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Reflection for June 5, 2022—Pentecost

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Eliza Doolittle had reached the breaking point. She is half of the duo, along with the language professor Henry Higgins in the Broadway play and later movie musical “My Fair Lady.” By this point in the story she has become sick of words. Why? Because for days now words, words and more words along with their proper and refined pronunciation have been drummed into her head by the professor. All this to win a bet that he could transform a Cockney flower girl into a refined British lady via her speech.

So when Eliza’s suitor, Freddy Hill, comes courting her by pouring out his heart to her with his speech she has, as we would say, “had it.” She bursts forth with her frustration and demands: “Don’t talk of love, show me!”

That whole scene from the musical came to my mind as I reflected on this well known and very touching post Easter appearance of the risen Lord to the disciples. We know that in the divine plan for our salvation Our Savior came among us to display God’s all embracing love. True, He did so using words immortal. But oh! Did He ever show us so much also with His actions! Consider the washing of the Apostles’ feet.

Here the disciples, huddled in fear of the Romans who had engineered the horror of Jesus’ crucifixion, were beyond themselves with joy and wonder that fine evening long ago when Jesus came in their midst. He also offered them His peace and then showed them the scars left behind on His risen body.

Fifty days afterward, and ten days after the Ascension return of Jesus to His Father, the first Novena was done. Now comes the promised Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to these first members of the Church on what will become known as its “birthday.” A whole panoply of visitors to Jerusalem hear their sermons in their native languages. Babel reversed.

This story overspreads all the hopelessness of the headlines on this twenty-first century Sunday. It permits us to rejoice that God offers us a powerful “show me” demonstration that wherever Jesus is preached to this day, love of God blooms. Our faith in Him and His Church is rewarded. Our hope is renewed. Our love for Jesus is requited.

Meanwhile, there is a wordless answer we can all make to the cynical demands of the world to “Show me!” It is eminently practical, yet it surely involves daily practice. It is this: A Christian is a person who makes it easier for other people to believe in God.”

Reading I: Acts 2: 1-11

St. Luke presents the dramatic miracle story of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Storm, wind and fire manifest the heavenly origin of the Gift of the Spirit to the disciples.

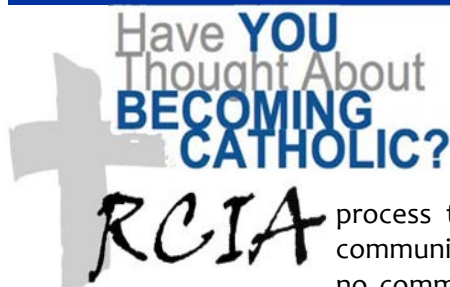
Reading II: I Corinthians 12: 3b-7

Since the different spiritual gifts have the same origin, they share a common purpose. Like the parts of the human body, diversity is rooted in unity.

The Gospel: John 20: 19-23

The risen Jesus appears to the fearful disciples and greets them with a reassuring “Peace be with you.” Note the word “apostles” is absent, so the power of forgiveness means bestowing the Spirit upon believers, and not sacramental absolution.

Initiation Programs and Adult Formation



Becoming Catholic – RCIA: The Journey Continues

Is Christ calling you into the Catholic Church? What does the Catholic Church actually believe? What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? If you are interested in exploring the answers to these questions, we'd like to help.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Youth & Children) is the process through which to explore the Catholic faith. A time to look within, build community relationships and inquire about the teachings of the Catholic Church. There is no commitment to join the Church, it is an opportunity to come and listen and learn where God might be leading you.

This process is for the unbaptized, those coming from other faith traditions and baptized Catholics who wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

Awakening Faith

OLMC offers a series for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find members of our family or friends who are no longer active in their faith. Please share your precious gift of faith and invite them to Come Home. They are waiting for the invitation to return!

To register, visit olmc.org or contact Christa at the parish office at extension 107 or email cblomstrom@olmc.org.



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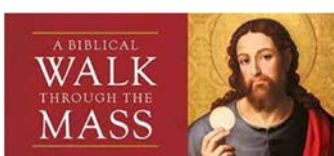
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

Walking With Purpose – Meets on Wednesdays at 7pm

Are you stretched and would like a way to refuel and be refreshed while making authentic connections with others? Would you like to have a better understanding of your faith and learn more about God?

Walking with Purpose is a Catholic Bible study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. **Details at olmc.org or call the parish office to register.**

Women's Bible Study – Meets on Thursdays at 9am



In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. **Registration for NEW participants can be found at olmc.org or by calling the parish office.**

Small Groups: Life is better CONNECTED Life is all about relationships. Small groups deepen our relationships with Christ and one another. These small groups are a place to grow spiritually, find support and encouragement, face challenges together and share fellowship.



