

JUNE 7, 2009

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 7, 8:30 AM: Denise Cyrille +

Message From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As the summer begins, we all look forward to a little bit of relaxation and rest, time to be with family and friends, or perhaps a badly-needed vacation. It is important to use this time wisely, to make time for our loved ones that we are not able to see often or spend time with during the remainder of the year. This is an opportunity to enjoy one another's company, talking and listening, forging new bonds of connection between family members, old and new, and just looking forward to 'being' with one another.

The Lord Jesus gave us a good example to follow; when He was hemmed in by demanding crowds of people, He took the Apostles to an 'out of the way place' so He could spend time with them and, more importantly, spend time with His heavenly Father in prayer.

Please don't forget who gave you this time, this moment, this family...get to church wherever you are; if you are traveling, make plans ahead of time to attend Mass where you are. Experiencing another community of faith is, in itself, refreshing and invigorating. Perhaps, visiting places of faith during your travels can inspire you and your children to remember Him, the giver of all time. There are monasteries, retreat houses, shrines and abbeys on the East coast and all over the U.S., places of interest and devotion that can inspire and enliven the experience of our faith journey.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that you have a wonderfully relaxing and restful summer and that the time you spend with your family will be, in and of itself, a blessing from our heavenly Father.

God Bless,

Fr. Crowley



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, following the 10:00 AM Mass, will be on sale June 6-7, following all Masses. This is a good opportunity to celebrate pre-Father's Day!

Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially Lauryn Kiesel, Dolores Bescher, Dennis Holden, Kenneth Holroyd, Phil Koschecka, Joseph Watson, Sr., Alma Rice, Michelle Lowell, Deacon and Mrs. James Brown, and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way. Our condolences to the family and friends of Russell Hixon.

OLHC Pro-Life News

Many of us take a pro-life stand, but often do not know specific information about the issue. The following statistics have been released: Forty-three percent of women obtaining abortions in the U.S. identified themselves as Protestant, and twenty-seven percent as Catholic. Thirty-four percent occur to non-Hispanic white women, thirty-seven percent to black women, twenty-two percent to Hispanic women, and eight percent to women of other races. Won't you join us for a peaceful prayer, in front of Planned Parenthood this summer? OLHC and St. Mary's Bryantown are organizing small groups to meet Saturday's 10 AM—Noon at PP in Waldorf this summer. More details to come. Our presence may make the difference in one woman's heart.

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

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.



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.

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Pre-Registration: Pre-registration for Religious Education classes will begin August 8, 2009. 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.

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.

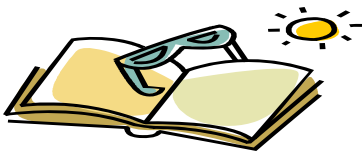
Youth Group: June 7- 6:15 Meeting/Bingo; June 13-Kings Dominion Trip; June 21- Youth Mass/No Meeting. Call Joe Meszaros (301-609-8761) or Mabelle Proctor (301-893-9410) for more information.

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 until the beginning of August, and the front office 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

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.

Looking for: an audio cassette tape player in good condition. If you have one you are no longer using, please consider donating it to OLLC. We have dozens of audio cassettes in good condition and no way to play them. Thank you!

OLLC Recycling Project: We are continuing to collect and recycle inkjet (only) cartridges throughout the year. Please think of us when your printer runs out of ink. There is a collection container in the main office hallway. Thank you!

Community Bulletin Board

♦ **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.

♦ **The Catholic Alumni Club:** of Washington, DC, invites all single Catholics, 21 years and over, who are free to marry in the Church, to our annual celebration of "Singles Sunday" on June 14, at Holy Redeemer Church, 4902 Berwyn Road, College Park, MD. Our afternoon begins with Mass at 3 PM followed by an Italian spaghetti dinner in the Four Seasons Room of the Church Hall. Suggested donation, \$10 to cover meal cost is appreciated. For more info: www.dcsinglecatholicpro.org or contact Lynn Sorbara, 301-460-1799.

♦ **Maranatha "Come Lord Jesus! "Day Retreat:** with Fr. Clement Machado, S.O.L.T., on Sunday, August 9, 2009, from 8 AM-6 PM at Georgetown Prep School, No. Bethesda, MD. Cost \$30; pre-registration required. For more info: call Vicky at 301-670-1028 or Susan at 301-926-8335, or visit www.frmachadorettreat.com.