

October 8, 2017

Consecrating Our Parish To Mary in the Year of Fatima!

One hundred years ago, Our Lady appeared to three little children, Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, in Fatima. Pope Francis chose this centennial anniversary to declare 2017 an Extraordinary Jubilee Year so as to remember the great messages of Fatima, which I summarized as the need to **Pray for Peace** (daily), in **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament (frequently), go to **Reconciliation** (monthly, Devotion of First Five Saturdays), in **Sacrifice**: Remember PRAERS (Pra-yers)! It is all about **prayer** through the intercession of Mary. On the 100th anniversary of the first apparition on May 13, 2017, OLHOC launched the Charles County Deanery initiative (to have a celebration in a different parish on each of the six apparition days) through a procession and Mass (attended by over 400 people). Since then, we have joined efforts on the following months at St. Catherine Alexandria, Port Tobacco, St. Mary, Newport, St. Francis de Sales, Baden, and St. Joseph, Pomfret (on the final day of apparitions, we will join Sacred Heart, La Plata). This weekend, on Saturday, October 7, we celebrate the annual Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (traditionally, October is the month of the Rosary).

Next week, we will conclude our own celebration of this Year of Fatima by **consecrating** our entire **parish** to **Mary!** When we were established by Cardinal Hickey as a parish 37 years ago, he chose a Feast Day of Mary (September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows) and put our parish under the protection of Mary by choosing our name: Our Lady Help of Christians! So, from the very beginning, Mary has been our **patroness saint!** Many of our parishioners have already consecrated themselves individually to Jesus through Mary (Consecration promoted by St. Louis de Montfort 400 years ago and promoted by St. John Paul II). A consecration to Mary, or to Jesus through Mary is to entrust oneself into the hands of Mary, our Mother, so that she can lead us to Jesus and eternal life. Following the messages of Fatima, St. John Paul II consecrated the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25, 1984 (33 years ago). Pope Francis renewed that consecration on May 13, 2017 when he visited Fatima. So, in many ways, one can affirm that our parish has already been consecrated to Mary. What we plan to do on Sunday, October 15, is re-affirm such consecration by having all our parishioners join in a consecration prayer. We will introduce such prayer at all Masses (including the Vigil Mass, October 14).

We will conclude our own Year of Fatima by welcoming Bishop Dorsonville at 5 pm on Sunday, October 15. Every parishioner is invited to join him at 5 pm in the Narthex. To display the unity in diversity of our parish, everyone is invited to dress in line with the customs of their country of origin (whether we are a first generation American, or third, or fifth generation, we can display a sign of our ancestors). Bishop Dorsonville will then lead us in a Living Rosary in our renovated church around 5:30 pm (if you want to be one of the 63 people representing each bead of the Rosary and reciting one Our Father or Hail Mary, come early and sign up before 5 pm). This will be followed by an outdoor Eucharistic Procession (accompanied by music by the Mariachis), and then the 7 pm Mass. Right after Holy Communion, Bishop Dorsonville will lead us in the Consecration Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Whether individually or collectively, we have all benefitted

Mass Intention

Saturday, October 7, 5:00 PM: Pierre & Claire Lissade & Family +

Sunday, October 8, 8:30 AM: Thaddeus Rose +

Sunday, October 8, 10:00 AM: OLHOC Parishioners

Sunday, October 8, 11:30 AM: Wayne Lloyd +

Monday, October 9, 9:00 AM: Helene Soloninka +

Tuesday, October 10, 9:00 AM: Joseph Fitzpatrick +

Wednesday, October 11, 9:00 AM: Mary Vianello +

Thursday, October 12, 9:00 AM: Mary Adelaide Murphy +

Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Chris Goldhammer, Audrey Proctor, James Reinhardt, Fr. Robert Pittman, Denise Zois, Dolores Settler, Yolanda Brenoes, Elsie & Rodalin Canare, Brenda Dodson, Sarah Parker, Elaine Townley, Juliann Leginze, Randy Howells, Connie Miller, Josephine Manalo, Aaron Morgan, Pat Gray, John Kopec, John Cumpion, Joe Martinez, Ann Gillespie, Julie King, Paulette Savoy, Kelvin Young, Annie Rope, Dave Biggerstaff, Jim Ritchie, Bonnie Castro, Therese Gendron, Andy Green, Judee Parkinson, Tanya A. Viola, Dolores Proctor, April Sheffield, Dr. Suresh Verghese, Marisa Costas Pena, Marino Gadea, Monica Myers, Mike Connolly, Samuel Lopez, Robin Dwars, Julieta Bool, Wilbur Etbauer, Susan Walker, Doris Conover, Elijah Larson, Sunni Park, Mireille Obas, Joan Etbauer, Joseph Cheseldine, Sr., Consuela Velasquez, Wilhelmina Franck, Tabitha Barton, Isabel Smith, Elinore Fortney, and all our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

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Mass Readings for October 15, 2017

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading- Isaiah 25: vs. 6-10a

Second Reading- Philippians 4: vs. 12-14,19-20

Gospel- Matthew 22: vs. 1-14

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World Youth Day

The next international **World Youth Day** will be held **Jan. 22-27, 2019 in Panama!** Youth and young adults **ages 16 to 35** from around the world will gather for a week of engaging prayer, vibrant liturgy, powerful catechesis with Bishops from around the world, concerts from Catholic artists, and an unforgettable Vigil and Mass with the Holy Father. We will be having an **informational meeting on Wednesday, October 11** after the 7 pm Mass. If you have questions, please contact Marlen Coles at: marlen@olhoc.org.

