

October 30, 2011

Welcoming the French Pilgrims !

This has been a **truly amazing week** for our parish and the Father Martin Society! Words cannot adequately describe it! From the very first day the French pilgrims landed on Tuesday, October 18, our parishioners and members of the Father Martin Society (both from St. Peter's parish and OLHC) have demonstrated what Christian fellowship is all about! Bishop Jean-Paul Jaeger of the diocese of Arras (where Fr. Martin was born) and Fr. Bruno Dubreucq, Pastor of Notre Dame la Panetiere (Our Lady Bread-Giver) in Aire-sur-la-Lys, have asked me to convey their heartfelt appreciation to all of you who made that week an historic week. Historic it was: the Charles County Commissioners unanimously passed a declaration, making **Oct. 18-26, 2011, "Father Martin's Week"**!

Bishop Jaeger and the 21 French pilgrims crossed the Atlantic Ocean to re-trace the footsteps of Father Narcisse Martin. Thanks to you, they were able to live the continuing legacy of Father Martin: Priesthood, Eucharist and Intercultural Unity, which are at the center of the Fr. Martin Society, established two years ago and currently with over 250 members in France and the USA. One of the highlights of their pilgrimage was the musical Holy Hour for Vocations at OLHC on Sunday, October 23. In silence and song, we prayed that the legacy of Father Narcisse Martin will inspire young people in the dioceses of Arras and Washington (especially in Aire-sur-la-Lys and Waldorf) 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!**

Our musicians (25 !) had prepared a truly special program for that Holy Hour for Vocations and we are most grateful to each one of them! Over 200 people were moved by this unique event of "welcome, prayer and fellowship". If you were unable to attend, we are hoping to make the musical program available soon on our website. Several parishioners have commented on their "feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit" during this prayerful and joyful celebration. The inscription on the cake we shared at the end of the International Potluck Dinner said it all: **"Father Narcisse Martin was a son of Aire-sur-la-Lys and a father of Waldorf. As he unified our ancestors through his devotion to the living presence of Jesus Christ as the Eucharist, he unifies us today as we continue to rediscover his legacy. May this French and American legacy be forever a source of joy, inspiration, and unity in Christ."**

May we all be inspired by the evangelization efforts of Father Martin throughout the farms of Waldorf 100 yrs. ago (1804-1923) and may our parish community truly be **One in Christ.**

Fr. Alain

Mass Intentions

**Sunday, October 30, 8:30 AM: Mary Ann Consorti +
Sunday, October 30, 11:30 AM: Jose & Annamarie
Gonzales +**

Prayer Requests

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

Our condolences to the family and friends of Claire Callahan.



Annual OLHC Craft Fair

Our **Annual OLHC Craft Fair** 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 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.

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**.



Baby Bottle Boomerang

The Catherine Foundation honors the sanctity of human life. Please join us in saving the unborn by donating your spare change. There will be baby bottles available as you exit Mass. Please take a bottle, fill it with coins, cash, or checks. Return the bottle to church by Nov. 12 & 13.. If no bottles are available, you may use an envelope marked "Catherine Foundation". Your contribution will go towards helping the Catherine Foundation save the unborn and minister to women and babies in crisis. This is a wonderful way a family can work together to put the Gospel into practice.

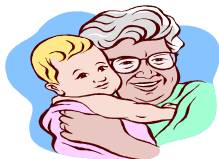
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Youth Group Meeting : Oct. 30- Corn Maze Group Outing;
Nov. 6- Youth Mass & Group Meeting. 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 (only) 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

Your involvement is needed more than ever to encourage your elected officials to support public policies that promote the common good. What can you do? As Catholics, we are activated by faith. How is our faith calling us to action and how can you get involved in public policy and legislation?

Join Catholics from around the state at Advocacy Day 2011: Stand Strong in the Public Square, Sat., Nov. 5, 8:30 am-1:00 pm, at the Miller Senate Office Bldg., Annapolis, MD. Register online at: mdcathcon.org. Learn what you can do, who our legislators are, what are the important issues for 2012 and much more.



Knights of Columbus

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

Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus: is the sponsor of two high school scholarships for its members and Catholic students in general. A brief summary of the scholarships and information regarding eligibility is posted on our church bulletin board. Application period is from Oct. 1, 2011 to Feb. 1, 2012. For scholarship information or applications, go to the website: www.kofc-md.org and click on the Scholarship Opportunities or write to: Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus, 10815 Stang Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117.

OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS PRESCHOOL

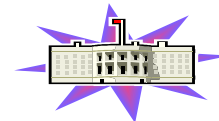
OLLC is a Christian learning program for children 3 and 4 years of age. Enrollment forms are on our website: <http://www.olhoc.org/preschool.htm> or picked up in the office during regular business hours. Registration will continue until all class positions are filled. To schedule a tour or registration 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!



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.



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**

Franciscan Lecture and Charism Celebration

You are invited to join the Washington Theological Union (6896 Laurel St., NW, Washington, DC 20012) on **Wed., Nov. 16, 2011** for a free lecture entitled "*The World Day of Prayer for Peace (1986-2011) in Franciscan Historical Perspective*". Presented by Steven J. McMichael, OFM Conv. (from University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota), this lecture will investigate how the World Day of Prayer for Peace of 1986 can be seen in its historical perspective. Evening Vespers-6:30 pm; Lecture Presentation-7:00 pm, reception to follow. Please RSVP to: jknetemann@wtu.edu.