

October 15, 2017

Mary and the Holy Spirit Leading Us to Jesus!

As we are consecrating our parish to Mary this weekend (see my column in last week's bulletin), I have received a few questions about why consecration to Mary, not to Jesus? For those of us who have done the Consecration to Jesus through Mary (the well-known approach of St. Louis de Montfort), we recall that St. Louis de Montfort said that his desire was to have a direct consecration to Mary, but that in the end, he chose to call it a consecration to Jesus through Mary as the main purpose was to have Mary lead us to Jesus. You will see that the prayer of Consecration we will pray together this weekend at all Masses (including the one with Bishop Dorsonville at the 7 pm bilingual Mass (English and Spanish) is to lead all of us to Jesus! The ultimate purpose is the one we are all seeking: to be with Jesus and stay with Him forever!

Another question I received was as to why not simply pray to the Holy Spirit? This is a good question. The benefits, the fruits of our consecration to Mary depend upon the work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told all of us that as he returned to Heaven (**Ascension**), He would send upon all of us His Spirit, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is within each of us since our baptism and, even more so since our confirmation. In every sacrament the Holy Spirit is at work. So why a consecration to Mary? Mary is not only the mother of Jesus, she is also the spouse of the Holy Spirit. Mary is our privileged intercessor. We do not pray to Mary, we ask Mary to pray for us (as in the ending of the Hail Mary). Mary is so close to Jesus in Heaven, that she can call on Jesus to assist us and can also ask Jesus to send His Spirit upon us. In this way, one can say that the benefits, the fruits of our consecration to Mary depend upon the work of the Holy Spirit.

In our prayer of consecration this weekend, we will say together: *"Mary, to consecrate ourselves to you, we offer you our whole being, body and soul, mind and senses, our sorrows and our joys, all that we possess. Mary, help us to persevere and grow in faith and through our actions advance the Kingdom of your Son. Mary, help us to have a heart like yours: pure in spirit, free of sin, and open to the will of God. Mary, lead us to Jesus and accept our act of consecration."*

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide all our actions!
May Mary continue to lead us to Jesus!

*One in Christ,
Fr. Alain*

Mass Intention

Saturday, October 14, 5:00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners

Sunday, October 15, 8:30 AM: John Lohman +

Sunday, October 15, 10:00 AM: Jose & Anna Marie
Gonzales & Family +

Sunday, October 15, 11:30 AM: Baby Ciara Bocchino +

Tuesday, October 17, 9:00 AM: Barbara Tice

Thursday, October 19, 9:00 AM: Domingo Ozuna +

Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Barbara Tice, James Thompson, Doris Chesley, Joseph Albrittain, Ester Baraquio, Chris Goldhammer, Audrey Proctor, James Reinhardt, Fr. Robert Pittman, Denise Zois, Dolores Settler, Yolanda Brenoes, Elsie & Rodalin Canare, Brenda Dodson, Sarah Parker, Elaine Townley, Juliann Leginze, Randy Howells, Connie Miller, Josephine Manalo, Aaron Morgan, Pat Gray, John Cumpion, Joe Martinez, Ann Gillespie, Julie King, Paulette Savoy, Kelvin Young, Annie Rope, Dave Biggerstaff, Jim Ritchie, Bonnie Castro, Therese Gendron, Andy Green, Judee Parkinson, Tanya A. Viola, Dolores Proctor, April Sheffield, Dr. Suresh Verghese, Marisa Costas Pena, Marino Gadea, Monica Myers, Mike Connolly, Samuel Lopez, Robin Dwars, Julieta Bool, Wilbur Etbauer, Susan Walker, Doris Conover, Elijah Larson, Sunni Park, Mireille Obas, Joan Etbauer, Joseph Cheseldine, Sr., Consuela Velasquez, Wilhelmina Franck, Tabitha Barton, Isabel Smith, Elinore Fortney, and all our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Please notify the office when someone may be added or removed from the prayer list

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Mass Readings for October 22, 2017

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading- Isaiah 45: vs. 1, 4-6

Second Reading- 1 Thessalonians 1: vs. 1-5b

Gospel-Matthew 22: vs. 15-22

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Join Us in the Celebration!

