

September 1, 2019

PROGRESS REPORT ON PHASE 3 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners,

Some good news! We have made much progress in designing and costing the Third and Final Phase of our Capital Campaign.

We have already written to you about the preliminary design of Phase 3 (earlier weekly bulletin, flocknotes, and pulpit announcements). Now the time has come to implement these Phase 3 investments.

We are most grateful to the Parish and Finance Councils, who represent you and also are my eyes and my ears to have your viewpoints. They have been kept informed every month of the work of our Building Project Committee, which, under the able leadership of Dick Potter, our volunteer Project Manager has been overseeing the implementation of all three Phases. Thanks also go to all the members of this Project Committee.

At my request, and under short notice, the Project Manager has sent me the following "bullets" which summarize where we have come from, where we are and where we are going:

"Phase 3 completes original vision of Capital Campaign with better utilization of Church space all staying in existing building footprint.

Recall phase 1 focus was Nave with new pews, new flooring, new glass door entrance, new lighting and refreshed painted walls.

Phase 2 was better use of Social Hall with the moveable partitions and 2 large storage rooms as well as new ceiling tile, lighting and fresh paint colors.

Now phase 3 focus is Narthex:

We add an Adoration Chapel with secure exterior access that will be bright, welcoming, private and comfortable with separate heating and air conditioning.

Also, we add a multipurpose room for use as additional confessional, small meeting space and space for help desk or counseling.

The Narthex will get new tile floor to complement the Nave

The Chapel will get new tile floor.

The Narthex will get a new entrance double door set which will provide visual focus toward the Nave upon entering.

The Narthex will retain plenty of space for fellowship as the "blue tape" shows.

On the exterior, we plan to add a steeple reaching up to 65 feet from the ground to make our church more visible."

In response to comments we have received regarding the above mentioned steeple, we would like to highlight the fact that such steeple was planned from the very first day of this 3-year capital campaign. You may recall that it was drawn on the cover of the initial document package we distributed to parishioners interested to participate. Both the Parish and Finance Councils have fully supported this steeple as an effective way of evangelizing. They have called it "Architectural Evangelization": hopefully, we will become more visible as a church. From contacting people through door to door evangelization, I can say that many in Waldorf still do not know that our building is a church (even if they passed by). We still have people ring our doorbell and asking if we are a library. The steeple will become our point of reference (no longer saying that we are next to the Old Library).

We are most grateful to all of you for the financial contributions you have made in the last three years. The first two Phases fully funded and already implemented have helped us to renovate first our nave (space where we worship) and second our Social Hall (space for meetings, teaching, celebrations and fellowships, now called Father Martin Hall). As of now, we have already received over 90 percent of the funds needed to implement the Third and Final Phase. This allows us to go ahead and initiate the bidding process so that the physical implementation will be completed by March 2020.

As we prepare to launch two weeks from today - Sunday September 15 - the celebration of our 40 YEARS: 1980-2020 ,we will welcome Bishop Dorsonville at our 11:30 am Mass followed by fellowship and PICNIC, let us pray that the HOLY SPIRIT will assist us in learning from the positive lessons of our first 40 years and will continue to GUIDE THE STEPS OF OUR PARISH in the coming months and years.



*One in Christ,
Father Alain*



The office will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

Outreach news

Our next Outreach meeting will be Sept. 11, 2019 at 7p.m. In the Fr. Martin Hall. Everyone is welcome!

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

Please be thinking about the upcoming 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!

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 the evening Mass is 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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

FOLLOWING THE 11:30 MASS WITH

BISHOP DORSONVILLE

Join us for food, fellowship and fun!

Music provided by Libation

We will have games for the kids

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers provided.

Sides such salads, veggies, water, drinks, desserts, macaroni and cheese, pizza, or "what you make better than anyone else", please bring!

The Picnic is a Parish affair! Everyone is invited, and we ask everyone to help. Help is especially needed for start up, and clean up.

Please let us know how many are coming, the side dishes you are bringing, and how you can help make the picnic a success- <https://www.olhoc.com/picnic>



Today's Readings

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, everyone who humbles himself will be exalted.

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

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 Yva David

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



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, August 31, 9:00AM: Mary Lou Cooke and Family
Saturday, August 31, 5:00 PM: Terrie and Richard Campbell
Sunday, September 1, 8:30 AM: Maximus Caesar
Sunday, September 1, 10:00 AM: Our Lady Help of Christians Parishioners
Sunday, September 1, 11:30 AM: Fr. Santiago Martin
Sunday, September 1, 1:00 PM: Yva David (+)
Sunday, September 1, 7:00 PM: Maria and Luis Munes
Monday, September 2, 9:00 AM: Father Alain
Tuesday, September 3, 9:00 AM: Jeannie Jacobs
Wednesday, September 4, 9:00 AM: Msgr. James Mancini (+)
Wednesday, September 4, 7:00 PM : Sister Leilani
Thursday, September 5, 9:00 AM Mary Hevener (+)
Friday, September 6, 9:00 AM: Susie G. Proctor
Friday, September 6, 2019, 7:00 PM Shayla Blackford

RCIA Classes

Interested in learning about the Catholic Church for the first time? Want to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? Or, wishing to learn more about your Catholic faith? RCIA is for you! Classes start Wednesday nights beginning Sept. 4th at 7:00 PM We hope to see you there!

**The Pope's intention for
September**

The Protection of the Oceans

*That politicians, scientists and economists work
together to protect the world's seas and oceans.*

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Mass Readings for September 8, 2019.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18b

*Second Reading

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

*Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

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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



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
- 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