

September 8, 2019

**A TIME TO CELEBRATE 40 YEARS:  
A NEW BEGINNING IN THE JOY OF CHRIST!**

**A TIME TO CELEBRATE 40 YEARS: A NEW BEGINNING IN THE JOY OF CHRIST!** This coming Sunday September 15, we enter our 40th YEAR as a parish. While we advance in age and wisdom, we remain one of the youngest parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington. In the Bible, 40 is a significant number: the people of Israel wandering 40 years in the desert before entering the Promised Land, Jesus fasting 40 days in the desert. In our society today, 40 Years of age is an important milestone for anyone. It is the entrance into the FIFTH DECADE of life, often referred to as MID-LIFE. For some of us, reaching the mid-life point raises the level of anxieties and one talks about Mid-Life Crisis. For others, reaching mid-life is just the opposite; it is an opportunity to rethink the purpose of life in a creative and positive way. At OLHOC, we see REACHING OUR 40th ANNIVERSARY as an opportunity to CELEBRATE PAST ACHIEVEMENTS and TO ENTER A NEW BEGINNING IN THE JOY OF CHRIST!

**IT IS TIME TO CELEBRATE!** It is time to celebrate 40 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF WALDORF. It is time to look back and reflect on the achievements of our first four decades. It is time to renew our Spiritual Life as a Parish. It is time to strengthen our parish as a CHRISTIAN FAMILY OF FAMILIES. It is time to renew our commitment to our Parish Mission:

**BRINGING ALL TO CHRIST  
SHARING CHRIST WITH ALL  
BEING ONE IN CHRIST**

It is time to renew our efforts of evangelization. While the Waldorf area population has more than doubled in the last 30 years, fewer people practice their Christian Faith. Waldorf is evangelization territory. We need to be intentional Disciples of Christ, meaning that our entire life focuses on Christ. We need to depend totally on the HOLY SPIRIT to guide us. We need to ask Mary's protection. We need the help of more volunteers (especially teachers and teacher aides in CCD at this time). We need to reach out to people in their homes. We need to strengthen our unity as a parish while celebrating our diversity. We know that we BECOME WHAT WE CELEBRATE. If we celebrate the growing and innovative participation of our current YOUTH in parish activities, we will all become more YOUTHFUL. If we celebrate the JOY OF SINGING at OLHOC, not only will we attract more volunteer musicians to help the existing ten choirs ( one for each

of our eight regular week-end Masses, plus the Youth and Children Choirs ) but all of us worshipping at OLHOC will be more JOYFUL and PRAYERFUL (to sing is to pray twice!).

In this context, I am inviting each of our many volunteer ministries (e.g. Youth, Music, Altar Guild, Adult Faith Formation, Scripture Prayer Groups, Religious Education, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Parish Councils, Couples for Christ, Neo-Catechumenal Way, St Andrew School of Evangelization, Adoration, Homebound Ministry, Ushers, Lectors, Greeters, Knights of Columbus, Marian Group etc.) to have a special celebration of their past achievements in the course of the next 12 months (between now and mid-September 2020 when we reach 40 years of age). If you have any specific suggestions, please pass them on to the leader of your volunteer ministry (with copy to me).

OUR 40 YEAR CELEBRATIONS will begin with 40 HOURS OF ADORATION, from 1 AM on FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13 till 5 PM SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14. You are all invited to come and spend ONE-HOUR IN ADORATION! See sign-up sheet in Narthex. We are honored that BISHOP DORSONVILLE will be with us this coming SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15. He will be the main celebrant and homilist at the 11:30 AM MASS and will join us at our traditional PICNIC (always held on the Sunday close to our parish anniversary date: September 15). We are grateful that he has accepted our invitation to help us enter into the 12 months of celebrating our 40th anniversary.

May God keep blessing our parish and all our past, present and future parishioners!

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with the fire of Your Love, and help us celebrate our 40th Anniversary with Joy, Peace and Love! Come Holy Spirit; help us enter a new beginning in the Joy of Christ!



*One in Christ,  
Father Alain*



**CCD**

Sept. 15- Catechetical Sunday (10 am Mass)

Sept. 22/23- 1st day of CCD classes

Sept. 29- All Youth Night, 4 PM Youth Mass (No regular classes)

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**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!

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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 the evening Mass is said in Latin. This Mass is dedicated to promoting the 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>



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Disciples of Hope" - Camp Maria and St. Mary's Ryken High School have teamed up to present DAN SCHUTTE in Concert & Retreat!

This is a rare opportunity to experience firsthand, the music and ministry of Dan Schutte, composer of "Here I Am Lord", "City of God", "Sing a New Song" and many others. The concert will be held on Friday, September 13, 2019 from 7pm-9pm, in the Rom Hall, St. Mary's Ryken High School, 22600 Camp Calvert Rd, Leonardtown, MD. Cost is \$20 for Concert for non-students and \$10 for any student.

The retreat will be held Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 9am-Noon (check in and light breakfast from 8am-9am) at Camp Maria Retreat Center, Dining Hall, 41290 Camp Maria Rd, Leonardtown, MD. The retreat cost is \$35. Concert and Retreat Package is \$55.

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

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 victims of Hurricane Dorian*

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



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, September 7, 9:00AM: Mary Josephine Payne (+)  
Saturday, September 7, 5:00 PM: Terrie and Richard Campbell  
Sunday, September 8, 8:30 AM: Truxon Family  
Sunday, September 8, 10:00 AM: Carmelita Flores (+)  
Sunday, September 8, 11:30 AM: Our Lady Help of Christians Parishioners  
Sunday, September 8, 1:00 PM: Moussi Family  
Sunday, September 8, 7:00 PM: Mauro Yáñez Hernandez, Ericka Hernandez Cardenas  
Monday, September 9, 9:00 AM: Victims of Hurricane Dorian  
Tuesday, September 10, 9:00 AM: Gloria Galbo (+)  
Wednesday, September 11, 9:00 AM: Donna Bowen (+)  
Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 PM : Aaliyah Gonzales  
Thursday, September 12, 9:00 AM: Souls in Purgatory  
Friday, September 13, 9:00 AM: Marjorie Charroa (+)

**The Parable of Ground Zero**

*"I thought 'what is God like? God is like the firefighter who rushes into a burning building to save someone. That's how much God loves us."*

-Jesuit Father James Martin, culture editor of America magazine

**OLHOC's 40 Hours of  
Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday, September 13 at 1 am until  
Saturday, September 14 at 5 pm

*"The Eucharist is connected with the Passion. ... To make sure that we do not forget, Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of his love ... When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then, when you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now." - Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

**Mass Readings for September 15, 2019.**  
*2th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**\*First Reading**  
**Exodus 32:7-11,13-14**  
**\*Second Reading**  
**1 Timothy 1:12-17**  
**\*Gospel**  
**Luke 15:1-32**



**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