

**Deacon Bill's Reflection**

Happy Father's Day to all our OLHOC fathers! As a father myself I consider taking care of my family my most important vocation from God. We fathers share a great blessing from God. This blessing is a trust. God trusts us to care for and protect these beautiful children made in His likeness and image. We are to raise our children to love and seek out God in their lives.



Our secular society has diminished the role of fathers in our families. We fathers are almost seen as "nice-to-have" in the family vice an integral part of the family. I can only say that from personal experience, I know I would not have become the man I am today without the example and love of my father.

My relationship with my father began in an atypical way. The man who raised me was not my biological parent. I met my father when I was 6 years old. He took me into my house and loved me. He taught me that love was stronger than any biological tie could ever be. My father raised me to become a man, teaching me kindness, patience and how to stand up for family. I try to live up to his example as I raise my own children.

Fathers teach their children through their example how God loves all of us. I always remark to people how Joseph provided an example to Jesus without ever speaking a word in Scripture. Joseph embodies the typical, "Strong, Silent Type." He displayed compassion and faith bringing Mary into his home after learning she was pregnant. He displayed courage and leadership taking Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape the horrors of King Herod. Joseph is the example for all fathers. In fact, countries like Spain celebrate Father's Day on the feast day of Saint Joseph.



As a father, I know my example of love pales to God's love. Our Father in Heaven provides a perfect love that will never be matched by us humans. I sometimes become discouraged at what I believe to be an insignificant attempt to provide an example to my own children.

I enjoy reading our Gospel from this Sunday when I feel discouraged. Jesus speaks in a parable about the mustard seed. This tiniest of seeds becomes the largest of trees. As a father I like to think I can have this same effect on my own children. Our children hear and see what we do. They learn from us even when we do not think they are listening.

Let us all rejoice in our God who provides us such a wonderful understanding of His love in our lives.

We also must remember two very special "Fathers" in our parish on Father's Day. Father Alain, our Pastor, and Father Santiago, our Parochial Vicar. We celebrate their leadership and service to our Church, especially on Father's Day!

**Deacon Bill Scott**

**"Do not be afraid; just have faith" Mark 5:36b**

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**Prayer Requests \***

We are asked to pray for: Fr. Kleinstuber, Wilbur Etbauer, Antonio Marin, Georgiana Norgren, Scott Anderson, Harold Frye, Patricia Fisher, Marjorie O'Donnel, Sarah Parker, Leslie Heath, Miriam Chagolla, Lauren Lohman, Fr. Alain, Grace Emmanuella, Dennis Forgash, Robert Brooks, Angel Morgan, William Graham, Fred Kowaleski, Kaylie Fowler, and all our military and civilians serving in harm's way.



*\*Names will remain on our list for 3 months. Please call the parish office to re-request a name after 3 months or to remove a name when the person has regained health.*

**Mass Intentions this Week**

**Saturday, June 16, 9:00 AM: Antonio Marin Cruz**

**Saturday, June 16, 5:00 PM: Robert Laughery (+)**

**Sunday, June 17, 8:30 AM: OLHOC Parishioners**

**Sunday, June 17, 10:00 AM: Thaddeus Rose (+)**

**Sunday, June 17, 11:30 AM: Helene Obas (+)**

**Monday, June 18, 9:00 AM: Aldo Toscano (+)**

**Tuesday, June 19, 9:00 AM: Tonye Jeanne Francoise (+)**

**Wednesday, June 20, 9:00 AM: Tonye Tonye Patou (+)**

**Wednesday, June 20, 7:00 PM: Gil Sánchez (+)**

**Thursday, June 21, 9:00 AM: Ouedrago Family**

**Friday, June 22, 9:00 AM: Bill Bryner (+)**

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**Formation of New Hispanic Knights of Columbus Council in Southern Maryland**



As you have seen in the bulletin the last couple weeks, the Maryland Knights of Columbus State Council, is forming a new Hispanic Council of the Knights of Columbus, at Our Lady Help of Christians, that will be comprised of Hispanic Catholic men, across the Archdiocese of Washington.

