

# Fiat Lux

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## Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center News



### From Fr. Joe

#### Carry on!

The Sacred Scriptures are consistently and persistently truthful about its main characters. Even the heroes of the faith can be childish and need to be reprimanded. Simon Peter is a good example of tarnished heroism. Peter was the spokesperson for the disciples and the leader of the early Church. But he had weaknesses that he never completely conquered. Peter denied His Lord three times on the night before he died. He showed something of the same failure of courage after the Resurrection when the risen Christ told him he too would eventually die a martyr's death. Peter's first thought was not gratitude that he would be given a chance to follow his Lord in dying for the faith. He was more concerned about whether John would be spared a martyr's death.



How like Peter are we? How quick are we to wonder what other people are doing to meet their obligations? Rather than fretting about ourselves, we fret about other people. We worry about whether the rest of the employees are contributing as much to the coffee fund as we are. We fret about whether a brother or sister is getting special treatment. We fume about whether other family members spend as much time taking care of an aging parent as we do. We want to be assured that we are not being asked to carry a heavier load than anyone else. But God does not distribute life's loads this way -- all weighed up parceled equally. God asks us to carry what we are given to carry -- nothing more or less. God always says, "DON'T WORRY ABOUT OTHERS. CARRY ON."

*Fr. Joseph Bruemmer*



*Father Joseph Shepherd visits with Peggy Kohl after Mass at Our Lady's Farm*

### From the Director

My family and I are extremely grateful for all the prayers and support expressed on the occasion of my mother's passing. My father, a deeply spiritual man, remarked many times how astounded he was at the outpouring of prayers and the mentions of condolence. I suppose we never really know how many friends we have until the hardest of times hit us.

As I have often said, even in what appears to be the darkest times, if we look closely, there is the hand of God at work supporting and comforting us in our life's journey. This was one of those occasions. This "life event" was relatively unexpected. My mother was in a nursing home to be rehabilitated. Supposedly, this was to be a very short stay. She had forgotten how to swallow her food but they assured us that the therapists would have her eating in no time. A week after she arrived, it seemed to be working! Two days after that she lapsed into a coma and never recovered.

Now for the hand of God. My immediate family is very active and all have very different schedules. I was visiting mom on the late afternoon/ early evening of July 16th, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. At one point I looked up at the clock and thought, I should go home and be with my family. I said my goodbyes and left her room. As I was exiting my mother's wing, I was quite surprised to see my entire family including my granddaughter exiting the elevator. That meant my family and my only sibling's entire family where there with mom and dad. I guess that was what she and God were waiting for. She passed away 30 minutes later with her husband of 65 years, her children, grandchildren and great grandchild by her side or near by (the room would only accommodate 4 at a time).

As the old cliché goes, "God works in mysterious ways" and He and His Son have promised to be with us always. And They were with us!

May God bless you all.

*Tom Leibel*

## From the Development Office

We continue to be very busy here at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center planning events, working on the Gardens and most importantly tending to the spiritual needs of the community. Our needs are great and our work can only continue with your ongoing financial support. Please be assured that we at the Center are aware that everyone is feeling the effects of the economy. We are feeling it too. We ask only that you give as generously as your means allow. It is an opportunity to place ourselves more completely in God's hands. Whatever you can do will be a blessing for us!

*Julie Nerl, Development*



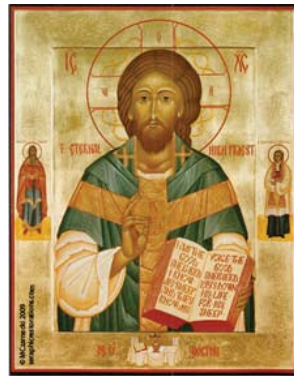
*Sandy and Tina meet at Our Lady's Farm*

## Help Needed

*Volunteers are always needed at the Center. There are many opportunities and areas to fit your talents. We are in need of scheduled adorers, gardeners, retreat room readers, telephone office help and event support. Volunteers have been the backbone of the Center: Without volunteers our Lady's House would not be a haven for spiritual growth. Please consider spending some time at the Center either in prayer or in service to the Lord. Your efforts will be a gift to God and the Center.*



*Father Frank Kenney, S.M., offers Mass at Our Lady's Farm*



*This icon was chosen as the symbol for the Year for the Priest. It represents Christ the Great High Priest.*

## Legacy of OLHSC

September is a month of some special Marian feasts. The birthday of Mary is celebrated on the 8th. Her name day is commemorated on the 12th. On the 15th, the seven sorrows of Mary are remembered. These sorrows are depicted in the Sorrowful Mother Chapel here at the Center. Originally, they were photos which were enlarged and painted with clear oil paint to give them an oil painting look.

