

June 16, 2019

### Three Mysteries of Catholic Faith!

**Mysteries of Catholic Faith.** Sometimes, when meeting candidates to the sacrament of confirmation individually, I ask them: Can you give me three mysteries of our Catholic Faith? Answer: Silence. Follow-up question: Can you give me at least one Mystery of Catholic Faith? Answer: still silence!

What would be your answer?

I invite you to close your eyes and think for 10 seconds.

What comes to your mind?

If you remember the Solemnity we celebrate this weekend, does this give you one clue?

We always celebrate two great Solemnities right after Pentecost Sunday. While on the evening of Pentecost Sunday, we re-enter into Ordinary Time, and stay in Ordinary Time till the Solemnity of Christ the King (as we the enter in the Advent Season preceding Christmas Season), one can wonder why the priests are still vested in white on those two Sundays following Pentecost, the climax at the end of the 50 days of the Easter season (beginning on Easter Sunday). Those two Solemnities we celebrate are "The Most Holy Trinity" and "The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ". Does this give you two clues?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 261) gives one answer: "*The Mystery of the Holy Trinity is the central Mystery of the Christian Faith and of Christian Life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit***". This is what we celebrate on this current Sunday, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

There is another possible answer: **The Paschal Mystery**, which as defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church (See Glossary) is "Christ's work of **redemption** accomplished principally by **His passion, death, resurrection, and Glorious Ascension**, whereby "dying, He destroyed our death, rising He restored our life" (also para 1067). The Paschal Mystery is celebrated and made present in the Liturgy of the Church, and its saving effects are communicated through the **Sacraments** ( 1076), especially the **Eucharist**, which renews the Paschal Sacrifice of Christ as the Sacrifice offered by the Church ( 571, 1362-1372). The Paschal Mystery (Passion, Death, Resurrection and glorious Ascension of the Lord) is central to the Mass and the Eucharist. The Eucharistic celebration is the summit of the church's liturgical celebrations. One fourth of the

Catechism of the Catholic Church is entirely dedicated to "**The Celebration of the Christian Mystery**" also called the "**Mystery of Christ**".

The Dictionary of Biblical Theology by **Xavier Leon-DuFour** indicates that the English word **Mystery** comes from "the Greek word, **Mysterion**, which is not found in the Greek Bible, except in a few late books . The background of this word is the Aramaic **Raz**, which means "**Secret Thing**"..." In the Old Testament , it can mean : Revelation of God's secrets primarily concerned with the Plan of Salvation which God realizes in human history..." In the New Testament, the three Synoptic Gospels ( Matthew, Mark and Luke) use the word **Mysterion** only once referring to the **Secret of the Kingdom of God**; in the Gospel of John, never. In the teaching of St Paul, **Mysterion** suggests a profound reality, inexpressible; it reveals a glimpse of the infinite. It denotes nothing else than the object of the Gospel: the realization of **Salvation by the Death and Resurrection of Christ...Paul** talks about "The unfolding of the mystery in time, and the **Mystery of Christ and the Church**".

Bottom line: from the above one can see three key **Mysteries** of the **Catholic Faith**: 1- The Mystery of the Incarnation (God becoming Man, Christmas Season.) 2- The Pascal Mystery of Christ's redemption (Easter Season, also the Mystery of the Eucharist). 3- Mystery of the Holy Trinity (one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), with the Holy Spirit being the love between the Father and the Son, as well as the Spirit of Jesus after He ascends into Heaven.

As we celebrate this weekend the Mystery of the Holy Trinity, we pray we will receive in our hearts the Holy Spirit, which is the grace of the love of God the Father and God the Son.

*One in Christ,  
Father Alain*

# The Most Holy Trinity

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## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Please join us for this year's VBS, "A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer ...with Amazing Angels and Super Saints", July 22-26, 9 am - noon. Ages 4-11 are most welcome as participants; 12 - 17 as youth volunteers; and 18-102 as adult volunteers (see the office about becoming VIRTUS-compliant, child protection trained).

Registration is online: [www.olhoc.org/vbs](http://www.olhoc.org/vbs)

## **Volunteers for Summer Activities and Beyond**

We are currently recruiting adult volunteers (ages 18+) to work with our parish programs for children and youth over the summer and for the 2019-20 Year (chaperones, Vacation Bible School volunteers, catechists, assistants, mentors, substitutes, office helpers, Youth Core Team members, All Youth Night helpers, OLLC Preschool volunteers, childcare providers during parish programs, etc.). If you are interested in volunteering, or are a parent of a child/youth in any of these programs, you are NEEDED!

