

August 4, 2019

FATHER NARCISSE MARTIN SERVANT OF GOD!

FATHER NARCISSE MARTIN SERVANT OF GOD! It is with great JOY that I announce to you that at long last, we have begun the PROCESS OF CANONIZATION OF FATHER NARCISSE MARTIN! We have taken the first step on Wednesday July 17. This appeared to be a small step, but with time, it may prove to be a GIANT STEP.

What happened on July 17? On behalf of the Father Martin Society, I transmitted to our new Archbishop Wilton Gregory the formal request that he open the CAUSE OF SERVANT OF GOD for Father Narcisse Martin, who as you know served the people of the greater Waldorf Area for 29 long years: 1894-1923. Those exact words about Father Martin serving the greater Waldorf area have been written below the new painting by Orlando Lagman, which was blessed by Bishop Michael Fisher on Saturday February 2nd 2019, Candlemas celebration and day of opening of our newly renovated Hall, also renamed Father Martin Hall.

As a few of you know, since 2010 I have been one of the two co-founders of the Father Martin Society. The other co-founder is Msgr. Bill Parent, former Pastor of St Peter's Church in Waldorf. It is in that capacity of co-founder of the Father Martin Society, and with the approval of Msgr. Bill Parent the other co-founder, that I submitted the Cause of Servant of God to our Archbishop Wilton Gregory.

How does one become a Saint (with a capital "S")? Though we all hope to become a saint (with a small "s"), most of us, including myself, have little knowledge of the canonization process determining who can be declared a "Saint". One of the most famous Saints recognized by the Church in the last 100 years is Saint Teresa of Calcutta. You may recall that 40 of us from OLHOC went on a pilgrimage to Italy to coincide with the conclusion of the canonization process of Mother Teresa. For me personally, it was a great JOY to be present at her canonization on September 4, 2016. I will never forget having the honor to be concelebrating the Canonization Mass with Pope Francis, hundreds of priests from all over the world, including Msgr. John Enzler (current CEO of Catholic Charities), three of my classmates of St John XXIII, and being surrounded in St Peter's Square by hundreds of Missionaries of Charity radiating JOY ... Maybe one day, people from the Waldorf area will have a similar privilege and honor to participate at the canonization of Saint Narcisse Martin... For those of us above the age of 70, we are most unlikely to be able to attend physically (most canonization processes take more than 30 years)... but we may all pray that God willing, we may participate in such celebration from heaven with all the angels and saints!

As the cause for Servant of God is currently under review by Archbishop Gregory and his staff, it would be inappropriate for us at this time to share any major information contained in the documentation that had been prepared exclusively for Archbishop Gregory and his review. However, remain assured that we will keep you informed of further developments as and when appropriate. If you now have any questions/comments, or if you would like to volunteer to assist the Father Martin Society (e.g. assist with the Society's website, or the new strategy for communications), please do not hesitate to contact me personally (after Sunday Mass) or make an appointment to see me.

Finally, I encourage everyone of our parishioners to consider joining the Father Martin Society. Many of you are already members. For those of you who might desire to become a new member but do not know how to do so, it is very simple. Just answer the triple question:

Do you support the three main objectives of the Society?

1. Promote Devotion to the EUCHARIST (including formation of first communicants, making the Eucharist the center of our personal relationship with Jesus, and encouraging Adoration, in silence and songs, of Jesus fully Present in the Blessed Sacrament, whether exposed on the altar, or present inside the Tabernacle);
2. Promote Vocations to the PRIESTHOOD and support existing-diocesan priests (including through Prayer) and
3. Promote INTERCULTURAL UNITY through the Eucharist, which makes us ONE IN CHRIST.

If you respond YES to each of the three above questions, WELCOME TO THE FATHER MARTIN SOCIETY! You have just become one of our newest members. The only thing you have to do is to send an email to fathermartinsociety@gmail.com with a copy to pastor@olhoc.org and from then on, you will receive all the news about Father Martin Society. There are no annual fees for membership. It is totally free. You will also receive invitations to attend special events organized by the Society. WELCOME!

I suggest that you now open your Bible and go to "Chapter 3 of St Paul's Letter to Colossians" and read Verses 1 to 5, and 9 to 11. This is the second reading at all week-end Masses (Year C, 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time). Read it slowly as in Lectio Divina (re our own Scripture Prayer Groups on Tuesdays at 10 am and Fridays at 7.30 pm). Short quotes are here below if you wish to go for a simpler reflection: "*If you were raised with Christ, SEEK WHAT IS ABOVE, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God... THINK OF WHAT IS ABOVE, NOT WHAT IS ON EARTH... Put to death then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, —and the greed that is idolatry... Stop lying to one another...*" As in baptism, St Paul encourages us to get rid of our OLD SELF, and to put on our NEW SELF! Every day is a new day. St PAUL concludes: "*Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free... BUT CHRIST IS IN ALL AND ALL*". Can you see any connections between this beautiful Chapter 3 of Paul's Letter to Colossians and the three ABOVE objectives of the Father Martin Society, which aims at promoting the Legacy of Father Narcisse Martin?

