

FIRE, ANGUISH, DIVISION

Do you believe that Jesus came to set the Earth on FIRE, to be in ANGUISH until the Baptism in the Spirit is accomplished, or to establish DIVISION? When proclaiming Luke's GOSPEL last Sunday (Luke 12:9-53), THESE THREE WORDS TOUCHED MY HEART: FIRE, ANGUISH, and DIVISION. Seen in a different context than Luke's Good News, such as the secularized world that surrounds us, THESE THREE WORDS may take away our SENSE OF PEACE AND COMFORT! Whether or not we recognize it, most of us, including myself, are afraid to go out of our "Comfort Zone". We are afraid of Change. We do not want to take any major risk. The "status quo" means we keep the same position without any changes and, leads us to a "MAINTENANCE MODE". We are afraid of conflicts, divisions, the "status quo" or maintenance mode is seen as a way to find peace.. But we can find peace only in Jesus Christ. HE is the Prince of Peace. To find that peace, we must accept the "pains and DIVISIONS" that are the consequences of following Jesus.

What is that FIRE that Jesus talks about? What is that FIRE that "JESUS wish it would be already blazing" (Luke 12:49). Why is Jesus so IMPATIENT? This is not the fire that destroys; this is the fire that transforms the hearts. Jesus loves us so much that he wants to help us change, help us to be transformed. The Apostles at that time could not understand. They had no idea of the yet-to-come Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord, which will change the world once for all, as the Son of God dies for all our sins and rises to save us and lead us to be with GOD in HEAVEN. The ANGUISH Jesus refers to is His imminent PASSION.

With hindsight, we now know that Jesus talks about the FIRE of the HOLY SPIRIT, the FIRE that will descend upon the APOSTLES at PENTECOST (the Acts of the Apostles describe the descending of Tongues of Fire). This is the FIRE that we receive at BAPTISM, the "Baptism with which I must be baptized" says Jesus (Luke 12:50). Pope Benedict XVI commented that "this FIRE is Jesus' own PASSION OF LOVE, a FIRE that is to be handed

on. Whoever comes close to Jesus must be prepared to be burned. This is a FIRE makes things bright, pure, and free. Being a Christian then, is daring to entrust oneself to this burning fire. Because the Holy Spirit is so powerful, we are all afraid to let the Holy Spirit "invade us".

Last week, I wrote to you about " HAVE FAITH : LOOK UP" and concluded with my own experience of Faith in the power of healing through the spring waters at LOURDES. I am grateful to God that I was able to receive so much of the Holy Spirit and was healed physically and spiritually. Four weeks later, I still feel this strong presence of the Holy Spirit and am prepared to let the Holy Spirit to lead me wherever HE wants. I feel free and totally at peace.

Let us pray together:

*Come Holy Spirit*  
Beloved of my soul  
I adore You.  
Enlighten me, guide me,  
Strengthen me, and console me.  
Tell me what I must do.  
Inspire me with what I must say,  
Give me Your orders.  
I promise to submit myself to You  
in all that You ask of me  
and to accept all  
that you permit  
to happen to me.  
Let me only  
know Your will,  
And do Your will.  
Amen



*One in Christ,  
Father Alain*

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **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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### **Outreach news**

Over 130 people enjoyed a delicious dinner on August 15 at our Shepherd's Table. Many thanks go to Our menu coordinators Dianne and Frank Soloninka and all our hard-working volunteers. Great job! Thank you also to The All American Steakhouse for once again providing cole slaw for our meal.

Our next Shepherd's Table will be October 17, 2019 at Good Shepherd Church.

The next Outreach Meeting is September 11, 2019 at 7 p.m. In the Fr. Martin Hall. All are welcome!

In spite of the heat please be thinking about the OLHOC Annual Coat Drive. Starting Labor Day weekend we will be collecting new/gently used coats, Hats, gloves, etc. for children and adults. A collection box will be outside the Fr. Martin Hall.

"Sharing Sunday" may be left in the designated box near the door to Fr. Martin Hall. All donations go to the Food Bank of Southern Maryland. Cereal and peanut butter and jelly are especially needed. Thank you!