Adult Volunteers (ages 18+) who have substantial contact with minors (under 18) or vulnerable adults are required to undergo Child Protection Training and get an electronic background check. The next Archdiocesan class for Child Protection taking place locally is Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Archbishop Neale School in La Plata. Spaces are "first registered, first served". To register, establish an account at VIRTUS.org and select that particular class for training. Please see Nieda in the office for more information or visit

[www.olhoc.com/safety](http://www.olhoc.com/safety)

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## Outreach news

The OLHOC Outreach Committee is now collecting school supplies ( new pens, pencils, notebooks, etc.) for the next school year. A drop-off box can be found in the Father Martin Hall. All donations will be taken to Children's Aid Society of Waldorf. Thank you all!

There will be no Outreach Committee meeting until September. Enjoy the summer!

The next OLHOC Shepherd's Table is June 20, 2019 at Good Shepherd Church.

Non-perishable food donations to "Sharing Sunday" may be left in the designated box near the door to Fr. Martin Hall. All donations go to the Food Bank of Maryland.

During the summer months cereal and peanut butter and jelly are especially needed. Thank you!

## OLLC Preschool

OLLC Preschool fall 2019 registration is open! Parishioners, please share this information with families you know who may be looking for Catholic Preschool for their child or grandchild, and be sure you have registered your child for fall. For info or to register: email the preschool director, Nieda, at [preschool@olhoc.org](mailto:preschool@olhoc.org) or call the church/preschool office at 301-645-7112 during office hours.

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## Congratulations

Father Alains's class of 2009 is celebrating 10 years in the Priesthood! Celebrate with them on Thursday, June 20 as they celebrate Mass together at 7 pm in St. Philip the Apostle's Church in Camp Springs, MD. Reception will follow.

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## Congratulations

OLHOC wishes to congratulate the following couples celebrating wedding anniversaries at the Basilica on June 16:

- Albert and Chrystal Beauregard– 50 years
- C. Richard and Therese Campbell– 50 years
- Ricardo and Maria Katigback– 30 years
- Derek and Susan Nottingham– 25 years
- Andre and Aecha Rack– 50 years
- Edwin and Therese Theideman– 35 years
- Myles and Elizabeth Torryson– 70 years
- David and Patricia Viets– 40 years
- Mario and Lilibeth Viray– 30 years

\*\*\*\**And they've never had a fight!*\*\*\*\*

**Tuesday Scripture Study** - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

**Wednesday Scripture Study**– The Friday night scripture study has been changed to Wednesdays. They will be begin at 7:30, right after the 7 pm Mass.

**Divine Mercy**– Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

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## **40th Anniversary of OLHoC**

Please send your thoughts and suggestions to the office regarding what you feel we can/should do to celebrate 40 years of being a Parish.

**We are asked to pray for:**  
 Sandra Barrientos  
 Dennis Hook  
 Ana Maria Delmira Sibrian Escobar  
 Nestor Ermelindo Molina  
 Doris Chesley  
 James Thompson  
 Rebecca (Tess) Franch  
 Vicky Welch  
 Naomi Lilly  
 Sterling Greene  
 Aleli Puzon  
 Patricia Delgado  
 Rosano Wheeler  
 Larry McGraw  
 Vivian Truxon  
 Kenny Lindsay

Pat Fisher  
 Christ Goldhammer  
 Adele Alvey  
 Dorothy Neal  
 Dinnie Proctor  
 Shirley Ehman  
 K.D. Dillard  
 Josephina Knapp  
 Maria Townsend  
 Chrystal Beauregard  
 Sheryl Carter  
 Alex Leon  
 Sharketer Butler  
 Steven Bowling  
 Edna Yargo  
 Kathly Grimes  
 Damien Price

Sheny Padilla  
 Richard White  
 Mary Dooley  
 Victor Cordero  
 Georgiana Norgren  
 Marie Marie Bottorf  
 and all our military and civilians serving in  
 harm's way.