Heavenly Father, send your HOLY SPIRIT to fill our hearts with YOUR LOVE! COME LORD JESUS, help us to be in communion with you and one another, to be truly united in YOU as brothers and sisters!

COME HOLY SPIRIT! COME! Help us in all our daily decisions! HELP US TO SEE CHRIST IN EVERY PERSON WE ENCOUNTER TODAY!



*One in Christ,
Father Alain*

Today's Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

What profit comes to a man from all his toil?

Col. 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek what is above, where Christ is.

Luke 12:13-21

The things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?

****Adult Volunteers needed**

We are currently recruiting adult volunteers (ages 18+) to work with our parish programs for children and youth for the 2019-20 Year (chaperones, , 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!



Outreach news

Our next Shepherd's Table will be on August 15, 2019 at Good Shepherd Church.

Non-perishable foods donated to "Sharing Sunday" may be left in the designated box near the door to Fr. Martin Hall. All donations go to the Southern Maryland Food Bank. Cereal and peanut butter and jelly.

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 or call the church/preschool office at 301-645-7112 during office hours.

Adult Faith Formation

Come join us in a fascinating study of our first Pope - Peter! The story of St. Peter begins with an ordinary act of trust, which changes the course of Peter's life. By deciding to follow Jesus Christ, an unknown fisherman becomes a key player in God's plan of salvation for humanity. Videos presented by Dr. Tim Gray; facilitators, Mike and Diane Spurgeon. This insightful, 10-session course will be held Sunday mornings after the **8:30 am** Mass in Room B of the FMH. All are welcome.

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, following 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.



Pray the Rosary daily

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
Dunnie Proctor
Shirley Ehman
K.D. Dillard
Josephina Knapp
Maria Townsend
Chrystal Beauregard
Sheryl Carter
Alex Leon
Sharketer Butler
Steven Bowling
Edna Yarngo
Kathly Grimes
Damien Price

Sheny Padilla
Richard White
Mary Dooley
Victor Cordero
Georgiana Norgren
Marie Marie Bottorf
Joy Cooper
Johnné Webster
William Graham
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, August 3, 9:00AM: Sandy Manahan
Saturday, August 3, 5:00 PM: Donald A. Hall (+)
Sunday, August 4, 8:30 AM: Lorrin Green
Sunday, August 4, 10:00 AM: Jose and Anna Gonzales and Family
Sunday, August 4, 11:30 AM: Marcus Williams
Sunday, August 4, 1:00 PM: Adjutant Rohnde Desiree– Etammane (+)
Sunday, August 4, 7:00 PM: Our Lady Help of Christians Parishioners
Monday, August 5, 9:00 AM: Warren G. Kidwell (+)
Tuesday, August 6, 9:00 AM: Blance Mihill (+)
Wednesday, August 7, 9:00 AM: Joanna Ouedraogo (+)
Wednesday, August 7, 7:00 PM: Jamie R. Padre (+)
Thursday, August 8, 7:00 PM: Nancy MacGuire
Friday, August 9, 9:00 AM: Nancy MacGuire

Invitation to the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) — Registration Open House

Interested in learning about the Catholic Church for the first time? Want to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? RCIA is the group for you! We invite you to meet RCIA team members at the Registration Open House for 2019-2020 RCIA classes. The Open House is on Wednesday, August 28 at 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Father Martin Hall. Classes start in September and will be held on Wednesdays, 7:15-9:00 PM.

**Pope Francis's monthly
intention for August**

Families, Schools of Human Growth

*That families, through their life of
prayer and love, become ever more
clearly "schools of true human
growth."*

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Mass Readings for August 11, 2019.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***First Reading**

Wisdom 18:6-9 (117C)

***Second Reading**

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

***Gospel**

Luke 12:32-48

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YOUTH NEWS

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 or visit: www.olhoc.org/ym

“Train a boy in the way he should go: even when he is old, he will not swerve from it”

Proverbs 22:6



Religious Education 2019-2020



4 Sessions (Register early for preferred session):

(Pre-k (4 years old) through 8th grade)

Sundays: 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Sundays: 11:15 am - 12:45 pm

Mondays: (Special Needs children/youth/adults) 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Mondays: 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm



Ensure ONLINE Lessons (from last year) are successfully completed.

Registration online: www.olhoc.org/ccd1920



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!