those receiving the Sacraments to help cover the cost of extra books, supplies, etc.

Catechist Potluck Dinner: Our end-of-year Potluck Dinner will be on Sunday, May 31, at 5:00 PM in the Social Hall. Bring your favorite dish (and memory of teaching) to share.

Aluminum Can Collection: As summer is here and CCD classes have ended, our aluminum can collecting will stop for the summer and restart in the fall. Start date will be in the bulletin as it nears. Thank you for your support and much appreciation to Joyce Van Gorden for her hard work on this project.

Youth Group: June 7- 6:15 Meeting/Bingo; June 13- Kings Dominion Trip; June 21- Youth Mass/No Meeting. Call Joe Meszaros (301-609-8761) or Mabelle Proctor (301-893-9410) for more information.

Just a Reminder

We ask parents with very young children or babies to please use the cry room when needed during Mass. It is located to the right of the worship area where you are seated. This will minimize their discomfort and keep them occupied when in distress. Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Peter's School Subsidy Forms

To qualify for subsidy assistance, you must be registered in the parish for at least one full year. Weekly attendance (supported by the envelope system) is one factor used in determining eligibility. School subsidy forms must be handed directly to Fr. Crowley after Mass. They will be reviewed and parents will be called with the response information.

Parish Office

Now that CCD and OLLC Preschool classes have ended, just a reminder about the summer office hours. The Preschool office will be open on Wed., 9 AM -1 PM, the Religious Education office will close mid June-beginning of August, and the front office, 8 AM-4 PM, will be lightly staffed. You are encouraged to call the office if planning to stop by or leave a voice mail which will be answered as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Preschool News

Thank You: to all OLHC parishioners for their support of Our Lady's Little Christians in a many ways, to include support of our fundraisers and most especially their prayers. God bless you.

Registration continues for all classes. Our Lady's Little Christians is an early learning program for children 3 and 4 years of age. We are licensed by the MD State Department of Education, Office of Child Care. Please call 301-645-7112 and speak with the OLLC Director, Ms. Nieda Billard, to schedule an appointment to register. Note: Some of the class times/days offered have filled, but others have openings remaining.

OLLC Summer Office Hours: Ms. Billard, OLLC Director, will have summer office hours on Wednesdays, 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM.

Community Bulletin Board



- ◆ **Concert by Carlos Alberto Ibay:** "Rejoicing in Hope", Sunday, June 7, 2009, at 4:00 PM. Georgetown Univ., Gaston Hall. Ibay, who is blind, is known by his reputation that he sings like Pavorotti, plays like Chopin, Heart of Gold. Admission: \$20-adults; \$15-students; \$10-children. Arrive by 3:15 PM to purchase tickets.
- ◆ **8th Annual IHM National Home School and Parent Conference:** Sat., June 13, 9 AM-4:30 PM; Dulles Expo & Conf. Ctr. Free admission. 540-636-1946 or info@ihmconference.org.
- ◆ **Catholic Students/Liberty University:** For students attending Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA., your parish away from home will be St. Thomas More Parish, 3015 Roundelay Rd., Lynchburg, VA. Phone no: 434-237-5911 and email: info@stmva.com. Website: www.stmva.com.
- ◆ **Marriage and Natural Family Planning Awareness Week :** is July 19-25, 2009. For more info, go to: www.uscch.org/prolife/issues/shtml.