

Our Lady Help of Christians
July 18th, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Dear Friends:

Greetings and welcome! Our readings this weekend speak of the importance of hospitality to strangers. Within Israel's long history, welcoming the stranger into one's home became an important cultural norm that upheld one of the main teachings from Jewish prophetic tradition: offer kindness to widows, orphans and strangers because these people represent the most vulnerable persons in the ancient world. The Gospel shows us the hospitality that Martha and Mary gave to Jesus. For St. Luke, this encounter between Jesus and Martha and Mary supports not only Luke's interest in highlighting the importance of hospitality, but also Luke's concern for women. In His visit, Jesus praises Mary for her openness to the Word and staying by Jesus. This is a time of year when many of us offer hospitality to our family and friends at the shore, the pool or our own homes for summer gatherings. In this we not only continue a family tradition, but one that has been the foundation of our faith. And we know that Jesus welcomes us here at this table – He is the best example of hospitality, especially to the strangers in our midst. **“He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord!”**

My continued thanks for your generous response to our financial needs. I appreciate your support to OLHC. Thank you for your response last weekend to the collection for the Campaign for Human Development.

Tom McKeegan and his summer crew are doing a great job cleaning and taking care of our school and church needs. I am grateful to them for their efforts. I also want to thank our rectory staff for their continued good work and service to the parish.

I hope you are enjoying these summer months. Stay cool!

Have a good week and may God bless you!
Father Janton...



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 7/19 8:00 - **John Murphy**
Tues. 7/20 8:00 – **John & Mae Schoeler**
St. Apollinaris, bishop and martyr
Wed. 7/21 8:00 – **James McCorkell**
St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor of the church
Thurs. 7/22 8:00 – **Anthony J. Ciliberto**
St. Mary Magdalene
Fri. 7/23 8:00 – **Donald & Dorothy Jacobs**
St. Bridget of Sweden, religious
Sat. 7/24 8:00 – **Victor & Elvera Veitz**
St. Sharbel Makjluf, priest
Burke, Gabrielle Brownlee, Katie McCollum, Beth Anne Gallagher, Robert McGowan, Maggie Slaven Shannon DiGiuseppe and Father Thomas Duane. Please remember the deceased members our parish and their families especially Ruth Westkaemper and Anna M. Gallagher.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

To request flowers at the altar; please call Donna at the rectory at 215-886-3456.
Donation \$ 45.00

THIS WEEK AT OLHC

Mon. 7/19 – OLHC Prayer Group 8 PM
Tues. 7/20 – Rosary 7:30

BAPTISM

Please welcome *Zoe Alexa Gordon*, daughter of Robert and Leandra Gordon, who received the sacrament of Baptism last Sunday.

OLHC 55+ & OVER CLUB

PLEASE NOTE: The Executive Board of the OLHC 55+ & Over club will meet on **Friday, July 23RD** at 11 AM in the Church Chapel.

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LITURGY CORNER
MUSIC FOR TODAY

Entrance: #380 "Sing a Joyful Song"
Gift Preparation: #527 "Here I am Lord"
Communion: #498 "To be your Bread"
Recessional: #416 "Lead me Lord"

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a
Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Just what is Martha's error? One possibility is that she defined herself not by what she was, a friend of Jesus, but by what she could do. Her intentions were good. "Jesus needs this" she figured. From which she went on to think, "Jesus needs me." The danger then becomes that she'll conclude, "So why do I need Jesus? I'm the one doing everything!" Easy it is to fall into that trap. During our busy week, we do what we must to take care of ourselves and our loved ones. Then on the weekend, we make a little time to pay our respects to God. A disconnection, that is, can grow up between our daily activity and our relationship with God. If we do for ourselves all week, why pretend otherwise on Saturday or Sunday? That is how any of us could end unless, like Mary, we see that the whole adventure of life is a gift, an unmerited gift, one we could never earn but only receive. We should receive it attentively and thankfully. Do I approach God with my accomplishments, with my still-to-do list, or with my gratitude?

Sunday July 11th Stewardship Report

Collection: \$8164.12 Thank you!
Envelopes: 255
Candles: \$38.00
Maintenance: \$1824.00 Thank you!
Campaign for Human Development:
\$1046.00
Thank you for your generous support!

OLHC SCHOOL REPORT

Last Year's Enrollment – 230
Registration to date for this year: 195
Current Cost per Student: \$3,680.00
Operating Expenses: \$568,352.00
(This includes, salaries, administrative expenses, substitute teachers, maintenance.)
During 2009, 70 out of 109 parish school families contribute \$250.00 or more in parish collections, 39 families--less than \$250.00, 17 families--less than \$50.00, 12 families--0 to \$10.00
Many thanks to our faithful parishioners who help offset our school deficit.

