

DECEMBER 6, 2009

Mass Intention

Saturday, December 5, 5:00 pm: Mary McCole +
Sunday, December 6, 10:00 am: Jacqueline Tapsoba +



Holy Day of Obligation

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass: Monday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception: Tuesday, Dec. 8, 9:00 a.m. &
7:00 p.m.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus instructs us to make our faith visible so that others will be led to God: "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Mt 5:16). Women and men religious heed this call by their witness to gospel values and their commitment to serving those around them. In our often troubled world, they remain a visible sign of Christ's love.

Throughout their lives, women and men religious invest in faith and in the future of others. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. **This year, the annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held in our parishes on December 12-13.** I understand that times are challenging and many of you face increased financial burdens. I ask that you simply give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for all religious, that they may continue to be beacons of faith and hope who lead others to Christ, and for vocations to religious life.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia



SHARE

Many thanks to the many volunteers who helped with the SHARE program on November 21. All the extra hands made quick work of the effort and lightened the load. The next SHARE program will be held on Saturday, December 19, at 6:00 a.m., in the Social Hall. If you would like to volunteer, we would love to see you there!

Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially Catherine Poole, Dominick Saltaformaggio, Elaine Manton, Joseph Gant, Nancy Smallwood, Carmen Cordova, Velma Lowe, Helen Tomlinson, Ellen Heilmeier, La Marie Bruce, Deacon Tyrone Johnson, and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Beverlee Prevost, Nancy Sharpe, Dominga Carreas, and Deacon Leon Bechet.



Christmas Poinsettias

Help the Altar Guild decorate the altar for the Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. Donations are \$15.00. The Altar Guild members will be collecting after each Mass until December 20. You may also drop off your donation at the parish office during the week. Names of your loved ones will be listed in the bulletin at the end of December.

Altar Guild Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Altar Guild on Wednesday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. New members are always needed and welcome.

Christmas Food Baskets

During these difficult times we are receiving a great increase in the number of people asking for a Christmas basket. We are seeking contributions for our holiday food baskets for those in need in our 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. Any cash donations may be placed in an envelope marked "Holiday Food Baskets" and put in the collection basket or the poor box; these will be used to purchase perishable and non-perishables for the baskets. Please place your food donations in the boxes marked "Holiday Food Baskets".

The Knights of Columbus, with George Cronin as chairperson, have volunteered to head up the Christmas Basket project. **If you would like to volunteer to help, Saturday, Dec. 19, at 6:00 a.m., the baskets will be organized, in the Social Hall. On Sunday, Dec. 20, following 10:00 a.m. Mass, the delivery of the baskets will begin from the Social Hall.**

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Confirmation Workshop: Our workshop for those preparing to receive this sacrament is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 12 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Parent and child **must** attend **either** session.

OLHC Christmas Play: Please join us for this wonderful holiday event, Sunday, Dec. 6 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. or Monday, Dec. 7 at 5:00 p.m. and following the 7:00 p.m. Holy Day Vigil Mass. The title of the play is "It All Happened in the Country"; make this a part of your family Christmas!

Youth Group

Dec. 6: Youth Mass 10:00 a.m.; **Dec. 13:** Meeting/Bingo/Caroling; **Dec. 20:** No Meeting. Our parish Youth Group is open to all in grades 8-12. Please feel free to contact Joe Mezaros, (301) 609-8761, or Mabelle Proctor, (301) 893-9410.

Aluminum Can Collection

We have resumed our recycling project of aluminum cans **only**. The proceeds from this project go into the parish poor box. The can collection container is located near the Religious Education classrooms on Sunday and Monday. Thank you to all who have made this project a success.

Pro-Life News

The Baltimore City council passed the bill concerning crisis pregnancy centers. They are concerned with "truth in advertising". Pro-Life pregnancy centers now must post signs on what services they **do not** provide. These pregnancy centers will be fined daily if they don't comply. Montgomery County is considering a similar bill in their county. Go to mdcathcon.org to oppose pregnancy center regulations.

UPDATE: Your spiritually adopted baby's brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his/her heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6 1/2 weeks. It has been reported that a two-month-old baby in the womb can suck his/her thumb. From this moment, everything he needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week. Keep praying!

Please join us for a morning of prayer at Planned Parenthood, Waldorf, on Saturday, Dec. 12. We pray in groups from 8 a.m. to Noon. Stay for 15 minutes or an hour, bring the family. It is a wonderful way to bring Christ's mercy to the men and women in crisis.

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 closings/delays/early dismissals due to weather conditions.

OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS PRESCHOOL

Chick-fil-A Calendars: OLLC is taking orders for the 2010 Chick-fil-A calendars. They cost only \$ 6.00 each and have \$30.00 worth of free coupons! You can pay by cash or check made payable to Our Lady's Little Christians. Money earned will support preschool activities. Last day to order is December 8.

The OLLC Tuition Assistance Fund helps OLLC families who may be unable to meet their tuition obligation due to financial hardship. Please consider donating to this worthy cause so that no family will have to leave our school mid-year. All donations may be brought to the church office during regular business hours and may be made in honor or memory of a loved one.

The Giving Tree: Please place your donation of new children's hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves on the tree in the main office foyer. All items will be donated to the Children's Aid Society on Dec. 14.

Note: Five Below at the Waldorf Marketplace: will be donating a portion of their sales back to our school during the **entire week of Dec. 6-12!** This is a great place to pick up stocking stuffers and other gifts. Then, on Wed., Dec. 9, take a break from your holiday shopping and join us for dinner (pay as you go) at Three Brothers Italian Restaurant (also at the Waldorf Marketplace) from 5-9:30 p.m.. At both places, just mention that you want to support Our Lady's Little Christians Preschool. Thank you for your support!

Community Bulletin Board

St. Mary's Bryantown School: has a current opening for a fourth grade teacher. Qualified applicants must have a Bachelor's Degree and certificate from the state of Maryland. Teaching experience is preferred. If interested, please send resume, transcripts and an application for employment from the Archdiocese of Washington's website: www.adw.org to St. Mary's Bryantown School, 13575 Notre Dame Place, Bryantown, Md. 20617, Attn: Mrs. Sharon Caniglia. For further info, call 301-843-3387.

Bear Hugs for Healing: is a program that delivers stuffed bears to hospitalized children during the holidays. Please drop off your donated bears at the Heavenly Presents store, 25775 Point Lookout Rd., Leonardtown, MD, before Dec. 9. Store hours are limited, but there is a drop box by the inside door. Your tax-deductible monetary donations will be used to purchase bears at a discounted price. Please make checks payable to the **Bread of Life Center for Peace** and mail to P.O. Box 338, Leonardtown, MD, 20650. store tags attached. Call Patricia Disandro, 240-681-3606.