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**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

**First Friday**— The first Friday of each month there is a Mass said in Latin. This Mass is dedicated to promoting Priesthood.

**First Saturday**—Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

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

## **PARISH PICNIC**

SEPTEMBER 15, FOLLOWING THE 11:30  
MASS WITH

### ***BISHOP DORSONVILLE***

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers provided, bring a dish to share!



### **Volunteer Opportunity You Are Needed!**

Are you being called to share your talents with your parish?

The **Parish Picnic** needs a coordinator. There are many helping hands to assist, we need a leader! The date is **September 15, 2019**.

Please pray fully consider taking one of these important roles in our parish. We need you!

### **Today's Readings**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21

*They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations.*

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

*Those whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.*

Luke 13:22-30

*They will come from east and west and recline at table in the kingdom of God.*

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 Yarnog  
Kathly Grimes  
Damien Price

Sheny Padilla  
Richard White  
Mary Dooley  
Victor Cordero  
Georgiana Norgren  
Marie Marie Bottorf  
Joy Cooper  
Johnné Webster  
William Graham  
Patricia Sutton  
Trenia Price  
and all our military and civilians serving in  
harm's way.  
*Please pray for the soul of Maurice Fletcher*

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



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, August 24, 9:00AM: Heather Trotter  
Saturday, August 24, 5:00 PM: Marcella Shirley Kreye (+)  
Sunday, August 25, 8:30 AM: Maurice Fletcher (+)  
Sunday, August 25, 10:00 AM: Mary Sgurie (+)  
Sunday, August 25, 11:30 AM: Anna Magallanez  
Sunday, August 25, 1:00 PM: Our Lady Help of Christians Parishioners  
Sunday, August 25, 7:00 PM: Nereida Tellechea  
Monday, August 26, 9:00 AM: Peter Nikolai (+)  
Tuesday, August 27, 9:00 AM: Kurt Cordner  
Wednesday, August 28, 9:00 AM: Rita Cooke  
Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 PM : Jennifer Munoz and Jeyson Ventura  
Thursday, August 29, 9:00 AM Mary Lou Cooke and family  
Friday, August 30, 9:00 AM: Mary Lou Cooke and family

**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 this **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."*

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**Mass Readings for September 1, 2019.**

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**\*First Reading**

**Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29**

**\*Second Reading**

**Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a**

**\*Gospel**

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

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**Class times**

**Sundays**  
9:30am -11 am  
11:15-12:45 pm  
**Mondays**  
5:30– 6:30 pm ( Special Needs)  
6:45– 8:15 Pm



**CCD CATECHIST, AIDES & YOUTH CORE TEAM**

**Classes begin September 22, 2019**

We are in need of adult volunteers to help our Religious Education program as catechist, aides and youth core team. Classes will start on Sunday September 22, 2019.

The most important qualities you must have are a love of God and children, and a desire to help our children experience the love of Christ. If you are interested, please give your name and contact information to our new CRE- Nereida Tellechea: CRE@olhoc.org, Marlen Coles –Youth Minister marlen@olhoc.org, or call the office. Must be VIRTUS compliant (see below). Please pray-fully consider teaching God's children this year. We promise, you will get back more than you give. <https://www.olhoc.com/revolunteer> to sign up electronically.

*“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](http://www.olhoc.org/ccd1920)**



**VIRTUS**

Anyone who works with children (CCD/children's faith formation, youth ministry, Confirmation Prep, altar servers, children's choir, and the food pantries) must be compliant with the Archdiocese of Washington VIRTUS program.

Everyone is required to:

- Take the VIRTUS class
- Sign up on [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)
- Be fingerprinted

The Archdiocese has recently updated their Child Protection policies and have re-instituted fingerprinting for all volunteers, meaning that all future **and current volunteers** (even if currently cleared under old non-fingerprinting policy) must be fingerprinted unless they have already done so **through Virtus**.

Please call the office to speak to Nereida Tellechea (301)645-7112