

October 23, 2011

### The French Have Landed !

On the afternoon of Tuesday, Oct. 18, our parish had the honor to welcome 21 French pilgrims led by Bishop Jaeger of the Diocese of Arras (Northern France). They had just arrived in Waldorf and a few volunteers from our parish and from the Father Martin Society had prepared a warm welcome for them. They had just crossed the Atlantic Ocean to re-trace the footsteps of Fr. Martin, pastor in Waldorf 100 years ago. They gathered at our parish for some preliminary discussions before being escorted to the homes of members of the Father Martin Society, who have generously volunteered to lodge them during their one-week stay in Waldorf.

As announced earlier, the whole OLHC parish is invited to greet Bishop Jaeger and the French pilgrims in the narthex of our church at **4:30 pm this Sunday, October 23**. Then, at **5 pm**, we will have a **Sacred Music Holy Hour for Vocations** in the sanctuary, followed by an **International Potluck** in the Social Hall at 6 pm. Come and celebrate the cultural diversity of our parish by **bringing your favorite dish and wearing your traditional clothing!** Our musicians have prepared a truly special program and we are most grateful to each one of them! Come and join them this Sunday afternoon in prayer, silence and songs.

We will pray that the legacy of Father Narcisse Martin will inspire young people in the dioceses of Arras and Washington to respond generously to God's call to the priesthood and the religious life. Evangelization is much needed throughout the world. Without priests, there is no Eucharist. Without the Eucharist, there is no unity of peoples in Christ! Priesthood, Eucharist and Intercultural Unity are at the center of the Fr. Martin Society established two years ago and currently with over 250 members in France and the USA. The holy legacy of Fr. Martin, seminary professor, priest and pastor a century ago, is still inspiring people today in Waldorf and Northern France. The Fr. Martin Society is dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, devotion to the Eucharist and intercultural unity. My own priesthood has been inspired by Fr. Martin's zeal for souls and his tireless efforts to evangelize (he baptized 2,372 people in the Waldorf area).

Father Martin's untiring zeal to save souls is an inspiration for all of us in Waldorf who are aware of the enormous need of evangelization right here in the heart of Charles County. Waldorf is as much "mission territory" today as it was 100 years ago. Many Catholics are no longer practicing their faith and do not attend Mass regularly. Many of the youth are not baptized or have not been properly catechized. With the help of the Holy Spirit and under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we can all help renew the Catholic faith in Waldorf (Waldorf, in German, means 'village in the woods')! We were all impressed last Sunday by the missionary efforts of Fr. Ryan in the small villages of Togo in West Africa, and we responded generously to his request for financial help (raising over \$ 4000 thus far). May we all be inspired by the evangelization efforts of Father Martin throughout the farms of Waldorf and renew our efforts to reach out to our neighbors or family members who need spiritual help!



**One in Christ,**

*Fr. Alain*

### Mass Intentions

**Sunday, October 23, 8:30 AM: Carmella Bellino +**

### Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially Alton Chapman, Brogan Ruppert and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.



### 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! There will also be an **Attic Treasures** room at the Fair. If you have **any gently used items** (no clothing, please) you may drop them off at the church office beginning on Thursday, November 10th. Please contact Jean (301-645-3433) or Marie (301-843-1062) for more information.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Archdiocese of Washington is offering a **workshop** will be held **Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011**, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM, St. John Parish Hall, 43927 St. John's Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636. Presenters: Fr. Timothy Baer & Fr. Walter Tappe. Beverages provided; must bring bag lunch. Cost: 5.00. Please call OLHC church office (301-645-7112) **NLT Oct. 26** if interested in attending.

### All Saints Day

**All Saints Day** is a Holy Day of Obligation. The liturgy for Monday, **Oct. 31**, will be the Vigil Mass at **7:00 pm**. The liturgy for **All Saints Day** will be celebrated on Tuesday, **Nov. 1**, at **9 am and 7 pm**.

### Altar Guild Bake Sale

The **Altar Guild** will be holding a **Bake Sale** on Saturday, **October 29 & Sunday, October 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!

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Youth Group Meeting : **Oct. 23- French Pilgrims Potluck. Oct. 30- Corn Maze Group Outing.** All interested students in **grades 8 through 12** are welcome!

Coming soon to a Catholic Church near you! The translation of the Mass is changing beginning this Advent on November 27. In anticipation of these changes our parish will be showing a video presentation in the Social Hall of a "Biblical Walk Through the Mass" at the following time: **November 6 at 10:00 am & 11:30 am-** Introductory Rites & Liturgy of the Word; **November 13 at 10:00 am & 11:30 am-** Liturgy of the Eucharist & Concluding Rites. All parishioners are invited to come and see the beauty of our Catholic Mass unfold before your eyes like never before!

### Respect Life News

On **Sunday, October 23, 2011**, the Archdiocese of Washington will host its **Second Annual White Mass**, celebrated by His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl, S.T.D., Archbishop of Washington. The White Mass, which will be held at the Cathedral of St. Matthew in Washington, D.C., will honor Catholics who have special needs and those who work to support them. The Mass has the designation of white, because of that color's connection to Baptism. We invite all guests to join the clergy that day in wearing white, as we renew our baptismal promises.

**Note:** It is not too late to participate in this fall's 40 Days for Life. From September 28 through November 6, we will participate in 40 days of peaceful prayer outside local abortion clinics. You can participate in two ways: sign up to join in the prayer vigil outside one of the clinics and/or join in prayer and fasting throughout the 40 days. Go to: [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) for more information.

### OLHC/ Children's Aid Society Drive

The parishioners of OLHC once again displayed their generosity in donating many coats in the annual coat drive for Children's Aid Society. Your kindness will keep others warm this winter! Appreciation to Terrie & Rich Campbell, chairperson and transporter.

### October Shelter Dinner

The OLHC volunteers took a great dinner of barbecued spare ribs and delicious meat loaf to the women and children of the Angels Watch Shelter. Side dishes that were served included green beans, mixed vegetables, macaroni & cheese, potato salad, and rolls. Desserts included Halloween-decorated cupcakes and a variety of fresh fruit. The women and children were, as always, very appreciative. OLHC thanks parishioners Sarah & Ralph Dixon, Margie Hampton, Carol Bisagni, Chrystal Beauregard, Elenora Bianco, Bonnie Mesler, Cynthia Gilmore, Ali Nikolai, Sarah, Dave & Dolores Cacciaglia for providing the meal.

### 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.**

**Note: the Scholastic Book Fair will be held Oct. 27-Nov. 1 and will be open after all Masses Oct. 29 & 30. All purchases benefit OLLC!**

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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). Sign up sheet is available in the narthex to **sign up only if you wish to purchase.**

### OLHC Annual Christmas Play

Our **OLHC Christmas play** rehearsals continue as scheduled on **Sundays, 1:30-3:00 PM** and **Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM**. This year the show will be "**Psalty's Christmas Calamity**"! To view the rehearsal schedule, go to [www.olhcplay.weebly.com](http://www.olhcplay.weebly.com).

### 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) or Joe Davis (301-645-6883). 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!

### Knights of Columbus Event

"Keeping Christ in Christmas" Christmas card sale, **Sat., Nov. 5 & Sun., Nov. 6, 2011**, following all Masses in the narthex.