*Please let us know if any names should be removed  
 from the list.*



**Mass Intentions this Week**

Saturday, June 15, 9:00 AM: Michael Russo  
 Saturday, June 15, 5:00 PM: Helene Obas (+)  
 Sunday, June 16, 8:30 AM: Judy Aley (+)  
 Sunday, June 16, 10:00 AM: Jose & Anna Marie Gonzales & family (+)  
 Sunday, June 16, 11:30 AM: Cecilia Campos (+)  
 Sunday, June 16, 7:00 PM: Eulalio De Leon  
 Monday, June 17, 9:00 AM: Fr. Flum  
 Tuesday, June 18, 9:00 AM: Robert Edwards (+)  
 Wednesday, June 19, 9:00 AM: Fr. Santiago  
 Wednesday, June 19, 7:00 PM: Our Lady Help of Christians Parishioners  
 Thursday, June 20, 7:00 PM: Fr. Alain and Fr. Dan  
 Friday, June 21, 9:00 AM: Marcus Williams

*Glory be to the Father, Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.*

*Glory be to the Son, Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.*

*Glory be to the Holy Spirit, Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the  
 graces I receive daily from His bounty.*

*Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen. Prayer from Catholic Online*

***Congratulations to our newly Ordained Priests:***

Father John Benson  
 Father Joseph Cwik  
 Father Brendan Glasgow  
 Father Christian Huebner  
 Father Ebuka Mbanude  
 Father Stefan Megyery  
 Father Patrick Mullan  
 Father Benjamin Petty  
 Father Jan Pietryga  
 Father Michael Russo



Please keep our Priest in your prayers

**Mass Readings for June 23, 2019.**

*Body and Blood of Christ*

**\*First Reading**

**Genesis 14:18-20**

**\*Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**\*Gospel**

**Luke 9:11b-17**

# YOUTH NEWS

## Attention current 8-12 graders - Spots still available!

Steubenville, Quo Vadis, Camp Covecrest, Youth Support Team:

Please visit our website for the upcoming Summer Events. [www.olhoc.org/ymevents](http://www.olhoc.org/ymevents)

### **Steubenville Youth Conference - June 21-23, 2019**

Join us this summer for Steubenville Conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. A Steubenville Conference weekend is PACKED with dynamic speakers, worship music, Mass, Adoration and MORE! Come and encounter Christ with other teens from other states as we worship together and grow in our Catholic faith! Limited spots available for more details & to register visit [www.olhoc.org/steubie19](http://www.olhoc.org/steubie19)

**Quo Vadis Camp-** The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary July 28-31, 2019. For four days, high school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at [www.DCpriest.org](http://www.DCpriest.org). Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations ([vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

### **Camp Covecrest - August 4-10, 2019 in Tiger, Georgia**

Join us for Life Teen summer camp - Camp Covecrest, in the North Georgia Mountains, for an amazing and transformative week of fun, activities, time with friends, prayer and growing in your faith (i.e. high ropes, messy games, obstacle course, zip line, white water rafting, team building experiences, music, talks, reflections, Mass, Adoration & personal growth). For more details, watch a video & to register visit [www.olhoc.org/camp](http://www.olhoc.org/camp)

**Join Our Youth Support Team** which is an integral part of our Youth ministry at OLHOC. It consists of different components utilizing diverse gifts and time commitments of parents and other interested volunteers from our parish. These volunteer opportunities can range from assisting with special events or joining the core team and work directly with the youth. All volunteers must be Virtus Compliant. Together we can help lead our youth closer to Christ! For more information please visit the website or talk to Marlen Coles. **For more Youth Events or questions contact Marlen Coles** [marlen@olhoc.org](mailto:marlen@olhoc.org) or visit: [www.olhoc.org/ym](http://www.olhoc.org/ym)

**SAVE THE DATE:** Celebrate the 4th of July 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!

## **Feast of Corpus Christi– June 23**

*Corpus Christi* (Body of CHRIST), FEAST OF, is celebrated in the Latin Church on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday to solemnly commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Of Maundy Thursday, which commemorates this great event, mention is made as *Natalis Calicis* (Birth of the Chalice) in the Calendar of Pothinus (448) for the 24th of March, the 25th of March being in some places considered as the day of the death of Christ. (Catholic.com)

Sunday, June 23 after the 11:30 Mass, and 6:15pm, **join us** for the procession of the **Holy Eucharist** through our neighborhood. We will meet in front of the statue of Mary, where our procession will begin. Join us as we proudly process with the Most Holy Eucharist!

### **Your Church: The Lord's House**

**Please** continue to respect your church, the Lord's house, and **refrain from taking any food or beverage into the Church.** If your children need food or beverages, please use the cry room. Please care for your building investment by not walking on kneelers or using them as footrests. Thank you!