The groups will discuss life and faith, reflect on God's Word together, seek God together and pray for and with one another. If you have not participated in the past, give it a try this season! Interested? Fill out the short interest form on our website at olmc.org or call the parish office.



Virtus Training at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

The Diocese of Richmond requires that all those who minister with children, youth or vulnerable adults complete the Virtus Safe Environment Training. **To register for the Virtus Training and to view additional training dates, please visit virtusonline.org.**

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Pastoral Care

An Invitation to Serve – Visiting the Sick and Homebound - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Sick are lay ministers sent by the parish to bring the Word of God and the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are confined to their homes, to hospitals, or senior living communities.

You are invited to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve in this way. Serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for the Sick is both an honor and a responsibility, and those who commit deserve proper training. If you feel called to be a bridge of faith and bring Jesus into the lives of others, contact Christa Blomstrom at the parish office.

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy, and my burden light.” - Matthew 11:28-30

Nourish for Caregivers – Meets monthly on the first Thursday at 7:00pm



Do you care for a loved one? Be Nourished! Join our Nourish Group.

Nourish for Caregivers provides the tools and resources to build a caregiver's resilience in a format rich with inspiration, practical information, spiritual nourishment...AND time for open sharing and interactive activities.

Leave less stressed, feel more confident and connected to others. Enrich your prayer life. Come! Be Nourished!

Circle of Hope



Have you been touched in some way by cancer or by a chronic illness or condition?

You are invited to attend a Circle of Hope gathering to find faith-based support and encouragement. Circle of Hope is a community that prays together, shares stories with one another and finds hope in God together. Caretakers, survivors and those living with a diagnosis are all invited to attend our monthly gatherings.

Circle of Hope is taking a break for the summer and will resume the first Saturday in September.

Respite Ministry

Are you a caregiver who is seeking some respite time for yourself? The Respite Ministry provides parishioners who are full time caretakers of a home-bound loved one, a break of a few hours' time to use as he or she sees fit. During that time, a trained parish Respite Minister will provide safety, supervision, and companionship to the homebound family member.

To find out more about Nourish for Caregivers, Circle of Hope and/or the Respite Ministry, call Christa at the parish office ext. 107.



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Social Ministry

Transformed by **The Eucharist...**
Reaching Out into community

Contact: Tina Wandersee
twandersee@olmc.org or ext. 118

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is stocked by your weekend donations and we need your support! **Please make your memory of the poor your sacrifice of love. This remembrance, to bring your gift, is the greatest sacrifice.**

Currently we need: Canned Salmon, Mix Veggies, Carrots, Tomatoes, Peas, Pasta Sauce, Tuna/Chicken Helpers, Chunky Soup, Chicken Noodle Soups, Cream Soups, Muffin Mix, Spaghetti/Pasta, Juice, Ramen Noodles, Oatmeal, Baked Beans, Med/Large Peanut Butter

Personal Care Items: Toothbrushes, Body Lotion, Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels

OUTREACH OFFICE

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church has an Outreach Office for those in need of financial assistance and/or food assistance. This office receives those in need into our office 2 hours each day during the week. We could use extra support interviewing those seeking assistance on Wednesday or Thursday from 12-2pm, or answering the door and doing some office work on Tuesday morning from 9-11am. If you have time and aren't sure if this is for you, please schedule a time to check us out. You do not need to have any prior training as the office is training ground enough. Contact Tina, info above.

NEED DRIVERS FOR CHURCH VAN (Bus)

The Second Act group will be taking a trip to Williamsburg to watch a play at the Williamsburg Players and have dinner after the show at the Whaling Company. We are in need of two drivers willing to take this group in two of the Church vans (buses). No CDL is required. The group is leaving property around 12pm on June 18 and returning later that evening. There are incentives... just contact Tina. We really need your help!

Pregnancy Outreach Baby Clothing

Remember us with your o-2T donations of gently used clothing. Please freshly wash clothing and place in small bags when dropping of items. Large bags are difficult to manage.

Thank you very much!!

Ladies of Carmel Installation Brunch



All Ladies of Carmel are invited to our Installation brunch.

When: June 12th after the 10 AM Mass

Where: St. Michael Hall

Tickets: \$15 can be purchased at the OLMC office; after Masses at the Welcome desk or email your request to LOC@olmc.org

Save the Date for the Annual Garage Sale!



The Ladies of Carmel Annual Garage Sale will be Saturday, July 23 in the OLMC School Gym and Cafeteria. Please gather your donations and watch the bulletin for information. All parishioners, especially teens, are encouraged to volunteer and help guild members. Ladies of Carmel fundraisers directly support the OLMC Community. To sign up to volunteer

please call 757-593-2348 or email paulakrew@gmail.com.



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