Celebrate with us on Sunday, October 15 at 5 pm! We will have a **Living Rosary, an Outdoor Eucharistic and Marian Procession,** and a **7 pm Bilingual Mass with Bishop Mario Dorsonville** as the main celebrant! Everyone is invited to dress in their ethnic/national clothing and colors. We will consecrate our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Following the Mass, we will have **music and fellowship** in the Social Hall. **See you there!**

Healing Mass

A **Healing Mass** with Fr. Martin Scott will be held on **Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 5 pm** at OLHOC. Confessions available at 4 pm, followed by the 5 pm Mass, with healing prayers to follow.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CCD Class Schedule

Our Lady Help of Christians 2017-2018 CCD Registration is open online: www.olhoc.org.

October 15/16- CCD

Oct. 21- Conf. Yr. 2- Retreat at OLHOC (9:30 am-6 pm)

Oct. 22/23- CCD

Oct. 29/30- NO CCD Classes

Contact Therese Thiedeman at 301-645-7112 or dre@olhoc.org

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Parish Youth Night !

Life Teen: high school youth ministry (Sun., 5-6:30 pm- check website)

Edge: middle school youth ministry (meets monthly)

FIAT: elementary school Faith in Action Team (meets monthly)

Attention Families!!

The next All-Youth Night (FIAT, Edge and Life Teen) will be on October 29 and will begin with 4:00 PM Mass followed by fun! Bring your friends ! See the website at: olhoc.org/ym.

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RCIA Invitation

Registration for the 2017-2018 RCIA class has begun. We meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM. Come and meet the Team Members. If interested call the office (301-645-7112) or email deacon@olhoc.org.

Upcoming Child Protection Classes

Upcoming sessions of "Protecting God's Children for Adults" are for those who need to become Virtus Compliant (Adults wishing to volunteer in any capacity while children are present). Go to VIRTUS.org to register. Call Nieda or Therese with questions at 301-645-7112.

- October 19, 6-9 pm, St. Mary Piscataway, in Clinton, MD.



Gentle Reminders

- We have been greatly blessed by God (and our generous parishioners) with a beautifully renovated church. Please ensure that no gum, eating, drinking, writing or coloring in or on the pews occurs. Remember this is God's house and your place of worship. It is holy ground.
- We are given many opportunities at Our Lady Help of Christians to pray and meditate in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Also, there is an opportunity to prayerfully meditate after receiving Communion; please take the opportunity to reflect on the great gift you have received, rather than leaving immediately after receiving.

Sacred Heart Bushwood Fall Dinner

Sacred Heart Church , 23080 Maddox Rd in Bushwood, MD 20618, is sponsoring their annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 22, 12 noon to ????. Menu includes fried oysters, stuffed ham, turkey with stuffing/gravy, sweet and parsley potatoes, cole slaw, green beans, rolls. All you can eat, served buffet style. Adults-\$26; Children 12 and under-\$6. Drive-thru carryout- \$26. Country Store, cake stand, and raffle.

OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS

<http://www.olhoc.org/preschool.html>

- The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to OLHOC **October 26-31**. The Book Fair **will be open** in the Social Hall after Sunday morning Masses October 29.
- Please call 301-645-7112 or email : preschool@olhoc.org for information.

Community Outreach

The next **Shepherds' Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, October 19, 2017** . We are in **need of a menu coordinator for November** – please consider it! The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on **Nov. 1** at 7 pm. **New members and ideas are welcome!**

Volunteers go to: www.olhoc.org and click on the Community Outreach link. or sign-up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044FABAD2DAA8-olhc

Sharing Sunday-Sharing Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Non-perishable food items and toiletries may be left in the Social Hall; donated to So. Md. Food Bank; Coat Drive-The box is in the Social Hall for new or very gently used coats, hats, etc. for adults and children to be donated to Children's Aid and local shelters.



Annual OLHOC Craft Fair

Leaves are falling, which means it is time for our **Annual OLHOC Craft Fair!** It will be held on **Saturday, November 11, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm**. **Table rentals are \$25 and we still have a few openings!** We are **looking for volunteers** who are willing to work at the fair. Applications are available online at www.olhoc.org or in the church office. As we have every year, there will be an **Attic Treasures** room at the fair. If you have any new or gently-used items (no clothing or furniture, please), you may drop them off in the Social Hall on Thursday or Friday, Nov. 9/10. Also, we gladly accept donations of baked goods and useable jewelry for the OLHOC tables. **Note: OLHOC Crafters**, we need your items for our OLHOC Craft Table! For an application or **questions**, please contact **Jean (301-645-3433)** or **Marie (301-843-1062)**.

St. Mary Catholic Church, Newport

Have a Food Pantry located at 11555 St. Mary's Church Rd., Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Open Sat., October 21, 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Call 301-934-8825 for more information.

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