



Quo Vadis Hiking Trip—On Sunday, March 29, 2020, all high-school age young men who are interested in learning more about the priesthood are invited to go on a Quo Vadis hiking trip at Great Falls National Park. The day will include Mass, lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, dinner, and the opportunity to spend time with priests, seminarians, and other high-school age young men who are open to the priesthood. The day will run from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Bus transportation will be provided throughout the Archdiocese. More information is available and registration is open at <https://dcpriest.org/high-school>. Questions? Contact (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020)

LENT 2020

The Light is ON for You!

Spend some time with our Lord and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

The Historic Church will be open each Wednesday in Lent from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm for confession. For those who would like some quiet time with our Lord in prayer there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during this time as well.

Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis)

In praying the Stations of the Cross during the Fridays in Lent, we are making a mini pilgrimage as we move from station to station and bring into our mind the reality of our Blessed Lord's last day on earth:

The Stations will be prayed on Friday's at: 12 Noon, 2:00 pm, and 7:00 pm in the Historic Church

Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph
Mass will be offered on Thursday
See page 3 for details

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Dinners:
March 20th and April 3rd from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Food Drive

Don't Forget - Please be sure to pick up your Food Drive donation bag. Catholic Charities requests that you purchase items as indicated on the bag. Bags should be returned by March 21st. (You may use your own bag). Please do not donate perishable foods or items packed in plastic bags or glass. Return items to the box in the foyer by March 21st.

For info: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/lentfood/>

Thank you for answering the call to serve those in need!



Dine at Boomerang's Original Ribs and Seafood any Friday during Lent & have 15% of your food check donated back to OLSS. Please mention OLSS when you place your order.

Me llamo Maria Ana.
My name is Maria Ana.

Maria Ana is 16 years old. Serious and kind, she lives with her parents, four brothers and one sister in Honduras, a country in Central America. Her village, El Pinal, is surrounded by hills. Maria Ana speaks Spanish. She dreams of becoming a nurse.



Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Parish Family,

First, I would like to thank our teachers, students, parents, and volunteers who made last Sunday's Polar Plunge so much fun and a rousing success. Over \$5,000 was raised to support our school, may God bless you many times over for a job well done!

I would also like to thank my brother priests and all of you who came out to our parish Lenten Penance Service last Sunday afternoon. It was a great turnout, and a time of great healing and joy to receive the gift of God's mercy and peace in the sacrament of reconciliation as we move forward together on our Lenten journey to Easter.

This year marks two important milestones in the life of our parish. This year is the 100th anniversary of the arrival of Fr. Alexander. He was the first resident priest of our parish, and his efforts prepared the way for the building of the historic church in 1927 and the establishment of our school in 1933. This year is also the 10th anniversary of the opening of our parish church. After my homily I will announce two important upcoming events to celebrate these milestones and the related efforts our parish and finance councils have been working on to help us pay off the parish church mortgage on time and in full by its due date next February, 2021, which will make our parish debt free.

Finally, this Thursday, March 19th is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, I will celebrate a special Mass in the Historic Church at 5:30pm to celebrate this important saint. I hope you can join us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Kenneth J. Gill
Pastor

The Women's Spiritual Book Club day group meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the parish library. Please digest pp.151-164 beforehand.

The Associate Community of Divine Providence meets in the convent next Sunday afternoon, following the 10:45 Mass.

SAVE THE DATE -
May 2, 2020 - Holiday Inn, Solomons
Happy Hour with Perry Carsley
renowned artist & creator
of our Parish Church sculptures
hors d'oeuvres - music - cash bar

Wednesday, Safe Night
Volunteers prepared and served the evening meal.

Safe Nights guests wish to thank OLSS parish for the very generous donation of over \$500.00. Each guest was asked what personal item they could use.

Men's work gloves, winter gloves, shoes, and other personal items were given. The balance of the money donated went toward serving the homeless; transportation, laundry and paper supplies.



Maryland Day Activities & Mass: Bring the whole family on March 25, 2020 and celebrate the founding of Maryland at the state's birthplace at St. Clement's Island Museum with a ceremony (2:00 pm – 3:00 pm) featuring guest speakers, dignitaries from around the state, free museum admission and free water taxi rides (10:00 am – 5:00 pm). A special Mass will take place on the island at 11:00 am. Call 301-769-2222 or visit Museums.StMarysMD.com for more information.

