

October 2, 2011

### **The French Are Coming Sunday, October 23!!!!**

After one full year of listening to the French accent of your parish priest, you are well prepared to welcome 25 French pilgrims who are coming to Waldorf later this month! They will be led by Bishop Jaeger from the diocese of Arras in Northern France. They are coming to learn more about Fr. Narcisse Martin, who was pastor in Waldorf (St. Peter's) for 29 years, from 1894 to 1923. Fr. Martin was born in Aire-sur-la-Lys, near Arras. He began his studies as seminarian at Arras and was ordained a priest in 1869. From 1869-1885, he was Professor of Philosophy and Theology in seminaries in Rodez (Southern France), Montreal (Canada) and Baltimore. Then he became the chaplain at St. Agnes Hospital (1885-1894). The legacy of this holy man, seminary professor, priest and pastor a century ago, is still inspiring people today in Waldorf and Northern France. The Father Martin Society, established two years ago, has over 250 members and is dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, devotion to the Eucharist and intercultural unity. My own priesthood has been inspired by Father Martin's zeal for souls and his tireless efforts to evangelize (he baptized 2,372 people in the Waldorf area alone).

We will welcome the 25 French pilgrims at OLHC on **Sunday, October 23**. Please mark your calendars! At **4:30 pm**, we will have a musical & light refreshment welcome in the narthex. At **5:00 pm**, we will move to the sanctuary for a sacred **Musical Holy Hour for Vocations**. We will conclude the day together with an **International Potluck Supper** in the Social Hall at **6:00 pm**. Come and celebrate our parish's cultural diversity by bringing your favorite dish and wearing traditional clothing!

A large number of OLHC musicians have begun to meet regularly to prepare this special musical and prayerful event. Our music steering committee has already selected a wonderful program. As you know, we are blessed at OLHC with very talented musicians and this will be one of the few occasions during the year when the four OLHC groups (one performs at each Mass on the weekends) will join forces! I am confident that everyone will enjoy all of these events including the music and table fellowship and sincerely hope they will also help strengthen the unity within our own parish.

Every OLHC parishioner is invited to join in the joy!

May the Lord keep blessing our parish and all Our Lady Help of Christians parishioners!

One in Christ,

*Fr. Alain*

### **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 1, 5:00 PM: John T. Pope +**

**Sunday, October 2, 10:00 AM: Molly Ladd +**

**Sunday, October 2, 11:30 AM: Mary Luskiewicz +**

### **Prayer Requests**

For those dealing with illness, especially Terry Phillips, Pat Freeman, Nicholas Wade, Gladys Schweinfurth, and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

### **Walk for Mary**

On Saturday, **October 29**, join us as we walk to raise funds for the first part of 'Mary's Project'! It will be a two-mile walk in the neighborhood. Come out and walk with your fellow parishioners. Bring your family and friends along, enjoy the fresh air and healthy exercise, all while raising funds for the statue of Our Lady. Sign up online ([olhoc.org](http://olhoc.org)) or call Jeannie Jacobs (301-512-8841) by **Oct. 8th (if you want a t-shirt)**. Refreshments will be provided after the walk.

Want to be a part of it, but unable to walk the distance? We will need volunteers as greeters, direction coaches, and supervisors for set-up and breakdown of the event. Everyone can do something for Our Lady!

### **Annual OLHC Craft Fair**

With fall just around the corner, it's time for our **Annual OLHC Craft Fair!** It will be held on Saturday, **November 12, 2011**, from **8:30 AM-2:30 PM**. **Table rentals are \$25.00**. We are also looking for volunteers who are willing to work at the fair. It is a day filled with fun, food, and meeting new friends! **Applications are available on our website at [www.olhoc.org](http://www.olhoc.org) or in the church office.** **Note:** OLHC crafters, we need your items for our craft table! Please contact Jean (301-645-3433) or Marie (301-843-1062) for more information.

### **Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Our **2011-2012** class for the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is in session. These classes are for adults who desire to enter the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics in need of their other sacraments or Catholics seeking to learn more about our faith. . If you would like to join us, please contact the church office (301-645-7112). Classes are held **Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 PM**.

### **Altar Guild Bake Sale**

The Altar Guild will be holding a **Bake Sale** on **Sat., Oct. 29 & Sun., Oct. 30**, following all Masses. Parishioners are welcome to donate baked goods and small bags of Halloween treats. Please clearly mark ingredients (i.e., nuts, chocolate, extracts) and a suggestion of a selling price. Your donations can be dropped off before all Masses. Support the Altar Guild in a delicious way!