# 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Religious Education Schedule

See you at VBS – Surfin’ with the Holy Spirit! July 23 - 27  
Watch for registration info.

Contact Therese Thiedeman at 301-645-7112 or [dre@olhoc.org](mailto:dre@olhoc.org)  
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### Check the website for summer events!



FIAT: Elementary school Faith in Action Team  
Edge: Middle school youth ministry  
Life Teen: High school youth ministry

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### Quo Vadis Camp - For High School Boys

Interested in discerning your vocation? Do you think that the Lord may be calling you to follow him closely, perhaps as a priest? Come join us at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland from July 15-18, 2018! For four days, high school age men, who are mature and desire to grow in holiness, will have an opportunity for prayer, small group discussion, Mass, and silent reflection, as well time for recreation and sports. The cost to attend camp is \$115, scholarships are available for financial need. Bus transportation will be available from OLHOC. The camp is run by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. For more information please visit [www.olhoc.org/lifeteen](http://www.olhoc.org/lifeteen)



### Fiat Camp - For High School Girls

Fiat is Latin for "Let it be done." Join other young women from the Archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore this summer (July 27-29 at Mount St. Mary's University) to spend time discovering the exciting things that God has for your life! What to expect: Talks by religious sisters and other speakers, Mass and prayer, games and sports, craft time and social time (with great food!), time for confession and spiritual advice. The cost is \$150 (Sibling discounts & scholarships available). For more information please visit [www.olhoc.org/lifeteen](http://www.olhoc.org/lifeteen)



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### \*\* Youth Summer Retreat \*\*

Rising 9th graders-seniors, join us for **Camp Veritas** August 12th-18th at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. It will be an amazing week of outdoor fun, prayer, time with friends, and growing in your faith.

For more information and youth opportunities, please visit [www.olhoc.org/ym](http://www.olhoc.org/ym) or contact Marlen Coles at [marlen@olhoc.org](mailto:marlen@olhoc.org).

## OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS

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

2018 Summer Program for ages 3-5 (**must be potty-trained**) The cost is \$75 per week. Discount for multiple siblings or multiple weeks.

- June 18-22, 12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Animals & Stories
- June 25-28, 12:00-3:30 p.m.  
Building/Engineering/Construction
- July 9-13, 8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Numbers & Puzzles
- July 30-August 3, 8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Science/Nature

Registration is first come/first served, and will continue until one week before each session starts or until classes are full.

For more information OR for Fall Preschool registration, send an email to [preschool@olhoc.org](mailto:preschool@olhoc.org) or call the office and ask for Nieda, Preschool Director.

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### Community Outreach

The next Shepherd's Table Dinner will be held on **Thursday, June 21, at Good Shepherd Church.**



**Sharing Sunday**—Non-perishable food donations are always welcome and can be left in the Social Hall. All donations will go to the local food bank, managed by Catholic Charities, on Irongate Drive in Waldorf.

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**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**  
 Go to [moments4marriage.org](http://moments4marriage.org) or [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)  
 for loving marriage resources

The intent is to activate the new Hispanic Council by June 28, 2018. A short organizational meeting of those who have signed up, or anyone who is interested in joining the new Council will be held **this Sunday, June 17** at Our Lady Help of Christians, after the 7:30 P.M. Mass, here in the Social Hall. The meeting should take no longer than 30 minutes. We ask anyone interested in being officers, or members, of the new Hispanic Council, to attend and to bring your friends. For additional information, please contact Michael R. Gonzales, on his cell phone at (703) 599-5888, at his home at (301) 645-7518, or by e-mail, at [michael.r.gonzales@towers-consulting.com](mailto:michael.r.gonzales@towers-consulting.com)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Como han visto en el boletín las últimas semanas, el Consejo Estatal de Caballeros de Colón de Maryland está formando un nuevo Consejo Hispano de los Caballeros de Colón, en Nuestra Señora Auxiliadora, que estará compuesto por hispanos Hombres católicos en toda la Arquidiócesis de Washington. La intención es activar el nuevo Consejo Hispano antes del 28 de junio de 2018. Una breve reunión de organización de aquellos que se inscribieron, o cualquier persona que esté interesada en unirse al nuevo Consejo se llevará a cabo **este domingo 17 de junio** en Nuestra Señora Ayuda de los cristianos, después de las 7:00 p.m. Misa, aquí en el Salón Social. La reunión no debería tomar más de 30 minutos. Le pedimos a cualquier persona interesada en ser oficiales o miembros del nuevo Consejo Hispano que asistan y traigan a sus amigos. Para obtener información adicional, comuníquese con Michael R. Gonzales, en su teléfono celular al (703) 599-5888, en su domicilio al (301) 645-7518, o por correo electrónico, en [michael.r.gonzales@towers-consulting.com](mailto:michael.r.gonzales@towers-consulting.com)