FEAST OF SAINT ANNE

The Parish of St. Anne, 2328 E. Lehigh Ave. (at Memphis St. and Lehigh Ave.), Phila., PA 19125, will hold its annual novena in Honor of Good Saint Anne from July 18th to July 26th, 2010 Novena services are at 3 PM in the afternoon and 7 PM in the evening. Rev. Francis Sirolli, OSA will be the homilist. A solemn closing ceremony will take place on July 26th at 7 PM, the Feast Day of Saint Anne. It will be an evening of great solemnity. Hope to see you there—and bring a friend. The church will be open all day on the Feast of Saint Anne for the veneration of the relic until 6 PM.

OLHC GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Practice – Mon. 8/2 thru Thurs. 8/5 – 6:30 -8:30 school gym for 3rd to 8th grade girls. Returning players should email Mrs. Quinn at unekeone65@aol.com if they will be missing any days. New players can email or call 267-228-8610 with questions. Returning players should go to www.wagdogs.com and register before the camp begins. OLHC was 2010 regional champs.

CYO COACHES NEEDED FOR
FALL 2010-SPRING 2011

The current CYO Board is looking to fill several vacancies in the Athletic Ministry Program. Openings: CYO Secretary, Athletic Director, Website Coordinator, Soccer Coordinator, and Baseball Coordinator. Anyone interested in any of the above openings must provide a Letter of Intent specifying what sport and team. You must also have completed or be prepared to complete the Safe Environment requirements. Please drop your letter at the Rectory by July 16th 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Merlini the CYO President at 215-756-1818 or email merlini58@msn.com.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Donations to the **POOR BOXES**, located at the center door to the parking lot and the main doors in the Vestibule, fund the St. Vincent de Paul Society in its mission to provide financial help to people in need in our parish area. Please stop on a regular basis and contribute what you can. No donation is ever too small!

BLOOD DRIVE

HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE 58 OLHC and community blood donors for participating in last week's American Red Cross blood drive at OLHC. With the help of these dedicated donors, 144 needy individuals will have a second chance at life. *Thank God for those who are willing and able to make this sacrifice.* This OLHC organizer, your St. Vincent DePaul Society callers, the Red Cross, and especially those who will receive the gift of life, extend grateful thanks to all who came out. We hope these outstanding examples of service to our neighbors and to God will inspire others to come out for the OLHC Fall drive. Please mark your calendars for the next Blood drive, which will be held at OLHC gym on Saturday, November 13th. Help your community by coming out when you're called! Please join the OLHC *Angels of Life* in this essential ministry. We're making a difference!

St. John of the Cross

St. John of the Cross is looking for Cheerleading Coaches for our Crusader Football Cheerleading program. Anyone interested please call Theresa Ostrowski @ 215-659-2292.

Cheerleading sign-ups will be held behind St. John of the cross Church on Tues. Aug. 3rd from 6-7:30 pm. Please call Theresa Ostrowski @ 215-659-2292.

ROMAN CATHOLIC H.S. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

Day at the Bay – Sun. Aug. 1st – 2 PM to 7 PM
At Keenan's Irish Pub 113 Old New Jersey Ave. North Wildwood, NJ 08260 – Cost \$30. pp includes beer, wine, and buffet. All pre-sold tickets directly benefit Roman Catholic H.S. Reserve yours today! Contact alumni@cahillite.com or call 215-627-5487.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students who achieved honors at the conclusion of the second semester:

Archbishop Wood HS: Stephanie Keyes, Vincent McAfee, Christine Verelle, Alexander Wyrsta-Brown, Maura Nolan, Madeline Osborne.

Bishop McDevitt HS: Maria Drab, Gavin McLaughlin, Nicholas Paul, Darcy McLaughlin, Kaitlyn Anticoli, Maria Caristo, Sophia DeCamillo, Derek Muller, Mary Schoendorfer, Colleen Cleary, Anthony Falbo, Sara Sawick, Catalino Resurreccion, Tyler Robbins, Donald Beahr.

Special commendation to Gavin McLaughlin and Sophia DiCamillo who were ranked number one in their classes and Kaitlyn Anticoli who is ranked number two.

ST. DAVIDS SCHOOL

St. David School is looking for all former lay teachers who taught there. On September 26th, 2010 Bishop McFadden will celebrate the 12:30 Mass to commemorate the 90th year of the school. If you can attend please call or e-mail Sister Angela Joseph by September 10th.

Phone: 215-659-6393 or email srajoseph@stdavidparish.org

NEED HELP

Call Maryanne a Home Health Aid at 215-266-3723 for Personal Care – Errands – Housework – Appointments.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any info request to be included in the bulletin must be received (in Writing) by 12:00 noon Friday, a week prior to the actual bulletin publication.

TRAVELING? Need Time & Place for Mass??

Mass Times: here is a special phone number and web site to help you find times and places to attend Mass & Confessions anywhere in the U.S.

Call 10410-676-6000 or www.masstimes.org.

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