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(cont.) from Mary's blessings throughout this Centennial Year of Our Lady of Fatima. Let us pray that Mary will continue to lead all current and future OLHOC parishioners to Jesus and to Eternal Life with Him!

*One in Christ,
Fr. Alain*

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

CCD Class Schedule

Our Lady Help of Christians 2017-2018 CCD Registration is open online: www.olhoc.org.

October 8/9- CCD

October 15/16- CCD

Oct. 21- Conf. Yr. 2- Retreat at OLHOC (9:30 am-6 pm)

Oct. 29/30- NO CCD Classes

Contact Therese Thiedeman at 301-645-7112 or dre@olhoc.org

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Parish Youth Night !

Life Teen: high school youth ministry (Sun., 5-6:30 pm- check website)

Edge: middle school youth ministry (meets monthly)

FIAT: elementary school Faith in Action Team (meets monthly)

Attention Families!!

The next All-Youth Night (FIAT, Edge and Life Teen) will be on October 29 and will begin with 4:00 PM Mass followed by fun! Bring your friends ! See the website at: olhoc.org/ym.

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RCIA Invitation

Registration for the 2017-2018 RCIA class has begun. We meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM. Come and meet the Team Members. If interested call the office (301-645-7112) or email deacon@olhoc.org.

Upcoming Child Protection Classes

Upcoming sessions of "Protecting God's Children for Adults" are for those who need to become Virtus Compliant (Adults wishing to volunteer in any capacity while children are present). Go to VIRTUS.org to register. Call Nieda or Therese with questions at 301-645-7112.

OLHOC Volunteers Feeding Those in Need

On Sept. 21, men, women and children enjoyed a delicious meal at the **Shepherd's Table** dinner sponsored by our Community Outreach. Many thanks to menu coordinator, Dolores Cacciaglia, and the many hard-working volunteers who prepared and served almost 60 guests.

The women and children of the **Angels Watch Shelter** enjoyed a variety of entrees including fried chicken, meatloaf, corned beef and cabbage, sausage and sauerkraut with many side dishes and a delicious dessert. Thanks to volunteers Doreen McCallister, Margie Hampton, Theresa Lloyd, Josefina Knapp, Ali Nikolai, Madonna Gaume, and the Cacciaglia family who prepare and delivered the meal.

Healing Mass

A **Healing Mass** with Fr. Martin Scott will be held on Saturday, **October 28, 2017 at 5 pm** at OLHOC. Confessions available at 4 pm, followed by the 5 pm Mass, with healing prayers to follow.

A Faith-Filled Weekend

Friday, October 13: 5 pm- Fatima Holy Hour, Procession, Closing Mass, and Reception at Sacred Heart in La Plata, MD.

Saturday, October 14: 11:30 am- Opening prayer, followed by Public Square Rosary (for the reparation of the sins of the world) on St. Charles Parkway.

Sunday, October 15: 5 pm- Living Rosary, Eucharistic Procession, Bilingual Mass and Celebration with Bishop Dorsonville at OLHOC.

OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS

<http://www.olhoc.org/preschool.html>

- Fall registration continues for all new students.
- Please call 301-645-7112 or email : preschool@olhoc.org for information.

2017 Jubilee of Fatima Schedule

Celebrate the joy of the **100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima** right here in Charles County!

- **Friday, October 13, Sacred Heart, La Plata, MD at 5:00 pm.** (Procession/Closing Mass)
- **Sunday, October 15, Our Lady Help of Christians, Waldorf, MD at 5:00 pm** with Bishop Dorsonville (Living Rosary, Eucharistic Procession, then 7 pm Bilingual Mass)

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Community Outreach

The next **Shepherds' Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, October 19, 2017**. We are in need of a **menu coordinator for November**—please consider it! The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on **October 4** at 7 pm. **New members are welcome!**

Volunteers go to: www.olhoc.org and click on the Community Outreach link. or sign-up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044FABAD2DAA8-olhc

Sharing Sunday-Sharing Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Non-perishable food items and toiletries may be left in the Social Hall; donated to So. Md. Food Bank; Coat Drive-The box is in the Social Hall for new or very gently used coats, hats, etc. for adults and children to be donated to Children's Aid and local shelters.

Annual OLHOC Craft Fair

Leaves are falling, which means it is time for our **Annual OLHOC Craft Fair!** It will be held on **Saturday, November 11, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm**. Table rentals are \$25. We are **looking for volunteers** who are willing to work at the fair. Applications are available online at www.olhoc.org or in the church office. As we have every year, there will be an **Attic Treasures** room at the fair. If you have any new or gently-used items (no clothing or furniture, please), you may drop them off in the Social Hall on Thursday or Friday, Nov. 9/10. Also, we gladly accept donations of baked goods and useable jewelry for the OLHOC tables. **Note: OLHOC Crafters**, we need your items for our OLHOC Craft Table! For an application or **questions**, please contact **Jean (301-645-3433)** or **Marie (301-843-1062)**.

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