

FROM FR. BILL GARROTT, OP:

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! "But Fr. Bill, Easter was last Sunday!" Yes, that's true, but the wonder of Easter is such that the Church celebrates the day of Easter for an octave of days all the way through the 2nd Sunday of Easter -- Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Augustine points out that the Easter Season lasts 7 weeks, a week longer than the Lenten Season, in order to emphasize that the glory of resurrected life, to which we are all called by our Baptism, outshines our earthly woes and will last forever. This Sunday April 11 we are blessed to have Fr. Ambrose Arralde, OP return to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at the 10:30 AM Mass. Fr. Ambrose served at OLV as a deacon brother but was unable to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving due to the pandemic lockdown. At the same time, he has also been delegated by the Cardinal to confirm Alyx Grogan whom he taught in the RCIA program last year. Panera Bread will provide coffee and bagels after the 10:30 AM Mass under the tent. (Last weekend's tent gatherings were a great success!) Unfortunately, you won't see me this weekend or for the following week since I'm taking a week's vacation which was planned before I accepted this assignment at OLV. I'll return Saturday afternoon, April 17.

The 5th video song "You Raise Me Up" in the Friday Afternoon Concert Series can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/RhUbrSS5IBc> right click and click on open link.

Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia!

Fr. Bill

Sacramental Minister

COURAGE APOSTOLATE MEETINGS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

Courage is an apostolate of the Roman Catholic Church that assists those with same-sex attraction who seek to develop an interior life of chastity and move beyond the confines of the homosexual identity to a more complete identity in Christ. Courage meetings provide members a place to share their concerns and struggles, to support one another, and to find support for themselves. Strict confidentiality is maintained.

If you need to refer a parishioner to these meetings in English, contact courage@adw.org or call 301-853-4558. For the Spanish meetings, contact: capellancourage@adw.org

UPDATES ON THE CORONA VIRUS, LIVE STREAMED MASSES AND PRAYERS

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see adw.org/coronavirus for information related to the coronavirus, adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/ for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and cathstan.org and elpreg.org for the Catholic Standard and the Spanish-language El Pregonero newspapers.

HOSPITALITY

Please join us after the 10:30am Mass for hospitality under the tent in the parking lot. Panera will be catering the coffee and goodies!

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Due to the number of Confirmandi and the current limits on the number of attendees for Mass, a plan has been set for Confirmation on

June 5th at 10:00am in the hope that some of the restrictions may have been lifted. Our administrator, Msgr. Jamison will administer the sacrament and Fr. Bill will preach.

For now, please continue to support your child's work in the workbooks.

More information and an at-home retreat resource will be shared closer to the date of the celebration. If you have questions, please contact Sheila Martinez smartinez@olvschooldc.org or Janice at olvparishsec@gmail.com

Thank you for your support and understanding in these unprecedented times. Please let us know if we can support you in the faith formation of your child.

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a Jesuit ministry that gives retired men and women an opportunity for meaningful service within a framework of Ignatian Spirituality and formation. We are currently recruiting Service Corps Members to serve with a variety of non profit agencies in the District and Suburban Maryland. Typically, service is two days a week ten months a year, much of the service can be remote

The needs are great as our community responds to the continued challenges of the pandemic, with our underserved schools in special need. We are creating a cohort of retired educators to support work in the classrooms of some of our Archdiocesan Catholic Schools. . For more information, contact Dan Kerns (dkerns@ivcusa.org).

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sandy Cahill, Patrick Lezar, Kimberly Mohler, Keith Moore, Margaret Peiffer, Keith Phelps, Fr. Paul Richardson, Juan Luis

Ruiz, Dottie Sansalone, Russell and Carmen Shaw, Nancy Sappington, Richard Taylor, Jonathan Washington.

***Please Pray For Those Who Are Serving In Our Military

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 10

5:15pm- Lara Otula

Sunday, April 11

8:00am- For the Parishioners

10:30am- Lynne Berthiaume +

Monday, April 12

7:00am Jamie Lu +

11L30am Timothy A. Cawley

Tuesday, April 13

7:00am- Ingrid Chancellor +

11:30am- Felix Riodique

Wednesday, April 14

7:00am-

11:30am- Dominadon Riodique

Thursday, April 16

7:00am- Jacienta Sumpit

11L30am-

Friday, April 17

7:00am-

11:30am-

Saturday- April 18

8:30-

5:15pm- Lara OTula

***If you would like to add an intention for one of the Masses without one, please call Janice at 202-337-4835 ext.100 or olvparishsec@gmail.com

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 18, 2021

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial: 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Second Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5a

Gospel: Lk 24:35-48

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER **INTENTIONS FOR APRIL**

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

SPOTLIGHT ON OLV CARE FOR CREATION (C4C) COMMITTEE FOR EARTH DAY 2021

Despite the disruptive effect of the Pandemic, the OLV C4C team has made substantial progress in planning and making improvements to the physical plant's landscape. C4C represents our parish's action program to implement aspects of *Laudato Si'*, the environmental encyclical previously issued by Pope Francis. This report summarizes our activities in advance of Earth Day 2021 on April 22. ***Improvements to OLV's landscaping that have already been completed:*** Installed permeable pavers in the driveway off Whitehaven Boulevard,

Created drainage in the walls of the property along Whitehaven and MacArthur, added a number of vegetation surfaces with flowers, rose bushes, ground cover, etc., on three sides of the Church, the Rectory, and the School, installed Winter Gem Boxwoods along the driveway off Whitehaven Boulevard (Boy Scout Eagle project).