The Novena in honor of Our Sorrowful Mother is a reminder of the great fiat that Mary lived and exemplified. According to the custom of the time, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple. The prophecy delivered by Simeon was a foretelling of the remaining sorrows Mary would be asked to bear. The scare of an infant being killed and the consequent flight into Egypt was certainly not what the parents of a newborn child expect to endure. Losing an only son while on a pilgrimage certainly produced some anxious moments in the lives of Mary and Joseph. The last four sorrows are all reflections on the passion and death of Jesus. What grief must have pierced Mary's heart as she met her son carrying the cross to Calvary! How helpless and sad she must have been as he died on the cross. Her pain is further felt and deepened as His lifeless body is placed in her arms. Mary's final sorrow is experienced as her only son is placed in the tomb. Her heart was heavy with anguish and suffering as she buried Jesus.

May we all accept our crosses and sorrows with the grace, dignity and humility of Our Blessed Mother, our model of faith and trust in God. *Sr. Lawrence Sickman, O.S.U.*

**Our Lady's Farm welcomes visitors. To schedule a visit call (859.654.2379) a few days in advance so the chapel can be open. On the 8th of each month, the Rosary is said at 11 a.m., followed by Mass at 11:30 a.m.**

## *From the Event & Retreat Offices*

Be sure to check our website for events which may come up too quickly to meet our newsletter deadline. If you would like to share an email address (we NEVER share them with anyone else) for event updates, please send it to [events@olhsc.org](mailto:events@olhsc.org).

Welcome to early fall! We had a rather quiet summer, but we're off to a fast start for fall. Our Days of Prayer and Mercy were August 31 and September 1. On September 4, Carmelo Cortez was at the Center. The feast day of Blessed Mother Teresa was celebrated on September 5.

If you receive this Newsletter in time, please join us for a day conference given by Father Elias Mary of Mount Carmel, a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate. He is an expert Mariologist and will celebrate with us the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary with discussions on the Catholic Dogmas related to Mary: those stated and those yet to be declared. The day is open to all and lunch can be purchased here. We will gratefully accept a free will donation for Father Elias and the Center.

Check our website for updates of coming events in October and early November. We will be gearing up for an Advent choir concert and a February retreat open to all entitled: Healing through the Heart of Jesus.

Do you have a day or two to spend with the Lord? We can accommodate you on our retreat floor for a donation of \$60/night including three meals. Call Linda Tracy a few weeks ahead of your intended stay to check availability or for more information or a brochure about a private retreat at 513.351.9800 ext. 305.

*Linda Tracy*



## *Consecration to BVM*

Let us pray daily to Our Blessed Mother for protection for Americans and America. John Carroll (1735-1815) was born in Maryland and became the first Bishop in the United States for the diocese of Baltimore. He promptly consecrated our country to Mary. Below is the prayer he used.

*Most Holy Trinity - our father in heaven who chose Mary as the fairest of Your daughters, Holy Spirit who chose Mary as Your Spouse, God the Son who chose Mary as Your Mother - we adore Your majesty and acknowledge Your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.*

*Most Holy Trinity, we place the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to You. Through her we wish to thank You for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.*

*Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our President and on all the officials of our government.*

*Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners and on all who are in need.*

*Mary, Immaculate Virgin our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us that, acting always according to your will and the will of your Divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God.*

*Sister Mary Evelyn Hillebrand, RSM*



*Above, Jack Hillebrand oversees the construction of the new grotto in the Holy Family Garden. The other pictures show the cement being poured and spread for the foundation of the grotto.*

## Mark your Calendars

- Sept 5 - Mother Teresa Celebration  
First Sat. Rosary & Mass
- Sept 8 - Women of Grace
- Sept 12 - Marian Conference  
Women of Grace
- Sept 18 - Noon Right to Life Mass
- Sept 22 - Women of Grace
- Sept 23 - Mass and Healing Service
- Sept 25 - Noon Mass for Priests
- Sept 26 - Women of Grace
- Oct 2 - Noon First Friday Mass
- Oct 3 - First Sat. Rosary & Mass
- Oct 13 - Women of Grace
- Oct 16 - Noon Right to Life Mass
- Oct 23 - Noon Mass for Priests
- Oct 27 - Women of Grace
- Oct 28 - Mass and Healing Service

## Adorers

Anyone interested in a one hour commitment to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, please contact Keith Merz at 513.574.4522

## Cord Rosary Lessons

Anyone interested in learning to make cord rosaries, please join us on Sept 24 & Oct 22 from 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 113. Materials supplied. Parts are needed and can be brought to the Center. Contact: Ruth Ann 513.922.5756

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### Mission Statement

**The purpose of Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center is to foster a deeper faith in God and love for Him and for our neighbor through the Holy Spirit and the Hearts of Jesus and Mary with obedience to the Magisterium of the Church under the authority of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.**

Mass Schedule:  
Sorrowful Mother Chapel  
Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM  
Mon. - Thurs. 7:15PM  
Holy Rosary Chapel  
Friday Evening Services  
Rosary: 6:30 PM  
Mass: 7:15PM  
1st Sat. Mass: 9:30AM  
Confessions:  
Mon. and Tues. 3- 4PM  
1st and 3rd Fri. 6:15-7:45PM  
Rosary:  
Every Tuesday  
11:30AM-12:00 noon  
Weekdays 6:20 pm  
Chapel of Divine Mercy:  
Weekdays at 3PM

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