### \* Jubilarian Marriages \*

Today the Archdiocese of Washington recognizes and celebrates couples who have **milestone** anniversaries this year including our own OLHOC couples:



**Myles & Elizabeth Torreyson - 69 Years**

**Ralph & Sarah Dixon - 68 Years**

**Leonard & Margaret Hampton - 59 Years**

**Al & Chrystal Beauregard - 58 Years**

**Milton & Maria Galvan-Lam - 30 Years**

**Patrocinio & Salome Malazarte - 25 Years**

### \* You're Invited \*

His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl cordially invites the faithful of the Archdiocese of Washington to attend the **Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher, as Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, on Friday, June 29, 2018 at 2 PM** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. A reception will follow immediately after at the Basilica.

### Your Church; the Lord's House

Continue to please respect your church, the Lord's house, and refrain from taking any food or beverage in the Church. If children need food or beverages, please use the cry room or Social Hall.



We have incurred some recent pew damage. Please care for your building investment by not walking on kneelers or using them as a foot rest.

### Mass Readings for June 24, 2018

*Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

**\*First Reading**

*Isaiah 49:1-6*

**\*Second Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles*

*13:22-26*

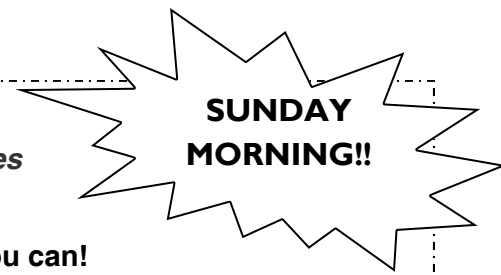
**\*Gospel**

*Luke 1:57-66,80*





**Adult Faith Formation Class:**  
*Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles*  
**SUNDAYS at 9:30 AM**  
**Two more sessions - Come when you can!**



OLHOC “Year of the Holy Spirit” (Pentecost 2018-Pentecost 2019), there is no better place to look for guidance in the New Evangelization than the Acts of the Apostles. This chronicle of the Church in action gives us the blueprint for the life and mission of the Church today. In *Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles*, Dr. Mary Healy combines Bible study with Church teaching and practical wisdom to show us how modern Catholics can effectively lead people to Jesus Christ.

**Join us for this exciting study facilitated by Mike and Diane Spurgeon!**

***Know your Faith — Grow your Faith***



Every Tuesday morning after 9:00 AM Mass, come to study and pray over scripture readings. With coffee and conversation, the Holy Spirit is always present! Meet in the Social Hall.

***SAVE THE DATE!***

Celebrate the 4th of July, Wednesday night, at the Foot of the Cross.

Join us for an outdoor Mass, music, games and fireworks starting at 5:30 pm.

More information coming soon!



**Saint John Paul II National Shrine**  
**3900 Harewood Road, NE**  
**Washington, DC 20017**



**JOHN PAUL II**  
CULTURAL CENTRE

***The Art of Prayer*** is a continuing series about interior prayer which includes a talk, time for silent meditation, and praying Vespers together. Join us at **6:00 p.m. on Sunday** evenings for *The Art of Prayer* and stay for Mass at 7:00 p.m.