Introduced a vegetation surface at the entrance to the Church parking lot off U Street, NW, and

Planted Winter Gem Boxwoods in front of the School and Rectory.

These activities are scheduled in the coming months:

Install rain barrels to collect water from rain-spouts around the Church, the Parish Rectory and the School. They will be provided by the DC government.

Plant a pollinator garden on the SE corner of the School building. Previously this

was to be a "climate change Victory Garden" intended for completion by the time of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day in 2020, but the work was deferred as the result of the Covid-19 lockdown.

Install additional permeable pavers outside the main entrance to the School, install rain water garden and tree as part of the Anacostia River Society and DOEE grant.

Deferred projects:

To complement the existing row of rose bushes at the SE corner of the School, volunteers from the community were to construct a small walkway using permeable pavers for approximately 30 feet along with additional boxwoods and pollinator attracting plants.

Perennials were to be planted along the School property along Whitehaven to add additional absorption of stormwater. The team welcomes new members who are interested in sharing their ideas and expertise and in investing their time working on C4C projects. Please contact Jim Stockmal at stockmaljim@yahoo.com

The C4C Committee

SCHOOL NEWS

OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL WE ARE OPEN! APPLY NOW FOR 2021-22!

Now accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year at Our Lady of Victory School. OLV is a dynamic and diverse PK3 through 8th grade coed Catholic school located in the Palisades.

OLV is well known for its academic excellence, superior staff, small student/teacher ratio, well-rounded graduates and its recognition as a two-time National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

OLV school is open with a blended model for all grades. Students will have in-person learning twice a week and distance learning three times a week.

We will be maximizing our outdoor learning and play opportunities and strictly following all DC Health and CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of our staff and students.

Questions? Please email admissions@olvschooldc.org, call us at 202-337-1421 or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

OLV PARKING LOT REMINDERS

Visitors using the main OLV parking lot may only park their vehicle in the spaces available around the edge of the lot rather than in the middle. If no spaces are available around the perimeter of the lot, please park on the street as the parking lot is used for gym classes and student recess throughout the day Monday through Friday.

Please also keep in mind that the parking lot gates will remain closed to vehicles during recess hours (10:00am to 10:30am and 12:15pm to 1:15pm)

Your patience in the parking lot is appreciated. Regular school days are dismissed at 3:00pm.

SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL

12:15pm on 5/28, 6/4.

POPE FRANCIS – HIS WORDS,

"Without the fire of the Spirit, the prophecies are extinguished, sorrow supplants joy, routine substitutes love... The image of the lighted lamp next to the Tabernacle, where the Eucharist is reserved, comes to mind. Even when the church empties and evening falls, even when the church is closed, that lamp remains lit, and continues to burn; no one sees it, yet it burns before the Lord. This is how the Spirit, in our heart, is always present like that lamp."

Pope Francis

PUBLIC STATEMENT IN SOLIDARITY WITH PERSONS OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLAND DESCENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY FOR BUDDHIST- CHRISTIAN STUDIES

As leaders of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies, we express our solidarity with and concern for persons of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the United States and beyond, and we deplore and condemn the violence, bias, and prejudice directed at them both past and present.

Since the middle of the nineteenth century, the practice of Christianity in the United States has tragically intertwined with false claims of White supremacy and racial bias against immigrants from Asia and the Pacific Islands and their descendants. Buddhists, Christians, as well as the followers of other Asian religions in the United States have often suffered the effects of this prejudice. We reject these attitudes and actions as a fundamental violation of the values of both Jesus Christ and Shakyamuni Buddha. We denounce the repeated use of inflammatory rhetoric against persons of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry, and we lament the ways in which this has poisoned the atmosphere of public and social discourse in the United States. We express our solidarity and compassion for all those affected by bias and violence, especially those impacted by the shootings in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 16, 2021, and in particular those who lost family members who were murdered in acts of sexualized, gendered violence.

The Christian and Buddhist traditions agree in firmly condemning racial and ethnic bias and the harmful actions that flow from these attitudes. The Christian and Buddhist traditions further agree in calling for loving-kindness and compassion for all those who suffer and for doing everything possible to

relieve suffering and to shape healthy communities of mutual concern where religious and ethnic differences can be honored and celebrated.