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): will be held on October 2 and 23, and Nov. 6 and 20, during the 11:30 AM Masses.

Youth Group Meeting : Oct. 2- Youth Mass (10:00 AM) and Group Meeting: (6:30 to 8:00 PM) in the Social Hall. All interested students in **grades 8 through 12** are welcome!



### OLHC Annual Christmas Play

It's that time of year to begin rehearsing for our annual gift to OLHC! This year's play will be "**Psalty's Christmas Calamity!**" Play rehearsals continue this **Sunday, Oct. 2** from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in the Social Hall. If you missed the introductory meeting last week, but are still interested in participating, join us this Sunday! For a rehearsal calendar, visit: [www.olhcplay.weebly.com](http://www.olhcplay.weebly.com).

### Respect Life News

October is **Respect Life Month!** This Sunday we will remember that all life is precious, from conception to natural death. We embrace the Gospel of Life and seek to bring truth and life to the beauty of God's vineyard. That's why we celebrate to save our lives and the lives of the most vulnerable. Let's preserve it and devote ourselves to its protection. Please visit the **Respect Life** table in the narthex for ways you can promote the Gospel of Life in your homes and community.

Death Penalty: There are 3251 prisoners on death row in the United States. Troy Anthony Davis was executed Wednesday, Sept. 21 in Georgia, after the nation's highest court rejected his final appeal. Arizona has sentenced William Craig Miller to death this past week. Pray for them, their victims and families.



### OLHC/ Children's Aid Society Drive

The **parishioners of OLHC** are invited to provide new or gently-used coats for men, women, and children to be donated to the Children's Aid Society. There will be a box in the vestibule for your donations from **Oct. 2- Oct. 23, 2011**. Help keep others warm this winter by your giving.

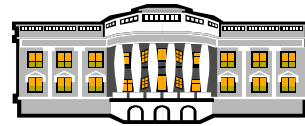
### Altar Servers

We have openings for the youth of the parish to become altar servers. Those young people interested in the ministry should be in the fourth grade or higher. Training is provided with additional refresher sessions. The altar servers also participate in social events, with this year's being held at the Regency Stadium with the Blue Crabs. Parents of interested students are asked to contact the office to leave a message for **Bill Scott** or **Deacon Rich**.

### OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS PRESCHOOL

OLLC is a Christian learning program for children 3 and 4 years of age. Enrollment forms are on our website: <http://www.olhoc.org/preschool.htm> or picked up in the office during regular business hours. Registration will continue until all class positions are filled. To schedule a tour or registration appointment, please call 301-645-7112 and speak to the director, Ms. Nieda Billard, or any preschool staff member. **There are still a few openings in the 5-day PM classes.**

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### White House Christmas Ornaments

After the positive response from last year, the **OLHC Ways & Means Committee** will once again sell the annual White House Christmas ornaments (at a discounted price). The sign-up sheet will be available on the table in the vestibule; please sign your name (only if you wish to purchase) an ornament in order that the committee have an accurate count.

### Pray for Our Nation

There will be a public prayer rally at the Charles County Courthouse on **Saturday, Oct. 15** from 11:45 AM to 1 PM. We will be joining thousands of rallies across the United States on this day to honor Our Lady of Fatima and to seek her intercession for our country. We will be reciting the Rosary and other Catholic prayers. Our country is at a very critical point in its history. We implore Our Lady's Intercession that the Lord may encourage the hearts of our nation's leaders to work together in building a culture of life, in keeping with our country's heritage. Please come and join us in this month dedicated to Our Lady. Contact Mitch Johnson (301-645-4336) for more info.

### Veritas Women's Conference & Day of Reflection

All women are invited to attend the 2nd **Veritas Women's Conference and Day of Reflection** on **Oct. 22**, from 11 am to 3:30 pm at St. Peter's in Waldorf. Nationally known musicians, Margaret Becker, Sarah Hart, and Marie Miller, along with author Kat Davis, will provide music and spiritual talks on "What It Means to Be A Woman and a Disciple of Christ." Fee is \$25, includes light refreshments. Bring a sack lunch. Register at: [veritasconference.eventbrite.com](http://veritasconference.eventbrite.com) or call Kathy Moore at 301-843-2839. (Discount rate-group of 15 +)