Catholic Women's Retreat, hosted by Encounter Grace, will take place on from 830 am - 4 pm, **Saturday, March 28, 2020**, at Immaculate Conception Church, Mechanicsville MD. Additional information and link to register can be found at www.encountergrace.co

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Daily Mass Schedule

☩ Indicates deceased L Indicates living

MONDAY - Mar. 16

4:30 p.m. Adoration in Historic Church
4:45-5:15 p.m. Confessions in Historic Church
5:30 p.m. Mass in Historic Church
Pro Populo

TUESDAY - Mar. 17

4:30 p.m. Adoration in Historic Church
4:45-5:15 p.m. Confessions in Historic Church
5:30 p.m. Mass in Historic Church
Robin Slye (L)

WEDNESDAY - Mar. 18

8:15 a.m. School Mass in Historic Church
6-7 p.m. Adoration/Confessions in Historic Church
Trish & Mary Ellen Naughton ☩

Feast of St. Joseph

Thursday, March 19



Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the Historic Church
For All Fathers (living & deceased)

FRIDAY - Mar. 20

7:00 a.m. Mass in Convent Chapel
Souls in Purgatory
12 noon Stations of the Cross in Historic Church
2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Historic Church
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Parish Church

SATURDAY - Mar. 21

3:00-3:45 p.m. Confessions in Parish Church
4:00 p.m. Mass in Parish Church
Bob Johnson ☩

SUNDAY - Mar. 22

7:15-7:45 a.m. Confessions in Parish Church
8 a.m. Mass in Parish Church
Marie Dorwart ☩
10:00-10:30 a.m. Confessions in Parish Church
10:45 a.m. Mass in Parish Church
Pro Populo

Second Tuesday - 10:30 a.m. Mass at
Solomons Nursing Center

Third Wednesday - Mass at Asbury, 4:30 p.m.
Headsets are available in the Church for the hearing
impaired



**SUMMER CAMP:
AMICUS - TRUE FRIEND**

OLSS Summer Camp is staffed by High School students, seminarians, and Youth Ministry in a children-safe environment with a Catholic atmosphere. Join us for a week of Cardboard boat building & races, workshops, games and FUN!

THEME: AMICUS - TRUE FRIEND

WHEN: Monday, August 3rd-7th **TIME:** 9am - 1pm

WHERE: Providence Room

COST: Before June 30th: (includes snacks, drinks and T-shirt):

1 Child \$75 / 2 Children \$100 / 3 Children \$150

Scholarships available

WHO: Incoming 6th - 9-10th grade students

EARLY DROP OFF: \$25 wk. starting at 8am

Register on-line at www.olssyouthgroup.org

K OF C SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a \$4,000-over-4-year scholarship for this year's high school seniors. To be eligible to apply, the senior's parent(s) or guardian(s) must be registered parishioners of OLSS or the father/guardian must be a member of OLSS Knights of Columbus. Applications may be obtained by emailing [PGK Terry Singer at terrysing@yahoo.com](mailto:PGK_Terry_Singer_at_terrysing@yahoo.com). **All completed application packages MUST be mailed to the council and postmarked no later than Wednesday, April 15, 2020.** Questions? Contact Mr. Singer via the email above.

Opportunities to Serve

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Romans 12:13

Southern Maryland Food Bank: Join in activities at the Waldorf location to help alleviate hunger among our neighbors throughout Southern Maryland. Pack snack sacks for school children (TU) to take home over the weekend and for senior citizens (TH). Prepare and serve a meal from the Meals & Hope Mobile Soup Kitchen (M & W). Help with special holiday projects, too. For more information and to sign up: www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer

Angel's Watch Shelter in Waldorf is in need of full size sheets, blankets, pillows and comforters. Our bottom bunks are full size and we have no supplies left in stock. We do accept gently used bedding. We are also in need of Pack-N-Plays for the babies. For questions, please contact Kathy Clark at 301-274-0680 or email at Kathy.Clark@CatholicCharitiesDC.org.